

Music, history, government all on D.C. tour

Students from Staples-Motley High School in A Cappella Choir, Symphonic Band and Chamber Orchestra returned home March 17, from their six-day trip to Washington, D.C. and Chicago. Students spent months fundraising and saving their extra cash to pay for their trip. Music directors Jon Crust, Caleb Horn, John and Cindy Koopmann along with chaperones Julie Benson, Herb Bloomquist, Tonia Dolezal, Bruce Drone, Nicole Lane, Jennifer Strickland and Barb Trantina were also part of the trip.

The following is a brief journal of the tour:

Day 1 - The group left Staples traveling in two motor coaches on March 11, with their first stop at the University of Wisconsin in Eau Claire on Saturday morning. Each ensemble performed for music directors from the college, who provided comments, suggestions and directed the groups in helping them enhance their performance techniques. The college directors were Nobu Yashuda; orchestra, John Stewart; band and Elizabeth Joosten; choir.

We also attended a U of W band concert that day. It was a busy afternoon. Time to repack the bus and settle



Hooray... for the U.S.A.'s capitol

Staples-Motley music students give a shout out in front of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., where the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives hold their deliberations. (Submitted photo)

in for the 15-hour plus bus ride to D.C. The overnight trip went by quickly as students watched movies, played “Who Wants to be a

Millionaire” - D.C. edition and slept.

Day 2 - D.C. arrival. Students had some free time to explore the Smithson-

ian Museums, the National Museum of American History, which houses the garrison flag that was raised over Fort McHenry on

Sept. 14, 1814, and became the inspiration for our National Anthem.

Some students toured the National Museum of

Natural History with its iconic African elephant

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Benson named Family Physician of the Year

The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) has selected Julie Mayers Benson, MD, FAAFP, of Staples, as the

2017 Family Physician of the Year.

The award has been presented annually, since 1981, to a family physician who represents the highest ideals of the specialty of family medicine, including caring, comprehensive medical service, community involvement and service as a role model.

Dr. Benson practices at Lakewood Health System in Staples and is recognized statewide as an expert in Palliative Care, an emerging specialty that focuses on improving life and providing comfort

to people of all ages with serious, chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

“It’s a very humbling honor, I am quite overwhelmed,” said Benson. “I think there are many, many family physicians that are deserving of this.”

Benson said she doesn’t do her work to gain honors like this, but she recognizes the value in the award. “It meant there were people writing nice things about me. To be nominated by my peers and for them to seek out testimonials, it’s neat that they did that.

Among the testimonials:



Dr. Julie Benson

“Julie is the most compassionate physician I’ve ever known,” com-

mented colleague Christine Albrecht, MD. “She’s started our palliative care/hospice program and made it one of the best in the country for a rural hospital system.”

Patients describe Dr. Benson’s care as top notch, heartfelt and “above and beyond.”

“She’s always so genuine with her patients,” wrote colleague Molly Mertens. “I see her interact with her hospice patients on one side of the floor and then celebrate new life with labor and delivery on the other side. She’s truly pas-

sionate about her patients – from the very beginning of life to the very end.”

Dr. Benson and her husband Steve have two children, Katie and Jack. They enjoy raising chickens on their Staples farm as well as spending time together outdoors.

Thirty-one family physicians from across the state were nominated for the Family Physician of the Year award by patients, community members and colleagues. The MAFP Board of Directors chose

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Hello, Readers,

On March 23 in 1839, the initials “O.K.” are first published in *The Boston Morning Post*. Meant as an abbreviation for “oll korrek,” a popular slang misspelling of “all correct” at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans.

During the late 1830s, it was a favorite practice among younger, educated circles to misspell words intentionally, then abbreviate them and use them as slang when talking to one another. Just as teenagers today have their own slang based on distortions of common words, such as “kewl” for “cool” or “DZ” for “these,” the “in crowd” of the 1830s had a whole host of slang terms they abbreviated. Popular abbreviations included “KY” for “No use” (“know yuse”), “KG” for “No go” (“Know go”), and “OW” for all right (“oll wright”).

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Boom still looms, big challenge is finding employees

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A year ago, job projections indicated that several Staples businesses would be expanding their operations and would be in need of employees to fill positions. The help wanted section of the Staples World newspaper has been filled steadily over the past year as some of the companies have started their hiring process.

Lakewood Health System and National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) have been adding jobs over the past year and predict that they’ll continue to add more. Stern Rubber has

delayed their expansion project but still have plans that could add 200 to 500 jobs to their Staples plant over the next three to five years. The new Timberlake Hotel is nearly built and will need employees to staff both the hotel and restaurant. In addition, they’ve tried to hire local contractors for construction and upkeep, which supports employment throughout the area.

Those companies were contacted to see if their job projections have changed over the past year.

NJPA has hired 18 new employees since July 1 and plan to hire another nine

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Crow Wing River ice jam

Ice jams were visible along the Crow Wing River north of Staples March 15. The ice had gone out earlier in the month, only to re-freeze a short time later when temperatures plummeted. By March 20, the first day of spring, the temperature in the Staples area reached nearly 50 degrees, giving hope that ice jams won’t be back for at least another year. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

High school to get full time counselor

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Staples-Motley High School will have a full time counselor next year. The position was approved on a split vote at the Staples-Motley school board meeting Mar. 20. The board agreed on the need for the position, but did not agree on how to fund it.

The board also approved adding a Title I teacher for grades K-7 and adopted the technology budget which includes purchase of Chromebooks for students in grades 8-12.

The high school coun-

selor position had been discussed at the Mar. 6 board work session. At that time the proposal was to take the funding from the CTE (Career and Technical Education) levy. Some board members questioned if those dollars could be used to fund a position rather than a program.

Mike Schmidt, high school principal, gave a presentation Mar. 20 reiterating that under the current staffing he feared students and parents were not being fully informed of

all the opportunities available to them in technical careers.

At present Penny Olsen is the high school social worker. However, she also fills in as a counselor or career advisor for students.

Superintendent Mary Klamm said at the work session she believed students were missing possible career opportunities and added that there is a greater need for Olsen to spend more of her time as a social worker.

Schmidt noted in his

presentation that the wording of the CTE levy passed in 2013 was to “increase our career and vocational offerings at the middle school and high school levels.”

It further read that “Students will have more opportunities and courses such as: STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), woods, welding, construction trades, manufacturing and machining.”

Schmidt said the district has done that and so much more, includ-

ing CAD (computer aided design), PLTW (Project Lead The Way), graphic arts, nursing, coding, CIS (College In School), computers, Culinary Academy, veterinary science, ag science, broadcasting, media, CIS accounting and career explorations for 8th grade.

The addition of these programs has led to the increased need for support for work study and internship opportunities; coordination with partners in delivering the classes, such as Bridges Academies and Central Lakes College; and

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'In the third month of '17...'

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, three tooting trains.' Pictured above at Northern Pacific Depot in Staples are members of the Staples Historical Society (along with some friends), recipients of the third gift from the giant lumberjack. Front row, from left, Iris Floistad, Sally Gorton, Lisa Kajer. Back row: Tom Kajer, Pastor Gene Floistad, Tom Crawford. To see a video performance of their song,

visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com; or our Facebook page. The Staples World will be highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, 'The Twelve Months of '17,' sung to the tune of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.' Stay tuned to find out what Paul Bunyan delivers each month. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

CLC nursing program ranked in top 20

According to Registered-Nursing.org, Central Lakes College was ranked No. 19 in the nation. Nursing programs were assessed on several factors, which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond.

"With over 175 years of combined nursing experi-

ence, our team is able to provide students in our region a high-quality, affordable option to complete their education and begin working as an RN in just two years," said Tara Karels, Director of Nursing and Allied Health at CLC. "Our health care partners allow us to provide patient care

experiences in long-term care, clinics and hospital settings. We have a 95 percent job placement rate and many of our graduates go on for their four-year degree in nursing through academic partnerships we have with several colleges and universities."

Edible bean projects to continue at CLC

Central Lakes College's Ag and Energy Center will lead a study that will explore increasing efficiency in edible bean production.

The Ag and Energy Center was recently awarded a \$36,000 Specialty Crop Block Grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to complete the study.

"Edible beans are an

expensive crop to experiment with due to high input costs," said Hannah Barrett, research coordinator of CLC's Ag and Energy Center. "The importance of this trial is to determine the best practices in growing edible beans so farmers can avoid risking their own profits margins. Ultimately, we want this study to help increase profit margins for area producers."

Barrett authored the grant request with CLC farm manager Ron Nelson. The project will start this summer and will span two years.

The edible bean grant is a two-fold experiment that determines the effect of varying in-furrow applications as well as varying top dress applications of fertilizers, and its subsequent effect on yield.

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Two elementary teachers won't be replaced; Title I teacher added

making sure students have the proper credentials and tests to enter post-secondary programs.

Schmidt also pointed out that more graduates were attending 1-2 year programs or certifications than 2-4 year programs and more current students were taking CTE classes than CIS classes.

All of the board members agreed on the need for a high school counselor, but some were uncomfortable with funding it 100 percent with CTE levy dollars.

Schmidt agreed that this person would likely not spend 100 percent of the time only with CTE students, but would also aid students considering four-year colleges.

Bryan Winkels and Bruce Lund both said they agreed on the need to hire a counselor, but both struggled with the dollars coming entirely from the CTE levy.

Greg Frisk, who made the motion to fund the job, asked what percentage of the time would be CTE only?

Board chair Mary Freeman suggested using CTE funds for 75 percent of the position and finding another source for the rest.

"I think we're smart enough to figure that out," Frisk said. "With what we have and what we need, we need to move forward."

Dave Hoemberg and Chad Longbella thought CTE funds belong in classrooms and teachers. Longbella also noted the \$300,000 deficit spending that the district is projecting.

Klamm cautioned against limiting how they think about CTE.

"It's not just shop and machining. It's much broader now than it used to be," she said.

