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Shake, Tholl reflect on Mother's Day

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

For Shirley Shake and her daughter Emily Tholl, both of Leader, being a mother has been one of the best parts of their lives.

"I've loved everything about it," Emily said recently at her mother's farmhouse. "I hope I've been able to teach my own children everything my mom taught me when I was growing up here," she added, patting Shirley's arm.

Independence and hard work are two of the things that Emily says her mother taught her. "I remember helping out on the farm and working in the gardens. Mom always had two huge gardens. Those gardens meant we'd have food on the table."

Shirley and her late husband, Woodrow (Woody) Shake, raised eight children together: Gary, Betty Jean, Steven, Mary Jo, Emily, Sheryl, Denise and Larry. "We had kids early on and they just kept a comin' every two to three years," Shirley said. "The first three were born in Edina and the rest were born in Staples after we moved back to the farm."

Both she and Woody had grown up in Leader; but were living in the Twin Cities area when they were married.

"I met Woody when I was 16 and when I was old enough we got married," Shirley said. "I wouldn't quit high school."

Shirley was the oldest of four children born to Ray and Cora Bacon. "I was the only one to live to be an adult," she said.



Thankful for moms

Emily (Shake) Tholl and her mother, Shirley Shake, Leader area, are both thankful for the opportunity to be a mom; and for the lessons learned from their mothers when they were younger. They look forward to celebrating Mother's Day May 8, as well as Shirley's 93rd birthday May 6. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

When she was just 12 years old, Shirley's mother died of food poisoning. Three years later, she said 'goodbye' to her father.

"Dad was a World War I veteran and he'd been sick," Shirley went on. "Dad had a pension and that's what got me through school. I was taken care of well by the veterans."

Upon the death of her father, Shirley moved back to the Leader area to live with her Grandma Bacon. "There weren't any school buses at that time, so in order to go to high school I lived in town with Mrs. Buckman. She charged $15 a week and for that amount she fed me, too."

Although she was grateful for her grandmother and everyone else who offered her guidance during those early years, Shirley missed her parents immensely.

"I almost don't remember my mother, except that she was very strict," Shirley said. "She had red hair and they called her 'Pinky.' She was a teacher in the country schools."

Although her mother's memory is faint, Shirley believes that she inherited her mother's work ethic. "I guess I was probably pretty strict like her, too."

Both her mom and dad taught her the importance of "paying your own way through life," Shirley said. "One thing I know, dad always paid his bills and that was one of the rules I taught my kids."

Instead of going on to college when she was younger, Shirley decided to invest her money in the 120-acre family farm.

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Staples in need of high end housing

Staples needs a lot more homes, especially apartments and houses on the higher end of the financial scale, according to a housing study by Michael Schoenecker of AdMark Resources.

He recommended immediately pursuing a new 24 unit apartment building with modern amenities such as a fitness center. He also said Staples should develop a package that makes building a new home in the city more attractive to builders.

The planned 34-unit townhome development will do a lot to help the housing situation, but more should be done to accommodate predicted growth, said Schoenecker.

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) commissioned the study, which was presented at the April 26 SEDA meeting. The study can be read online at the city's web site, staples.govoffice.com.

Schoenecker set the study against historical data and current trends. He said home sales in the Staples zip code have been declining, with a median price of $70,000. He said 6.8 percent of homes in Staples are considered dilapidated and should be torn down. Another 10 percent need major repair and 35 percent need minor repair, with about half the homes considered sound. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they do have programs for people to fix up their homes, but some of the homeowners who need it the most don't want to participate in the program.

Schoenecker also talked to employers but he found the lack of housing wasn't hindering hiring, although employees indicated they wanted more choices. "Most of the upscale housing is leaving the community and going to the lakes and rivers," said Schoenecker.

Because rents are so low, lower income people are taken care of, said Schoenecker. He said senior housing is also in good shape because Lakewood senior housing rent is low compared to other communities. He recommended one addition, a memory care unit to be added to the Lakewood Pines facility.

Schoenecker said new homes are unlikely to be built in Staples because there are very few lots available. He said any new homes would likely be on the north end of the city, where there is one hous-

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Celebrating trees

More than 20 people helped plant trees at Northern Pacific Park in Staples for an Arbor Day celebration on April 29. Five maple trees were planted at the park, along with two ornamental crab trees. A total of 21 trees were planted in the city, including trees on boulevards near Staples Elementary and Staples Motley High School, planted by high school students. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Putting the pieces together

Art show judge Collins appreciates creative uses of art

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

"Children don't need to be told how to be creative, give them a crayon and some paper and they know what to do," said Pam Collins, a Staples artist who will be the judge of the Freshwater Education District/National Joint Powers Alliance Art Show May 12 and 13 at Centennial Auditorium.

"I love to see what kids are thinking, it is fun to see how young people take an idea and create something out of it," said Collins.

Collins said she wants to help art students because that is the best time to make sure they keep their creativity alive. She said many people who love art start to lose touch with it as they move through middle school and high school and by the time they become adults they find themselves saying "I don't know how to do art, I don't know how to paint," said Collins.

Young artists need to be encouraged to keep going, said Collins, because every artist remembers somebody telling them their art is no good, and that is what sticks with them instead of the many people who say they love the art.

She has experience judging a state-wide art show at New York Mills. She doesn't mind being a judge but realizes that art means something different to everyone who views it. "Art is such a subjective topic," she said,

Collins is a mostly self-taught artist, especially in her specialties of mosaics and fabric art. She took art classes in college but didn't want to take the required classes to finish her degree. After raising her daughter, she had the inspiration to get back to art.

"I'm always looking for ideas," said Collins. She came across mosaics and developed her own style through trial and error.

She found mosaics to be carthartic, as she compared putting the pieces together to her turbulent childhood. "I love taking an old piece that is not considered beautiful any more and repurposing it into something beautiful," said Collins.

She felt the same thrill when she started using fabric for art. One day while walking through a fabric store, "I had a light

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Cutting and pasting

Pam Collins with an unfinished art piece she is working on, made out of strips of cloth. Collins plans for this piece to be among the 25 artworks she will display at Jules' Bistro in St. Cloud in June. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hello, Readers,

From Cape Canaveral, Florida, Navy Commander Alan Bartlett Shepard Jr. is launched into space aboard the Freedom 7 space capsule, becoming the first American astronaut to travel into space on May 5, 1961. The suborbital flight, which lasted 15 minutes and reached a height of 116 miles into the atmosphere, was a major triumph for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). On February 5, 1971, Alan Shepard, the first American in space, became the fifth astronaut to walk on the moon as part of the Apollo 14 lunar landing mission.

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Staples City Council hears sewer concerns

Development waste concerns were brought up at the April 26 Staples City Council meeting, citizen Ken Klose said he was concerned about the plans for the proposed 34-unit townhome project being planned for the area between 5th and 8th St NE, north of Chicago Ave. Klose said the 8th St sewer pipe has had problems with odor in the past and wondered if adding the development line might cause more problems.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said he would check with the project engineers to see if they could foresee any problem.

Council member Doug Case asked why the sewer line was projected to go across the development to the 8th St hookup, when running it to the 6th St line might make more sense if the city wants more development in that area. Nelsen said they looked at a number of alternatives for the project.

In other news, the council

- Approved; authorizing grant applications to FFA and MnDOT for the airport hangar taxi-way rehabiitation project and approved bid for taxi-way construction to Tri-City Paving for $185,881 and construction administration contract with SEH.
- Approved fire service contracts with townships
- Approved rezoning city-owned property from business to multi-family residential for the area of the townhome development project.
- Approved Conditional Use Permit to construct a 30 by 40 foot residential storage building at 417 4th St SW.



Art students ready for show

Staples Motley High School students showing some of the art they plan to display in the Freshwater Education District/National Joint Powers Alliance Art Show at the Centennial Auditorium lobby. Pictured from left, Sydney Martin, watercolor painting; Jarvis Maciej, pottery jug; Karlee Morales, pie bowl; Mackenzie McGree, pierced vase; and Lili Schneider, mosaic artwork. The art show will be open to the public Thursday, May 12 and Friday, May 13, from 6-9 p.m. both days. An awards program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday with a student performing arts expo immediately following until 9:30 p.m. Students at all participating schools have been invited to share their performing arts talents. No admission is charged. Staples Motley High School music students will present their finale concert at 7 p.m. Friday (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Fabric now added to her repertoire of art talents

bulb moment, to use fabric as paint," said Collins. She is now doing more fabric pieces because arthritis is making it harder for her to cut tiles for mosaics.

Whatever the form, Collins plans to be involved in art, either at the art show or with her own works.

"Our souls need art, whether it is visual, performing or music, it is so important," she said.

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'Hugs and love' are what kids need

"We bought this place for $4,000," she said.

The Shakes were members of the Swan Valley Lutheran Church, which helped provide a foundation for their family. "We disciplined our kids from time to time, but I don't think good kids need a lot of it. For the most part, I think they need to be loved and appreciated," Shirley said.

In addition to her hard work on the farm and raising a family, Shirley waitressed for a while at the El Ray Truck Stop; and was employed at Madden's Resort for over 40 years. "I retired at age 85. I ran the laundry there and I loved it. I had a beautiful view of the lake."

Emily recalled that she was still in school when her mom took the job at Madden's. "We all pitched in with the housework and I was the one who usually got supper started."

Her mother has been a wonderful example of what it means to work hard for one's family and to persevere when times get tough, Emily said. "She's one of the strongest women I know. She's a rock....she's been through a lot of tragedy."

In spite of the hard times, Emily said her mother has always maintained a positive attitude. "She's beautiful, inside and out. And I love that she's always whistling. Even when I was a kid, I remember her out in the garden, picking berries, whistling a tune."

Emily would go on to raise three children of her own: Chastity, Taija and Ryan. "I've tried to teach them all independence and how to be responsible. Things my mother taught me."

Most importantly, both Shirley and Emily hope they've taught their children about love.

"It's not about big Christmas gifts or material things," Emily said, going on to say some of her favorite memories include going on bicycle rides with her kids and family outings to Itasca State Park. "Hugs and love. That's what kids need the most of." Shirley nodded in agreement, reaching for her daugher's hand.

Widmer has new design, new hopes, for new boat

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Stan Widmer still has plans to build a boat factory in Staples. Despite setbacks preventing an agreement with the U.S. Navy's Office of Naval Research (ONR), Widmer has new hopes with a new design and new contacts within the ONR.

Widmer's original plan was to build rotationally molded polyethylene boats with his patented flex hull to absorb the shock of rough waters. He believes that political posturing is still preventing the ONR from ordering any boats, as he said they wanted to use his design and build their own boats. Widmer said there is still hope because there is a new admiral at the ONR who may be more open to it.

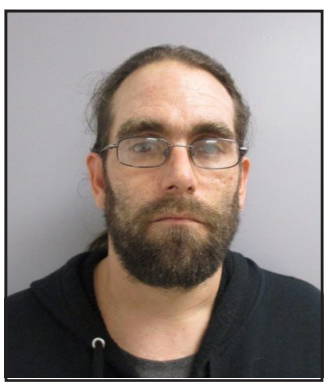
But he also has come up with another design that he thinks could be better. His original boat, Widmer used a double hull, which absorbed the shocks but one issue was extra weight. His new design, which he has patented, is for the hull to contain a band that surrounds the boat and disperses the shock through the entire band. In addition, he placed the helm above the first deck and patented a design for it to float on columns that are cushioned by air. It would be a 36 foot boat with an engine extension that would make it 44 feet total.

While that boat is just in the design phase now, Widmer is looking for a $1.6 million grant to build and test it.

Widmer still has his plans to build a factory at the Staples Industrial Park. He said there are no molding machines in the country right now that are big enough to mass produce such a boat and he is also working on tooling and transportion issues associated with his dream.

Widmer believes the ONR is still the best option, because they did the testing on his original boat and had positive things to say about it. If he can get his venture going, he also has plans to start work on a seven meter rescue boat.

Scott Olson arrested by Wadena Sheriff



On April 26 the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept., along with the assistance of the West Central Drug and Violent Offenders Task Force and Wadena Police Dept., arrested Scott Don Olson, 33, on charges of persons ineligible to possess firearms.

Olson was charged by the Wadena County Attorney's Office with seven felony counts of felon in possession of firearms and one count of felony 5th degree possession of a controlled substance.

Olson is currently in custody at the Wadena County Jail after bail was set in district court.

