

Jim Hofer to lead Wadena County Board

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

The first county board meeting of the year is always a busy one. New board officers must be elected, elected officials' salaries must be set, new committee assignments made. Most of these requirements were completed on Jan. 5 by the Wadena County Board.



Jim Hofer

Commissioner Jim Hofer of Staples was elected board chair for 2016. Comm. Dave Hillukka of Menahga was re-elected to serve as vice chair.

The four county elected officials and the county engineer were offered a 1.5 percent salary increase by the board, and all five accepted. The officials' salaries for 2016 are:

- Auditor/Treasurer \$70,674.45
 - County Attorney \$97,133.03
 - County Engineer \$95,004.00
 - County Recorder \$54,954.13
 - County Sheriff \$88,379.60
- West Central Economic Development Alliance (WCEDA) Executive Director Mark Hanson appeared before the board to discuss

plans for the new Wadena County Economic Development Authority, formed at the end of 2015 and funded in 2016 by a \$30,000 allocation from the county board. Hanson asked the board to consider whether he should work on a per-company basis to bring in new business to the county, or work a set number of hours per month. The board did not directly answer that question. Hanson will present monthly reports to the board about the county's EDA.

In other business, the board

- Reappointed attorney Ryan Ries to continue to serve as juvenile delinquency rights advisory/standby counsel for 2016, at a salary of \$300 per month.
- Approved a liquor license renewal for R&J Horse Sales, Verndale.
- Approved the purchase of a software program for the county assessor's office to help determine the value of agricultural land in the county.
- Approved the 2016 highway department annual requests for quotations for equipment rental, metal culverts, dust control chemicals, aggregate materials, aggregate crushing, bituminous materials, diesel fuel, roadside spraying, traffic signs and sign posts as needed for routine maintenance and operations, in the amount of \$583,000 from the road and bridge fund.
- Voted to delete the remodeling of the law library from the courtroom remodeling project currently in Phase 2 of its progress.
- Voted to delete the construction of a giant glass barrier for security in the main floor lobby of the courthouse from the courtroom remodeling project.

• Appointed Hofer and Commissioner Sheldon Monson to serve on the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Community Corrections Executive Committee.

• Appointed County Attorney Kyra Ladd or her designee to serve on the Community Corrections Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Advisory Board.

• Postponed the discussion of new committee assignments to the Jan. 12 meeting.



Habitat renovation team

From left, Lakes Area Habitat For Humanity Executive Director Kevin Pelkey, Shane Meyer, James and Sheena Ziegler and Melissa Kaufenberg, Director of Development for Lakes Area Habitat For Humanity, meet inside the home they will begin fixing up on Jan. 12. Habitat will need volunteers and donations to complete the project. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Zieglers look forward to working on their new home

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Lakes Area Habitat For Humanity (LAHFH) has started work on their first renovation project in Staples. James and Sheena Ziegler will be moving into the home, at 324 3rd St NE, with their three children, twins Landon and Lucas, age three, and Hayden, five.

The Zieglers currently live in Brainerd but were trying to move back to the Staples area to be near James' family. "We have a really good support system here for our kids," said Sheena.

Sheena's brother, Shane Meyer, has a construction business and has worked on Habitat homes before. He

suggested they check out the option for Staples. "We talked about it and decided to do it," said Sheena.

After being approved, James and Sheena were able to go inside the house for the first time on Jan. 12. "It's a nice, big house," said James.

Touring the house with the Habitat For Humanity team, they found the house to be well-built with few structural issues but in need of repairs in several areas. They plan to do two major projects, moving the basement stairs and adding a bathroom.

"It will take a lot of work, some hard work," said Sheena. James added "We'll be up to it."

LAHFH Executive Director Kevin Pelkey said they will likely get

plumbing and electrical work done first, then volunteers will be needed to complete some of the other projects.

LAHFH Director of Development Melissa Kaufenberg said they will need \$40,000 in donations to complete the project. She said a renovation home costs less than building a new home from scratch. It also gives the family more options to tailor the building to their needs. The Zieglers will need special construction to accommodate one of their children.

Kaufenberg said anyone wishing to donate can make a monthly pledge to contribute to the project, either online at lakesareahabitat.org or by calling 218-828-8517.

Long range planning develops goals for Staples Motley Schools

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Motley School District now has some direction to follow for the next five years. The school will re-evaluate their technology, curriculum and communications, improve student resources and look at the possibility of a new K-12 school building.

The final meeting in the long-range planning process was held Jan. 6 at Lakewood Health System,

with process facilitators Bill Kautt and Jeff Olson of the Minnesota School Board Association.

Small groups worked on five categories identified in previous meetings: communications, technology, student achievement, student support and facilities. Each group came up with goals and objectives to help meet those goals.

Following are the results of the sessions:

Communications

Goal: Develop a multi-faceted communications

plan designed to promote the school district.

Objectives: Conduct communications audit of business and community groups; partner with business and economic development to design school communication for those outside community/potential residents; including social media.

Goal: Strengthen positive relationships with school district staff, parents and the community.

Objectives: Conduct communication audit of

current systems within community; design communications strategy according to audit results.

Technology

Goal: Integrate use of technology in the classroom.

Objectives: District will create and implement a staff development plan that provides staff with the capability of integrating technology into their curriculum in a meaningful manner.

Improve and maintain infrastructure in all buildings of Staples Motley Schools.

Goal: Develop and offer a curriculum that teaches technology skills useful in navigating a changing world.

Objectives: Examine and evaluate course offerings available to students in technology skills.

Initiate curriculum development of courses that provide students with working knowledge of current and relevant skills such as email, graphic design, social media, website development, Google tools, software and resources; digital citizenship.

Goal: Make technology available and accessible to the community.

Objectives: Audit current technology accessibility.

Develop a plan to ensure accessibility to technology equipment, internet and space to use it.

Student achievement

Goal: Expand how to define, measure and report student achievement with a focus on each student's mastery in areas that include and extend beyond traditional academic indicators.

See **SCHOOL PLANNING** on page 8a

Hello, Readers,

On Jan. 15, 1851, James M. Goodhue, editor of the Minnesota Pioneer, brawls in the street with Joseph Cooper, brother of territorial judge David Cooper. Cooper is upset because Goodhue printed a libelous column about his brother, which included the phrases "He is . . . a miserable drunkard . . . and on the Bench he is an ass, stuffed with arrogance, self conceit, and a ridiculous affectation of dignity." Goodhue is stabbed and Cooper shot during the fracas, but both survive.

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Dale Chapin
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BNSF donates to Staples Depot Museum Fund

Amy McBeth of the BNSF (Burlington Northern Santa Fe) Railway Foundation hands a \$25,000 check to Wally Thompson of the Staples Historical Society. With this donation, the Historical Society increases their seed fund to start the next phase of the Staples Depot project, the museum. The donation will not be used for the current renovation project. Thompson was instrumental in keeping the project conversation going with his BNSF acquaintances. Other historical society members include from left, Mike Blessing, Tom Kajer, Bernie St. Pierre, Bruce Hayenga and Tom Crawford. McBeth said the BNSF Railway Foundation has heard about the project for a while. "We are pleased to support such a great project. It is a community project, a community gathering place," she said. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Tour of the robotics dept. at CLC

Fourth graders from Northhome School stopped by Central Lakes College in Staples for a tour of the robotics department Jan. 8. The students, part of the Lego Robotics Team sponsored by their school and Koochiching Cty. 4-H, were on their way to a sectional robotics competition in Elk River. "They built their robot from EV-3 Legos," said Jim Schneider, who coaches the students along with Marti Waller. Pictured in top photo at far left is Nathan Peterson, robotics instructor at CLC. Pictured in center photo, CLC robotics instructor Robert Lange (far left) and coach Schneider (far right), watch as students navigate one of the robots. In lower photo, Peterson offers assistance to Tristen, another of the students who enjoyed working with the robots. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Thriving Communities Initiative meeting

Eighteen people attended the first Thriving Communities Initiative informational meeting held Jan. 7. A second meeting will be held this evening, Thursday, Jan. 14, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Staples City Hall to go over the Thriving Communities process. Dan Frank of the Initiative Foundation said there are several ways to get involved in the program, which is expected to be implemented in the community over the next four months. He said a core group will help develop a local vision for Staples, they will hold a large community meeting to get input and task forces will be formed to work on projects that come out of the vision. Frank said the project will focus on business growth, workforce and quality of life issues in Staples.

To get involved, contact Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher at 218-296-2254. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Emily Steinert hired as social worker supervisor

Barb Becker, District 1, is Todd County board chair

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

How to provide mandatory supervision of newly licensed social workers was a discussion item at the Jan. 5 meeting of the Todd County Commissioners.

Currently, Todd County Health and Human Services (HHS) has two staff who require this type of supervision. Individuals must meet certain criteria to provide it. Since the retirement of Emily Steinert, Northern Pines Mental Health Center has been providing this service for Todd County HHS staff at a rate of \$95 per hour plus staff travel time to Little Falls.

The commissioners were asked to approve the hiring of Steinert to supervise newly licensed social workers during their first two years of employment at a rate of \$36.179 per hour for up to four hours per week. Steinert will provide the supervision onsite at the Todd County offices.

Commissioner Randy Neumann asked if a lower rate had been offered to Steinert as was typical if the county hired someone back.

Supervisor Todd Weyer said that it would have been a reasonable thing to do, but when compared to the \$95 they were paying Northern Pines this seemed a good option.