The ratio can be determined that not the entire amount come from CTE, said Winkels. "I need that in there."

"I'd like to know exactly where the money is coming from before I vote," Hoemberg said.

The motion to approve the full time high school counselor position with 75 percent of the funds coming from the CTE levy passed 4-2. Freeman, Frisk, Lund and Winkels were in favor; Hoemberg and Longbella were opposed.

The board unanimously approved another staffing motion to add a Title I teaching position. This also had been discussed at the Mar. 6 work session.

With the projected numbers in the elementary school the administration decided to put grades 2, 3 and 4 into three sections each rather than four sections each.

To give assistance to those teachers they would add one Title I teacher who would cover grades K-7. The elementary school also has help in reading and math from reading corps.

This would reduce the elementary staff by two teachers. However, Klamm said no teachers were being cut. The staff was already being reduced by two due to attrition and those two would not be replaced.

The board approved the technology budget to include the purchase of Chromebooks.

At the board's Feb. 27 meeting Klamm presented a preliminary start-up cost estimate for the program of approximately \$193,000. This would purchase equipment and the infrastructure needed to support it.

Under this plan all students in grades 8-12 would have devices they would be

able to take home. Almost all students in grades 6 and 7 would have their own devices to use in school, but not take home. The other grades would share carts of devices as they were needed in the curriculum.

To pay for the program Klamm suggested a combination of sources including the technology budget and the career and technical education budget. She proposed, however, that the largest share come from the Freshwater Education District building budget.

That building has been for sale and, since there hasn't been much interest thus far, Klamm said the board needs to discuss what will become of it. She anticipates that, whatever they decide, it won't take the full amount set aside for it now.

Hoemberg asked about the status of the building. Klamm replied that they were waiting to hear from a buyer.

"It's scary to be spending money, but we have to invest to retain our students," Winkels said.

"The device doesn't change anything. What changes is the teaching and the access to information" Freeman said. "We'll be sending students out with the best possible education. That's our job."

In other business the board:

- Heard a presentation from a Connections High School student on the differences between a traditional high school and a project-based program such as CHS. She also shared a video that took her 30 hours to make as one of her projects and explained the standards she met while completing it.

- Heard a presentation by Grace VanAlst on the music department's tour of Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

- Accepted the resignation of Jenny Cushing, Adventures coordinator.

- Accepted retirement requests from Pam Seipkes, speech language pathologist; Mavis Johnson and Marsha Jordahl, paraprofessionals, and Dave Odden, custodial.

- Approve contracts for Cortiney Kerfield, speech language pathologist; and Mary White, custodial.

- Approve permission to post for summer school teachers and paraprofessionals.

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Ceremony will be April 20

Dr. Benson as the winner after reviewing nomination letters and credentials. The award will be formally presented to Dr. Benson at the MAFP "MVP Celebration" on Thursday, April 20, at The Depot Minneapolis.

The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) is a professional association of approximately 3,100 family physicians, family medicine residents and medical students established to assist family physicians in providing quality medical care in Minnesota. The MAFP is the largest medical specialty organization in Minnesota and is a state chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians, one of the largest national medical organizations in the United States.



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Restringing wire

Linemen were at work along Warner Rd. in Staples March 16, restringing wire on telephone poles. Pictured above is Josh Byman, a lineman with Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative. Pictured below, Andrew Dirkes with Legacy Power Lines of Wadena, throws another length of wire to Byman. The project, which encompasses a three-mile stretch, began this past January and includes changing and upgrading wire, as well as fixing or replacing poles. Six bucket trucks were at work that day. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Many employers seek specific skills

by the end of June. Future staffing forecasts project a 20 percent growth of staff next year and the year after.

Lakewood grew by eight employees from 2015 to 2016, but that rate could increase starting in the fall, when they plan to hire support staff for several new providers who'll be starting in the fall. That could mean multiple positions for each provider that is added. Lakewood listed 816 employees in 2016, which didn't include approximately 75 contracted physicians and employees.

At Stern Rubber, they've completed the facility in Aitkin which will allow them to start the expansion in Staples. However, those expansion plans are on hold as they decide on the details; it is still in the early stages so they were unable to say when it would start. Stern and other manufacturing businesses in Staples are currently hiring, but the need is nowhere near the projection of what it will be when they expand.

Finding employees

Lakewood uses diverse options to find employees, including their own website, state-wide web sites, job networks, newspaper, radio, job fairs, referrals and recruiting of students. They offer sign on bonuses for various skilled positions.

NJPA also uses various online resources, local advertising and facebook



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Council gives lodging tax first reading

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved the first reading of an ordinance establishing a local lodging tax. The ordinance goes into effect after the second reading, which will be at their March 28 meeting.

The tax will be three percent, the highest amount allowed under Minnesota Statute 469.190, which also states that 95 percent of the proceeds must "fund a local convention or tourism bureau for the purpose of marketing and promoting the city as a tourist or convention center."

The council did not discuss what entity the proceeds should go to.

In other news, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city will plan to tar 6th St. NE, north of Chicago Ave., with the project assessed to property owners along the street.

The council also discussed the requirement that individual property owners are responsible for the upkeep of their sidewalks.

Grant will enhance data analytics programs

Lakewood Health System, Staples recently received a grant from the Minnesota Dept. of Health for Health Information Exchange and Data Analytics. The grant will assist Lakewood in advancing and expanding their current data warehouses, Lightbeam and Epic HealthyPlanet.

Lakewood will be focusing utilization of the \$199,966 grant on hiring an additional staff member, dedicated to the work being done with these data warehouses, purchasing analytics tools to assist with this work, HealthyPlanet registries; and Lightbeam fees.

"This grant will allow us to further enhance our population health initiatives," said Jim Roeder, Lakewood Director of IT Services. "We will be able to engage with our patients much more than we have before and we'll be able to focus more on the triple aim of: improving the patient experience, better health of community populations; and reducing costs for patients. Along with this, we'll be able to further enhance our teams by increasing their knowledge and putting tools in place to help them achieve our goals."



Jackets for Staples Motley FFA

First International Bank & Trust, Staples, sponsored jackets for the Staples Motley FFA chapter officer's team. FFA members recognize the jackets as "an icon of an American tradition; "instilling pride and responsibility in those who wear it." Front, from left, Alison Robben, First International employee, FFA members, Molly Lindgren and Jenna Trantina and Ashley Seely, First International employee. Middle, from left, Taylor Yungbauer, Mikayla Sauber, Rachel Paskewitz, Katie Benson and Kylie Fix. Back, from left, Steve Gertken, Zachary Strickland, Scout Strickland and Dominic Nistler. (Submitted photo)

Bump in the night is smokey boiler unit

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. include the following:

March 6; 3:07 a.m., Staples Police responded to the 500 block of 5th St. NE for a report of a suspicious noise in the basement of a residence. Upon investigation, police observed smoke in the basement originating from an electric boiler unit and alerted the Staples Fire Dept. Upon arrival they shut the system down, assisted in removing the smoke from the basement and advised the owner on further actions to take in the morning.

March 8; Staples Police assisted Hawley Police Dept. with a possible child pornography case.

March 8; Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 6th St. NE for two juvenile runaways. Police later located the juveniles on the 1100 block of 2nd Ave. NE. The juveniles were arrested on apprehension and detention warrants. One of the juveniles was also charged with giving a false name to a peace officer and theft.

March 8; Staples Police took a report of an assault that occurred on the 200 block of 6th St. NE. A juvenile was cited in the incident.

March 11; Staples Police conducted a traffic stop and arrested Tanner Olson, 20, of Pillager, for 5th degree controlled substance.

March 17; at 2:37 a.m., Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 6th St. NE for a report of an assault. The report was forwarded to the Todd County Attorney's Office for determination for prosecution.

March 19; Staples Police received a complaint of suspicious activity in the 800 block of 4th Ave NE, involving someone possibly breaking into the complainants residence. The complainant said nothing

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Students learn game of life at Reality Store

“Reality” was a hit! Once again our 11th and 12th graders took part in our “Reality Store” Mar. 8 along with over 60 community and business volunteers. As before, this “walking game of life” proves to generate tremendous dialogue and thought amongst our students. The added benefit is they share their financial epiphanies with our volunteers of whom have experience in those fields.

This event is reflective of the generosity of so many. Financial grants were secured from Staples Lions and Staples Motley Area Community Foundation to assist with the costs. The generosity of time from our volunteers is incredible. We cannot thank you enough for what you provide our students. The coordinated efforts of our building and grounds staff, Steve Jennissen, Liz Koskiniemi, Penny Olsen and Julie Polak: Your behind the scenes time, energy and talent with this event is remarkable.

Staples-Motley Schools



By Mike Schmidt
Staples-Motley and Connections High Schools Principal

So why not follow up reality with a career fair? Over 2,800 area high school students from 21 school districts descended on the Central Lakes College Brainerd campus Mar. 10 for the 10th annual Bridges Career Academy & Workplace Connection Career Exploration Day. More than 250 businesses set up shop at the college that morning, showcasing careers the students could experience in a wide variety of fields.

The event was organized into six career clusters, as identified by the Minnesota Department of Education. The clusters were; engineering, manufacturing, technology; business management, administration; public safety; health sciences; agriculture, food, natural resources; arts, communication and information systems. All of these careers are currently reflected within our CIS (College In School) and CTE (Career and Technical Education) courses at Staples-Motley High School.

Ag committee working on next Farm Bill

By Collin Peterson
U.S. House of Representatives

The House Agriculture Committee recently held its first hearing of the 115th Congress. “Rural Economic Outlook: Setting the Stage for the Next Farm Bill” was the first in a series of hearings the committee plans to hold this year as it prepares to write a new farm bill.

The hearing was an opportunity to hear from agriculture economists on the state of the farm economy. While agriculture has, no doubt, had some good years the last several have been trending the wrong direction. The last farm bill’s safety net was written for the high farm prices farmers were receiving at the time. Unfortunately, this safety net is not adequate to deal with the economic conditions facing farmers right now.