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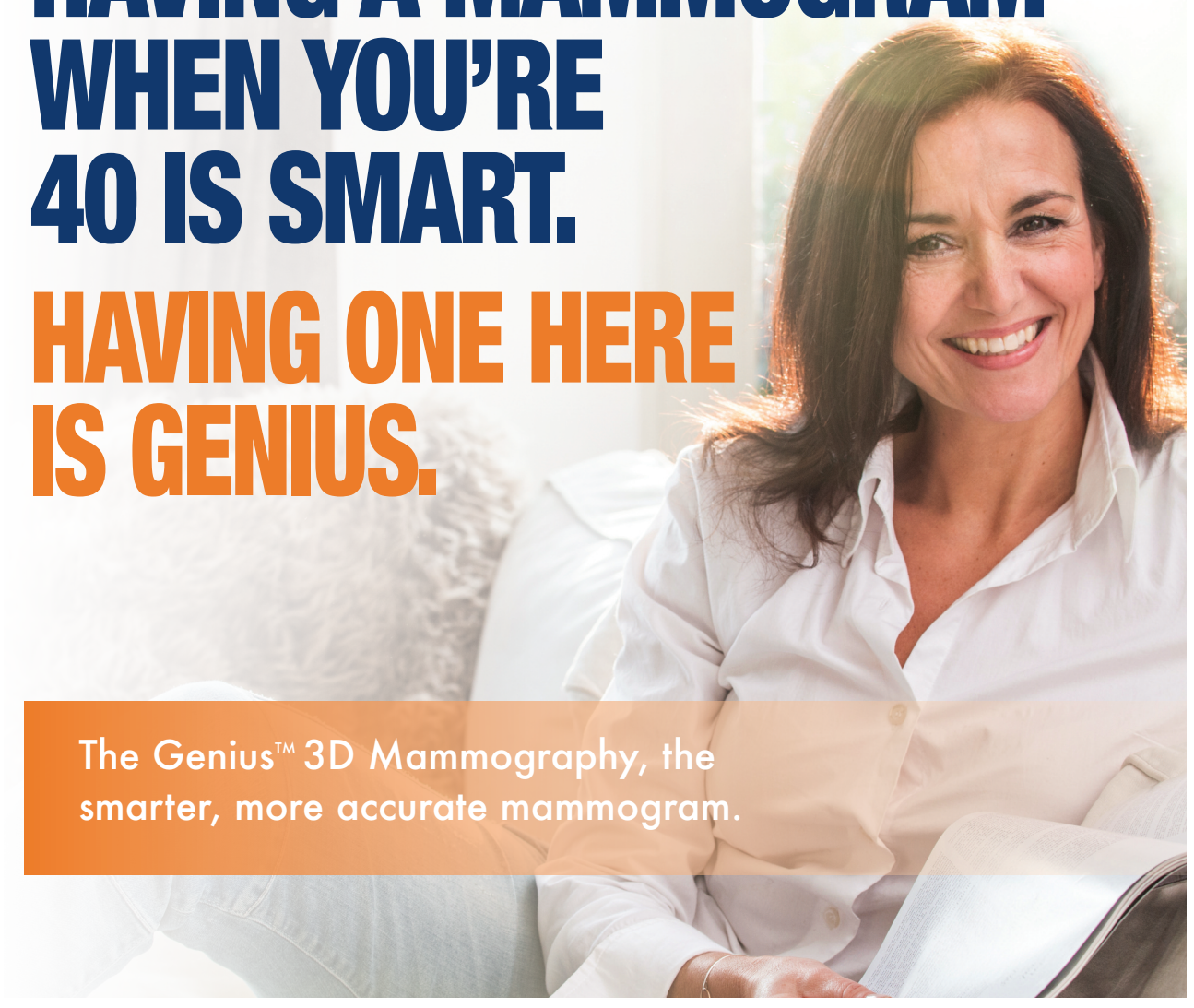
In the April 21 issue of the Staples World in the Wadena County board story it was noted that Don Ludovissie, owner of Ted & Gen's BBQ in Aldrich, was denied a request to cancel a late fee he had been assessed because his property tax payment was made after the due date.

Ludovissie told the Staples World that he took his payment to the Aldrich post office on April 15, but it was not postmarked until April 16. It was marked as received by the auditor on April 19. He also checked with his bank and found it wasn't cashed until April 22.

He objected to it as being publicized as a delinquent taxpayer for being one day late when he has paid his taxes in full for decades.

While the commissioners commiserated with him they could not cancel the penalty because it was state law and they have to abide by it.

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Crisis Line available for suicide prevention

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Todd County Citizens Against Drugs coalition held their monthly meeting on April 27 at the Staples Police Department.

A special guest, Mary Marana of the Crisis Line shared here views on concerns about recent suicides in the Staples area.

"When there is a suicide in a community, everybody suffers," said Marana.

Marana said the Crisis Line has received a grant for suicide prevention training, with different options for people in different positions.

The training can teach how to identify signs that someone may be suicidal, how to respond, how to approach and how to get resources for that person.

Marana said they have a resource books that teach the symptoms of depression and suicide. "The symptoms are normal but if you have a lot more and they continue on, they should call in."

Marana said the Crisis Line can dispatch mobile teams to reach a suicidal person in their home. She said as long as the person is physically stable, the state would prefer the Crisis Line team to go into homes rather than have the person go to the emergency room.

For more information on the Crisis Line, call 218-828-4357 (HELP) or 1-800-462-5525. Their web site is crisislineandreferralservice.org.

The Todd County Citizens Against Drugs would like to get more participation and activities in the Staples Area, said David Determan, a coalition member from Todd County Human Services. He said they have been working with Long Prairie and Browerville on a drug-free communities grant, but it is now a good time to raise awareness in Staples.

Determan said they are looking for groups in Staples to help with the coalition. For more information on the coalition, email david.determan@co.todd.mn.us or call 320-732-4271. Their web site is cadcoalition.com.

The coalition talked about the importance of mental health and youth awareness. Dr. Shawna Kovach, Director of Psychiatric and Behavioral Health Services at Lakewood Health System, told the group about a local committee that is working on mental health and youth. She said Lakewood, Todd County Human Services, Northern Pines, NJPA and the Staples Motley school system are developing a youth mental health education training session to integrate into the school in the fall of 2016. The program will train all staff on issues and intervention tips, plus provide ways for staff to find resources for students. The group also is developing a peer mentorship to provide positive role modeling.



Crisis help

Mary Marana of the Crisis Line, center, talks with Marge Lelwica, left, and Gail Honek, of Staples Motley Beyond Poverty, after the Todd County Citizens Against Drugs meeting on April 27. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Underground improvements

The main portion of the Staples Depot renovation won't be seen, but it will surely be felt. Four new furnaces are in place in the basement at the depot, with air conditioning lines also in place, along with new air duct work that will exchange air through the original cast iron registers. Work has also been started on the bathroom area as well, with all work scheduled to be completed around July 15. Pictured, Tom Kajer and Tom Crawford of the Staples Historical Society check out the work with Jerry Theisen and Robert Landsberger of Alliance Building Corp. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Housing marketing package to be developed

ing development and more area to build. SEDA Board member Mike Isenberg said in most communities, new homes are more likely to be built near the periphery of the city, and wondered if combining two lots into one would help get new homes built in existing neighborhoods.

SEDA Board member Kevin Jenkins suggested the SEDA put together a package for developers and identify likely spots for new housing. Jenkins also did not want to compete with individual realtors, but Isenberg said the city has few buildable lots so he didn't think it would be a conflict.

The SEDA Board agreed to develop a housing marketing package to present to developers, to go along with the housing study.

In other SEDA news

- Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said she is pursuing a city bike program, in which donated bikes are painted green and made available for anyone to ride for free.

Speed networking helps connect nurses

Everyone has heard of speed dating, right? But speed networking? The new concept became a reality April 14, at Central Lakes College, Brainerd, for area high school students interested in the health care field.

Twenty health care professionals from around the Brainerd lakes area took part in the event, which was hosted by the college and the College of St. Scholastica.

High school students from Brainerd, Staples Motley, Pillager, Pequot Lakes, Pine River and Royalton attended the one day event.

The event was set up in the "speed dating" format. One health care professional sat at a table, and a group of five or six students had the opportunity to interact with them for five minutes, then a bell rang and the group of students moved on to the next professional.

"We want our area's students to make thoughtful and informed decisions about their future," said Paul Preimesberger, director of Secondary Relations at CLC. "An event like this gives students the opportunity to talk with career and education professionals in a single experience. They make connections and acquire insights into career and education pathways they didn't have previously."

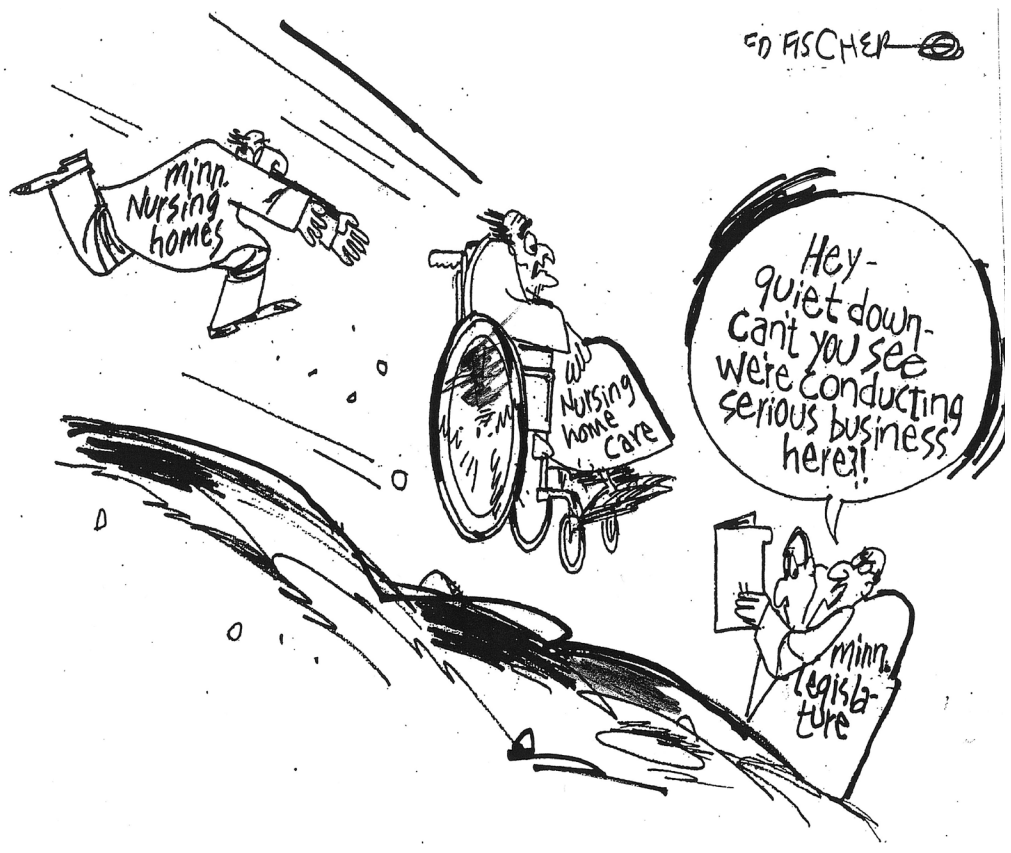
Amie Anderson, admissions counselor with the College of St. Scholastica, said two important things happened at the event: Professionals were able to share personal stories of their educational and professional journey with students and give advice to those that may want to enter their career field and students learned about the educational and professional resources available to them in this area.

"We feel confident that students left the event with broadened perspectives about the scope of the healthcare industry and an understanding that the journey to a career in healthcare can begin right here," she said.

The first-time event will likely be built upon and expanded in the future.







Community Prinde includes cleaning, painting, celebrating

Spring Cleanup - Staples Community Pride Initiative was initiated to show the pride that we have in our great community.

Community pride was identified as a focus area through the Thriving Communities Initiative (TCI) planning process, which engaged over 100 community members who shared their ideas on how to make Staples an even better community.

The Spring Cleanup program includes a variety of volunteer and learning opportunities where you receive a raffle ticket every time you attend one of the events. A door prize to be given at the celebration community barbecue at Pine Grove Park on Thursday, June 2 from 4-7 p.m.

A new program this year is the Paint the Town Initiative, intended to help low income, elderly and/or disabled families with fixing up of the exterior of their homes. We are accepting applications until May 13 from homeowners who are interested in participating. You can find them online at the City of Staples website or they are spread around the community at local businesses and at City Hall.

We are currently forming paint teams and collecting sponsorships to pay for the paint and materials. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer either as an individual or as a team and if you would like to help sponsor the program.

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Staples Economic Development Authority



By Melissa Radermacher
Executive Director

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I want to say thank you to all that attended the first couple of events. We had a fantanstic turnout with over 30 people showing up tohelp out at the park cleanup day on April 5. Over 20 volunteers planted 30 trees around the community at the Arbor Day Celebration held on April 29.

Upcoming Events

- Commercial Awning and Façade Low Interest Loan Program Information Session - May 5, 4:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Small Cities - Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Assistance Information Session - May 5, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
- Clean the Downtown Day May 17, 3 p.m - Water Trees, Pick up Litter.
- Paint The Town Initiative - Applications Due on May 13, 5 p.m. Applications can be found on the City of Staples website or by contacting Melissa Radermacher at 218-296-2254.
- Cleanup Celebration BBQ on Thursday, June 2, 4-7 p.m. at Pine Grove Park with door prizes. All are welcome - bring the whole family.

Remember for every time you volunteer at an event listed above, you will receive one raffle ticket per person for a door prize to be given out at the barbecue.

Like the Staples EDA page on Facebook to stay informed on current events.

High school open house was a success

On April 18 incoming 8th graders and their families were welcomed to the high school campus with a special open house just for them. We had amazing attendance at our open house - only six families were not able to attend. What a great night - you could feel the excitement in the air!