Citizen Karen Hudalla said that from a taxpayer's perspective she wanted to make it clear that social workers at the county level in Todd County do not have to be licensed. She also wondered if it made more sense to have someone in-house trained as a supervisor and asked if the county could have the employees sign something that said they would stay with the county for three years.

Weyer said that it does make them more employable, but that as far as having them sign something like that, he was not sure how contractually that would work.

Commissioner Randy Neumann asked how long the hire of Steinert was.

Weyer said they needed about 80 hours more for the current employees, so about a year and a half.

He said they were looking at in-house options for providing the supervision and that someone had expressed interest in doing it, but that they also could not force people to take on supervisory duties.

HHS Director Jackie Och said that they are one of the few counties that does not require social workers to be licensed, but that may be changing as policies change.

Neumann said he

wanted a two year cap put on the time they hired Steinert.

Commissioner Dave Kircher said they could direct HHS to come up with a plan and present it in July about how they are going to transition into this. He also said he felt two years was too long and that he would like to see it in-house by the end of this year.

Board reorganization

As is customary at the first meeting of the year the board approved meeting dates and committee assignments as well as other official designations.

Commissioner Barb Becker is the chair and Commissioner Rod Erickson is the vice-chair.

The board will continue to meet at 9 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Becker asked that they leave the fourth Tuesday of the month open for work/finance committee sessions as needed.

There was some discussion about some of the committee assignments, however, most assignments stayed the same as 2015. The complete list of committees can be seen on the county's website at co.todd.mn.us.

The board approved the official newspaper as the Staples World, Independent News Herald, Long Prairie Leader and Brownsville Blade under a bid submitted by the Staples World for \$9.75 per column inch for legal publications. This is less than a two percent increase.

For the \$9.75 rate, all legal public notices are published in all four newspapers and the rate is split.

Kircher asked how the increase fits in with their budget?

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said she had budgeted the same as last year for this. She said they may be over budget, but that it may also be less depending on how much advertising they do.

Long Prairie Leader Publisher Jason Brown said that the county had done away with the Health and Human Services monthly meeting and so that should save the county some money.

Gaida said she will keep track of the advertising and costs.

Kircher said he did not understand why the state statute was set so that the newspaper bids came in after the budget was already set.

"It puts us behind the eight-ball," he said.

Staples World General Manager Brenda Halvorson said that they could do the bids earlier if the county requested it. The auditor's office will look into that for next year.

The board also designated the extra publication newspaper as the Staples World, Independent News Herald, Long Prairie Leader and Brownsville Blade under a bid submitted by the Long Prairie Leader at a rate of \$7.80 per column inch. This was a 50 cent increase. The rate had been at \$7.30 since 2008. This rate is also split among the four publications and the extra publication runs in all four newspapers.

In other business:

- Approved the transfer of \$5273.14 from the DARE Fund to the Todd County Citizens Against Drugs Fund. DARE funds are to be used in teaching students in the schools of Todd County about the dangers of drug use. The Todd County Sheriff's Office no longer has a DARE program so CAD will be teaching this course in all of Todd County schools and using these funds.

The DARE fund will close and the fines collected by the court will now go directly into the CAD fund.

- The board approved the public defender contract with Peters and Churchwell with no changes from the 2015 contract.

Todd County is responsible for provision of public defender services in certain types of cases. The county staff, including prosecutor and HHS staff that work with the public defender, have recommended continuing the contract.

- Approved advertising in-house for a full-time deputy, an opening created when Steve Och was appointed Chief Deputy.

- Approved the hire of part-time jailor/dispatcher Renee Wenner.

- Approved the hire of a GIS Layer assistant, Carol Wimmer to work on the buffer inventory project funded through Soil and Water Conservation District grants at \$12 per hour for up to 67 days or \$3,000 whichever comes first.

- Approved the hire of Tracy Dullinger to the position of Eligibility Worker.

- Accepted the resignation of Barb Graves, effective Dec. 24, 2015 and approved hiring a support enforcement aide to fill the vacancy.

- Approved tobacco sales licenses for Clarissa Municipal Liquor, Clarissa; Don and Dave's Store, Staples; Jon's Family Foods, Clarissa; The Hub Supper Club, Burtrum; Oscar Jacobson Post 417, Little Sauk; Seven Oaks Express, Bertha; Eagle Valley Express, Clarissa; Sidewalk Bar, West Union and All American Roadhouse, Hewitt.

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Police warn of IRS scam

The Staples Police Department has recently received an increased number of reports of scam phone calls made to local phone numbers.

In the reports received the caller is claiming to be from the IRS and demanding banking information. The caller can be threatening and makes threats about criminal action that will be taken if you do not respond to the call.

The caller will make comments such as “We have been trying to reach you and you must respond” or “This is your final notice.”

Staples Police reminds everyone that the IRS, as well as other businesses in similar scams, does not contact people by phone and you should never give out personal information over the phone.

If someone calls asking for your banking informa-

tion, the best action to take is to hang up the phone. Never give them additional information about yourself or any reason to call back. The scammer attempts to use threats to coerce you into giving out person information. Simply hang up the phone and do not give out any information.

This scam has been around for the last couple years but Staples Police Department has had numerous reports of it in the last week.

The Cass County Sheriff issued a similar warning last November and the Wadena County Sheriff noted increased reports in August.

The Minnesota attorney General’s web site www.ag.state.mn.us has information for individuals who received this type of threatening calls from scammers.

Highway winter load increases begin

Winter load increases began on unrestricted highways in the north central frost zone Jan. 10. They will begin in the central, Metro, south and southeast frost zones Jan. 15. They are already in effect for the north frost zone.

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to ten percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the Winter Load Increase period. However, trucks must comply with current registration weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances. Check with local agencies (cities, counties and townships) prior to increasing any weights on routes.

The signs erected on the roadways govern the load limit in effect. A Winter Weight Increase Permit is required to take advantage of the ten percent weight increase on interstate highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.

For the most current information, go to MnDOT’s automated 24-hour message center at 800-723-6543 for the USA and Canada, or locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St Paul area. This information is also published on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website at www.dot.state.mn.us/materials/

Staples PD reports snowmobile concerns

On Jan. 5, Staples Police recieved a report of snowmobilers crossing the yards of private residences on the 1500 block of 3rd St NE. Police will do additional patrols in the area.

Jan. 6; Staples Police were dispatched to the Staples Express for a report of a female with an active warrant. Police arrived and couldn’t locate the subject. A Wadena Co. Sheriff’s Deputy advised that a car left at a high rate of speed from the alley behind the station and that a female in the back seat was crouching down. Units eventually caught up to the vehicle near Hwy 10 and 243rd Ave. and initiated a traffic stop. After making contact with the individuals, police arrested the female in the vehicle, Lianna Wolpert, 27, of Wadena, for an out-

standing felony warrant out of Morrison County, and cited the driver, Dana Cooper, 46, of Eagle Bend, for possession of drug paraphernalia. Police were assisted by the Wadena and Todd County Sheriff’s Departments.



All that remains ...of a barn fire

Craig and Jennifer Hove lost some of their hogs in a barn fire in the early morning hours of Jan. 7, but Craig was able to save 79 of them through the back door. Their chickens were also spared from the fire. The Hoves said it may have been an electrical problem that started the fire. Their farm is just south of Staples on 490th Street. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

The photo at right taken by Jennifer Hove shows the fire coming out one end of their barn with the other end lit up by the fire. Hove said despite the major loss, she was thankful that it wasn’t a house fire and no one was hurt.



Todd County’s unique geography, biodiversity

Todd County’s rich bio-diversity is due to its unique geographical position in the state. Climate, along with past geologic events has created varying soils and topography are some of the driving factors creating biodiversity. As one moves further northeast the climate gets cooler and wetter and the southwest is warmer and drier. Glacial till deposits dominate much of the county with glacial outwash and peatland dominating the north and eastern portions. Gradual sloping drumlins which are elongated hills with smooth side slopes

cover about 40 percent of the county north and west of Long Prairie. The eastern third consists mainly of the St. Croix moraine complex with short steep slopes.

All of these factors drive what types of flora and fauna are found in Todd County. Most of the county is defined as being in the Eastern Broadleaf Forest Province according to the Ecological Classification

System with the southwest corner as Prairie Parkland Province and the northeast as Laurentian Mixed Forest Province.

Historically, the Eastern Broadleaf Forest dominant tree species found here were trembling aspen, bur oak, American elm, basswood, paper birch and tamarack. Todd County supports a plethora of different animal life because of these different zones.

Some familiar mammals are white-tailed deer, fox and gray squirrels, raccoons and skunks. While less conspicuous mammals include several species of bats, shrews, mice and members of the weasel family.

Some rare species found in Todd County include Red-shouldered hawk, Blanding’s turtle, Wilson’s phalarope and Henslow’s sparrow.