We’re fortunate that last year’s tremendous yields helped to offset low prices. But I worry that if crop prices stay low and we return to an average crop, or see any changes in demand, farmers could be in for some sobering news next time they meet with their banker. Farmers of all sizes – from younger farmers just starting out to those who’ve farmed the same land for generations – could feel the impact. And the simple fact is that farmers can’t produce a crop without adequate financing.

Depressed farm prices have a ripple effect throughout the rural economy, which has until recently, been an economic bright spot and there’re going to be calls for Congress to provide some relief. Doing so through a long term solution, with

passage of a new farm bill, rather than a short term fix, is the best way to move forward. This is why I’m urging Congressional leaders to act on a new farm bill sooner rather than later.

The dairy program is one particular area that we know needs to be adjusted and I plan on taking a fresh look at the way the program is structured. The current safety net is an improvement over the previous bill but sign up has been poor and there’s real concerns about its effectiveness. Calls to fix the dairy program will only increase as prices continue to fall.

I’m also going to be taking a look at reforming the current Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) system and expanding program acres, while ensuring rental rates better reflect what’s happening in the market. Doing so will potentially help with crop prices but will also improve water quality and wildlife habitat.

The bottom line is that we need a new farm bill with a strong safety net, including a solid crop insurance program to help people weather this downturn, however long it’s going to last. I’m hopeful we’ll be able to write a bill based on what is needed in the countryside and not driven by some arbitrary budget number.

It’s not going to be easy. Every farm bill I’ve been a part of has been more difficult to pass than the previous one. There are myriad reasons for this but, given the challenges that are sure to lie ahead, I believe 2017 is our best opportunity. I’m ready to get to work.

This editorial first appeared in the Morris Sun Tribune

Killing a program that brings history to life

By Drew Gilpin Faust

Sept. 17, 1862, was the bloodiest battle day in United States history. More Americans - some 3,600 - died as Northern and Southern armies clashed at the Battle of Antietam, in western Maryland, than on any other single day before or since, even more than on Sept. 11.

One hundred and fifty years later, as the National Park Service commemorated the terrible loss at Antietam, I stood on the stage in a large tent on the battlefield before several hundred eager tourists, curious locals and enthusiastic Civil War buffs of every age and origin.

We had gathered to discuss a documentary made by Ric Burns based on a book I had written about death and the Civil War, a chronicle of the experiences of more than 700,000 Americans who died between 1861 and 1865, leaving a nation of mourners in a world profoundly altered by the scale of such human tragedy. The audience posed questions to Ric and me about history, about war, about patriotic sacrifice, about American identity, about the meanings of life and death and human mortality - and about how all those things were both different and the same across the century and a half that separated us from our Civil War ancestors.

Ric’s film, and the moving discussion it generated, were made possible by the National Endowment for

the Humanities. Reports suggest that the Trump administration’s coming budget will defund the endowment.

I would wager that few readers of this newspaper, and probably few Americans anywhere, are untouched by an N.E.H.-sponsored project or program. In 1990, for example, Ric Burns and his brother Ken produced an 11-and-a-half-hour documentary on the Civil War that was broadcast over five consecutive nights and seen by more than 40 million viewers. For much of the nation, it was an early form of binge-watching. The humanities endowment made that film possible.

Like its sibling the National Endowment for the Arts, the endowment brings the humanities into parts of the country that might otherwise never get to see a world-class museum exhibition or hear a lecture by a Pulitzer-Prize winner.

Last year, the endowment marked the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death by sponsoring a 50-state tour of his First Folio, published in 1623, the first collected edition of 36 of his plays. It was a best seller in its own time, and its 2016 travels provided the occasion for performances, workshops, lectures and student field trips in places as different as Vermillion, S.D.; Manhattan, Kan.; and Juneau, Alaska. Five years earlier, the endowment sponsored a similar tour - and 230 programs nationwide - to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

The endowment has funded projects that have made some eight million pages of rare, crumbling historic newspapers available to anyone with

a computer. It sponsors seminars that enable 2,500 high school and college teachers each summer to enrich their curriculum on topics ranging from Appalachian culture to Muslim identities to the poetry of Emily Dickinson. It has given resources for nearly four decades for National History Day, which has directly engaged more than eight million middle and high school students with records of the past.

It has supported the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database, a repository of information from nearly 36,000 slave voyages across the Atlantic. It sponsors the collection, editing and publication of the papers of important historic figures, like George Washington and Lewis and Clark. And it supports the Warrior-Scholar project, which organizes humanities “boot camps” to help prepare veterans for the transition from the military to college.

The endowment helps Americans explore and better understand how we came to be the nation, people and world we are. It challenges us to reflect on our identities as citizens and as human beings, to ask profound questions about origins, legacies and meaning, to contemplate where we are going as individuals and as a society and why. It links the past to the future and it connects all of us to the purposes that guide us. The work of the endowment nurtures our national soul. We must ensure that it continues.

Drew Gilpin Faust is the president of Harvard.

This opinion piece originally appeared in the New York Times.

Letters to the Editor

‘Made in Minnesota’ program should stay

Representative John Poston (R-Dist. 9A) voted to eliminate the Made in Minnesota program. The Made in Minnesota program rewards small scale solar electric projects that use solar panels made in Minnesota with tax breaks. It uses funds from Xcel Energy and not tax dollars.

According to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the program was largely responsible for Minnesota’s flourishing roof top solar industry. On top of that, the program

created nearly 500 well paying jobs in Minnesota.

Representative Poston says he supports alternative and renewable energy but he has voted to cut a successful alternative energy program that didn’t cost Minnesota taxpayers anything. I say Representative Poston is trying to fool his constituents by saying one thing and voting another way.

Tim King
Long Prairie, Minn.

Buffer law needed

The passage of Gov. Mark Dayton’s buffer ini-

tiative was one of the bright spots of the 2015 legislative session. It establishes green strips of perennial vegetation along rivers, streams and ditches to help filter out pollutants like phosphorus, sediment and nitrogen. Unfortunately, the 2017 Legislature is advancing bills that roll back these vital protections for water quality and wildlife habitat.

While some proposals seek to delay or repeal the buffer initiative, others propose roll backs that eliminate buffer protections that have been in place for many years prior to 2015.

At a time when Minnesota’s waters need buffer protections more than ever, we need to make it clear that this bill and all similar rollbacks are an unnecessary and unwise assault on our state’s waters.

Contact your legislators by email and Governor Mark Dayton by email or phone, 651-201-3400, and ask them to oppose any buffer rollbacks.

Sara Wolff, Advocacy Director, Minnesota Environmental Partnership

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Martin Luther film coming to Staples

'The Idea that Changed the World'

Five hundred years ago Martin Luther triggered an upheaval that rocked the Western world with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day.

The great adventure story of his life is told in a new film, "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World," to be presented Sunday, April 2, at 4 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium, 401 Centennial Lane, Staples.

The event is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples, and the public is welcome to attend. A discussion period will follow the film, which is not being shown anywhere else in the area. There is no admission fee but a free will offering will be taken to help offset costs.

On October 31, 1517, a penniless monk named Martin Luther posted his now-famous document "Disputation on the Power of Indulgences" - better known as "The 95 Theses" - denouncing the corruption of the medieval world's largest and most powerful institution. His forerunners had been burned alive for similar statements, but Luther had a new tool at his disposal - the recently invented printing press.

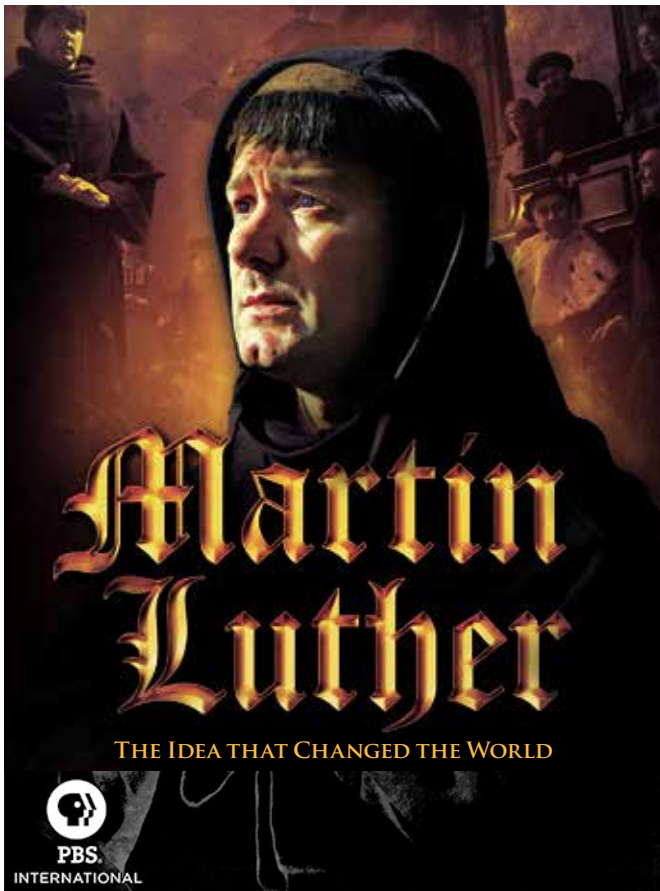
"For Luther, it was a case of right person, right place, right time," said Pastor Robin Collins of Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Martin Luther film chronicles the real life story of the events in the early 1500s. Against all odds, a lonely outcast stood up to the world's dominant superpower - the Catholic Church - and won.

It was a battle of ideas that formed Western society as we know it today, sparking the rise of individualism, universal education, religious freedom and new roles for church and state.

Narrated by Hugh Bonneville (Downton Abbey) and starring Padraic Delaney (The Tudors), this highly-visual docudrama uses full-scale dramatizations to tell a great adventure story. Packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts and life-or-death showdowns, it does not shy away from the darker side of Martin Luther's story.

At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"



This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail.

The film was produced by PBS International and will be released to public television stations later this fall.