Our night opened with our High School Jazz Band playing several peppy tunes along with a rousing rendition of the school song. Next high school teachers were introduced one by one - 46 teachers were on hand that evening to welcome students. It was an impressive showing of unity. Next year, over 70 teachers and staff - including paraprofessionals, cafeteria staff and custodians - will be working at the high school and with our 8-12th graders.

Then I walked families and students through a virtual tour of what a typical day will be at our High School for 8th graders. Students will start their day taking their four core classes (math, science, English, and social studies) just with other 8th graders. Their day will end with a 7th hour just for them with an 8th grade only elective. During hours 5 and 6, 8th graders are able to identify elective choices offered to all our high school students (Fine Arts, Art, PE, etc.). Between our elective classes and our extra-curricular programs, there are so many opportunities to get involved and to try new things.

Finally, we ended our open house with a special "Map, Seek and Find" activity. Students and parents sought out classrooms and other relevant locations throughout the campus. Staff and Student Council members were awaiting each and every arrival to make their introductions. Upon successful completion of their map, students traded the map for a registration form and signed up for their electives. A completed registration form earned them an ice cream treat on the way out the door.

I will say that I was already excited to have the 8th grade students at the high school in the fall because of the opportunities we can give them and our 9-12th graders. After meeting and talking with the incoming 8th graders at the open house, I am thrilled we are making this change and we get to work with these great kids at the high school this fall.

I know it's been said...but it really is - "a GREAT time to be a Cardinal!"

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Staples Motley Schools



By Mike Schmidt
Staples Motley and Connections High Schools Principal

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Reforming our end-of-life healthcare system

By Barbara Coombs Lee and Kim Callinan

During a CNN presidential town hall on Feb. 3, an 81-year-old man from Concord, NH, with phase IV colon cancer, Jim Kinhan, asked Hillary Clinton what she could do to "help advance the respectful conversation that is needed around this personal choice that people may make, as we age and deal with health issues or be the caregivers of those people, to help enhance and -- their end of life with dignity."

Jim Kinhan is not alone.

Our society is in the midst of a profound shift in attitudes toward end-of-life healthcare. We are increasingly aware that too many suffer needlessly in their dying. Too many endure tests and treatments that increase suffering but do nothing to extend life. Too many carry memories of the pain, confusion and agony of a dying loved one.

Every day, 10,000 people turn 65. The proportion of the population reaching age 85 is 48 times larger than a century ago. Increased life expectancy brings challenges of advanced illnesses among the aged.

Our medical system focuses almost exclusively on extending life at any cost, often at the expense of its quality. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reinforces this focus by reimbursing doctors generously for complicated tests, ICU stays and medical device implantations, but not for conversations and comfort care.

People who do not communicate their values and priorities as illnesses advance often pay dearly for this failure. Lacking clear guidance on how an individual weighs the quality of life against its absolute duration, physicians often assume the latter, so they propose agonizing tests and treatments that steal life's joys as they prolong the dying process.

Most Americans want to die at home, peacefully and with loved ones close by. But nearly 40 percent die in a hospital, and almost 60 percent of these hospitalizations include an ICU admission.

As noted in the Jan. 19 issue of the Journal of American Medical Association, devoted entirely to end-of-life care:

"ICU care in the United States at the end of life appears unwanted, expensive, and futile.

In other words, our healthcare system is failing to deliver what people need as they approach an inevitable and imminent death.

Polls shows people across the country increasingly expect candid information, more options and more personalized care at the end of life.

Empowered patients ask more and better questions. They weigh treatment decisions carefully and they understand how an ICU admission, with its cascade of tests and treatments, impacts the end-of-life experience.

People need greater access to information and options as the end of life approaches. And they want our national and state policy makers to address this need.

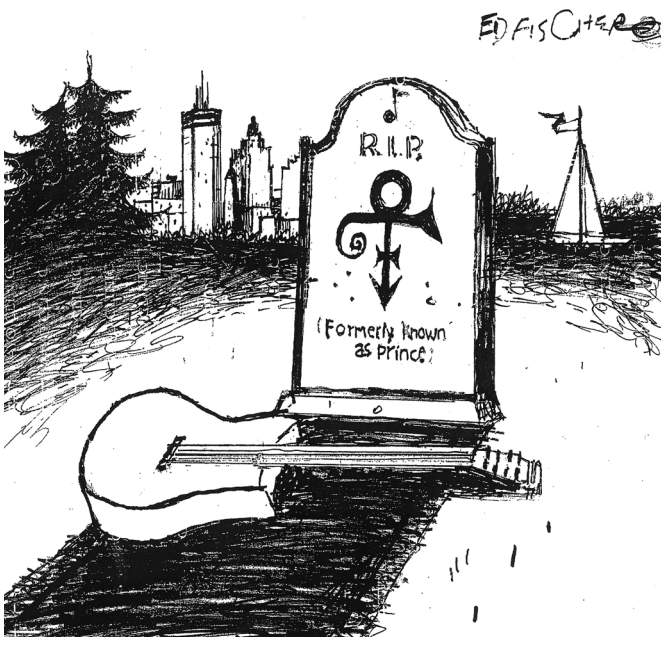
Compassion & Choices has federal policy solutions to achieve this transformation. They build on the Institute of Medicine's landmark study, Dying in America, released in late 2014. Below are three of our 18 policy reforms.

- Allow people to continue to receive disease-specific treatments after they enter hospice care. A Medicare demonstration project called Medicare Choices Model is currently testing this concept with Medicare beneficiaries in 140 locations nationwide.
- Establish consistent federal payment for palliative care consultations to ensure that treatment decisions align with patients' goals, priorities and values.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services should stop reimbursing providers for unwanted medical treatment.

No one should suffer needlessly at the end of life. Our policy solutions are designed to minimize suffering and maximize comfort at the end of life.

Barbara Coombs Lee was an ER and ICU nurse and physician assistant for 25 years. Currently, she is an attorney and President of Compassion & Choices, the nation's largest end-of-life choice advocacy organization. Kim Callinan is Chief Program Officer for Compassion & Choices. She holds a Master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University, a graduate certificate in public health from the University of South Florida and a Bachelor's degree in government from Oberlin College.

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Full house

The Staples Area Men's Chorus had a full house at the Landmark Inn for their 2015 Afterglow concert. They are back at the Landmark Inn for this year's event Saturday, May 14. (Submitted photo)

Staples Area Men's Chorus to sing at Landmark Inn

The 2015-2016 singing season for the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) is coming to a close with the finale concert "The Afterglow" Saturday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Landmark Inn, locatede at 631 3rd St NE, Staples.

The concert will be a series of selections with an intimate atmosphere. Past concerts have included audience requests and breakout groups performing favored pieces.

This is a fundraiser concert for the SAMC to help with costs of performing at Carnegie Hall in 2017. In addition to their songs, they will be selling etched pint and stemless wine glasses. The men are also preparing for the 2016-2017 season and hosting the Big Sing next April.

The chorus has been busy this year with performances including Real Men Sing, the Messiah concert, the Sing Off! and most recently, the Big Sing in Jamestown, N.D.

Concert Chair Robin Collins discussed the last season and found the highlight of their year again was performing at Real Men Sing. This year "we had a premier piece of work that we had commissioned 'What Will We Promise?' by (chorus member) Dave Bengtson and Christopher Aspaas," Collins said.

"With Real Men Sing, the big thing is the opportunity to bring this event to these young men we invite in from the schools to participate and enjoy music together," he continued "While there are a number of Real Men Sing events in the country now, we are certainly one of the first, and as far as we know, we are the only one that does it at no charge to the participants, other than their transportation."

For many people, the Messiah at Christmastime was a favorite of the year. Collins remarked that for those in attendance, it is worth noting this performance was put on by "virtually all local talent...not only the singers but the instrumentalists as well. For a community two or three times the size of Staples, you are not seeing that sort of thing happen. We just do have this great music tradition here in town that is pretty cool. The opportunity to do stuff like that i's very, very special."

The Staples Area Women's Chorus and Staples Motley High School music students collaborated in putting on this major work.

Jean Hayenga recently shared her enjoyment of the SAMC's work. She strongly encourages anyone who has not yet seen the SAMC perform to give The Afterglow your time. "It's a fun time, a party," she added.

A cash bar will be available prior to the concert and between sets, with socializing with the musicians during the break and after the concert.

Mary Sperley, another audience member who has enjoyed this season's performances of the SAMC said so far this year, her favorite performance this year was the Real Men Sing. "We are so blessed in this community with music," Sperley noted.

Tickets are available at the Staples World and Nelson Insurance Agency in Staples, Long Prairie Chamber of Commerce, and online at www.staplesmen.org.

Mark Your Calendar

May 10

#738 National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees Mtg Tues., May 10, Prairie Bay Restaurant, Baxter. Social, 11:30 a.m., Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Presentation by AARP, Delores Lafollette, fraud fighters.

May 12

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Thurs., May 12, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller; Bernadette McNeil, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

May 17, 18

Immunization Clinic sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., May 17, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. Walk in. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

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

May 25

Child & Teen Checkup Clinic sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Wed., May 25, Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., appt., 218-746-4009.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

Committee Reports:

- Public Works Commission
- EDA
- Open Forum
- City Administrator's report

Bike rodeo, Family trail ride, May 19

The Staples Area Friends of the Trails will hold a Bike Rodeo/Family Trail Ride, Thursday, May 19, from 5-7 p.m. meeting at the Jon's Family Foods and Staples True Value parking lot, off Warner Road in Staples.

This free event will have a bike skills course for kids, a basic maintenance inspection by Jake Capistrant of Jake's Bikes in Alexandria, food and an opportunity to ride the bike trail.

The Lakewood Health System will also be there with a bicycle helmet give-away for kids.

The event coincides with Ride Your Bike To Work Week, May 16-20. Students are encouraged to ride their bikes to school that week.

Annual Conference on Aging May 26

The 35th "CELEBRATION Annual Conference on Aging" will be Thursday, May 26 at the Central Lakes College Campus in Staples at 1830 Airport Road.

This years' motivating keynote speaker is Brenda Elsagher, author of "Your Glasses Are on Top of Your Head: Life, Lessons and Aging with Humor." Her presentation is sure to fill you with laughter and a renewed sense of life.

A variety of informational, fun workshops will be offered including:

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- Mindfulness
- Fun Filled One-Day Trips in Minnesota
- What is This Roundabout?
- Strategies for Health and Independence
- and many more.

Registration also allows access to over 50 vendors/booths, morning refreshments, lunch, door prizes and keynote speaker.

Registrations are being accepted now. There is a fee. For more information contact Kristine Hoheisel, 1-800-224-6451, khoheisel@horizonhealthservices.com, or visit the Facebook page: staplesagingcelebration.

'Meet a Surgeon' event May 17 at LHS

Lakewood Health System invites all patients and community members to "Meet a Surgeon" at their free event on Tuesday, May 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the lower level classrooms at Lakewood's main campus (49725 Cty. 83, Staples).

Surgeons Drs. Craig Henson and Jay Lenz, general surgery; Dr. Dan Rose, dentistry; Drs. Erik Dovre and Carol Uhlman, OB/GYN; Dr. Dave Schleichert, podiatry; and Dr. Chris Metz, orthopedics will be available to meet patients, share their expertise and answer questions. Informational booths, information and refreshments will be available throughout the evening.

For more information, call 218-894-8521.

Auditions set for new theater production

Lamplighter Community Theatre, Staples, and Madhatters Community Theatre, Wadena, have set an audition schedule for their joint production of "12 Angry Men."

Director Matthew R. Olsen is seeking women and men ages 18-80 to play jurors in this gripping and timely stage production written by Reginald Rose.

In Wadena auditions will be held May 9 and 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Robertson Theater at Wadena-Deer Creek High/Middle School, 600 Colfax Ave. SW.

In Staples the auditions will be held May 11 and 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium at Staples Motley High School, 401 Centennial Lane.

Interested people can also set an appointment with Olsen. Call or text him at 218-340-3556 or email mricher-tolsen@gmail.com.

For more information visit the Facebook pages for Madhatters Community Theatre or Lamplighter Community Theatre.

National Day of Prayer

The Staples Motley Area Ministerial invites you to join together with them and millions of individuals across our nation on Thursday, May 5 for the annual National Day of Prayer. This local prayer event will take place at the Staples Government Center (122 6th Street NE) from noon to 1 p.m.

At this gathering, prayer will be offered on behalf of our government, churches, military, families, educational institutions, media and our businesses.

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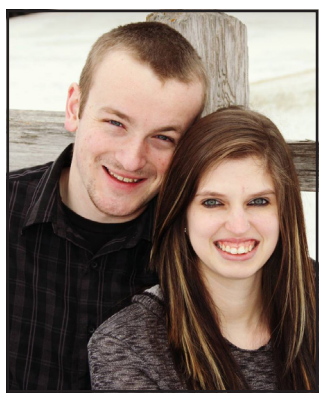
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Engagement



Carlson, Johnson

Alyssa Carlson, daughter of George and Lisa Carlson of Motley and Travis Johnson, son of Gene and Angela Johnson of Motley, announce their engagement.

Alyssa is a 2008 graduate of Staples Motley High School and currently works at the Motley Dairy Queen.