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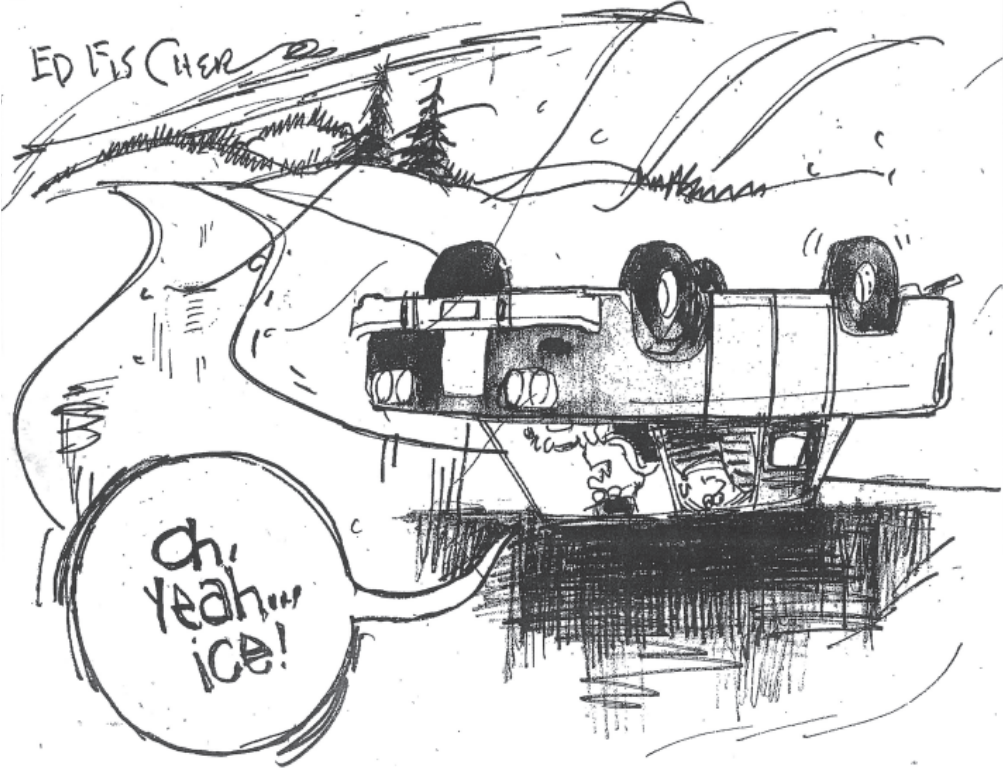


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How to ensure people get end-of-life healthcare they want

By Dr. David Grube

My mom paid a painful price for not completing an advance directive about her preferences for end-of-life medical care.

She was an intelligent and organized woman who had everything in her and my dad's life planned out and written down. She even drafted her own obituary. Ironically, she never discussed her end-of-life care goals with my father or her physician son (me), preferring to talk about "more pleasant subjects."

As a result, after she developed colon cancer at age 86, my dad and I had to figure out how to treat her post-surgical medical complications of heart and renal failure. She died in hospice care after prolonged, unbearable and unnecessary suffering. It broke both my dad's heart and mine.

Unfortunately, my mother's story is all too common. Nearly one out of four older Americans (24 percent) say that either they or a family member have experienced excessive or unwanted medical treatment, the equivalent of about 25 million people, according to a poll conducted last year by Purple Strategies.

A key reason for this problem is only about one out of six Americans (17 percent) say they've had discussions about their end-of-life healthcare goals, preferences and values with a doctor or other healthcare provider, according to a recent Kaiser Health Tracking Poll.

Evidence-based research overwhelmingly shows the need for more and higher-quality doctor-patient conversations about the patient's healthcare goals, preferences and values. The report "Dying in America" by the Institute of Medicine noted that:

"Most people nearing the end of life are not physically, mentally or cognitively able to make their own decisions about care ... The majority of these patients will receive acute hospital care from physicians who do not know them. As a result, advance care planning is essential to ensure that patients receive care reflecting their values, goals and preferences."

One important step that should facilitate advance care planning is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) recent decision to reimburse doctors, starting Jan. 1, 2016, for communicating with patients about their preferences and values about end-of-life care.

As a next step, we urge CMS to stop reimbursing healthcare professionals for providing unwanted medical treatment that directly violates a patient's documented end-of-life care goals.

In addition, we encourage Congress to take additional steps to ensure that Americans get the end-of-life treatment they want. They include:

- Establish federal payment for palliative care consultations with healthcare providers who will advocate for and support the values and choices of the patient with an advanced illness or nearing the end of life.
- Ensure that there are enough trained palliative care professionals to provide this service.
- Ensure advanced illness care encompasses access to an interdisciplinary care team, such as board-certified hospice and palliative care physicians, nurses and social workers.
- Allow patients the option of enrolling in hospice while continuing to receive disease-specific and restorative treatments if patients still want them.

Absent these healthcare reforms, poor understanding of treatment options and/or lack of acknowledgement of the extent of the illness may lead to inadequate planning, dissatisfaction with the process, unnecessary medical treatment and loss of quality of life.

Dr. Grube is a board certified physician in family medicine and is a national medical director for Compassion & Choices, the nation's oldest and largest end-of-life choice advocacy organization.

Public shouldn't pay the price for big ag's pollution

Stephanie Porter, organizer
Land Stewardship Project

Recently a special report in the Star Tribune newspaper revealed how much water pollution from agriculture is costing taxpayers. At \$125 million in 2014 alone, the price of industrialized, monocrop agriculture is significant and only likely to grow.

In North Central Minnesota, we have an opportunity during the next few weeks to prevent some of this pollution and hold the polluter accountable to pay for that prevention.

R.D. Offutt Company (RDO), the world's largest potato producer, is pursuing an expansion project in the Pineland Sands Aquifer, which spans from north of Park Rapids down to Staples. This region is part of a watershed that feeds into the Upper Mississippi River, a basin that supplies drinking water for 1.7 million people in the Twin Cities.

The project would convert vast stretches of formerly forested land to chemically-intensive potato farming, and would entail drilling more high capacity wells for irrigation in an area already awash with irrigated fields.

Last February, alarmed by the scale of the proposed project and uncertain how intensive water use and extensive land conversion would impact the aquifer, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) ordered RDO to complete an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW).

An EAW involves a brief analysis of potential environmental harms the project could cause before allowing it to be permitted. It determines whether a more in-depth Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed, which would be paid for by RDO and require the company to take action to prevent those harms.

However, rather than undergo the relatively simple process of an EAW, Offutt appealed the DNR's decision in court, and the agency dropped the requirement in exchange for a reduction in the number of permit applications.

Now, instead of real environmental review, the DNR is proposing to work with RDO on a publicly-funded study that would allow the project to continue un-reviewed. Under this scenario, taxpayers bear the cost not only of increased environmental damage, but also of investigating these harms - a responsibility that should be borne by the potato giant.

Local citizens from the grassroots organizing groups Toxic Taters and the Land Stewardship Project have petitioned the DNR to hold RDO accountable to that responsibility and order an EAW. The DNR could make their decision as soon as next week.

In essence, if the DNR chooses not to order an EAW, the public is being forced to subsidize the profitability of an agribusiness giant, at the expense of our water and land. But maybe we shouldn't be surprised, given that we subsidize companies like RDO in another way.

Federally subsidized crop insurance, the biggest government agricultural program in the country, props up large farms and incentivizes practices causing pollution. According to a Land Stewardship Project analysis, RDO was Minnesota's second highest recipient of federal crop insurance premium subsidies in 2011, garnering over \$1.1 million that year. On average, 62 cents of every dollar of crop insurance premium costs are covered by taxpayers.

Of course, the public costs are not only financial. Allowing RDO's expansion project to proceed unchecked continues to put Minnesota's groundwater at risk for depletion and contamination.

Three-fourths of Minnesotans rely on groundwater as their drinking water source, and according to the U.S. Geological Survey's Jim Stark, in many parts of the state we are "...approaching limits to water sustainability..." and using so much water that wildlife in lakes and streams is stressed and water for human needs is threatened."

Indeed, in the Straight River Watershed, where many of RDO's fields are located, water use for agricultural irrigation has increased by an average of 77 million gallons per year since 1988, with no sign of slowing, according to the area's Groundwater Management Plan. RDO's project would pump another 166 million gallons annually from the aquifer through five new wells alone, and the company may still pursue permits for additional wells.

Local residents have already seen the impacts of water contamination from intensive agricultural practices. Park Rapids, which is home to RDO's processing plant and surrounded by over 9,000 acres of potatoes, had to pay \$2.5 million for a new water treatment plant last year due to nitrate contamination.

It's no secret that large corporations try to externalize their costs, often at the expense of communities and the environment. Avoiding an EAW is another way for RDO to do just that. It's the DNR's responsibility as a public agency to hold RDO accountable for those costs, rather than shift them onto the public.

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Her Voice, Her Song to feature NDSU director

Dr. Charlotte Moe from North Dakota State University (NDSU), Fargo, ND will be the guest director for this year's women's choral festival Her Voice, Her Song set for Jan. 30 at Staples Motley High School.

Women's choruses from 17 area schools have been invited to join the Staples Area Women's Chorus at this annual event. The day's activities will culminate with a public concert at 7 p.m. at the high school gymnasium.

Tickets are available at the Staples World, Nelsons Insurance Agency, Markus Hair Design in Motley and from the Staples Area Women's Chorus members.

The goal of this project is to bring women singers together to experience the joy of singing and improve musical performance skills in an inter-generational environment. The Staples Area Women's Chorus will serve as mentors to high school and college young women by sharing their mature voices and encouraging a lifelong love of music. All singers will



Staples Area Women's Chorus

be challenged to raise their level of musicianship with a commitment to excellence.

Moe joined the NDSU Music faculty in the fall of 2008. She serves as a coordinator for the Masters of

Music in Music Education degree, teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in music and choral education and supervises student teachers.

Moe is also the conductor of Cantemus, the NDSU

women's choir, and University Chamber Singers. In addition, she is the Orff course director at NDSU, holds a Kodály Mastery Certificate from St. Thomas, is a faculty member at the Kodály Institute at

Minnesota State University and is the upper-level Diamond choir conductor for the Fargo-Moorhead Youth Choir. Prior to her appointment at NDSU, she was adjunct faculty at Concordia College and Minnesota

State University Moorhead.