For more information contact Collins at 218-894-2372.

Mark Your Calendar

March 27

BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MTG Mon., March 27, 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Care Center activities room. Come early to eat with the group. Guest speaker, Abby Wicklund, discussing Lymphedema. All breast cancer survivors welcome. For info., 218-894-2627.

March 28

CARE COMMUNITY MEAL Tues., March 28, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Assembly of God Church, 914 3rd Ave. NE.,

Staples. Free. For info, 218-894-1081.

March 29

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, noon - 3:30 p.m., through April 12, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For people 60 and older, low-moderate income. For info., 218-894-5772.

April 3

RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MN (REAM) MTG Mon., April 3, 9:30 a.m., Staples City Hall.

Lakewood Emergency Room entrance is temporarily relocated

Due to the ongoing expansion and remodel at Lakewood's main campus in Staples, a temporary relocation of the Emergency Room (ER) has recently been installed.

Patients needing emergency services will need to use the main entrance doors and check in at the temporary admitting desk located in the current Medical Marketplace store. Medical Marketplace has moved to its temporary location in the lower level Chapel.

These temporary relocations will be in place until early Fall, 2017, when it is estimated the expansion and remodeling in the ER will be completed. Lakewood apologizes for the inconveniences this may cause and we appreciate your understanding as we continue to serve our patients.

Educational Opportunities

April 3

PAINT WORKS CLASS taught by Amanda Olson, Mon., April 3, 6 p.m., at Staples True Value. Everything you need is supplied. Bring refreshments; wine will be provided. Offered by Staples Motley Community Education. Class limited to 15 participants. For info., to register, call 218-894-2497.

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REFRESHER COURSE offered by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues., March 28, 5 - 9 p.m., Staples Community Center. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294.

April 11

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Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider bids for Dower Lake Park campground expansion.
- Consider second reading of ordinance establishing a local lodging tax.
- Hear reports from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.



Grant awarded for Reality Store

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation awarded a \$1,540 grant to Staples-Motley High School for the Reality Store held Mar. 8 for juniors and seniors. To experience "reality" before they go out into the world, students were assigned jobs or careers and given a pay check. Over 60 community and business volunteers assisted the students in setting up bank accounts and investments; paying for taxes, car, house, insurances, groceries, clothes for themselves and fami-

lies, childcare, entertainment, travel, pets, utilities, everything they could expect after they graduate. In front are organizers of the annual event. From left are Penny Olsen, Julie Polak, Liz Koskiniemi and Steve Jennissen. In back are some of the community foundation board members. From left are Mike Schmidt, Barb Markus, Deb Yoder, Ray Gildow and Mike Gold. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

'Suite Fiesta,' Lakewood Foundation's annual fundraising event, April 7

The Lakewood Health System Foundation will hold its 24th Annual Foundation Dinner Auction on Friday, April 7, at the LHS Main Campus, 49725 Cty 83 in Staples.

This year's auction theme will be "Suite Fiesta." Proceeds from the event will go towards funding the renovation of the Suite Time Away hospice and respite suites at Lakewood Pines.

The event will include a dinner, live and silent auctions; and entertainment.

Tickets for the event are all-inclusive, which means the admission cost of either an individual or table ticket will cover all expenses for the evening, except auction items.

A social hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m., live and silent auctions at 7 p.m.; and entertainment at 8 p.m. For ticket information or to RSVP by March 31, call or email Becki at 218-894-8508 or rebeccalonquist@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

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A taste of Ireland

St. Patrick's Day festivities continued in Staples March 18, with the Mikko & Friends concert at Centennial Auditorium. The band, led by Mikko Cowdery, featured music and stories about Ireland. Pictured, from left, are Christina Seaborn, St. Cloud; Doug Tatge, Alexandria; Mikko Cowdery, Osakis; Chuck Wencl, Alexandria; Annie O'Flynn, Elbow Lake. This was the final concert in the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular season. The summer concert series, held at Northern Pacific Park, begins Sunday, July 9. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Behind the scenes

Board members of the Staples Motley Area Arts council (SMAAC) served refreshments during intermission at the Mikko & Friends concert in Staples March 18. Pictured above, from right, are Mary Sperley, SMAAC President; Judy Richer, SMAAC Treasurer; board member Kay Martin (seated); Stephanie Heier (hidden); unknown person; and board member Linda Heier. Below, SMHS student Jack Benson ran lights for the show. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Local students receive music scholarships

Lucas Jimenez and Anna Koopmann were awarded scholarships from the Associated Male Choruses of America (AMC of A) Upper Midwest District.

The district awards one \$1,200 scholarship and two \$1,000 scholarships each year. Jimenez won the top scholarship of \$1,200.

The scholarships are open to students pursuing a music degree with a preference given for choral pursuits. The applicants must be sponsored by, and have performed with a member of the district.

Jimenez and Koopmann were sponsored by the Staples Area Mens Chorus. Both are 2016 graduates of Staples-Motley High School. Past local scholarship winners include; Scott Neumann; 1982, Mark Anderson; 1996 and Bryan Blessing; 2001 and 2002.

The scholarship is funded by 'AMC of A' member donations. Donations to the

scholarship can be made at the Big Sing Concert to be held April 22, in Staples or by purchasing tickets for the quilt raffle. Tickets are available at Kevin Nelson Insurance, Staples.

Jimenez is pursuing a music education degree at St Olaf College, Northfield. He was active in the Staples Area Men's Chorus during his career at Staples-Motley High School. He is well known in the area arts audience for his musical talents as well as his theatrical abilities.

Koopmann, also attends St Olaf College pursuing a Bachelor of Music in harp performance/music education and a Bachelor of Arts in English. She has performed locally at activities on harp, French horn and cello through her high school. She was also active in choir. She will be accompanying the Massed Choir at the Big Sing Concert, April 22.

Much Appreciated

The Staples Food Shelf has one more week of the "Minnesota Food Share March Campaign."

So far individual donations are down a little at the time of this report, but there is still time to catch up.

We appreciate everyone who's donated so far. We're hoping - as others see this - that they'll continue to help our drive.

There are many people in our area that have a hard time making ends meet and we're there to help them by providing a few days' worth of meals.

We would like to thank the lady who stopped by the food shelf recently and gave us a monetary donation. We didn't get an address, but we thank you so much.

Fran Mertens and Staples Food Shelf Board of Directors

Board members: Father Joe Korf, Director Doreen Scott Steve Pogreba Phylliss Paskewitz Jeanie Huebner Tom Brichacek Arlene Johnson

March birthday celebrated

The March birthday celebration, with a St. Patrick's Day theme was held March 14, in the Senior Citizen's room at the Staples Community Center.

Jan Pogreba, was the only member celebrating a March birthday. There were no anniversaries. Jan received a decorated cake along with a birthday card. A short program with prizes was followed by the meal.

The next monthly birthday/anniversary party will be held Tuesday, April 11. Call 218-894-2556 to RSVP.

Sr site schedule

Thurs., April 6, 1:30-3 p.m. Free legal aid from St. Cloud. Call 218-894-2553 to make an appointment

Whist 12:15 p.m. Tuesdays, April 4 & 18

Bridge Every Tuesday, Noon; April 4, 11, 18 & 25

Penny Bingo;Noon Weds., April 5, 12, 19 & 26

Cards 500; Noon, April 6, Mons., April 17 & 24

Board meeting; Noon Mon., April 10 Staples Senior Citizens



Admiring the barn quilts

Jeanette Olsen of Staples enjoyed looking at the variety of barn quilts on display at the recent Mikko & Friends concert at Centennial Auditorium. The barn quilt project is sponsored by Barn Quilts of Central MN; and the art work will be part of a barn quilt trail in the Staples and Motley area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Ben and Kay-lynn Mertens of Verndale, a baby boy, Bentley Roy weighing seven pounds on March 10, 2017.

Born to Jeremy and Lora Nelson of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Natalie Rose weighing nine pounds on March 10, 2017.

Born to Justin and Kasha Dickinson of Clarissa, a baby boy, Aysen Max weighing eight pounds, four ounces on March 12, 2017.

Born to David and Tessa Redfield of Randall, a baby boy, Oliver Patrick-Wallace weighing seven pounds, one ounce on March 14, 2017.

Born to Sabrina Beach-Borders and Jake Moon of Pillager, a baby boy, Walker Virgil weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on March 14, 2017.

Born to Sara McManigle and Warren Danielson, Jr. of Henning, a baby boy, Theodore Jene weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on March 14, 2017.

Care Center

April Birthdays

Iras Chapin, April 8; Irene Kuha, April 19; Norma Anderson, April 21; Monica Neznik, April 21; Theodore Sweep, April 22; John Nelson, April 23; Doris Peterson, April 27

APRIL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Sat., April 1, 10 a.m. Bongo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. 7th Day Adventist singers

Sun., April 2, 1:30 p.m. Word game; 2 p.m. Social hour

Tues., April 4, 2:15 p.m. Curch - Staples Church of Christ; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., April 5, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by United Methodist church women

Thurs., April 6, 10 a.m. Bible Study - Pastor Brown; 2 p.m. Birthday party hosted by Church of Christ Quilters; 6:30 p.m. Games

Fri., April 7, 10 a.m. Cappaccino

Sat., April 8, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., April 9, 1:45 Bingo/Marge

Mon., April 10, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Death Notice

John (Don) Johnson of Pequot Lakes passed away March 21, 2017 at the Lakewood Health System Care Center.

Arrangements are pending at the Halverson-Johnson Funeral Home.

Obituaries

Carol Larson

Carol Jean Larson, 57, of Browerville, passed away March 15, 2017, at her home, following a courageous battle with cancer.