Travis is a 2013 graduate of Staples Motley High School and a 2015 graduate of Central Lakes College. He currently works at Douglas Machine in Alexandria.

A May 21, 2016 wedding is planned at Motley Free Methodist Church.

The couple plans to make their home in Osakis.

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Lisa Smith and Tower Kruse of Nisswa, a baby boy, Jameson Tower George weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on April 25, 2016.

Born to Leoda Garner and David Shepherd of Brainerd, a baby girl, Olivia Faye weighing nine pounds, 15 ounces on April 26, 2016.

Born to James and Abygail Switters of Browerville, a baby girl, Brielle Daisy-Elizabeth weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on April 27, 2016.

Born to Brandon and Jamie Dabill of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Calvin Michael weighing seven pounds, two ounces on April 27, 2016.

Born to Ty and Jamie Adams of Verndale, a baby boy, Russell Erick weighing six pounds, eight ounces on April 28, 2916.

Born to Philip and Kathryn Hastings of Wadena, a baby boy, Kellen Philip weighing seven pounds, six ounces on April 29, 2016.

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Born to Mitch and Becky Plagge of Clear Lake, IA, a baby girl Brinley Elaine, weighing seven pounds, three ounces on April 26, 2016 at Iowa Specialty Hospital, Clarion, IA. Greeting Brinley at home are her brothers, Connor and Brody. Proud grandparents are Henry and Joann Schornack of Staples.

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Born to Joshua and Eliza Hendershot of Verndale, a baby girl, Josie Leola, weighing six pounds, 10 ounces at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena.

May is Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month celebrates older adults as they play growing and increasingly vital roles in communities all across the country. This year's theme, "Blaze a Trail", emphasizes the ways older adults are reinventing themselves through new work and new passions, engaging their communities and blazing a trail of positive impact on the lives of people of all ages. Experience Works, a national nonprofit organization, dedicates year-round programs and services that are helping them do just that.

Its largest program, the U.S. Department of Labor-funded Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), provides assistance to low-income older adults needing help transitioning back into the workforce. Operating in 30 states and Puerto Rico, including 55 Minnesota counties, participants, like 56-year-old Simone Christensen of Fergus Falls, build confidence, update job skills through a wide range of community service opportunities and access customized training as a stepping stone to employment.

"Older Americans Month is the perfect time to remind Minnesotans that Experience Works is an important community resource for low-income older adults and their communities – especially in rural areas," says Deb Trygstad, Minnesota State Program Manager for Experience Works. "The SCSEP is a wonderful example of how we help people age with dignity and purpose."

As an administrative assistant at Someplace Safe, an organization that provides emergency services and support for victims of violence and their families, Christensen is learning receptionist and secretarial skills for the first time in her life. While she learns valuable skills, Someplace Safe benefits from an expanded workforce that helps meet the increasing need for its services.

The program is available to people 55 and older who are unemployed and have incomes of $14,850 per year or less for a family of one; $20,025 for a family of two. Call for additional guidelines for more family members.

Trygstad also wants to connect with public and nonprofit organizations interested in becoming community partners. "Working together is the best way to ensure older adults have the support and resources they need to be successful," she says.

For more information on becoming a community partner, or enrolling in the program, call Experience Works toll-free 1-855-270-9660 or visit www.experienceworks.org.

Care Center

Weds., May 11 - 11:30 Picnic in Activities room/patio; 2:00 p.m. Bingo w/ Marge

Thurs., May 12 - 1:45 p.m. Dan Remer Entertaining

Fri., May 13 - 9:30 a.m. Faith Lutheran Services/ Friendly Friday; 2 p.m. Root Beer floats, residents and staff

Sat., May 14 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., May 15 - 7 p.m. Square Dancers

Tues., May 17 - 9 a.m. Casino Trip; 2:15 p.m. Church service with Pastor Greg Ciesluk; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/ Marge

Weds., May 18 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Activities

SHS Class of 1950 reunion is June 4

The Staples High School Class of 1950 will celebrate their 66th class reunion Saturday, June 4. Anyone interested in attending is welcome.

Reunion activities include:

- Luncheon, 11 a.m., at the Lakewood Health Center Care Center, senior activites room, in Staples
- Social time/dinner, 5 p.m., Spot Cafe in Motley.

Energy Assistance program extended

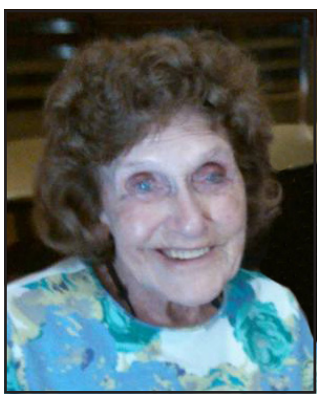
The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. EAP is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Grants are available for renters or homeowners, with household incomes at or below 50 percent of the state median income and is based on household size, income, fuel type and energy usage. Services may include payment of energy bills, help with utility disconnections or necessary fuel deliveries, education on efficient and safe use of home heating energy and repair or replacement of homeowners' malfunctioning heating systems.

The average energy assistance grant in Todd County is $611 per household. Households with an income less than 50 percent of the state median income ($46,056 for a family of four) may qualify; those who qualify are served on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last. People have until July 1, 2016 when the program year ends, to apply for EAP.

EAP pays the utility company directly on behalf of eligible households. Qualifying families must apply for assistance at the local service provider in their area. If you are interested in applying for Energy Assistance, contact Todd County Health and Human Services at 320-732-4516, or toll free at 888-838-4066. If you signed up for the Cold Weather Rule through your energy provider, this protection ended April 15, 2016.

Other forms of assistance may be available through county social service programs, community-based organizations and nonprofit agencies. See the Minnesota Department of Commerce webpage at mn.gov/commerce for resources and energy saving tips.

Obituaries



Gloria Olson

Gloria Vivian Presler Olson, 89, of Dilworth, passed away April 28, 2016 at home under Hospice care of Red River Valley.

A memorial service was held May 4, at the First United Methodist Church in Fargo.

Burial was at the Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Korsmo Funeral Chapel, Moorhead.

Gloria was born on June 27, 1926 in Fort Worth, TX to Charles Byron and Minnie Lee (Alford) Presler. The family moved to Branson, MO, and later moved to a farm in Big Lake.

During World War II, she worked as a "Rosie the Riveter", assembling balancing weights for B52 Bombers.

Gloria married Alvin "Maynard" Olson on August 16, 1947 in Staples.

The couple made their home in Cambridge where she worked in a photography shop. They later moved to Dilworth. She graduated from Northwest Technical College, at the age of 65, with an accounting degree. She worked as a bookkeeper at American Welding in West Fargo, ND. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fargo and active in the Ladies Circle.

Gloria is survived by one son, Glen Olson of Fargo; two daughters, Tammy Olson of Dilworth, Illona Hall of Big Lake; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; infant son, Gary; one sister, Margaret.

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Arlyss Marshall

Arlyss Marshall, 77, of Pillager, passed away May 2, 2016 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Casino Assembly of God Church, Pillager, with visitation Friday, May 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Interment will be at Bridgeman Cemetery, Pillager.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

A full obituary to follow next week.

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Harold Germann

Harold A. Germann, 88, of Staples, passed away May 3, 2016 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Arrangements are pending with the Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

A full obituary will follow.

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Carroll Demmon

Carroll (Buzz) Demmon, formerly of Staples, died on May 1, 2016 at Mercy Hospital, Coon Rapids, with his wife, Karen and family by his side.

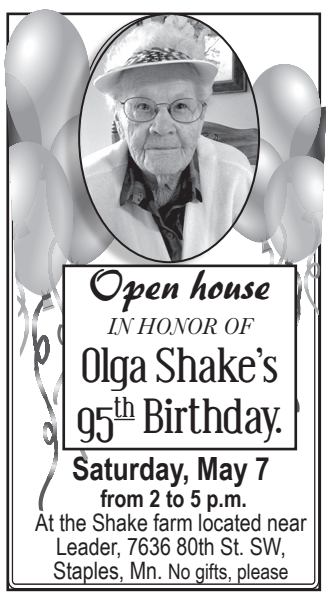
A memorial service will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Country Roads Baptist Church, 25346 Apollo St. NE, Stacy.

A full obituary will follow.

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Frisbee free for all

Sacred Heart Area School students played a game of ultimate frisbee during recess on April 18. Pictured from left, Isaac Calix, Carter Gregerson, Axel Mertens, Gabe Koval and teacher Rachel Przybilla. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Making Todd County a safe place for children

Throughout the year, the Todd County Child Protection Team, together with the Todd County PEACE Council, encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Todd County a safe place for children. This is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children of all ages.

Child Abuse is preventable

It is an undertaking that can lead us to become one in the Todd County family, and everyone's participation is crucial. There are five important factors in healthy families.

They are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents

Focusing on ways to promote the five protective factors, in every interaction with families, is the best thing communities can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect. This is a call to everyone to do what you can, be creative in your communities, businesses and neighborhoods and find ways to support and nurture healthy families in Todd County.

The Child Protection Team, an inter-disciplinarian team of professionals in Todd County, hosted its annual Child Protection Awareness dinner April 12, at First Baptist Church in Long Prairie. The event raised funds to support child advocacy programs in Todd County.

If you suspect child abuse, or feel like harming your child, call 320-732-4500 for help or support.

Legal services available to Todd County Seniors

The St. Cloud office of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid has received a grant of Older Americans Act funds from the Central Minnesota Council on Aging to provide legal services for seniors residing in Todd County. The funds will be used to provide legal advice, counseling and representation in court and administrative hearings. There is no cost for these services.

If you are 60 years or older and reside in Todd County, you can get help with legal problems involving Medicare, Social Security, eviction or other housing problems, public benefits, such as medical assistance, food support and fuel assistance, family law issues, including domestic abuse and income maintenance, nursing home problems, home care services, powers of attorney, health care directives and debt collection. NO help is provided for criminal matters, wills, estate planning or real estate transactions.

Appointments are held at the Long Prairie Senior Center in Long Prairie and can be scheduled by calling 320-732-2282. Appointments are also held at the Staples Community Center in Staples and can be scheduled by calling 218-894-2553. Additionally, seniors can call the St. Cloud office of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid toll free at 1-888-360-2889.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid accepts contributions for the legal services, but contributions are not required to receive legal help.

Our *Greenhouse* in Motley is **Now Open!**
at the Olde Tyme Trading Post (Hwy. 10) near "Silo Ice Cream"
*Potato and Onion Sets
*Bulk Seed
*Veggies *Annuals
*Patio Planters & Hanging Baskets
Northside Floral LLC
OF WADENA
218-631-1774
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Lions 'Grad Blast' donation

The Staples Host Lions Club donated $1,000 to the Staples Motley High School Grad Blast committee. The annual Grad Blast event is held following graduation ceremonies at the community center, where the graduating seniors can enjoy an all night fun filled event complete with food, swimming, prizes and more. Parents of seniors host the event. Above: Tom Danculovich, Staples Host Lions and Kevin Nelson, 2016 Grad Blast committee. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Staples Senior Calendar

Mon., May 16, 12:00 p.m., cards/500
Tues., May 17, 12:15 p.m., Whist
Weds., May 18, 11:45 a.m., Meal/penny bingo
Thurs., May 19, 5:00 p.m., evening meal w/speaker: The Staples Police Dept. will talk about fraud and scams. RSVP by Monday, May 16
Mon., May 23, 12:00 p.m., Cards/500
Weds., May 25, 11:45 a.m., Meal/penny bingo
Thurs., May 26, 11:45 a.m. Noon Meal
Mon. May 30, Center Closed Memorial Day
Call 894-2556 to register day before.

Landowners, counties reviewing water buffer map

Landowners, counties and watershed districts are now reviewing the preliminary map of Minnesota public waters requiring protective buffers. Landowners who have buffers identified on their property can work with their local soil and water conservation district or drainage authority to ensure the preliminary map is accurate.

Minnesota's buffer law establishes new perennial vegetation buffers of up to 50 feet along rivers, streams and public ditches to help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment. The Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) role is to produce a map of the public waters and public ditches that require permanent vegetation buffers.

"Specific questions about the map's depiction of waters on private land should go to local soil and water conservation districts or drainage authorities," DNR Buffer Mapping Project Manager Dave Leuthe said. "Soil and water conservation districts are ready to work with landowners on these issues."

The preliminary map created by the DNR displays public ditches only in counties and watershed districts that have submitted their data and had them incorporated into the map by the DNR. A status map is also available, showing the progress of each Minnesota county and watershed district in getting their data on the preliminary buffer map. Eighty-two of the 95 drainage authorities have submitted the required data. The DNR is working with those entities that have not yet submitted data, and designed a tool to help counties with paper data to digitize and submit their information.

Counties and watershed districts reviewing the preliminary map can suggest updates or corrections where ditch data on the map may not accurately show the current length or course of public ditches. The DNR has designed a tool that local governments can use to easily submit their suggested corrections online. Corrections made during this review process will help the DNR deliver a more accurate buffer map this summer.

The preliminary buffer map and status map are available at the buffers Web page (www.dnr.state.mn.us/buffers/index.html). Also available at this website is a link to submit comments through May 31, about how the map is being created and more information about the buffer mapping project.