Moe co-edited the Music of the Americas monograph published by the American Choral Directors Association, served as a section-coach for the Minnesota All-State Choir, adjudicated for North Dakota All-State and vocal solo/ensemble contests.

The festival will also feature Clara Osowski, an active interpreter of oratorio and art song throughout the United States. She was a 2012 Metropolitan Opera National Council Upper-Midwest Regional Finalist, runner-up in the 2012 Schubert Club Bruce P. Carlson Scholarship Competition, and was named the winner of the 2014 Bel Canto Chorus Regional Artists Competition in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Osowski received her Bachelor of Musical Arts degree with emphasis in Voice from NDSU, and Master of Arts Degree in Voice from the University of Iowa.

For more information or questions, contact Barb Cline at 218-894-1253 or 218-330-3830.



Renovations at CLC

An extensive renovation project at Central Lakes College in Staples, which began last June, is nearly complete. Pictured above Jan. 8, standing at her new desk in the admissions dept., is Gayle Wonders.

Pictured below, near the new fireplace at the college's entryway, are, from left, Sally Petron, Asst. Director of AME Grants at CLC; and Dwayne Pundsack and Katie Warkel, employees with McGough Construction, Inc., the contracted company for the project. Wonders commented that the crews had been working to get everything completed before school resumed Jan. 11. An open house is scheduled sometime in the next couple of months. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Staples Library events

Digital Support Class

People of all ages are invited to a special Digital Support Class at the Staples Public Library Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2 - 5 p.m. This class is designed particularly for those who may have purchased or received a new digital device and need help to use it effectively. Stop by the library for one-on-one help. Registration is required.

Fairy Garden Workshop

The Staples Public Library is offering a Fairy Garden Workshop with artist Jen Anfinson Saturday, Jan. 23, 12 to 2 p.m. This is a parent/child class for children up to 12 years of age. Design and create a petite home for the fairies in your garden. The miniature fairy house will be built with an array of found objects. All supplies will be included for building 15 fairy houses. Registration is required.

For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St NE Staples. The hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

'Building 21st Century Workforce' conference

A "Building the 21st Century Workforce" conference will be held Friday, Jan. 29, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), Staples.

This program will bring business leaders, college staff, agency personnel and educators together to focus on student preparation. It will feature an overview of a number of initiatives that will focus on college and career readiness in a technology-based economy. Topics include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education, best practices by program area, PLTW (Project Lead The Way) trainings K-12, college credit options, robotics competitions, equipment sharing programs, and building business connections.

Presenters include: Doug Paulson - MDE State Director of STEM.

Tim Walker - Pequot Tool- Worker Education Program.

Christian Breczinski - M State - Wadena.

Curt Helgeson/Sonya McNamara - MN PLTW staff.

Shelli-Kae Foster - Youth Energy Summit.

Mike Shrode - Technology/Robotics Program.

Darla Hoernberg - MN Workforce Center.

Mary Gottsch, Brainerd COC/Bridges - New Student Program.

Best Practice Sharing by grade levels - Bring your ideas.

Registration is free and lunch will be provided.

Register by Jan. 22, with Bart Graves at 218-895-4152 or bart.graves@njpacoop.org.

2016 Twins Winter Caravan at W-DC school Jan. 18

The 2016 Twins Winter Caravan will make an evening stop at the Wadena-Deer Creek Elementary gym Monday, Jan. 18.

Scheduled to appear are Twins General Manager/former Twins infielder Paul Molitor, Pitcher Casey

Fien, Centerfielder Byron Buxton, Broadcaster/Staples native Dick Bremer, and TC Bear.

The public is invited to this free event with ballpark food (hot dog, chips and beverage) served at 5:30 p.m., program at 6:30

p.m., and autographs at 7:30 p.m.

KWAD/KNSP A.M. Radio will be co-hosting this event with WD-C Schools. The station has broadcasted Twins games on KWAD/KNSP for more than 50 years.

Educational Opportunities

January 27

'LONG-TERM HEALTH CARE PLANNING: PRESERVING YOUR FARM OR SMALL BUSINESS' FREE WORKSHOP sponsored by Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank and Bob Beseman-Investment Centers of America, Weds., Jan. 27, Donovan's Hall-Pizza Ranch, Wadena.

For info., to pre-register by Jan. 22, 218-631-1414.

January 28

'FARM TRANSITION & ESTATE PLANNING: CREATE YOUR FARM LEGACY' FREE WORKSHOP sponsored by Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank and Bob Beseman-Investment Centers of America, Thurs., Jan. 28, Donovan's Hall-Pizza Ranch, Wadena. The workshop includes discussion of wills and trusts, life insurance, power-of-attorney, long-term health care issues and more.

For info., to pre-register by Jan. 22, 218-631-1414.

Mark Your Calendar

January 20

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER - PACKING EVENT Weds., Jan. 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Staples Church of Christ. For info., 218-894-3506.

January 21

UCARE FOR SENIORS HEALTH PLAN INFORMATIONAL MTG Thurs., Jan. 21, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. For info., 1-877-523-1518.

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Born to Nicole Rassmussen-Knaeble and Travis Stokke of Brainerd, a baby boy, Reid Michael, weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on January 4, 2016.

Born to Jeremiah and Kassidy Rice of Henning, a baby boy, Lincoln Emet, weighing eight pounds, one ounce, on January 6, 2016.

Central Lakes College announces Fall Honors List

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has announced its 2015 Fall Semester Honors List. The President's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher while enrolled in at least 12 credits. The Dean's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.25 - 3.74.

The released honors list does not include students who have requested no release of information. Local students named includes:

Aldrich
Therese Rist - President's List; Heather Ballantine - Dean's List.

Motley
David Hobson, Mark Kossan, Brittany Kuehn, Matthew Smith, Eric Stumbo - President's List; Brooke Dummprope, Jace Hoemberg, Leslea Hove, Amy Hutchison, Michaela Jenkins - Dean's List.

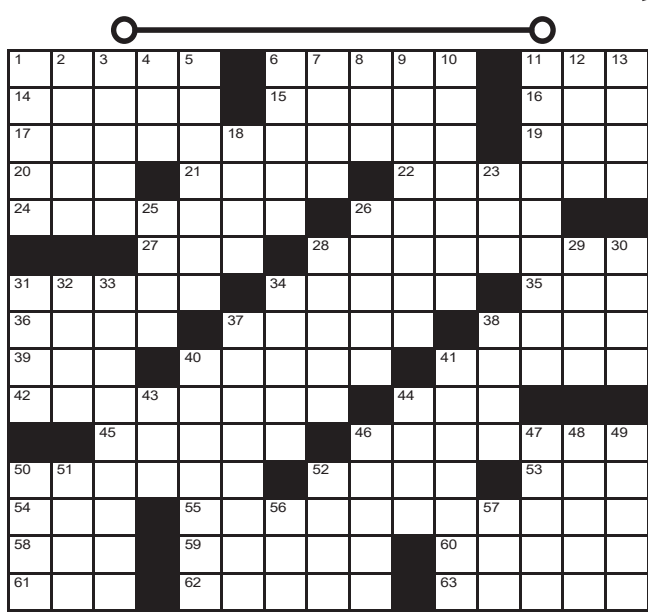
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Robert Anderson, Jennifer Fundine, Brandon Jensen, Donovan Kobs, Krista Kowalski, Maxwell Lee, Zoe Loucks, Melissa Meek, Alayna Piette, Jeremy Wei-

Obituaries

Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile

Week 2



- “The Eyes Have It”
- Across
- 1 Treasury
 - 6 Small woods
 - 11 Swindle
 - 14 Gulf ship
 - 15 Looks out for, maybe
 - 16 Be in the red
 - 17 Damsel’s rescuer
 - 19 Unfamiliar
 - 20 Young fellow
 - 21 Dirty coat
 - 22 Writer Hemingway
 - 24 Ten-gallon hat
 - 26 “That tastes awful!”
 - 27 Slippery sort
 - 28 Convertible sofas
 - 31 French mothers
 - 34 Dwarf
 - 35 Auto club letters
 - 36 Unbending
 - 37 Dilutes
 - 38 1700 in letters
 - 39 Maximum
 - 40 Peter, Paul or Mary
 - 41 Court events
 - 42 Mouth-watering
 - 44 “The Thin Man” costar
- Myrna
- 45 Barbecue fuel
 - 46 Not terminal
 - 50 Igloo dweller
 - 52 Stable color
 - 53 In the open
 - 54 Holtz of ESPN
 - 55 “The Good Apprentice” novelist
 - 58 Shelley work
 - 59 Moxie
 - 60 Novel variety
 - 61 One of the Bobbsey twins
 - 62 Proficient
 - 63 More like Solomon
- Down
- 1 Monastery garb
 - 2 Drum kit component
 - 3 Drop
 - 4 Hardened
 - 5 Locks
 - 6 Religious law
 - 7 Passing mention?
 - 8 Dowel
 - 9 Washington erupter of
 - 10 Band that backs Springsteen
 - 11 Classic “S.N.L.”
- characters
- 12 Has a mortgage
 - 13 Former Speaker Gingrich
 - 18 ____ & The Gang (R. & B. group)
 - 23 Kindergarten break
 - 25 One nearing adulthood
 - 26 Not mincing words
 - 28 Police operation
 - 29 Contest of speed
 - 30 Anatomical pouches
 - 31 Jazz vibraphonist
 - 32 New York canal
 - 33 “Love’s Been Good to Me” composer
 - 34 Lower leg parts
 - 37 Like a well-fitting suit
 - 38 Poet Angelou
 - 40 Marathoner’s need
 - 41 Tight-against-the-scalp braid
 - 43 Hawaiian dish
 - 44 Hilo feast
 - 46 Member of Santa’s team
 - 47 Sends packing
 - 48 Desi’s daughter
 - 49 The wild blue yonder
 - 50 North Carolina school
 - 51 Fountain order
 - 52 Common request
 - 56 Outrage
 - 57 SADD focus

Todd County school project seeks more responses

The Todd County Historical Society is still looking for responses to their questionnaires for the country school project.