A Celebration of Life was held March 18, at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Carol was born April 17, 1959, in Bertha, to Donald Kozitka and Betty Scott. She married Garold "Gary" Larson on June 26, 1982 at the Congregational Church in Staples. Carol worked at RR Donnelley for many years. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, sewing and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband; four sons, Chris Larson of Long Prairie, Robert Larson, Justin (Nichole) Larson and Daniel (Erica Pilarski-Doolittle) Larson all of Staples; eight grandchildren; her mother; four sisters, Dawn (Dan) Paul of Leader, Ann (Denny) Rach of Aitkin, Patricia Kozitka and Belinda Kozitka both of Little Falls; two brothers, Butch Kozitka and Duane Kozitka, both of Zimmerman and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and one sister, Susan Paul.



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Donald Gilsdorf



Donald Gilsdorf, 90, of Verndale died March 15, 2017 at the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 23, at 10:00 a.m. at the VA Medical Center Chapel in St. Cloud with Chaplain Paul Anderson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the VA Chapel.

Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery at Camp Ripley following the services.

Arrangements are with Daniel Funeral Home in St. Cloud.

Don was born July 20, 1926, to Raymond and Hazel (Sommers) Gilsdorf near Millville. He grew up on the family farm and attended country school. He enlisted into the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1944. He served his country during World War II, as a Corporal, overseas at Adak Island in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of

operation. He was honorably discharged on October 23, 1946. He attended the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis and North Central University also in Minneapolis where he received a degree in Ministerial Studies.

Don was a loving father, enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening and tinkering with many projects.

He is survived by two sons, Ben (Deb) Gilsdorf of Phoenix, AZ and Joe (Karla) Gilsdorf of Gillette, WY; three daughters, Beth (Peter) Newland of Plymouth, Faye (Dennis) Sewill of Andover and Judy (Kevin) Gilsdorf-Gracie of Brooklyn Park; 13 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; three brothers, Dick (Mary) Gilsdorf of Elysian, Bill (Gert) Gilsdorf of Plainview and Mark (D.J.) Gilsdorf of St. Charles, IL; three sisters, Margy (Ed) Heppelman of Bellchester, Marlene (Bill) Tolzman of St. Paul and Linda (Gerald) Wolfe of Kellogg; two sisters-in-law, Iris Gilsdorf of Pensacola, FL and Carol Gilsdorf of St. Paul; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents;wife Darlene and three brothers; Lloyd, Leo and Jim.

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Sharing their passion

Mary Noska (left) and Lisa Kajer, with Barn Quilts of Central MN, set up an information booth in the lobby of Centennial Auditorium in Staples March 18, in conjunction with the Staples Motley Area Arts Council concert. A number of barn quilts have been painted recently by Staples Motley High School students and several were on display in the lobby that evening. Pictured above is a barn quilt painted by Aleesha Carlson that will be located at Staples World. More information about this organization, as well as the barn quilt trail in this area, is available online at www.barnquiltsmn.org. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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exhibit, the National Museum of Air and Space and saw the 1903 Wright Flyer, Charles Lindberg's Spirit of Saint Louis and the Apollo 11 Command Module, the National Gallery of Art, the National Museum of the American Indian and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The group had dinner at Union Station, with the evening filled with a guided tour of the Thomas Jefferson, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King Memorials. A professional tour guide gave interesting details and a lot of information along the tour, which also included a spectacular full moon, clear sky and cherry blossom trees just starting to open.

Day 3 - A delicious breakfast of waffles cooked up by chaperone Bruce Drone readied the group for a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where they watched the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a ceremony that's continued every day since 1937 without any interruption. Students also had free time to visit the famous gravesites of President Taft, JFK, RFK and Glenn Miller.

One gravesite of particular interest to Julie, Katie and Jack Benson was that of Captain Fred E. Walker of the 15th Cavalry, Katie and Jack's great-great uncle.

"It was like a treasure hunt finding him," said Julie. "We had his obituary and it was neat learning about who he was. It was much more moving than I expected."

Next, the group was on to the National Archives to view the Magna Carta, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Students also toured the National Archives and other Smithsonian Museums before a visit, concert and dinner at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Winter storm "Stella" was bearing down on the east coast so the group headed for the hotel with a quick stops for snacks and supplies. Playing cards and swimming were popular activities while we waited to see how bad the winter storm "Stella" would be.

Day 4 - The group awoke Tuesday morning to discover that the city of D.C. had shut down until noon due to an inch or two of snow it received, but we were very grateful that the bigger snow accumulations were to the north. The students had a good laugh at how much harder Minnesotans are, although they were disappointed by the cancelled visit to the Ford Theater. After a rousing game of "How Well Do You Know

Your Directors?", followed by lunch at the Ronald Reagan Building, the group headed to the Holocaust Museum. It was a somber time for deep reflection among the group.

Grace VanAlst gave a report on the tour to the school board at their March 20 meeting. She commented on the Holocaust Museum and how moving it was. She especially noted a room that she entered where shoes were piled up on either side. These were shoes of Jews who were killed in Germany during WWII.

"To see all those shoes, the smell, everything made the Holocaust very real," she said.

The afternoon continued with a tour around the World War II, Vietnam, Lincoln and Korean Memorials. It was time for dinner at the Pentagon City Mall, a little shopping and return to the hotel. That evening the entire group met to discuss their visit to the Holocaust Museum and share their thoughts and feelings about what they had seen and learned.

Day 5 - We packed and loaded all the instruments on the buses, checked out of our hotel and the group off to the Waldorf Senior Center to perform. As each group took turns warming up, students and chaperones enjoyed visiting with audience members and sharing stories with them.

After the performance, it was on to Mount Vernon hear about the life of our country's first President. The group toured the mansion, visit other buildings on the site, including the burial tombs of George and Martha Washington and spent time in the museum, gift shop and restaurant. After leaving Mount Vernon, the students headed to the White House for a quick check to see if the President was home and for a group photo.

Dinner that evening was a dinner cruise along the Potomac river aboard the "Spirit of Washington". After a delicious meal, students (and chaperones) were treated to a fantastic dance as they celebrated their last night together in D.C.

VanAlst reported that the chaperones had their own "dance off" won by Bruce Drone. Rumor has it that a video is floating around somewhere, but no one is saying exactly where.

Everyone went directly from the ship, boarded the buses and headed for an overnight trip to Chicago.

Day 6 - Upon arriving in Chicago, the buses unloaded at the Lincoln Park Zoo, where warmer temps and less wind greeted us and lead to a beautiful morning of walking around the exhibits, both inside and out.

Right next to the zoo

is the Botanical Gardens, where the Orchid Show was in full bloom, then it was lunch time in Chinatown, students also had free time for shopping. VanAlst reported that lunch in Chinatown was much better than "Americanized" Chinese food.

A request was made to visit "The Bean," so everyone boarded the buses and headed to Chicago's iconic sculpture, actually named Cloud Gate. There wasn't a cloud in the sky and the reflection of the Chicago skyline on the metallic bean shaped sculpture was perfect.

Free time was spent touring the Navy Pier and walking along the shoreline, eating and shopping. Many took a ride (or two) on the giant ferris wheel, hopped into a zumba club or listened to a jazz group performing in the mall. VanAlst said the view of the Chicago skyline and Lake Michigan from the ferris wheel as the sun was setting was remarkable.

Finally, it was time for the last activity of tour, a trip to the Comedy SPortz Theater for an evening of crazy fast interactive improv-comedy madness. VanAlst did mention something about the Strickland brothers and their cell phones during the comedy sketches, but left the details quite vague.

Everyone left exhausted, boarded the buses and woke up eight hours later in Staples.

A statement from Cindy Koopmann, one of the teachers/chaperones, was included in the report to the school board where it was read by Mary Freeman, board chair.

"I just want to add that this group of students were exceptional, helpful, patient, kind hearted, good natured, fun loving, high energy, low maintenance, generous, grateful and absolutely fabulous to travel with," Koopmann wrote.



The music portion of the tour

The music tour included collaborating with professionals at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, where Staples-Motley students learned from college music professors. Top, Staples-Motley band director John Crust leading them in a song. Middle, instructor Nobu Yashuda (front) with orchestra members, from left, Scout Strickland, Cindy Koopmann, Zach Strickland, John Koopmann, Nick Crist, Nathaniel Rodrigues and Macy Judd. Bottom photo, choir students work with Elizabeth Joosten.



Family at Arlington

Jack and Katie Benson visited the gravesite of their great-great uncle, Fred E. Walker, at Arlington National Cemetery. Walker, who was born in Iowa in 1883, lived in Minnesota and was a member of the Fifteenth Cavalry as an expert horseman, performing for President Theodore Roosevelt. He was also a police officer and narcotics agent.



The White House... back drop to a group photo

Staples-Motley music students take a group photo in front of the White House during their tour, March 11, through March 17 of Washington, D.C. The group spent four days in D.C. with stops in Wisconsin on the way out and at Chicago on the return trip.

Tour chaperones just 'wanna' have fun

At Chicago's Millennium Park, chaperones had a photo op with students in front of "the bean" sculpture. From left, Tonia Dolezal, Nicole Lane, Jen Strickland, Julie Benson, Herb Bloomquist, Barb Trantina and Bruce Drone. Drone also was named the winner of the chaperone's dance contest.



Avoid Event Conflicts

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Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com

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**NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION**

215 1st Ave. S, Ste. 103
Long Prairie, MN 56347
320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1) **Troy Larson:** Sec 10 Twp 130 Rng 32 SW4 of Section 10 of Little Elk Township
PIN: 16-0009100
Site Address: 31356 315th Ave, Browerville, MN 56438
Request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a trucking business with up to six semi tractors in or near the maintenance shop.

2) **Jeff Kobliska Ideal Construction:** Sec-14 Twp-133 Rng-33PIN: 22-0013700
Site Address: 26929 490th St. Expansion of an existing CUP for an additional area to crush and stockpile materials used for asphalt production.

3) **Central Specialties, Inc:** Part of NE4 Sec-06 Twp-128 Rng-32
PIN: 06-0008200
Site Address: 20295 Fitz Rd. Request to operate a temporary hot mix asphalt plant for Todd County highway work.