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
Sonlight & Youth .....6:30 p.m.

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

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
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 am.
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
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

Work for Good?

Pastor Steve Sveom, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

This passage from Romans can be confusing. It doesn't say that everything that happens in our life is good. The context shows that, as Paul wrote about our sufferings and our bondage. But this is a statement of hope about the way God can work in our lives, even when we face difficult circumstances.

A cook at a conference center was complimented on her homemade biscuits. She responded, "Just consider what goes into the making of these biscuits. The flour itself doesn't taste good, neither does the baking powder, nor the shortening, nor the other ingredients. However, when I mix them all together and put them in the oven, they come out just right."

Life may seem tasteless or even bad at times…but the combination of ingredients in our life, both good and bad mixed with our talents, our relationships and our faith shapes us. By God's grace, all these ingredients may combine to produce a life worth living, a life producing good for others.

A Christian woman has noted that she would never have chosen the path she ended up taking, but is so grateful for it and what it has accomplished in her life. I pray that we may all see God's grace at work in our lives to accomplish good among us. That is a source of hope.

The Staples Area Church Directory is sponsored by these area businesses:

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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

NOTICE MOTLEY CEMETERY ASSOCIATION LOT PRICE INCREASE

At the annual meeting held April 21, 2016 the Motley Cemetery Association Board increased the price of the cemetery lot rate to $500 per lot, effective June 1st, 2016.

Any questions contact Greg Frisk, 218-352-6137.

Greg Frisk, Secretary
Motley Cemetery Association

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TODD COUNTY NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2016 STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Todd County on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for the purpose of electing candidates for the offices listed below. The filing period for the offices of United States Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and Judge of the District Court begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2016, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

The filing period for Presidential Elector candidates begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2016 and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23, 2016, for non-major political party candidates and independent candidates. The certification deadline for major political party presidential elector candidates is August 29, 2016.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016, in observance of Memorial Day.

The place of filing for Federal Offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1299.

The place of filing for State Offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the County Auditor of the County in which the candidate resides.

The filing place for County Offices is with the County Auditor.

Candidates may file in person or by mail, if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

This notice is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.33.

FEDERAL OFFICES
Presidential Electors (10)
United State Representative for District 7

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES
State Senator for District 9
State Representative for District 9A
State Representative for District 9B

JUDICIAL OFFICES
Supreme Court Associate Justices - 1 Seat
Judges of the Court of Appeals - 9 Seats
Seventh Judicial District Judges - 5 Seats

COUNTY OFFICES
County Commissioner for District 1
County Commissioner for District 3
County Commissioner for District 5
Todd Soil & Water Conservation District II Supervisor
Todd Soil & Water Conservation District IV Supervisor

Witness my hand and official seal this 22nd day of April, 2016.

Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

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Public Notice Advertising Protects Your Right To Know

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD MEETING

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2016.

Mark Strom, Secretary
Leader Community Hall Board

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CANDIDATE FILING NOTICE CASS COUNTY, MN NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE VOTED FOR AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION

The following federal, state, judicial and county offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The filing period for these offices begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 17, 2016, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2016. Note: Filing offices will be closed May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

The place of filing for federal offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155-1299. The place of filing for state offices (including judicial offices) is the Office of the Secretary of State or the office of the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides. The place of filing for Cass County offices is the Office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer, Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Avenue W, P.O. Box 3000, Walker, MN 56484-3000.

Candidates may file in person or by mail during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

Candidates for the following offices must file at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State:

FEDERAL OFFICES– Ten Presidential Electors*, and One United States Representative for District 8. (*On or before August 23, 2016 for non-major party elector candidates, or August 29, 2016 for major party elector candidates, presidential electors are nominated as governed by Minnesota Statutes 204B.09, Subd. 1 (c) and 208.03.)

Candidates for the following offices must file either at the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State or the office of the county auditor of the county in which they reside:

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES - One State Senator for each of Districts 5 and 9, One State Representative for each of Districts 5A, 5B and 9A.

JUDICIAL OFFICES - One Supreme Court Associate Justice seat 6 (Hudson); nine seats Court of Appeals - seat 5 (Bjorkman), seat 8 (Reilly), seat 11 (Larkin), seat 13 (6th Congressional District) (Peterson), seat 14 (8th Congressional District) (Stauber), seat 16 (Reyes), seat 17 (Johnson), seat 18 (Schellhas), seat 19 (Connolly); six seats Ninth District Court Judge--seat 2 (Maus), seat 8 (Schieferdecker), seat 16 (Benshoof), seat 17 (Rasmussen), seat 20 (Dixon), and seat 23 (DeMay).

Candidates for the following offices must file at the Office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer.

COUNTY OFFICES - One County Commissioner four year term for each of the following districts: Districts 2, 3 and 5; one Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor 4 year term for each of nominating Districts 2, 3 and 4.

\s\ Sharon K. Anderson,
Cass County
Auditor-Treasurer

This notice is published pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 204B.33.
Prepared April 25, 2016

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:05 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Staples City Hall to consider the application of Gerald Freese for a Conditional Use Permit on Parcel No. 38-0001602 located west of 435 2nd Street NE. Mr. Freese proposes to contruct a 30 foot by 56 foot (1,680 square feet) storage building on the vacant lot west of the alley.

A Conditional Use Permit is required for a storage building greater than 200 square feet in gross area on residential zoned property.

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

Dated: April 25, 2016.
Phil Lindaman, Clerk
City of Staples 18pnc

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, May 9, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., at the Wadena County Courthouse, Wadena, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant

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NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE FILED AT THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION FOR WHICH CANDIDATES FILE WITH THE WADENA COUNTY AUDITOR/ TREASURER

To the residents of Wadena County:

Notice is hereby given as provided in Minnesota Statute 204B.33 that a General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for the purpose of electing candidates for the offices listed below. The filing period for these offices is 8:00 a.m., May 17, 2016, to 5:00 p.m., May 31, 2016. The last day to withdraw is June 2, 2016 5:00 p.m. The place of filing is the Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, 415 Jefferson St S, Wadena, MN 56482.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

The place of filing for state offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

LEGISLATIVE OFFICES
United States Representative District 8
State Senator District 2 & 9
State Representative District 2B & 9A
JUDICIAL OFFICES
Supreme Court Associate Justice (One Seat) Seat 6
Court of Appeals (Nine Seats) Seats 5, 8, 11, 13 (6th Congressional District), 14 (8th Congressional District), 16,17,18,19

Appellate offices are elected statewide. Where designated, candidates must reside in the Congressional district listed for at least one year.

DISTRICT COURTS
Seventh Judicial District: (Five Seats)(Seats 3, 18, 22, 25, 28)
COUNTY OFFICES
County Commissioner for District: 2 & 4
SOIL AND WATER SUPERVISOR
Soil and Water Supervisor for District 4 & 5
The filing fee for the above-mentioned offices:
State Senator and Representative - $100.00
Judicial Offices - $300.00
County Offices & County Wide Offices - $50.00
Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor - $20.00

Information regarding these filings is available from the Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 218-631-7792.

Judy Taves
Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Mark D. Etzler and Sheila Etzler, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Wells Fargo Financial Minnesota, Inc.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: None.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $120,850.09

DATE OF MORTGAGE: April 28, 2008

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on May 12, 2008 as Document Number 457037 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $164,642.29

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section 1, Township 133N, Range 33W; thence North along the West line of said NE 1/4 a distance of 551 Feet; thence East at a Right angle a distance of 33 Feet to the East right of way line of 8th Street extended, as the place of beginning; thence East a distance of 300 Feet; thence at a Right angle North to the South right of way line of the Todd-Wadena County Road, a distance of approximately 518 Feet; thence West along the South right of way line of said Todd-Wadena County Road to the point where the East line of 8th Street extended, intersects the South right of way line of said County Road a distance of 300 feet; thence South along the East line of said 8th Street extended to the point of beginning, a distance of approximately 518 Feet, excluding any streets or highways.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 1200 8TH ST NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Wells Fargo Financial Minnesota, Inc.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 22-0000200

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

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

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

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on November 21, 2016.

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

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: Mark D. Etzler and Sheila Etzler

Dated: March 28, 2016

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL MINNESOTA, INC.
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.
By: /s/
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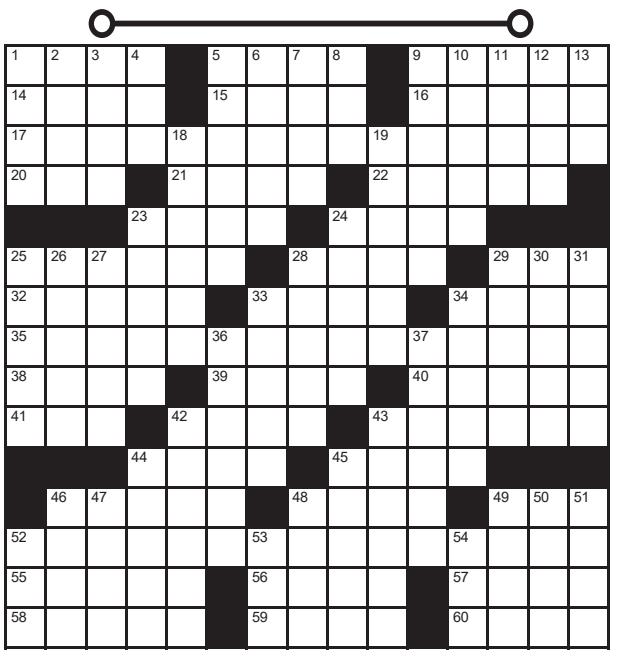
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Week 18



"Pairs"

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1 ___ Flynn Boyle
5 Appliance wire
9 Fan part
14 Come from ___
15 Field of study
16 One with no friends
17 Components in a store building
20 Boy in the family
21 Mom's sister
22 YA reader
23 Duff
24 "Say ___"
25 Unmask
28 It's in a jamb
29 Laudatory lines
32 "You beat me"
33 Zippo
34 Guest editorial
35 Spending very little money
38 Command to Fido
39 "___ & Allies"
40 Parson's home
41 Sushi fish
42 Lines of verse
43 Indian dresses
44 Nerve
45 Total losers
46 The media
48 Concluding bit
49 Shad ___
52 Beautifully clear
55 Just the same
56 "Gotcha"
57 Against
58 Mulligans
59 Blemish
60 Google's thermostat

Down
1 Places for experiments
2 Big bushy do
3 April forecast
4 Long bomb's trajectory
5 "No tie needed"
6 Praying figure
7 Monthly expense
8 Mom's beau
9 Hair dryer
10 "Two Women" Oscar winner
11 Bet
12 Dorm overseer
13 Flub up
18 Martial arts
19 Ore.'s highest peak
23 Like flies
24 Dictionary stuff
25 Wash cycle
26 Bluebloods
27 Not shy
28 Jeans material
29 Sound off
30 Thick
31 Noses (out)
33 3-D graph lines
34 Actor Sharif et al.
36 Chinese philosopher
37 Self-identification in some Apple computer ads
42 Shoves
43 All of a ___
44 Geico lizard
45 Dumb mistake
46 Brazilian soccer legend
47 DEA movement
48 Madrid home
49 Mr. Descartes
50 Breakfast cereal choice
51 Give off
52 Golf course figure
53 "Have a seat"
54 Tried for the Presidency

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Last Week's Answers
"What's Next?"

ENERGY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 1, 2016. ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME MINNESOTANS STILL AVAILABLE.

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay home heating costs and furnace repairs for income qualified households. EAP is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Grants are available for renters or homeowners, with household income at or below 50% of the state median income, and is based on household size, income, fuel type and energy usage. Services may include payment of energy bills, help with utility disconnections or necessary fuel deliveries, education on efficient and safe use of home heating energy, and repair or replacement of homeowners' malfunctioning heating systems.

The average energy assistance grant in Todd County is $611 per household. Households with an income less than 50% of the state median income ($46,056 for a family of four) may quality; those who qualify are served on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last. People have until July 1, 2016 when the program year ends, to apply for EAP

EAP pays the utility company directly on behalf of eligible households. Qualifying families must apply for assistance at the local service provider in their area.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT TODD COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AT 320-732-4516 OR TOLL FREE AT 888-838-4066.

If you signed up for the Cold Weather Rule through your energy provider, this protection ended on April 15, 2016.

Other forms of assistance may be available through county social service programs, community-based organizations and nonprofit agencies. See the Minnesota Department of Commerce webpage at mn.gov/commerce for resources and energy saving tips.



Molly gives some love

A black lab named Molly spends most every day at the Motley Staples Middle School, offering a friendly wag of her tail or a lick or two. She is a fully trained service dog owned by Ruth Tokarczyk, a special ed. teacher at MSMS. "I got her at Can Do Canines out of the Twin Cities," Tokarczyk said, adding that Molly has offered assistance at the Motley school for the past seven years. "She is used in crisis situations," Tokarczyk said. "Molly helps calm students down when necessary, gets their minds off of their problems." Prior to their working in Motley, Tokarczyk and Molly were at Staples Elementary, where their time was spent with severely handicapped students. Pictured above with Molly, from left, are seventh graders Jackson Waterman, Tyler Osborne, Jordan Lundquist, Rocky Fratzke, Dylan Cameron. Standing, far right, is Tokarczyk. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: When there's a vehicle mishap, it is reported to the public that alcohol did or did not play a part. What about a cell phone? Also, there is never any mention that drugs did or did not play a part in the mishap. With the known wide-spread availability/ use of drugs, shouldn't this also be a determination in a vehicle mishap?