Fifty-five packets have been sent out with 19 having been returned. The museum would also like to hear from former country school teachers.

Someone will be available one Friday a month through April for anyone who would like help completing a questionnaire. For more information, call the museum at 320-732-4426.

Everyone who has completed a form will be eligible to win a \$25 gift certificate to be drawn at the society’s May meeting.

The museum director reported that the open house was successful. She thanked Orv Dahlen for playing Christmas music and the various members for decorating the museum and bringing cookies. She also thanked the Hispanic community for decorating a tree and displaying one of their nativity sets.

It was noted that seven people have become life members, thanked Orv and Rita Dahlen for cleaning the military room and Rita Stracek and Joe Marte will audit the museum’s books.

Newsletter articles need to be turned in at the February meeting.

Following the business meeting John Kroll presented a program on the Audubon Society’s winter bird count held on New Year’s Day. The program is over 100-years-old and Kroll has been participating for 30 years. This year his group spotted 34 birds.

Submitted by
Alice Siegle, secretary

Senior Calendar

SENIOR CITIZEN ACTIVITIES AND LSS NUTRITION PROGRAM:

The Staples Nutrition Site is located at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. Senior activities are held in the Senior Citizen’s Room.

•Thurs., Jan. 14, 5 p.m. - Evening meal

•Mon., Jan. 18, 12:00-5:00 p.m. - Cards

•Tues., Jan. 19, 12:15 p.m. - Whist

•Weds., Jan. 20, 11:45 a.m., Meal/penny bingo

•Thurs., Jan. 21, 5:00 p.m. - Evening meal

•Weds., Jan. 27, 11:45 a.m. Meal/penny bingo

•Thurs., Jan. 28, 5 p.m. - Evening meal

All weekday meals, are served at 11:45 a.m. Evening meals at 5 p.m. Call 218-894-2556 to register the day before between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m.

Student Achievements

SAMANTHA GAVIN Staples, has been named to the President’s Honor Roll at Valley City State University in N.D. for Fall Semester 2015. To qualify, students must have completed 12 semester hours or more with a grade point average of at least 4.0.

JULIA FINK Staples, has been named to the Honors Dean’s List at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2015 Fall Semester. To qualify, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete 12 or more graded credits.

BEVERLY ANDERSON Staples, graduated from the College of St. Scholastica Dec. 19, with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.



Mathias Heltemes

Mathias “Matt” A. Heltemes, 78, of West Bend, WI, passed away January 7, 2016 at Kathy Hospice in Polk, WI.

Mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 13, at St. Mary’s Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Barton, with Father Nathan Reesman officiating.

Burial was at St. Mary’s Cemetery (new), Barton.

Arrangements were with the Myrhum Patten Miller and Kietzer Funeral Home, West Bend, WI.

Matt was born March 3, 1937, to Mathias and Frances (Vorderbruggen) Heltemes of Wadena.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army for two years. He married Mary Smith in 1959, in Bluegrass. Matt served on the Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin Fire Department for three years before joining the West Bend Police Department, retiring in 1992.

After he retired, they moved to Missouri where he was a member of Our Lady of the Cove Church in Kimberling City, serving as an usher and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Matt and Mary returned to Wisconsin where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, camping and spending time with his family.

Matt is survived by his wife; two daughters, Marie (Mike) Fiebig and Monica (Alan) Lepak, both of West Bend; one son, Mathias (Luann) Heltemes of Longmont, CO; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Ervin (Joanne) Heltemes of Cudahy; one sister, Marian Brockpahler, of Sebeka, one brother-in-law, John Kopischke and many friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers, Leonard, Walter, Arthur, Jerome, Andrew, Louis; two sisters, Irene Kopischke, Mabel Heltemes; one brother-in-law, Walter Brockpahler.

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Julie Hudalla

Julie A. Hudalla, age 49, of St. Cloud, passed away January 4, 2016 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Services were held Jan. 8, 2016 at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in St. Cloud with Reverend Tom Knobloch officiating. Burial was at St. Joseph’s Cemetery in Clarissa.

Arrangements were with the Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids.

Julie was born April 4, 1966, in Wadena, to Ken and Karen (Sumey) Hudalla. She graduated from Sauk Rapids High School in 1984 and SCSU in 1989, with a Bachelor’s of Science Degree in social work. Julie worked as a medical social worker in Sauk Centre. She was a member of St. Anthony’s Catholic Church where she served as a lector. Julie was injured in 1990 at the age of 24 suffering a broken neck after falling off of a horse. She has been a quadriplegic and confined to a wheelchair for the past 25 years.

She enjoyed watching movies, cheerleading, horses, her cats Jinx and Buddy. Julie was very social and was a friend to everyone. She loved her family and cherished spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Julie is survived by her parents; two brothers, Mike (Noelle) of Staples and Chad (Marie) of Maple Grove; one sister, Jodi (Chris) Belair of Rice; three nieces and one nephew.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents and infant brother, Tommy.

Memorials preferred to the Brain Injury Support Group.

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Dale Chapin

Dale Monroe Chapin, 87, of Staples, passed away January 7, 2016, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A memorial service was held Jan. 11 at Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Interment was at the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

Arrangements were with the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Dale was born July 20, 1928, to Milton and Josephine (Winter) Chapin.

Dale is survived by four daughters, Luna Rankin, Lake Forest, CA., Lynn Dauphinais and Lani (Rick) Schmig, both of Greenville, SC., Dale (Jeff) Grove, Pine River and one son, David Chapin, American Fork, UT.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four sisters, Dolores Johnson, Eloise (Marvin) Ryan, Gloria Freeman, Carol Heldman; one brother, Larry (Sherry) Chapin.

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NOTICE MEETING CHANGE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP

The regular monthly meetings of Thomastown Township will be held on Mondays, February 1, March 7 and April 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Joy Weyer, Clerk
Thomastown Township
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals from qualified organizations to provide Mental Health Services at Central Lakes College. A copy of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples MN 56479, (218) 894-5103 or 1-800-247-6836.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2016. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Mental Health Services". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Kari Christiansen
501 West College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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The personal property described as follows, to-wit:

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Borden, Steinbauer, Krueger & Knudson, P.A.

Dated: December 23, 2015

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MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 15, 2015

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of December, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kircher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Routine Business

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve meeting minutes from December 1, 2015 as read.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To Approve the Auditor Warrants number 226264 through 226472 in the amount of \$2,263, 131.59.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 42204 through 42322 in the amount of \$135,677.37 and HHS Warrants in the amount of \$62,153.08.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Budget Request Form to carryover \$15,000 from 2015 to 2016 within the Elections Department budget.

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

RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED by The Todd County MN Board, that the County enter into the attached Grant Contract with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program. WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Todd County Board this 15th day of December 2015.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve a one year On & Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Rhode Midway Bar and Grill for the year 2016.

Ditch & Ag

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To Acknowledge Receipt of DNR Application to replace the Rice Lake water control structure on County Ditch 20.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Steve Och as Chief Deputy effective January 1, 2016 at a Grade 22, Step 8.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reassign Gene Ziegenhagen to part-time Deputy at a Grade 20, Step 3, with a salary of \$22.30 an hour effective December 31, 2015.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Cristina Sobiech as the Records Administrator/Jail Program Coordinator at a Grade 19, Step 2, with a salary of \$17,542 an hour effective December 15, 2015.

Soil & Water Conservation District Division

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

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT TODD COUNTY'S AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PREVENTION PLAN FOR 2016

WHEREAS, 2014 Session Law Chapter 308 enacted by the Legislature provides Minnesota counties a County Program Aid grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota, adopt the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan for 2016 as presented.

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve commissioner signing of the revised SWCD-BOC Service Agreement as presented to become active January 1, 2016. (Agreement on file in the Administration Office)

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve GIS to hire temporary part time assistance to complete the buffer inventory project that will be funded through SWCD grants already receipted into county funds. The work will be completed by March 2016.

Public Hearing - SWCD

Public Hearing was opened at 9:30 a.m. Todd County prepares a Water Plan every five (5) years and this document is used to guide land and natural resource programs throughout the county. One requirement for plan adoption is to hold a public hearing. Extensive outreach was conducted during the plan drafting stages and it is expected that the public hearing will draw relatively light comments. Public Hearing was closed at 9:43 a.m.

Public Hearing - Solid Waste

Public Hearing was opened at 10:00 a.m. Public Comment was taken and closed at 10:25 a.m. Second Hearing for Waste Designation will be set in the future.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR STAPLES DEPOT REHABILITATION PROJECT

•Alliance Building Corporation, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, \$348,200.
•Eagle Construction Company, Inc., Little Falls, Minnesota, \$388,985.
•JS Cates Construction Inc., Hamel, Minnesota, \$386,000.
•Vercon Inc. Menahga, Minnesota, \$639,500.

RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Alliance Building Corporation of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$348,200.

Health & Human Services Update was given by Bill Briggs, Director at Camphill Village.

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Camphill Village Purchase of

Service and Host County Contract effective Jan 1, 2016 - Dec 31, 2016 in the amount of \$816./month.

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the application for Need Determination of Services for STEP to open an additional store in Todd County.

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the STEP (Formerly Todd County DAC) Purchase of Service and Host County Contract effective Jan. 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of service agreement with SomePlace Safe Parenting Center effective Jan 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016.

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Purchase of Service Agreement with Parent Education Services of Alexandria, effective Jan. 1, 2016 - Dec. 31, 2016, at \$39 per hour.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To recruit and hire one social worker in Adult/Disability Services Unit to fill the vacant position.

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept notice of resignation for Ashley Huntley, effective Dec. 18, 2015.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for TCHHS to recruit and hire a part-time Home Health Aide.

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To rescind Board Action Tracking Number 20151117-12. The approved eligibility worker accepted employment offer from a different county due to higher wage offer.

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the Health & Human Service Director authority to sign the Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Court Data Services for Governmental Agencies and bind the entity according to the rules and regulation of the system.

Commissioners

Finance Committee will be meeting today (12/15/2015). The next Commissioner's Meeting will be held December 29, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Auditor-Treasurer Report

TNT Meeting was held December 14, 2015. Well attended by the Department Heads for questions regarding Department Budgets.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Commissioner Kircher recessed the meeting until December 29, 2015.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
FLEET SERVICES	
DIVISION	\$12,650.00
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC	3,123.65
TODD COUNTY DAC	5,170.50
VERIZON	2,455.22
Payments less than	
\$2,000	6,919.06
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK	40,810.25
COMPUTER	
PROFESSIONALS	4,231.88
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK	4,519.49
GENE-O'S COUNTRYSIDE	
REST LLC	7,019.64
GOULD/RHONDA M.	2,982.00
MN DEPT OF FINANCE..	6,629.00
MORRISON COUNTY	38,814.10

NORTHERN STAR COOP.	2,588.28
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL	
SOLID WASTE AUTH	61,440.12
SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
GROCERIES	2,127.01
TODD COUNTY DAC	9,877.50
Payments less than	
\$2,000	9,541.65
CARD SERVICES	
COBORNS	2,985.14
CHAFFIN CONSTRUCTION &	
REMODELING	4,075.00
FLETCHER/TOM	5,742.05
LONG PRAIRIE OIL	
COMPANY	15,987.42
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT	14,367.76
RJ CONTRACTING	2,421.81
SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
GROCERIES	3,261.20
ZAYO ENTERPRISE	
NETWORKS	3,268.95

Payments less than	
\$2,000	11,825.10
AMERICAN HERITAGE	9,787.29
CENTERPOINT	
ENERGY	2,374.28
MARVIN TRETIER, INC.	97,708.45
METRO SALES INC	2,061.28
MITCH'S FUEL	
SERVICE	14,025.00
RESOURCE TRAINING	
& SOL	203,297.67
ROLYAN BUOYS	2,153.94
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	9,825.00
TODD COUNTY TREAS	10,000.00
TRIMIN SYSTEMS INC	12,000.00
Payments less than	
\$2,000	3,486.99
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK	64,536.40
CITY OF BERTHA	11,222.42
CITY OF	
BROWERVILLE	11,202.28
CITY OF CLARISSA	12,252.07
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	18,643.47
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	9,313.45
CITY OF HEWITI	4,223.38
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	29,039.64
CITY OF OSAKIS	21,233.07
CITY OF STAPLES	33,005.28
REGION V DEVEL	
COMMISSION	3,309.99
SAUK RIVER WATER	
SHED DIST	11,165.77
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#213	111,234.72
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#2170	67,684.86
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#2753	292,062.79
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#2759	51,006.06
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#486	35,995.57
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#740	8,388.89
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#743	49,463.04
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#786	78,815.57
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#787	78,974.26
SCHOOL DISTRICT	
#818	9,046.65
TOWN OF BARTLETT	15,828.10
TOWN OF BERTHA	26,654.04
TOWN OF	
BIRCHDALE	16,277.78
TOWN OF BRUCE	19,295.25
TOWN OF BURLEENE	17,010.16
TOWN OF	
BURNHAMVILLE	14,674.83
TOWN OF EAGLE	
VALLEY	22,996.38
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	16,202.60
TOWN OF GERMANIA	14,402.11
TOWN OF GORDON	20,360.40
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	15,458.55
TOWN OF HARTFORD	36,554.51
TOWN OF IONA	27,765.16
TOWN OF KANDOTA	8,588.80
TOWN OF LESLIE	20,302.81
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK	9,601.45
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	20,687.64
TOWN OF LONG	
PRAIRIE	19,572.80
TOWN OF MORAN	17,384.27
TOWN OF REYNOLDS	20,494.51
TOWN OF ROUND	
PRAIRIE	44,284.74

TOWN OF STAPLES	21,248.96
TOWN OF STOWE	
PRAIRIE	25,585.52
TOWN OF TURTLE	
CREEK	8,400.43
TOWN OF VILLARD	18,443.29
TOWN OF WARD	23,617.10
TOWN OF WEST	
UNION	21,980.39
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	26,604.04
Payments less than	
\$2,000	4,923.00
DENNY/PHYLLIS	6,424.13
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	4,591.31
PETERS &	
CHURCHWELL	6,524.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	3,550.02
VERIZON	2,178.04
Payments less than	
\$2,000	1,291.16
Final Total	\$2,263,131.59

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ARROWWOOD LODGE	
AT BRAINERD LAKES	2,009.01
BAUER/BERRY &	
LARAE	5,473.00
CENTRAL ELECTRIC	2,919.88
CLARK EQUIPMENT CO.	
dba BOBCAT CO.	3,752.00
COMPASS MINERALS	
AMERICA	3,911.95
DELL MARKETING L.P.	2,370.94
ELLINGSON PLUMBING	
& HEATING INC.	3,870.84
LAKEWOOD HEALTH	
SYSTEM	2,002.50
LONG PRAIRIE	
MACHINERY CO INC.	2,167.90
MIDSTATES EQUIP	
AND SUPPLY	13,384.35
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	4,425.58
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	3,415.07
STAPLES WORLD	3,081.39
TASER	
INTERNATIONAL	4,087.23
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC.	13,166.54
ZUERCHER	
TECHNOLOGIES LLC	28,545.00
Payments less than	
\$2,000	37,094.19
Final Total	\$135,677.37

HHS WARRANTS

#14080 Foster Care	
Provider	\$2,290.45
# 4453 Foster Care	
Provider	2,550.00
GREATER MN FAMILY	
SRVS INC.	11,017.80
#878 Foster Care Provider	2,357.40
KINDRED FAMILY	
FOCUS	13,077.66
# 10746 Foster Care	
Provider	2,248.80
# 14051 Foster Care	
Provider	3,402.68
PINEHAVEN YOUTH	
& FAMILY SRVS.	2,564.70
Payments less than	
\$2,000	22,643.59
Final Total	\$62,153.08

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 15, 2015 were duly approved by a unanimous vote of the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 29, 2015.

Witness my hand and seal:

Dave Kircher, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
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U.S. war casualty statistics available

By David A. Anderson
Veteran Service Officer
Wadena County

The Congressional Research Service released a report (American War and Military Operations Casualties: Lists and Statistics) that provides U.S. war casualty statistics. It includes data tables containing the number of casualties among American military personnel who served in principal wars and combat actions from 1775 to the present.

It also includes data on those wounded in action and information such as race and ethnicity, gender, branch of service and cause of death. The tables are compiled from various Department of Defense (DOD) sources.

Wars covered include: the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam Conflict, and the Persian Gulf War. Military operations covered include: the Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission; Lebanon Peacekeeping; Urgent Fury in Grenada; Just Cause in Panama; Desert Shield and Desert Storm; Restore Hope in

Somalia; Uphold Democracy in Haiti; and the ongoing Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), Operation New Dawn (OND) and Operation Inherent Resolve.

For the more recent conflicts, starting with the Korean War, the report includes additional detailed information on types of casualties and, when available, demographics. It also cites a number of resources for further information, including sources of historical statistics on active duty military deaths, published lists of military personnel killed in combat actions, data on demographic indicators among U.S. military personnel, related websites, and relevant Congressional Research Service (CRS) reports. Refer to <https://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL32492.pdf> (Source: Frontlines of Freedom, Denny Gillem July 2015)

As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. David A. Anderson can be reached at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



Staples Motley welcomes national FFA officers

Staples Motley FFA members welcomed the national FFA officers and members of the Deer River FFA on Jan. 8, shown here in a photo op, in front of the high school. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

National FFA officers discover strengths of Staples Motley FFA

In just a few hours at Staples Motley High School, National FFA President Taylor McNeel of Arkansas discovered some things that impressed her about the Staples Motley FFA chapter.

"This chapter is amazing. When we got here, there was a big banner with the chapter officers were waiting at the office to welcome us," said McNeel.

After spending time working on leadership workshops with local FFA and members of the Deer River FFA, McNeel said "they have a strong team here, they love doing career development events."

But her favorite part of the trip was when the national officers presented new FFA jackets to five students who were receiving their first jacket.

"To see their smiles light up when they got their iconic blue jacket, that was the highlight of the day," said McNeel.