4) **Central Specialties, Inc:** Part of NE4 NW4 Sec -34 Twp-128 Rng-34
PIN: 17-0036800
Site Address: 20507 County 96. Request to operate a temporary hot mix asphalt plant for Todd County highway work.

5) **Tri-City Paving:** Part of N2 NW4 Sec-05 Twp-128 Rng-32
PIN: 06-0007100
Site Address: 20849 Fitz Rd. Request to operate a temporary hot mix asphalt plant for Todd County highway work.

6) **Bryan Danielson Advanced Recovery Solutions:** Lot-4 Blk-1 Ager Addition Sec-29 Twp-129 Rng-33
PIN: 18-0050900
Site Address: 22321 US 71
Request to create retail auto sales on this site. Maximum of 20 units.

7) **Willard Borntrreger:** Part of SW4 Sec-16 Twp-130 Rng-34
PIN: 13-0016200
Site Address: 18674 300th St. Request to start a sawmill operation on this site.

8) **John and Barbara Reese:** Part of NE4 NW4 Sec-05 Twp-133 Rng-32
PIN: 25-0003101
Site Address: 29401 Todd Line Rd. Request to have a second home on one parcel for daughter and family.

9) Consideration for limiting number of agenda items

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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**NOTICE
POPLAR TOWNSHIP
MEETING SCHEDULE**

Poplar Township will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall the first Tuesday of each month from May, 2017 through February, 2018 (except July 11 at 6:00 p.m. and November 14 at 6:00 p.m.)

The April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4 at 1:00 p.m.

Road Review will be Saturday, April 15 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Leader Hall.

All meetings are open to the public.

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

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

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Meadowbrook Township will be held Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and to determine if corrections need to be made. Generally an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

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**NOTICE
BYRON TOWNSHIP
ROAD TOUR**

Byron Township will hold their annual road inspection tour on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. Meet at the Leader Community Hall parking lot, 7430 State 64 SW, Motley, MN if you plan to follow along.

Beverly J. Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township,

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**NOTICE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL FOR
FOOD AND CATERING
SERVICES -
STAPLES CAMPUS**

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Food and Catering Services at the Staples Campus. A copy of the Request For Proposals may be obtained by contacting Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-5103.

Proposals must be submitted no later than April 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM. CST. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Food and Catering Services-Staples Campus". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Christina Anderson
1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

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

Central Lakes College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator. These materials are available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities upon request. If you use a TTY, call the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and request to contact Central Lakes College.

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**NOTICE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL FOR
FOOD AND CATERING
SERVICES -
BRAINERD CAMPUS**

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Food and Catering Services at the Brainerd Campus. A copy of the Request For Proposals may be obtained by contacting Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-5103.

Proposals must be submitted no later than April 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. CST. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Food and Catering Services - Brainerd Campus". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Christina Anderson
501 W College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council gave an ordinance its first reading establishing a local lodging tax of three percent (3%) on the rent charged for providing taxable lodging and lodging-related services after June 1, 2017. The ordinance provides for the collection, reporting and payment of the tax to the City by lodging operators. Ninety-five percent (95%) of the taxes collected shall be used to fund a Tourism Promotion Committee to market and promote the City as a tourist center. A complete text of the proposed ordinance is available at City Hall for public inspection.

The second and final reading will be considered at the March 28, 2017 Staples City Council meeting.

Dated: March 15, 2017

Phil Lindaman,
City Clerk

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**NOTICE
POPLAR TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Poplar Township Board of Review will be held at the Leader Hall Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

If you have any concerns about value or tax of your property, attend this meeting.

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township

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**NOTICE
BULLARD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF REVIEW -
EQUALIZATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review - Equalization of the Township of Bullard of Wadena County, Minnesota, will meet at the Bullard Township Hall in Section 27 of Bullard Township at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 07, 2017. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

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

Janelle VanAlst, Clerk
Bullard Township

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
DITCH 18**

Notice is given by means of this legal newspaper that a Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held in the Commissioner's Board Room on the third level of the Historic Courthouse located at 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN 56347. This Public Hearing is regarding:

1) a Repair Petition that has been submitted to maintain County Ditch 18 located in Iona Township,

2) Outlet Petitions that have been submitted by several landowners asking to use CD18 as an outlet for their water.

All interested landowners are welcome and encouraged to attend this Public Hearing. County Commissioners Becker, Erickson, Kircher, Kneisl, and Neumann; County Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, and Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter will be present. If any additional information is needed before this meeting, contact Nancy Uhlenkamp County Ditch Inspector, located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN, 56347, phone 320-533-4651, email: nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the **Board of Appeal and Equalization** for the **Township of Byron**, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Leader

**Todd County
Commissioners
Minutes**

**MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 21st day of February, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2017 as presented.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale, and Sunday Liquor License for the DT Lisson Inc dba Double Eagle Golf & Grille at the address of 31886 County 3, Eagle Bend, MN in Burleene Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Country Club Inc dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

**GAMBLING PERMIT
FOR SAUK CENTRE
MAIN STREET DUCKS
UNLIMITED**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Main Street Ducks Unlimited through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Gambling Permit for the Sauk Centre Main Street Ducks Unlimited to hold a raffle at the Diamond Point Supper Club in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on April 8, 2017.

**GAMBLING PERMIT
FOR WAHOO VALLEY
CHAPTER OF MN DEER
HUNTERS
ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Wahoo Valley Chapter of Mn Deer Hunters Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Gambling Permit for the Wahoo Valley Chapter of Mn Deer Hunters Association to hold a raffle at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on April 1, 2017.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 45440 through 45544 in the amount of \$46,635.97.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was

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

Beverly J. Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township,

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introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512208 through 512286 in the amount of \$129,518.68.

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

APPROVAL OF ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL CHANGE & PETTY CASH FUNDS

WHEREAS, there are several petty cash and change funds in various departments across the county, and;

WHEREAS, the State Auditors have requested the Auditor-Treasurer's Office to confirm the County Board's approval for the petty cash and change funds for all County Departments.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to approve the petty cash and change funds for the various departments as per attached list to be filed in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

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

2017 PARKS AND TRAILS APPROPRIATION FUNDS TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the 2017 budget for Todd County's allocation of funds to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board has been approved at \$9,000; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Parks and Trails Board requesting for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$9,000 from the General Fund to the Parks and Trails Fund.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the recommendation of the Todd County Parks and Trails Board to appoint Commissioner Becker as an alternate to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board.

Assessor's Office

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the County Board hereby sets the Todd County Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting for June 19, 2017 commencing at 6:00 p.m. and not ending before 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development

Rick Utech presented the Todd County Development Corporation 2016 Annual Report.

Great River Regional Library

Karen Pundsack presented to the County Board the Great River Regional Library's update of activities.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To allow the Todd County Sheriff's Office to advertise for Temporary Seasonal Recreational Assistants.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to post in-house and

See **TCC** on page 9a

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS
Monday, April 3, 2017 10:00 a.m.
**Todd County Commissioner board room
in the Historical Court House, Long Prairie, MN**

1. 27 New tax-forfeited parcels
2. 67 Pre-existing parcels with reduced price.

NOTICE IF HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:
BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 3, 2017, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner board room in the Historical Court House, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.
Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469, or online at: http://www.co.todd.mn.us/news/auditor_treasurer/tax_forfeited_land_auction_april_3_2017
Given under my hand and official seal at Long Prairie, Minnesota, this 8th day of March, 2017.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

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Cover crops for livestock a theme at Feedlot Meeting

More than 130 people attended the annual Todd County Feedlot Meeting on March 16, held in Staples for the first time, at Central Lakes College. Pictured above, Kent Solberg talks about integrating livestock into cropping systems to improve soil health; at right, agronomist James Schroepfer talks about how to start a cover crop rotation to help grazing animals. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Funds available for pit closures

Recently a Freeport man lost his life in an accident involving an abandoned manure pit. Manure pits are dangerous for anyone living in areas where manure pits are located. Pits are muck-filled with steep sides that are difficult to get out of; often they have filled with rain/snow, which in some cases someone could drown. A pit may appear to be frozen solid to someone who's not familiar with pits. An outdated pit can lie within the depths of the water table. As the integrity of the pit degrades, seepage of unwanted nutrients to ground and drinking water increases over time. The Todd County Soil and Water has limited funding available this year for people wanting to closure pits that are located in the Long Prairie Watershed. The area includes the following townships: Moran, Fawn Lake, Eagle Valley, Ward, Burleene, Iona, Hartford, Long Prairie; and sections of Round Prairie, Reynolds, Leslie, Little Elk, Turtle Creek, Wykeham, Germania, Bartlett, Staples and Villard. The funding available covers 75 percent of closure costs. Pit closure costs vary from contractor to contractor and the size of the pit. Costs can run from \$7,000-\$15,000. While this cost may be greater than the cost was to install a pit in the 70's or 80's, it's a far less than the cost of a life, injury or lawsuit. Consider closing your unused pit this year. For more information call the Todd County SWCD at 320-732-2644.

New conservation project protects fish habitat permanently

By the Minnesota Land Trust

Bob Haddorff developed a passion for wilderness and solitude after visiting the Boundary Waters Canoe Area during his youth. As adults, Bob and his wife, Ginny sought to renew this passion. In 1998, they purchased a cabin on Little Whitefish Lake in Crow Wing County, since then acquired another 200 adjoining acres. They learned from the DNR that their land contains "sensitive shoreline," which describes a unique and disappearing habitat, crucial for fish, wildlife and native plants. They also learned that altering their shoreline, such as replacing the forest and native grasses with turf grass and riprap, would destroy that important habitat. The Haddorffs realized that their land was significant. As they began seeing increasing development in the area, they decided they wanted to keep their land as natural as possible.