Answer: Good question. All possible factors that contribute to a crash are investigated, but not all pieces of the investigation are initially public. Per public and private data laws, law enforcement is required to provide public data to the public and media as requested.

Some of the public data information that law enforcement is required to report if requested includes:

- Action time, date and place of the incident
- Brief factual reconstruction of events
- Victims and casualties, unless protected by law
- Witnesses, unless protected by law
- Resistance encountered
- Pursuit
- Weapons used by agency or other individual
- Charges, arrest or search warrant
- Identities of all law enforcement agencies involved
- Identities of individual officers taking action, unless protected by law
- Date, time and legal basis for release from custody
- Case number
- Healthcare facilites victims taken to
- Seat belts worn
- Blood alcohol concentration, if known at the time of the request.

Driving under the influence and distracted driving are major contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes in Minnesota. Driving under the influence is not only an alcohol-related crime, it also includes illegal and abused prescription drugs or taken in combination with alcohol.

If controlled substance impairment is suspected, a blood or urine test will be taken by search warrant by the officer. That sample is sent to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for analysis that will show if drugs/alcohol were in the driver's system and the amount at the time of the incident. The analysis can take up to six weeks. As a result we cannot report drug impairment, apart from suspicion, until the results are returned from the lab.

Alleged distracted driving crashes take time, especially when processing data to see how a cell phone may have played a part in the crash. A serious and fatal crash investigation will take and number of weeks to months to complete. All possible contributing factors will be examined to determine why the crash occurred.

Don't drive while under the influence and try to avoid or limit all distractions while driving.

Sgt. Jesse Grabow – MN State Patrol at 1000 Hwy. 10 W, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports

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

April 26 - The MCSO received a complaint from a resident on Pine View Blvd. in Motley regarding her neighbor's dogs. The caller stated that she was walking on her property when two dogs came running out aggressively and she thought they were going to attack her. She then heard a female talk to the dogs and they turned around. Because the dogs never left their property, law enforcement said there was nothing they could do. However, they did speak with the party involved and advised them of the strict policy regarding dogs that the MCSO follows closely, should the dogs get off their own property and bite someone.

April 26 - The MCSO received a call from a woman in Motley regarding a phone scam during which she lost $1,797. The caller stated that she had received several calls from a male party claiming to be from the IRS. The phone number was 347-560-5191 and two names associated with this number were Dexter Cruise and Chris Martin. One of the males told her that they were issuing a criminal arrest warrant for her and would be seizing all of her accounts if she did not pay her debt. She was scared and used her last college loan money to purchase a card with $1,797 on it. Later, a friend told her she had been scammed. She has contacted the IRS and plans to contact the Attorney General's Office as well.

April 25 - The Ten Hi Bar in Motley called the MCSO to report a female subject from Motley who was in the bar but was not supposed to be.

April 25 - The MCSO received a call from a landlord of a property on Front Street in Cushing. The landlord stated that he had given the current renter 30 days to move out and that the 30 days were up on April 30. He went over to the residence to see about fixing some broken windows before the new tenants moved in. No one answered the door when he knocked. Thinking she might have already moved out, the landlord went to open the door at which point the current tenant came out of the other room, yelling at him and waving a meat cleaver. The landlord backed out of the house and shut the door. He later called the MCSO to ask that they contact the tenant and let her know about the deadline. Law enforcement spoke with the tenant, who informed them that she had run to the door with the meat cleaver because she thought someone was breaking into the house and she was scared. She said that the landlord never identified himself until after he was out of the house. She said she would be out by April 30.

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Quadcopter students

Central Lakes College's Quadcopter Team participated in NASA's MN Space Grant Consortium's Community College Quadcopter Challenge April 15. Pictured, team preparing their vehicle for the challenge events. Top left, counter clockwise: Collin McTague, Albert Lea; Dylan McCallson, Parkers Praire; Elizabeth Johnson, Verndale; Alexander Carr, Lake Elmo; Anna Stevens, Brownerville. (Submitted photo)

Elaborate challenges in quadcopter competition

Central Lakes College's Quadcopter Team participated in NASA's MN Space Grant Consortium's Community College Quadcopter Challenge on April 15.

Eight student teams from five community colleges participated, with each team building an ELEV-8 quadcopter from a kit and creatively outfitting it to address a list of challenge goals. The goals included: adding rotor protection, using 3D printing to create a flexible camera mount, devising a mechanism for collecting granular and fluid samples and building an Arduino-logged sensor suite for environmental characterization.

All the teams work together collaboratively, with no place rankings.

"The quadcopter challenge is quite elaborate," said Nathan Peterson, CLC Robotics instructor.

During the season, each team creates three progress reports, four videos, holds weekly team meetings, gives bi-weekly status updates to a professor at the University of Minnesota and participates at the challenge event by giving an oral dissertation, preflight testing and demonstrations and multiple flight challenges such as four types of sample collection, close-up imaging, area mapping and maneuverability exercises.

"The team did quite well until they experienced a catastrophic failure and crash, that crippled their vehicle, which they were unable to overcome during the event," Peterson said. "We all had high expectations and were all devastated by the crash. I am proud of the team for their composure in dealing with their extreme situation."

The schools that participated were: CLC, Century College, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, Itasca Community College and MN West Community and Technical College.

Mental Health Task Force pleased with governor's order

By Rin Porter, Wadena County reporter

At the monthly meeting of the Wadena County Mental Health Task Force held April 29, attendees expressed gratitude to Governor Mark Dayton for his Executive Order 16-02, establishing the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health.

Governor Dayton created a group that will advise him and the Minnesota Legislature on mental health system improvements needed in Minnesota.

The Governor's Task Force, made up of 19 people will be appointed by Dayton and will consist of the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS), four people who have experienced mental health issues or their family members, two mental health advocates, two representatives of community mental health services, two representatives of hospital systems, two representatives of law enforcement, a county representative and a judicial branch representative. In addition to these members, there will be ex officio (non-voting) members including the Commissioner of the Department of Health, the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, the State Director to Prevent and End Homelessness, and the Ombudsperson for Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities.

The Task Force will report to him, to the legislature and to the public by Nov. 15, 2016. That six month time frame is short, but makes clear the Governor's intention to do something about the mental health treatment crisis in Minnesota.

The local Mental Health Task Force wants to make sure that there are voices from rural Minnesota on the task force. Those attending the April 29 meeting agreed to contact anyone they knew who had influence in St Paul to urge the Governor to appoint representatives from rural Minnesota, not just the Metro area counties.

The group also discussed the future of the local Mental Health Task Force. Now that the legislative session is nearly over, the group's priority is to try to get full funding for the Community Behavioral Health Hospitals and additional funding for Anoka-Metro Regional Treatment Center have ended. It is unknown whether language to provide this funding would be included in any of the funding bills that the Legislature would pass.

Discussion was held whether meeting with the Initiative Foundation, NJPA, Region 5, the Blandin Foundation or other potential funders would be productive and the group discussed the Crow Wing County pilot project called Commitment Pilot Task Force, and whether the Wadena County group should consider adopting any of the aspects of the Crow Wing pilot project.

The group is concerned about the shrinking attendance at its meetings and how to move forward with the completion of Promotion and Prevention goals, now that the Advocacy subcommittee.

Several suggestions were made by group members:

- Generate a list of services needed by Wadena County during the next five years.
- Generate a set of focus areas with members designated to handle issues in those areas.
- Create a Rapid Response Team, not involving hospital emergency rooms.
- Design a protocol for early intervention with people who exhibit deteriorating mental health symptoms.
- Discuss the Northern Pines' ACT Team concept.
- Meet with Wadena County Public Health officials to discuss possible grant funding.
- Suggest screening the movie "Paper Tigers" which deals with adverse childhood experiences and how they influence adult behavior.
- Consider the idea of funding a Mental Health Coordinator who makes sure that actions to improve county mental health treatment continue.
- Suggest a meeting with officials from the major stakeholders in the county -- Northern Pines, County Social Services, County Public Health, Tri-County Hospital -- to find out how these groups' strategic plans address community mental health services.

At the end of the meeting, members were reminded that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and to attend as many of the events as possible:

May 5: Mental Health Awareness Day, Bertha, Bertha Community Center, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

May 5-6: Mayo Clinic Symposium on Depression and Bipolar Disorder. Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis.

May 8: Faith Communities and People with Mental Illnesses and their Families, St Paul Reformation Lutheran Church, St Paul, 9 – 10 a.m.

May 14: St Cloud Area Mental Health Walk, 11 a.m., Lake George, St Cloud

The public TV series "Make it OK" will broadcast episodes Sunday, May 11, at 1 p.m. on tpt MN, 11 a.m. on tpt LIFEl; at 7 p.m. on tpt MN; on May 18 at 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. on tpt MN and 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on tpt LIFE. Other programs will air on May 27 at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on tpt 2. For more information see: http://tptmn.org/2014/05/02/focusing-on-mental-health-mental-health-awareness/

Question on driving with fog lights

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: I would like to know if it is legal to have your fog lights on with your headlights at night when it's not foggy. I've noticed a lot of vehicles with all four lights on while driving at night. These extra two lights do make it much more difficult to see when they are coming at you at night.

Answer: Yes it is legal if the lights are within the proper height and aimed within the legal range. I recommend that fog lights are only used in low visibility settings, as some of them can be hard on the other driver's eyes.

Below is the Minnesota State Statute (M.S.S.) that covers fog lights.

M.S.S. 169.56 AUXILIARY LIGHTS. Subd. 2. Fog light. Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed two fog lamps mounted on the front at a height not less than 12 inches nor more than 30 inches above the level surface upon which the vehicle stands. High-beams simply light up the fog and can make it difficult to see. Fog lights light up the road below the fog. The fog light reflectors are designed to spread the beam wider for a shorter distance.

Make sure all of your markers, directional, parking lights and low/high-beam lights are working. Remember to turn on your headlights in the rain. Use the fog lights only when you have very low visibility and don't forget to turn them off when the fog has lifted. Even though it may be legal, it can make visibility to the other drivers difficult.

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Tuesday, May 3
Jazzercise/Today Is, AM
Who am I Trivia, AM
Exploring with Mary, 1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 4
Jazzercise/Today Is, AM
Butterfly Craft, AM
Name that Tune, PM

Tuesday, May 10
Jazzercise/Today Is, AM
Sunshine/Glasses Photo, AM
Leave for Ten Hi, 1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 11
Jazzercise/Today Is?, AM
Caterpillars Craft, AM
Ants on a Log, PM
Bingo with Leader Lions, 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 12
A First Time for Everything Story, AM
Sign Cards for Military, PM

Saturday, April 16
Through the Eyes of a Child, AM
Move & Snack, PM

Wednesday, May 18
Jazzercise/Today Is?, AM
Make Bread, AM
Exploring with Mary, 1:00 PM

Thursday, May 19
Easy Trivia, AM
Art Time, PM
Word Games, PM

Tuesday, May 24
Morning Spelling Bee & Name That, AM
Sing Along, PM

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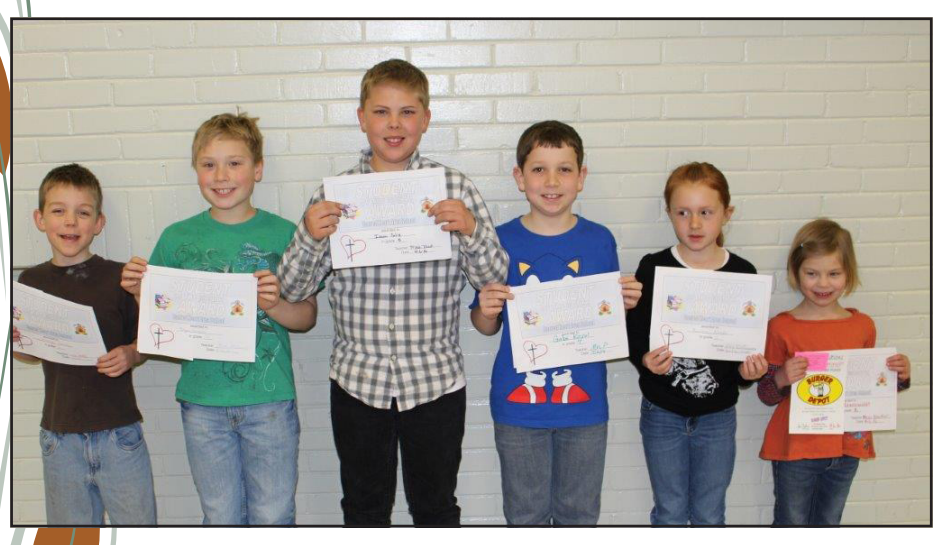
Students of the Month for April and the subjects they were selected in were:
Eighth grade: Alana Sullivan, Technology; Shayliegh Sumey, Math; Thomas Koval, Art; Ryan Wick, English; Emmitt Winkels, Social.
Seventh grade: Sara Pfeifer, Math; Jessica Schimpp, English; Adam Oberlander, Science; Emma Holmberg, Phy. Ed./Health; Hannah DeWald, Orchestra.
Sixth grade: Kayla Ruikka, Technology; Francesca Hanson, Phy. Ed.; Andria Dolezel, Science; Dalton Wells, Math; Brooke Beto, Enlgish; Kiyrrae Olson, Social.