The national officers



FFA leadership collaboration

FFA Eastern Region Vice President Sydney Snider from Ohio, right, talks to Staples Motley FFA member Zach Strickland during one of the workshops put on by national FFA officers. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

also spent time with individual FFA members and

concluded their visit with a keynote address by Abrah

Meyer, Central Region Vice President from Iowa.

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SCHOOL PLANNING continued from page 1a

Plan to be submitted to school board for final approval

Objectives: Understanding the important relationship between performing well on achievement tests and working towards the vitality of our school district.

Review existing curriculum mapping to ensure all standards are appropriately placed within the curriculum.

Goal: Cultivate programming that focuses on closing the achievement gap and prepares students for the critically analyzing future endeavors.

Objectives: Review existing reporting systems to ensure consistency within the district.

Goal: By spring of 2020 the Staples Motley School District will be at state average or beyond in MCA reading, math, science and ACT scores.

Objectives: All students have safe, secure and positive learning environment.

Student support

Goal: Develop and implement a sustainable and well-defined support systems that empowers all students to achieve at high levels, concentrating on mental health/wellness and academic guidance.

Objectives: Increase in staff for mental health and wellness target services for all students K-12.

Increase in staff for academic guidance target services for all students K-12.

Other issues: Directing the right child to the right service for social and emotional support, student attendance, graduation rates, family environments, generational poverty.

Facilities

Goal: Design facilities to support our existing and future programming. To solve many of the problems, a new school building for K-12 is needed with separate areas of instruction.

Objectives: Conduct a cost/benefit analysis of a variety of options:

- put similar grades under one roof.
- build new.
- building improvements.

Other issues: Action plan consideration, review existing facilities plan. An adequate new facility to solve all facility problems could cost \$45 million, but there would be issues in passing a levy.

... Kautt and Olson will take these results and develop a plan to submit for school board approval. The plan will meet requirements for a new Minnesota law called "striving for the world's best workforce."

Staples Motley Superintendent Mary Klammer said "We have been waiting for this, I am excited for this, it takes a lot of hard work, I know it takes time, but we are going to have to be strategic if we are going to achieve anything."

Avoid Event Conflicts

Check the Events Calendar online at www.staplesworld.com

Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com



Mat movement

Owen Bjerga runs around his opponent after a takedown attempt in the match against Park Rapids. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals wrestle tough in duals, tournament

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Motley wrestling team stayed right with two tough teams on Jan. 7, losing to Park Rapids 34-31 and to Pequot Lakes/Pine River/Backus 41-28.

The Cardinals were short handed because of injuries but still managed to push their opponents to the edge. The Park Rapids match came down to an overtime loss for Kyle Serich.

The team finished third in the Praire Valley Night-hawk Tournament at Parkers Prairie on Jan. 9. Owen Bjerga and Alex Erpelding were both champions in their weight class, with Erpelding being named the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

Team results

Staples Motley 31, Park Rapids 34

106 Spencer Miller L 7-0; 113 Owen Bjerga W 11-4; 120 Blake Gerard W ff; 132 Eric Lisson W fall; 138 Jasiah Paskewitz L fall; 145 Dalton Holmberg W ff; 152 Isaac Swensrud L 10-1; 160 Alex Erpelding W 12-3; 170 ff; 182 ff; 195 Braden Tyrell W 8-3; 220 Nathaniel Rodrigues L fall; 285 Kyle Serich L 2-1

Staples Motley 28, Pequot Lakes/Pine River/Backus 41

106 S. Miller W 10-2; 113 Bjerga W fall; 120 Blayne Dumproe L 3-0; 126 Gerard W 7-3; 132 Lisson W 6-0; 138 Paskewitz L 17-2; 145 Matt Miller L fall; 152 Shawn Trantina L fall; 160 Swensrud L fall; 170 Erpelding W fall; 182 ff; 195 Tyrell L 701;

Girls hoops team suffers three losses

The Staples Motley girls basketball team played three close games but ended up with three losses, falling to Pequot Lakes 62-49 on Jan. 5, to Fergus Falls 58-52 on Jan. 7, and an overtime loss to Park Rapids, 72-67, on Jan. 11.

"We have a very challenging schedule in January and February to get us ready for tournaments," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "We need to improve on our mental aspect of the game for us to be successful."

Against Pequot Lakes, the Cardinals fell behind early. "Pequot is ranked in the top five in the state and you can not come out slow against a team like that," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "Once we started to play our style, we played even with them."

"Our focus was to take away their fast break and we did not execute that," said Wolhowe. He said the team also had trouble with the PL zone defense.

Against Fergus Falls, the Cardinals fell behind 15-2 but came back to tie



Keeping on top

Braden Tyrell controlled the match in is 8-3 win against Park Rapids. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

220 ff; 285 Serich W ff
Prairie Valley Night-hawk Tournament Team Scores:

Park Rapids Area 229, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle-Browerville 203, Staples-Motley 154, Benson 147.5, Breckenridge 82, Prairie Valley 76, Crosby-Ironton 68.5, Pelican Rapids 30
106 S. Miller 2-1 3rd
113 Bjerga 3-0 1st
120 Dumproe 2-1 3rd place
126 Lisson 2-1 2nd place
138 M. Miller 2-1 3rd place
145 Trantina 1-3 6th place
152 Swensrud 1-3 4th place
160 Erpelding 3-0 1st place
182 Tyrell 2-2 5th place
285 Serich 2-1 2nd place



Think twice before objecting to 'government land'

One standout item of recent national news is the armed occupation of a national wildlife refuge in Oregon by persons protesting federal government land ownership in the West. They're demanding that the federal government divvy up this wildlife refuge land among local residents for grazing and logging. The protesters arrived in this rural Oregon community initially saying they were there to support two locals being sent to prison for starting fires on federal land. That pair have already reported to a federal prison in California after serving part of their sentences locally.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Cardinals take down conference BB leaders

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

The Staples Motley boys basketball team moved into a tie for first place in the Mid State Conference by beating Detroit Lakes 71-62 on Jan. 8. The Cardinals ran their record to 8-4, as DL, Crosby-Ironton and Staples Motley all have one conference loss.

Both teams started the game shooting well, with Trey Skeesick scoring four inside baskets. The Cardinals stayed hot as their defense started shutting down DL.

"Our guys played a great team defensive game and we outworked them in a number of areas," said Coach Micheal Poncelet.

John Lund made three 3-point shots as Staples Motley took a 10 point lead midway through the half. Gavin Smith increased that lead to 16, at 34-18, after a driving basket, a three point play and a three point shot.

But DL came back in the second half, cutting the lead to four in the last five minutes.

It took a team effort to keep the lead, as Andrew Israelson, Connor Schmitz, Skeesick and Smith all made big shots at the end of the game.

"Our guys have embraced their roles and and everyone is performing at a really high level," said Poncelet, "we are finishing when we get to the basket and our free throw shooting has improved drastically."

Poncelet said "It was nice to get that conference win but these guys now have the mindset of 'whats next,' so after they got off the floor and back into the locker room their mind had already turned to Pequot Lakes," (a game played Jan. 12).

The Cardinals also have two games with Crosby-Ironton remaining this season.

Team results

Staples Motley 71, Detroit Lakes 62
Scoring: Gavin Smith 23, Trey Skeesick 20, John Lund 10, Andrew Israelson 10, Connor Schmitz 6



At the rim

Trey Skeesick collects an offensive rebound against Detroit Lakes. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Inside battle

John Lund goes up strong against Detroit Lakes. Lund led the team with 12 rebounds. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

the game at halftime. In the second half, Staples Motley lost track of the opponent's best shooter and she hit four threes.

Against Park Rapids, the Cardinals took a three point lead at halftime but found the score tied at 61 at the end of the game. The team was outscored 11-6 in the overtime.

Team results

Staples Motley 49, Pequot Lakes 62

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 17, Quinn Uhlman 14, Kelsie Weite 8, Sam Schimpp 6, Kaitlin Longworth 2, Amber Robben 2

Staples Motley 52, Fergus Falls 58

Scoring: Wolhowe 18, Uhlman 13, Weite 10, Schimpp 4, Robben 3, Longworth 2, Chelsea Nanik 2

Staples Motley 67, Park Rapids 72

Scoring: Wolhowe 20, Robben 17, Uhlman 14, Longworth 8, Nanik 5, Schimpp 2, Weite 1



Management Areas, parks or natural areas, could – under such proposals – be prevented from doing so.

When the federal duck stamp fee for hunters was recently raised from \$15 to \$25, one of the requirements in the bill passed by the U.S. Congress was that the increased funds generated could not be used to acquire title to more land. The funds had to be used chiefly to manage other wildlife lands. Many in the conservation community objected to this restriction because our country is fast losing its valuable wetlands and undeveloped landscapes. But it was believed by others that the bill represented the "half a loaf" that was "better than none."

Considering all this, it's clear that the armed Oregon protesters are not the only ones concerned about government land ownership. What's different is that here in Minnesota, and on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., opponents have not used threats and armed confrontation. It's been suggested that we would call it terrorism if the Oregon protesters wore ethnic clothing instead of cowboy hats and boots.

Beyond the issue of government land ownership, there is a great deal of distaste for government in general these days. One reason is that it's a lot easier to blame a nameless, faceless institution for things you're unhappy about than to blame individuals and be able to back it up with facts. On the other hand, it can't be denied that the lawmakers

we send to Washington seem to be in endless gridlock, are largely unwilling to work together and accomplish little. One reason so-called political outsiders like presidential candidates Mitt Romney and Donald Trump have attracted support in the last two election cycles is that they are not part of government. This by itself doesn't make someone a good candidate, but is an expression of voter frustration with business-as-usual politicians.