Fortunately, in 2014, the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) launched the Clean Water/Critical Habitat Protection Program in collaboration with the Minnesota Land Trust. The program focuses on the protection of forests located in the watersheds of tullibee refuge lakes in North Central Minnesota. The Haddorffs found that their land was a perfect match, and now with their two and one half miles of shoreline on Little Whitefish Lake is protected forever. "This project conserves important shoreline and 216 acres of upland forest on a tullibee refuge lake," noted Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation Executive Director Lindsay Ketchel. Researchers has found that if we can protect up to 75 percent of a lake's forested watershed, the lake's water temperature can be maintained. Minnesota Land Trust Program Manager, Pat Collins

noted, "Tullibee need year-round cold water. This lake already had other land protection in the watershed so this private land conservation filled in an important missing piece of the protection puzzle." And so, Bob's dream of wilderness and solitude will continue on for future generations. This permanent conservation easement was made possible thanks to Bob and Ginny Haddorff and funding provided by the Outdoor Heritage Fund via the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation and in partnership with the members of the Minnesota Land Trust. The Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation (LLAWF) is a regional 501(c)3 nonprofit committed to preserving and protecting the quality of the pristine lakes, rivers, and streams; healthy forests; and critical fish and wildlife habitats of the Leech Lake Watershed and surrounding counties in North Central Minnesota. Established in 1992, the LLAWF has protected over 22 miles of shoreline and more than 2,200 acres of land. These completed projects have returned land to public ownership and use and placed conservation easements on private lands by conservation-minded landowners. The Minnesota Land Trust is a membership-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Its mission is to protect and restore Minnesota's most vital natural lands in order to provide wildlife habitat, clean water, outdoor experiences and scenic beauty for generations to come. The organization has completed 514 conservation projects statewide, permanently protecting nearly 50,000 acres of natural and scenic land and over a million feet of fragile shoreline. A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal agreement between a landowner and a land trust or other qualified agency that permanently limits certain uses of land in order to protect its conservation values. Landowners continue to own and enjoy the land and pay property taxes. Once created, the conservation easement is binding on all future owners of the property. More information can be found at www.mnland.org.

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advertise for a full-time Jailor/Dispatcher.

Todd County Ditch Authority

Commissioner Erickson recessed the regular board meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Commissioner Erickson opened the Todd County Ditch Authority meeting at 9:43 a.m.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: The Todd County Ditch Authority put the CD18 Repair Project out for rebid with bid opening being held February 16, 2017 at 2 p.m. Because of issues as outlined in Attachment 3, Kurt Deter, Ditch Attorney, has advised that the Ditch Authority can make a decision on the tree removal portion of the bid at a regular Commissioner Board Meeting. Therefore, the Todd County Ditch Authority approves the tree removal portion of the Repair Bid from Corbin Pickar Excavating in the amount of \$71,430. A Repair/Outlet Hearing will be held in mid-April 2017 to make a decision on the mobilization and ditch cleaning portion of the bid.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the Todd County Ditch Authority meeting was adjourned.

Commissioner Erickson reopened the regular board meeting at 9:54 a.m.

MIS

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Travis Genty with an effective date of 02/17/2017.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve waiving the 90-day waiting period and allow Human Resources to begin the process of recruiting, interviewing and recommending hire to fill the GIS Specialist vacancy as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the establishment of Ehlert Division Preliminary Plat as submitted on parcel 11-0076000 with no conditions.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve a Conditional Use request from Mike Wolpert for mini-storage business

on parcel 22-0023503 with four conditions recommended by the Planning Commission: 1.) Vegetative screening of three rows consisting of one (1) row conifer, one (1) row of deciduous, and one (1) row of shrubs at 12 foot planted spacing. 2.) Exterior lighting must be shielded and elements directed to buildings, with more lights closer to the ground and not directly visible off site. 3.) That the Agricultural Compatibility Statement be included as a condition. 4.) If more storage buildings are planned for this parcel a CUP amendment must be obtained.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the seven proposed Todd County Planning and Zoning Ordinance Revisions as presented effective March 1, 2017 with the full Ordinance on file in the Planning and Zoning Office.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Todd County renews the agreement to continue participation with Morrison-Todd-Wadena CHB and Cass CHB for the regional NRP program through September 30, 2019.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted

by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Courtney Day to the position of part-time intermittent home health aide/homemaker contingent upon successful completion of required background check and employee physical assessment.

Human Resources

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Lori Jorgensen retroactive to October 23, 2016.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

Auditor-Treasurer Gaida has attended some planning meetings on the potential dissolution of ISD 2759.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported to the meetings that they had attended.

Closed Session

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the board meeting was closed at 10:30 a.m. to discuss pending litigation pursuant to MN Statute 13D.05 Closed Session was held within the small Commissioner's Room.

Commissioner Erickson reopened the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Adjourn

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of February 2017.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
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DESIGN ELECTRONICS...	2,113.40
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NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,578.26
STAPLES WORLD	4,818.08
TURNKEY/THREE	
SQUARE MARKET	2,159.16
WOLTERS BODY SHOP	3,115.59
ZIEGLER INC	3,073.47
98 Payments less than	
\$2,000	26,320.56
Total	\$46,635.97

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

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CARLSON/BARBARA	4,600.00
COM. AND FAMILY	
SRVS LLC	6,049.04
# 4453	2,790.00
GERARD TREATMENT	
PROGRAMS	3,877.48
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
EDUCATION SRVS	5,478.89
#12512	2,434.07
KINDRED FAMILY	
FOCUS	2,731.05
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HEATHER	2,635.00
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH CTR	24,135.00
NORTHWOOD CHILD	
SERVICES	6,576.34
PORT OF CROW	
WING BOYS HOME	6,787.14
VILLAGE RANCH INC	19,642.22
#14480	2,140.55
Payments less than	
\$2,000	39,641.90
Total	\$129,518.68

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 21, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting held on March 7, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer 12pnc

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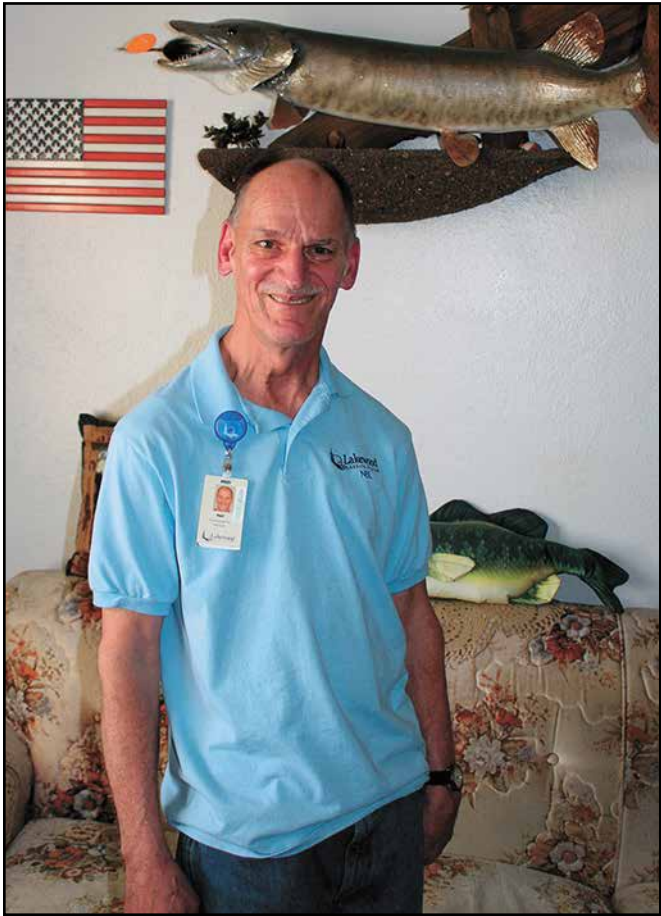
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Neil Koppes continues to make his mark



More time to fish

Neil Koppes of Staples is looking forward to doing a lot more fishing when he retires in the near future. He is pictured with a 42-inch muskie he caught on Lake Shamineau a number of years ago. Also pictured is a wooden flag he designed and built in his shop at home. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

When he was still a teen, Neil Koppes knew he wanted to make a mark on this world. “I wanted to do something,” he shared recently at his home in Staples.

And, Neil went on, he didn’t want his disability to define him.

Born with cerebral palsy in 1957 to Tony and Mae Koppes, Neil grew up on a farm in Thomastown Township, where he first learned about hard work and overcoming obstacles.

“It was the best thing for me,” Neil said of his rural upbringing.

Despite his physical challenges, he learned to ride a bike, drive a tractor and bale hay.

“I was the only son and I wanted to help my dad on the farm,” Neil said.

He remembers hearing neighbors say, ‘That poor little crippled boy,’ when they’d see him out in the

fields. “But, that was the best thing for me,” Neil says again.

In addition to his family’s belief in him (he has an older sister, Gayle), Neil credits the care he received at Sister Kenny Institute in Minneapolis for helping him work through his disability. “I went to Sister Kenny’s once a year, until I was 12 years old, Neil said.

The cerebral palsy had affected his left side, leaving his left leg shorter than the right. Neil recalled wearing braces for several years, which helped lengthen his left leg.

“I felt I was so lucky,” Neil shared of his disability, adding that his problems are minimal to others’ he has witnessed over the years.

Neil attended Sacred Heart Area School through sixth grade and later attended Staples High School, graduating in 1976.

He has great memories of those earlier years, Neil

said. He recalled summers spent biking with his buddy, Ron Wonders, and fishing on occasion.

For the most part, Neil felt that he was treated the same as anyone else, but there was the occasional bully in the school classroom. However, thanks to the strength he gained in his arms baling hay, Neil could defeat anyone in an arm wrestling challenge. “They started calling me Neil Armstrong at school,” he laughed.

When he was just a sophomore, Neil said he started thinking of a plan for his life. That plan, fueled by the skills he’d already learned working with his dad at the farm, included studying to be a machinist.

He signed up to take machine shop classes, but some of the instructors were nervous that he could hurt himself. Neil remembers Mr. (Neil) Krough coming out to their farm and sharing his concerns with his dad. “My dad told him, ‘He’s a determined boy, he can do it.’” Neil said.