Staples World photo.



Motley Elementary School

April Students of the Month
Left to right: Kylee Chenoweth, Mariah Sullivan, Caidon Pfaff, Tryston Buscho, Maddy Beto, Andrew Bartle, Gavin Chenoweth, Owen Frisk.



Sacred HeartArea School

April Students of the Month
Left to right: Jameson Harvey, Bryan Burrows, Isaac Calix, Gabe Koval, Ronnie Noska, Leah Greenwaldt.



Staples Elementary School

Bucket Fillers for the month of April
Front row, left to right: Emmalee Dobson, Chloe Trantina, Alyce Scheler.
Back: Madison Goeden, Cy Johnson, Caleb Jasmer, Carter Costner-Holmes, Payton Allen

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Once lost, forest is likely gone forever

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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It's not quite "apples to apples" to compare a storm-devastated forest to one that is cut down and converted from trees to crops. But the road back from either kind of forest destruction is an equally long road, measured not in years, but in multiple decades. If it ever comes back at all. This thought occurred to me as I read about the Minnesota Legislature balking at approving the use of already-dedicated conservation funds for a Minnesota Deer Hunters Association (MDHA) proposal to acquire forest land from the Potlatch Corporation, and save it from conversion to potato production.

MDHA has recommended that sales tax funds already earmarked for conservation purposes be used to acquire more than 2,700 forested acres owned by the Potlatch Corporation in Hubbard, Cass and Wadena counties, acres identified as especially important to deer, ruffed grouse and many other wildlife species. The dedicated funds come from the fractional increase in the state sales tax that Minnesota voters approved as a constitutional amendment in 2008, which has come to be known as the "Lands and Legacy" amendment.

A committee made up of citizens and lawmakers each year recommends projects to receive these dedicated sales tax dollars, projects that can be proposed by such stakeholder groups as MDHA, Pheasants Forever, the Nature Conservancy or Ducks Unlimited, to name just a few. The recommendations on how to spend these already-collected dedicated funds must become part of legislation that is passed by the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate. It's the Minnesota House version that has reduced the Deer Hunters Association recommendation by nearly 75 percent, an amount that would be inadequate to protect these forested acres. If purchased these acres would be open to hunting and many other public uses. The Senate bill would fund the MDHA-recommended forest acquisition fully and it's hoped that when the House and Senate get together to hammer out a common, uniform version – as they must –that it will contain the Senate's full funding.

The forest devastation I'm envisioning was prompted by a late winter drive through the Gull Lake area in Cass and Crow Wing counties, an area hit with ferocious straight-line winds in a once-in-a-century storm event last July. A road that winds its way in gentle curves down the length of the Pine Beach Peninsula at the south end of Gull Lake bisected a landscape that looked almost like a logging clear-cut; it was that thoroughly denuded and laid bare in some places. Salvageable logs were stacked in piles here and there, while smoke smolder still rose from charred slash being burned in the clean-up effort.

The four of us were thinking almost uniformly the same thought: most owners of the cabins and summer homes that lined the Peninsula's shores would not in their lifetimes see trees that even approached the size of what they had lost. Perhaps their children, or their children's children, would know towering Norway and white pines of such breathtaking stature; but they would not.

The MDHA proposal for purchasing the Potlatch land put it very plainly when it noted that "The past decade has seen a significant loss of forest habitat … due to the conversion of pine forest to row crop agriculture and other development." It went on to say that "The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources estimates that 42 square miles of pine forest have been cleared or are at risk of being cleared and converted to cropland." One of those most interested in purchasing these lands for clearing and cropping is a North Dakota potato products producer.

Beyond the loss of forest habitat and the wildlife diversity and recreational opportunity that go with it, the crops envisioned for these lands require deep well irrigation. This has already been a cause for concern in maintaining adequate water flows in rivers and streams, as well as accessible water for residential wells and municipal water utilities. Deep well irrigation draws millions of gallons of water from the same underwater aquifers these other uses and resources depend on.

As if to add insult to injury, the House bill that guts the Deer Hunters Association forest acquisition proposal would also require that Lands and Legacy conservation purchases receive the approval of the county or counties within which they lie. The rationale is that land purchased for conservation purposes often ends up being managed by public agencies, rather than being on the general property tax rolls. Payments are made from state funds to counties "in lieu of" taxes, but they do not always equal the taxes paid by a private owner.

That argument is understandable, given the dependency of many county services on tax revenues. But there is equally compelling logic for allowing a landowner to sell as he or she desires – unless public harm will be the result – whether the result of that sale is another private owner, or a new wildlife management area. Giving county boards of commissioners veto power over constitutional amendment-driven conservation purposes seems dictatorial, and an infringement on property rights.

And, once converted to cropland, it is highly unlikely that our forest lands will ever return to their former state. It just doesn't happen.



Planting for the future

Volunteers young and old helped plant trees at Northern Pacific Park and other locations in Staples on April 29 in celebration of Arbor Day. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

DNR and Minnesota Fishing Museum propose partnership

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and officials with the nonprofit Minnesota Fishing Museum, Hall of Fame and Education Center are exploring the possibility of bringing the museum to the shores of Mille Lacs Lake near a proposed new DNR fisheries facility.

The DNR is proposing to build a new $3.5 million fisheries facility at Mille Lacs Lake that would include a fisheries management station, fish hatchery and storage. The DNR would be able to more efficiently meet its Mille Lacs management goals and outreach needs with the new facility.

Currently the Minnesota Fishing Museum is located in Little Falls and the Hall of Fame is in Baxter. The museum contains the state's largest collection of Minnesota fishing artifacts and memorabilia. The hall of fame is dedicated to some of the state's most innovative anglers. Museum and hall of fame officials are interested in combining the entities under one roof at a site on Mille Lacs Lake and expanding into a modern new 42,000 square-foot building. A proposed new education center would instruct and inform new generations of anglers.

"There are some hurdles to overcome, but this is a natural fit for the DNR, the museum and Hall of Fame," said DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr. "The two facilities could be a place for anglers to learn about Mille Lacs Lake, the state's honored fishing heritage, famed anglers and ultimately become an important tourism draw for the Mille Lacs area."

"A partnership with the DNR not only helps us accomplish our mission of recognizing and preserving Minnesota's rich fishing heritage, but it would provide the platform to inspire future generations of anglers to enjoy and protect our aquatic natural resources," said Jeff Doty, president of the Minnesota Fishing Museum, Hall of Fame and Education Center.

The state owns several parcels around Mille Lacs Lake and the DNR is investigating which might be best suited for a DNR and museum/hall of fame joint campus. The DNR would likely enter into an agreement to lease state land to the museum and hall of fame. The museum and hall of fame would be responsible for raising money for its own building.

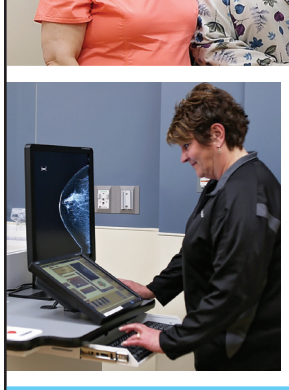
The DNR is currently seeking $3.5 million as part of Gov. Mark Dayton's bonding request to build the fisheries management facility on Mille Lacs. None of the state bonding money would be used for the museum/hall of fame facility.

The museum includes fishing history exhibits, world class taxidermy, artistic painted murals and thousands of artifacts, including boats and motors. Initial studies indicate the Minnesota Fishing Museum, Hall of Fame and Education Center could draw up to 80,000 visitors a year. Its long-term goal is to inspire and educate visitors about all lakes, rivers and watersheds statewide.

The 2016 supplemental budget proposed by Gov. Mark Dayton and Lt. Gov. Tina Smith also includes a $300,000 grant for the Mille Lacs Area Tourism Association to market and promote Mille Lacs and to attract new and diversified tourism opportunities to the area.

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Roofing ladder, shingles
Lots of roofing tools
Scaffolding planks, alum.
Bow float with handles
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Alum. contractor's ladder, about 30'
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Trantina, Kossan, Uhlman combine hits for SB victory



13 gets high ten for 12th run

Lisa Kossan, left, hops up from sliding into home for the winning run to congratulate Quinn Uhlman on hitting her home. The Cardinals won 12-11. (Staples W

Down one run with one out in the final inning against Pillager on April 29, Jenna Trantina hit a bloop single, then scored when Lisa Kossan crushed a triple all the way to the fence. Quinn Uhlman hit a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring Kossan and giving the Staples Motley softball team a 12-11 come from behind win.

The Cardinals started the game with control problems and errors, as pitcher Carly Smith walked several runners in the first inning. But she settled down and the Cardinal bats brought them back over the next few innings, until the final inning heroics.

Smith was the winning pitcher, Uhlman had four hits, including a double, and Trantina had two hits.

Earlier in the week, the Cardinals beat Crosby-Ironton twice in a doubleheader on April 26, 17-7 and 22-5. Smith was the winning pitcher for both games.

In the first game, Trantina had two hits, including a double, and Kossan had two hits, one of them a triple.

In game two, Uhlman had four hits, scored four runs and had 7 RBI. Trantina had two hits and scored four runs while Smith had two hits.



Third base play

Quinn Uhlman throws a ground ball to first base for the out. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Baseball bats come alive for doubleheader

The Staples Motley baseball team won a doubleheader at Crosby Ironton on April 26, 12-5 and 7-3. On April 29, the Cardinals lost two against Osakis, 13-2 and 10-0.

In the first game against C-I, the Cardinals took an early two run lead and were never threatened. Reid Busker pitched a complete seven inning game. "Our bats finally came alive and we were able to ply solid defense," said Coach Mitch Anderson.

Brady Smith had three

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Nimble throw

Shortstop Blake Gerard avoids the slide to turn a double play. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Middle distance speed

Frank Karbowiak runs the baton in the 4x800 meter relay. He was a member of both winning relay teams on April 28. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Boys win home track meet

The Staples Motley boys track team had six victories, including two relay wins, to win their home meet on April 28. The girls team finished third.

The boys opened the meet by winning the 4x800 meter relay with Ryan Trout, Tyler Johnson, Frank Karbowiak and Isaia Ross-Bahn carrying the baton to victory in 8:53. They closed the meet by winning the 4x400 relay, with Johnson, Ross-Bahn and Karbowiak teaming up with Max Giza to win in 3:41.

The girls team had four wins, Millie Klefsaas in the 100 hurdles and pole vault, Kira Sweeney in the 3,200, plus the 4x100 relay team.

Team results

Girls results

Wadena-Deer Creek 125, Pillager 119, Ottertail Central 111, Staples Motley 85, United North Central 59, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 41, St. Cloud Christian 11

4x800 relay - 3. SM 11:08

100 hurdles - 1. Millie Klefsaas 15.73

100 - 5. Amber Robben 14.25, 20. Kassidy White 16.35

1,600 - 2. Kiera Dumpprope 6:00, 6. Chelsea Nanik 6:24, 16. Krystal Yoder 7:23

4x100 - 1. SM 54.33

400 - 9. Kelsie Weite 1:10, 20. White 1:23

300 hurdles - 2. Klefsaas 51.47, 8. Larken Hirschey 57.56, 12. Addison Hirschey 59.91

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Track efforts

Above, Amber Robben hangs in the air while competing in the long jump. Below, Kiera Dumpprope in the 4x800 meter relay and Jake Miller starts the 100 meter dash. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





'Clean water rule' is long overdue

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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One of the seemingly permanent conflicts in our country's governance is the battle between those who regulate our actions, and we who are regulated. "We" sometimes means individuals, but just as often regulations are aimed at the enterprises that keep our economic engine humming along. A less flattering term for such regulations is "red tape." In every political election you will hear politicians rail against "unnecessary, job-killing regulations." It's as dependable a political claim as it is sometimes an exaggeration. But it usually strikes a chord with voters, because none of us wants to see life more complicated than it needs to be.

Unlike the laws that are passed by Congress, regulations are the product of government agencies, which are commonly headed by political appointees, and often reflect the philosophy of the person at the top, namely the country's president. The Department of the Interior issues regulations governing migratory bird hunting, the Securities and Exchange Commission issues regulations on investing in stocks and bonds, the Food and Drug Administration issues rules on food and drug safety, and so on.

Lawmakers in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives often find themselves at odds with regulating agencies, in what can best be called "turf wars." They tend to resent rules being made under powers other than their own, particularly by people appointed by the president, or by civil servants who do not answer directly to voters. A senator or congressman may represent a state or district whose voters or business interests could be hostile to a certain regulation, and when that happens you're likely to see serious efforts to undermine it.

So jealous is Congress of the power of government agencies to issue regulations that in 1996 a law called the Regulatory Review Act was passed, which gives Congress a 60-day period to issue an official "disapproval" of a federal agency's regulations. Of course, if the president does not accept that disapproval, it dies, unless both House and Senate can muster two-thirds majorities to kill the regulation. Only once in the two decades since 1996 has this happened.