None of which makes government ownership of land necessarily a bad thing. Minnesota is one of the states with the highest proportion of land owned by county, state or federal government. Some is county tax-forfeited land, acquired by a county when a taxpayer is unable to pay his or her taxes. Such lands are commonly open to the public for many recreational uses. Then there are our state forests, state Wildlife Management Areas and Scenic and Natural Areas as well as state parks. We have two major national forests, the Superior and the Chippewa, as well as several National Wildlife Refuges, a National Park in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and numerous federal Waterfowl Production Areas. Virtually all are open to public use.

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What's more, the demand of the Oregon protesters to turn the National Wildlife Refuge land they're occupying over to "the people" would chiefly benefit those who have cattle ranches in the immediate area and would use it for grazing; or those who could harvest and sell timber from that land. That would seem to be delivering a benefit to the few at the expense of the many.

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Motley City Council on board for community celebration

Differing opinions regarding city attorney choice voiced at meeting

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their first regular meeting of the new year held Jan. 11, the Motley City Council heard an update on a potential community celebration this summer coordinated by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce (SMACC), decided to continue with Rinke Noonan as the city's attorney; and made a number of decisions pertaining to city business.

Community celebration

Barb Cline, the SMACC's Executive Director, spoke to the council about the plans that have begun in regard to a community celebration in Motley. Two meetings have already taken place, with 17 people attending the first

one. "There was a great deal of excitement (about the celebration)," Cline said.

The event has been tentatively scheduled to take place at the same time as the Motley Fair, which is June 16 - 19. Activities under consideration include pig races, fireworks, parade, music, vendors, car show and more. She anticipates the event costing approximately \$10,000, most of which the chamber hopes will be paid through sponsorships and vendor fees.

Cline said that before they go any further in their planning, the chamber wanted to ask for approval and support from the city council.

Mayor Nancy Nieken asked if she was looking for financial assistance.

Cline said that the chamber did not ask the City of Staples for money to help finance Railroad Days. They did, however, receive in-kind services, which she hoped would be the case for the Motley Community Celebration as well.

Feedback from the council concerning the potential event was positive. Police Chief Ron Smith said he would be glad to help, as did public works supervisor Bruce Brotherton. Council member Al Yoder said, "It sounds like a great idea," and council member Amy Hutchison said she felt the city should offer in-kind services. Council member Pat O'Regan said he was supportive, but felt the city needed more specifics.

Cline, who is a Motley native, said she is also hop-

ing to strengthen the connection between the chamber and the City of Motley. At present, there are only five chamber members from Motley and she's hoping to see that change. "This is Motley's chamber, too," she said.

Cline noted that Bruce Brotherton was recently named to the SMACC board. "He will be a good spokesperson for the Motley area," she said.

City attorney

After some discussion, the council decided to continue with Rinke Noonan as the city's attorney until the union labor negotiations have been finalized.

It was not a unanimous decision.

Council member Steve Johnson felt the city should go back to their former attorney Peter Vogel, citing

financial reasons. Johnson said that the city had paid Vogel a total of \$17,300 during the years of 2004 - 2015. "We paid Rinke Noonan \$16,000 in three months," Johnson said.

Yoder said that the majority of this expense (from Rinke Noonan) was because of the labor negotiations, which was not a factor when Vogel was city attorney.

"We also get written opinions from Rinke Noonan, which we never saw from Vogel," O'Regan said.

Johnson did not agree. "I think they're ripping us off big-time," he said.

Fellow council member Hutchison also expressed concern about finances in this department. "We have a tight budget in 2016," she said.

Johnson went on to say that he and Hutchison had not been privy to information about Rinke Noonan until the very day they were supposed to vote on whether or not to name them as city attorney.

Yoder said that the hiring committee had spent a lot of time researching attorneys. "That's why you have a hiring committee... that's what they do," Yoder added, going on to say that the council needs to trust that they have done their job. "Maybe I need to be on that committee," Hutchison said.

Council member O'Regan said he would like to "stay where we are until the labor negotiations are done."

Johnson also stated that "I'm picking on the numbers, not the people."

At the end of the council meeting, Johnson stood up, walked to where Yoder was sitting and initiated a handshake. Yoder shook his hand and said, "We need to work together."

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED the renewal of existing tobacco licenses for the following businesses: Orton's Motley BP, Motley Express, H & R Ten Hi, Bremer's Bar, Northwind Grocery, Motley Discount Liquor, BRICKS Travel Center, Y Knot Package Liquor.

- NAMED all local banking institutions and the 4-M Fund as the city's official depository for 2016.

- NAMED the Morrison County Record the city's official newspaper for 2016.

- APPROVED the following council appointments for 2016: Pat O'Regan, Acting Mayor; Nancy Nieken, Street Commissioner and Emergency Management Director; Steve Johnson, Assistant Weed Inspector.

- APPROVED authorizing signatures for checking and investment accounts from the Clerk/Treasurer, Mayor, Acting Mayor and one council member for 2016.

- APPROVED having Clerk/Treasurer Terri Smith as the responsible authority; and having EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) authorization from the Clerk/Treasurer.

- ADOPTED a liaison policy, with the following council members serving as liaisons to the noted department heads. Al Yoder, police department; Amy Hutchison city office; Pat O'Regan, maintenance department; and Steve Johnson, fire department.

- APPROVED Police Chief Ron Smith's request to attend the MN Chiefs of Police Conference in St. Cloud April 18 - 20; and to join the Chief's Association.

- APPROVED sending Utilities Supervisor Bruce Brotherton to the MRWA (Minnesota Rural Water Association) annual conference in St. Cloud March 1 - 3.

- TABLED sending Terri Smith, Clerk/Treasurer, to the annual MCFOA (Minnesota Clerks & Finance Officers Association) Conference March 15 - 18, in St. Cloud. O'Regan said he felt the expense was not justified, as Smith had said she was quitting soon. Johnson said that she would be there for another year. Hutchison added, "I'm sure there's a lot of benefit to her going to this," and said she would like to hear Smith's opinion before making a decision.

- HEARD from city resident Bob Jenkins, who would like to see some sort of audio device set up at city hall for the hearing impaired. Jenkins said when he attends council meetings, he has a hard time hearing what is being said.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance

1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
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
Sunlight & Youth 6:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Associate Pastor Justin Domagala
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
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran

430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship
First Service.....8:30 a.m.
Second Service.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:35 a.m.
Coffee fellowship.....9:35 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
Jeff Scoggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School.....10:45 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 Ciesluk
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC

One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran

19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout.....218-640-5587
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
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Stacey Minion
Sunday School for all Ages.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

26402 40th Ave., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:00 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 Steve Ellerbusch
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran

Pastor Steve Ellerbusch
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist

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

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

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

United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Rev. Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church

717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Paul Johnson
218-746-3768
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study/Prayer.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 2yrs-5th grade.....6:15 p.m.
Adult Classes.....6:15 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance

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

Hope Chapel Alliance

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

Family Life Church

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

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central United Methodist

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

The blessing of reading

Pastor Dan Crocker, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John, who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near" (Revelation 1:1-3, NASB).

This is how the Apostle John began the last book of the Bible. Very near the end of this writing, John records the words of Jesus repeating this promise, "And behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book" (Revelation 22:7).

I was taught that the book of Revelation was the only book of the Bible that prom-

ised to bless it's readers. I have come to believe, however, that the Apostle was confirming a blessing for those who "read," "hear" and "heed" not just this "Revelation of Jesus Christ," but all of Scripture, for the purpose God's Word is to reveal His Son in all of it's pages. While understanding the Bible is a challenge, God promises that His Spirit will be with us to "guide us into all the truth" (John 16:13).

While I've only been serving our Lord as a pastor for less than six and a half years, I've experienced the blessing of reading through the entire Bible each year for the past eight years. I encourage you to simply read the Bible and trust the Spirit to reveal Jesus in its pages.

Begin 2016 with the end in mind, and may God bless you as you read, hear and heed His Word.

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Central Building Supply

Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

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

Longbella Drug Store

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

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



Powerball fever

With \$1.3 billion up for grabs, lottery hopefuls across the nation have been purchasing Powerball tickets from participating vendors. Pictured above at BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley, Val Ballard (left) of Clearbrook is handed his Powerball ticket by Jessica Kosec. "We've been selling a lot of tickets this week and people seem to be spending more...like \$10 to \$20 worth of tickets," Kosec said. Ballard, who purchased five Powerball tickets at \$2 each, said he's never won anything in his life and he's hoping his luck might change with the Jan. 13 drawing. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Police, MCSO reports

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

Dec. 31 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Calli Ellefson, 20, who was clocked at 92 mph near mile marker 119 on Hwy 10.

Jan. 5 - The MCSO arrested Michael Molzen, 58, following a traffic stop at Hwy 10 in Cushing. According to the report, Molzen's vehicle was observed crossing the fog line and traveling at varying speeds. In addition, the left tail light was emitting a white light. After conducting

the traffic stop, the deputy observed that Molzen had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. Molzen was asked to perform the horizontal gaze nystagmus test and his PBT was a .000. The deputy reports that Molzen had a suspended license and multiple offenses for failure to appear in court. He was transported to Morrison County Jail and booked without incident.

Dec. 31 - Deputy Al Yoder arrested Margaret Raybern on an active Morrison County body only warrant. She was transported to the Morrison County Jail without incident.