An example of such congressional hostility to regulations was an unsuccessful attempt by the U.S. Senate in late April to undermine the ability of the Environmental Protection Agency (whose purpose is well defined in its title) to enforce what has come to be known as EPA's "clean water rule." It's a regulation that is intended to broaden the definition of waters that can be protected by EPA from various kinds of pollution, from harming their value to wildlife, and such things.

Some in Congress feel that EPA's powers to regulate waters should be limited to "navigable" waters, waters that can "float a boat," so to speak. EPA's regulation, which has also been challenged in court as well as by the Senate, would extend its reach to govern waters that ultimately lead to, or are connected to, those navigable waters. For the most part this means tributaries, the smaller waters that lead into those "float your boat" kinds of streams and rivers.

The reasoning is that what you put into a tiny tributary will sooner or later end up in that larger waterway, one in which you and your kids fish or swim, or from which a municipality might draw its water supply. The reach of the Clean Water Rule also extends to wetlands that are identified as having a an important impact in absorbing water to reduce flooding potential, and filtering water that percolates down to become part of an aquifer that keeps streams flowing and well water purified.

I recently spent several days on the North Shore of Lake Superior, fishing streams that flow down through bedrock channels cut over many millennia, to eventually mingle with the "shining big-sea water," as Longfellow described Superior in his poem The Song of Hiawatha. I was fishing for large migratory fish called steelhead. They're considered a variety of rainbow trout, but may have more in common with ocean-going salmon. Steelhead were introduced into Lake Superior in the late 19th century from the Pacific Northwest. There, they spend most of their lives in the Pacific Ocean, but when mature travel up rivers to spawn and reproduce their kind. Minnesota steelhead have found a salt-free but similar situation in Lake Superior, spending their growing years in the big lake, then migrating up many of the North Shore streams in spring to spawn.

I fished on more than one stream where one would be hard-pressed to float a canoe, or even a kayak. Yet on such streams I saw six pound, seven pound, even larger fish beating their way up through thin shallows, their backs above water, instinctively seeking a pool or riffle upstream deep enough to deposit their eggs. This was as clear a demonstration as I needed to convince me that it's more than just navigable waterways that deserve protection. Tributaries large and small, and wetlands that store and filter water that runs off the land, may in some ways be the most important waters in need of protection.

The most influential opponents of the Clean Water Rule are agricultural and development interests, and a federal judge in the heavily agricultural state of North Dakota has put a temporary hold on the regulations in his 13-state jurisdiction. That ruling is being appealed by the EPA. It's hard to imagine anyone believing that waters at their ultimate destination deserve protection, but waters at their source do not.

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Barb and Dave Cline 18p

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Hitting off the tee

Above left, Beck Erholtz powers the ball off the number three tee box at The Vintage in Staples. Above right, Jack Benson hits his tee shot on the first hole. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Walleye fishing opener is here at last

By: Ray Gildow

Yes, I know we can fish walleyes all around us long before the official Minnesota walleye fishing opener. Anglers have already been fishing in North Dakota, South Dakota and border rivers along our state but there is just nothing like the Minnesota walleye fishing opener to really kick off the fishing season.

The excitement of getting family and friends together for the opener really makes this time of the year special. It's wonderful catching fish, but really that's secondary to the fun and anticipation of being back in the boat with the old gang and making new memories.

I've been opening the walleye season on Leech Lake for over 30 years and some of those years have been great, some not so good and some just awful. The year we had five inches of snow and 35 miles per hour northwest winds goes down as probably the most miserable fishing opener that I have experienced. Then there were the four years where Leech Lake fishing just collapsed and hardly anyone caught fish. During one of those years my son-in-law and I were fishing near Sugar Point Resort on the north end of Leech in Portage Bay and we counted four boats on the entire east side of the lake. We never caught a walleye but the weather was perfect and we still had a great day on the water. The good news today is that Leech Lake is once again producing nice walleye and the boats are back.

Another memorable opener was about three years ago when Leech Lake was still mostly ice covered. My fishing party decided to go south and fish open water. My grandson, my son-in-law and I went fishing with our good friend Steve Pennaz, a TV host of a fishing show on the Outdoor Channel. We fished on a little lake west of Minneapolis near Orono. The wind was gusting over 35 miles per hour. We had to fish behind hills so we could maneuver the boat. We caught one walleye and even though the bass season was still closed, we caught and released some really nice bass. It was a very non-traditional walleye opener but still a great fishing adventure with wonderful memories.

I now look back at my old photo albums of fishing openers and realize how much our fishing industry has changed. The little two and three horse motors are mostly gone as are the 16-foot cedar strip boats. Our clothes were different, our hair styles were different, our rods and reels were different and many of the little resorts we fished from are gone. Even our lakes have changed with the addition of invasive species. But through all these changes much has stayed the same. The fish still look like and act like they did a thousand years ago and it is still a great thrill to catch them.

Minnesota is blessed with the best collection of lakes and rivers in America. We are so fortunate to live here and be so close to so many great outdoor resources.

Arguably the most exciting time of the year for fishing is here. Get those poles ready and go make some memories.

Golfers win two meets

The Staples Motley boys won two meets in two days, sweeping an invitational at Blueberry Pines in Menahga on April 29 and coming back to win the Cardinal Invitational at The Vintage in Staples on April 30.

Andrew Israelson tied for first at Menahga with a 78, then shot under par at home with 71 to win outright.

Beck Erholtz was hot in both rounds, shooting 80 at Menahga and finishing in third place with a round of 77 at The Vintage. Tyler Helling and Finn Erholtz were the other varsity scorers in each round.

Klefsaas, Koenig get top ten finishes

Olivia Klefsaas was fifth at the Bemidji golf invitational on April 29 and teammate Hailey Koenig placed ninth at the Park Rapids Invitational on May 2.

At Bemidji, Klefsaas shot 84 while Koenig shot 91 to finish 11th. At Park Rapids, Koenig shot 86 and Klefsaas was at 88 to finish 11th. Alix Peterson shot 102 at Bemidji and 113 at Park Rapids.

Team results

Menahga Invitational

Staples Motley 336, UNC 352, Walker-H/A 360, Park Rapids 365, Frazee 425, Nevis 427, Deer River 433, Red Lake 604, Cass Lake inc.

Andrew Israelson 78, Beck Erholtz 80, Finn Erholtz 87, Tyler Helling 91, Jacob Bendson 92, Jack Benson 95

Cardinal Invitational

Staples Motley 314, Crosby-Ironton 330, Providence Academy 332, Albany 346, Pequot Lakes 358, Pie River-Backs 368, Princeton 385, Perham 394, North Branch 406

1. Israelson 71, 3. B. Erholtz 77, 9. Helling 82, 12. F. Erholtz 84, 31. Bendson 96, 33. Benson 97



Short game

Andrew Israelson watches a chip shot go towards the hole in his round at The Vintage on April 30. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Sure hands

Trey Skeesick scoops up a ground ball at first base. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Boys win relays, hurdles, 3,200

800 - 15. Julia Trantina 3:41, 16. Yoder 3:43

200 - 4. Robben 30.02, 9. A. Hirschey 31.64, 24. White 36.9

3,200 - 1. Kira Sweeney 12:36

4x400 - 2. SM 4:43

High jump - 9. Alex Davis 4'1", 12. Weite 4'1"

Pole vault - 1. Klefsaas 10'0", 10. White 5'0"

Shot put - 14. Toni Brings 23'4", 16. Hannah Dolezal 21'11", 18. Chelsea Hofmann 20'7", 19. Trantina 19'3"

Discus - 5. Brings 90'7", 14. Dolezal 62'0", 16. Hofmann 60'0", 20. Trantina 44'1"

Long jump - 3. Robben 14'9", 11. L. Hirschey 13'3"

Boys results

Staples Motley 130, Wadena-Deer Creek 111, Ottertail Central 88, Pillager 65, St. Cloud Christian 57, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 53, United North Central 33

4x800 relay - 1. SM 8:53

110 hurdles - 1. Max Giza 16.61

100 - 4. Jake Miller 12.37, 10. Zac Carlson 12.79

1,600 - 4. Ryan Trout 5:02, 8. Emmet Anderson 5:12, 15. Bentley Christensen 5:38

4x100 - 2. SM 47.83

400 - 3. Frank Karbowiak 56.65, 5. Matthew Fisher 57.67

300 hurdles - 1. Giza 42.50, 6. Noah Han 51.06, 9. Scout Strickland 52.92

800 - 2. Isaiah Ross-Bahn 2:08, 6. Ben Bartczak 2:19, 16. Christensen 2:49

200 - 17. Han 28.51

3,200 - 1. Anderson 10:59, 3. Bartczak 11:14, 10. Kalin O'Dell 13:59

4x400 - 1. SM 3:41

High jump - 3. Ross-Bahn 5'4"

Pole vault - 1. Giza 11'0", 2. Trout 10'0", 8. S. Strickland 7'0"

Shot put - 9. Zach Strickland 35'3", 13. Hunter Berggren 31'2", 14. Bartczak 30'8", 19. S. Strickland 28'9", 21. Nathaniell Rodriques 25'3"

Discus - 11. Z. Strickland 84'5", 16. S. Strickland 76'10", 18. Rodrigues 73'0"

Long jump - 3. Berggren 17'8", 5. Mason Rychner 16'10", 7. Miller 16'3", 13. Carlson 14'3"

Triple jump - 4. Berggren 35'11", 5. Han 35'6", 6. Fisher 34'2", 13. O'Dell 28'9"



Stride to win

Kira Sweeney sets the pace in the 3,200 meter run. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Skeesick gets win on the mound

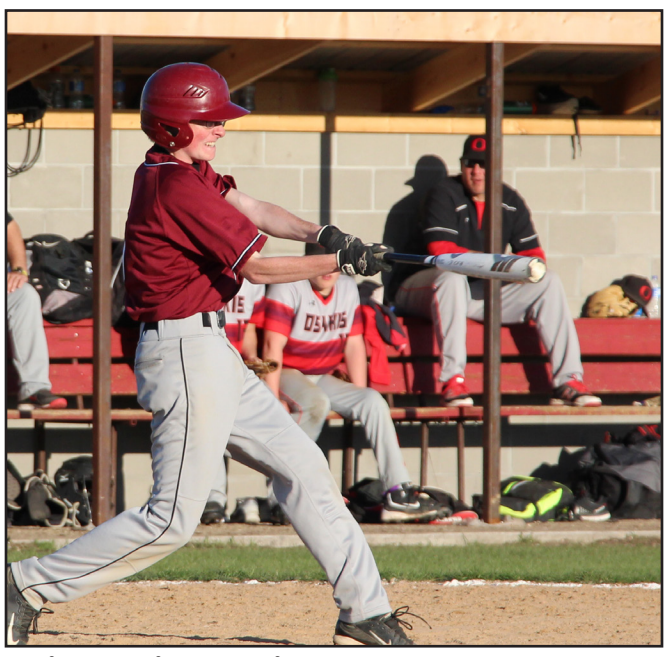
hits, two RBI, scored four runs and had three stolen bases. Gavin Smith had three hits and two runs. Blake Gerard had two hits and scored twice.

In game two, Staples Motley jumped out to a 5-1 lead and held on to win 7-4 as Trey Skeesick pitched a complete game for the win. Skeesick also had two hits and scored twice.

Against Osakis, the Cardinals fell behind early and struggled to come back. "We had a tough time putting the ball in open spaces," said Anderson.

In game one, Skeesick had one hit, one run and one RBI. Brady Smith pitched six innings.

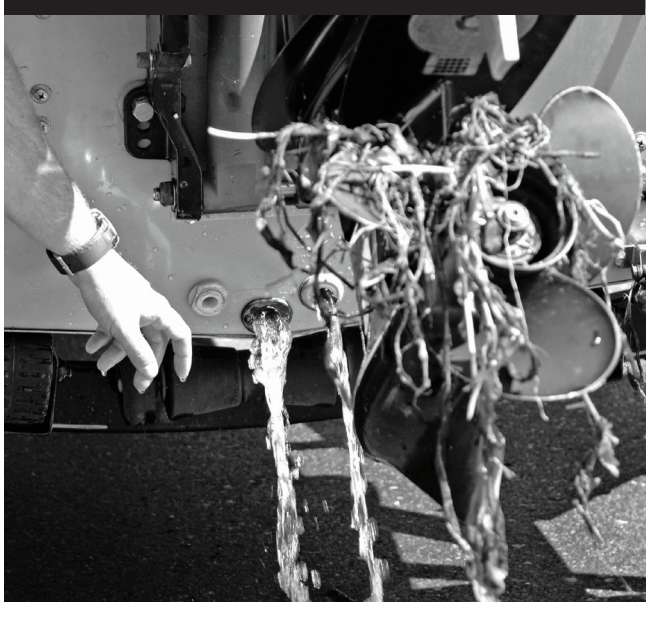
In game two, Blake Gerard pitched while Skeesick and Tristan Rudenick got the only Cardinal hits.



Hitter's swing

Brady Holub sends a ball to the outfield. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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