Neil went on to get the blessing of Staples Vocational & Technical Institute instructor Larry Huebner and proceeded to take every machine shop class offered. After high school, he continued studying at Staples AVTI, gradu-

ating as a machinist. “My plan worked,” Neil said.

He was hired on as a machinist at Spicer Heavy Axel in the Twin Cities but when his dad died of a sudden heart attack in 1978, Neil returned to Staples to help his mom.

Soon after, Neil landed a job in a machine shop in Clarissa. He enjoyed his work but unfortunately got very sick because of bad ventilation in that facility and had to quit.

When he thought about where he would like to work next, Neil always came back to the hospital in Staples. He inquired about a job there several times but there never seemed to be openings in his field. Finally, in 1979, he was hired in the environmental services department. “I started work there on Aug. 17 of that year,” Neil said.

When he first came on board at United District Hospital & Home (now Lakewood Health System), Service Master was in charge of his department, Neil recalled. “Then they hired Hank Mitchell, who was my boss for about five



With his supervisor

Neil Koppes, longtime employee at Lakewood Health System in Staples, is pictured with his supervisor, Becky Ashbaugh, at his recent retirement party. (Submitted photo)

years; then it was Fran Mertens; and then Becky Ashbaugh.”

He’s found a lot of fulfillment from his work at Lakewood. “I like the feeling of helping the residents,” Neil said. His duties have been many and varied, including stripping and waxing floors, washing beds and cleaning rooms. Most of his work has been at Lakewood’s Care Center, which Neil has enjoyed. “I’ve gotten to know a lot of residents, a lot of good people.”

He’s never tired of helping people in general but especially those who are less fortunate than himself.

In 1985 Neil decided to embark on a bike-a-thon to raise money for Sister Kenny Institute. As was documented in the Staples World that year, Neil rode just over seven hours and a total of 60 miles, his self-appointed goal.

To prepare for the bike-a-thon, Neil biked for 10 miles every night for several months, riding the bike his dad had won for him at a carnival years before. He pledged \$3 a mile for himself and his fellow employees chipped in as well, raising a total of \$469, which was designated to go toward the purchase of a specialized wheelchair.

It felt good to give back to an organization that had helped him when he was just a boy, Neil shared.

At his recent retirement party, Neil’s sister Gayle Wonders shared a tribute

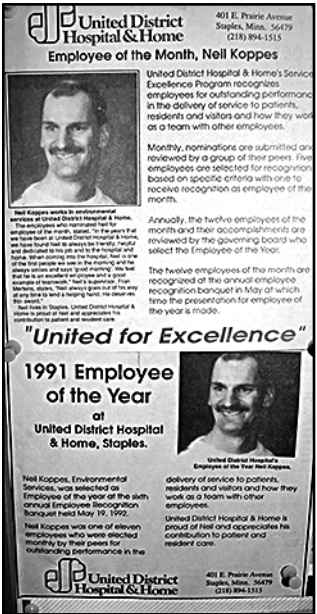
to her brother. “Neil never let his handicap stop him from doing much. He is always offering to help people in any way he can. When my husband (Jerry) died, he was always available if I needed him. He is my one and only sibling and definitely a keeper.”

“Even as he ends his career here at the hospital, he is already thinking ahead on how he can help others. Just recently he signed up to volunteer at our church (Sacred Heart) helping the maintenance person at the church and school when he retires.”

Neil, who turns 60 on Oct. 28, said that he had always planned on working until he was 62 years old but, “I just can’t do it anymore...my body won’t let me.”

He’ll miss his job at Lakewood, a position he held for 37-plus years, but he’s looking forward to some down-time as well. You’ll most likely find Neil with a fishing pole in hand this summer, or relaxing at his camper in rural Motley. “And I’ll be helping out at the pig races in Leader again, too,” Neil said of the weekend gig he’s been a part of for the past few years.

A poster board filled with photos, certificates and newspaper clippings about Neil’s achievements was on display at his retirement party. It’s a display that clearly shows that Neil Koppes made his mark on the world.



Stellar employee

Neil Koppes of Staples is retiring from his work at Lakewood Health System (formerly United District Hospital & Home) after his nearly 38 years with the organization. In 1991, he was named Employee of the Year.



Younger days

A photo from Neil Koppes’s grade school days at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples.

VA loan benefits can be used again

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

The most frequently asked VA loan question is about repeat use of VA loan benefits. It’s true: VA loan benefits can be used again and again, provided that you meet the qualifications for reuse.

Here is a closer look at three common scenarios that may help some veterans get another VA loan. Does one of these apply to

you regarding your previous VA loan?

- VA loan paid? Restore entitlement using VA Form 26-1880. Often times, a veteran will simply sell the house financed with a VA loan and pay the mortgage in full. This may be the simplest of all scenarios for repeat use of VA loan benefits. When this is done, the VA-eligible borrower must complete VA Form 26-1880 to restore entitlement, the same form used to obtain Certificate of Eligibility

(COE). Surviving spouses use VA Form 26-1817. When entitlement is restored the borrower can apply for another VA loan.

- VA loan assumed? Entitlement may or may not be restored. VA loan assumption can happen in two ways. The buyer may use the seller’s entitlement to assume the mortgage. Or, the seller’s entitlement may be replaced with that of the buyer’s. If the former occurs, the seller will not be able to restore entitlement until the loan that was assumed is paid in full. If the seller is planning on buying another house with a VA loan after the assumption takes place, then replacing entitlement with the buyer’s is recommended.

- VA loan not paid? Multiple VA loans are possible. It doesn’t happen often, but it is possible for a VA borrower to have two VA loans at once. Today, a VA-eligible borrower with full entitlement has enough Dept. of Veteran Affairs’ backing for a loan of \$417,000 in most U.S. counties. With the average VA loan around \$210,000, most veterans have some entitlement remaining after using their home loan benefits. Though the VA requires that the loan be paid in full and the home disposed of before it will restore entitlement, there is a one-time exception to this rule. In the case of military reassignment, this exception can come in handy. If the borrower has enough entitlement remaining, the borrower can use the remaining VA home loan benefit without selling the previous home or paying off the loan. Of course, the borrower will have to qualify with income and credit.

Tim Lewis, 23-year Army veteran, and VA Loan Purchase Manager at iFreedom Direct® says, “A veteran can qualify for two VA loans simultaneously with Tier 2 entitlement, sometimes called bonus entitlement. Bonus entitlement can be used for VA loan over \$144,000. It’s important to use a seasoned VA loan professional who understands how to arrive at the Tier 2 calculation.” For help with a second VA loan, call a VA-approved lender. [Source: Mil.com | iFreedomDirect.com | October 11, 2016 ++]

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

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Who of the millenials will become the next generation of outdoor stewards?

By Ray Gildow

I have been giving a lot of thought to an issue that has emerged across America. Who will take an interest in the outdoors when the current generations are gone?

Writers like to place people in categories to look at trends, values, and interests. We have the Greatest Generation, those born from 1930-1946, The Baby Boomer Generation, those born from 1946-1964, the Millennials, those born from 1982-2004 and then all the new kids born from 2004 until now, they don't have a name yet but folks are playing with categories like, TwoKays, 2YK, Tweenials, Conflict Generation, and well, you get the idea. Too early to name this group yet. But when it comes to outdoor issues we know a couple of things for certain. The Greatest Generation and the Baby Boomers care about the outdoors. The Millenni-

als, with exceptions, not as much, and the newest generation, yet unnamed, are just not that interested in outdoor activities. They are the computer generation and they are the future.

It is the folks who hunt, fish, hike and play outdoors that not only pay for much of the outdoor experience, they are the folks who have historically passed the legislation protecting our water, land and natural resources. What will happen if the next generation doesn't have the interest in the outdoors that past generations have had? That is a major concern across America as state and private groups scramble to find new ways to attract kids to the outdoors. Sports companies, state DNR agencies, private clubs, organizations, and individuals are organizing efforts to get kids interested in the many things the great outdoors has to offer!

John, "Kolt" Ringer of Deephaven is a wonderful

example of an individual making a difference with kids. Ringer was a teacher and started a summer guide business on Lake Minnetonka just west of the Minneapolis as a summer job. He soon realized that there were so many kids who had never experienced fishing that he started his own fishing school, American Angler League, a concept that focuses on teaching kids how to fish.

Many sporting goods companies have stepped forward to make donations for organizations who help kids get into outdoor activities. The Minnesota DNR has the MinnAqua Educational Program for schools, youth groups and community organizations that teaches angling recreation, stewardship, conservation and ecology. These are the kinds of activities that are being developed that will make a difference!

Where once dads, moms, and grandparents were the mentors for the outdoors,



Finding fulfillment in fishing

Millennial brothers who do love to fish - Travis, left and Trevor Wentworth, of the Staples area. (Ray Gildow photo)

we have come to realize we have to find new ways to get this young generation involved. Many of the kids of today just don't have the opportunities to do outdoor activities. Much credit must be given to the

individuals, groups and organizations that have come to realize that the kids of today are the outdoor stewards of tomorrow. "Take a kid fishing" is a phrase that has never been more important than today.

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



Wolhowe is MVP, five are all conference

Claire Wolhowe was named the Mid State Conference Most Valuable Player in girls basketball, as she, Kelsie Weite and Amber Robben were named to the all conference team. Chelsea Nanik and Sam Schimpp were named to the honorable mention all conference team. Led by those five, Staples-Motley finished as the conference champions with a 7-1 record, ahead of Pequot Lakes (6-2), Crosby-Ironton (3-5), Detroit Lakes (3-5) and Park Rapids (1-7).

Pictured, the Cardinals posed after finishing their last conference game. Front row from left, Katlyn Smith, Chelsea Nanik, Jenna Trantina, Ashley Smith, Emma Gerard, Amber Robben and Stephanie Mitchell; back row, Kearra Mikel, Lexi Johnson, Kaitlyn Longworth, Kiera Dumpprope, Kiara Storry, Allison Cushing, Alix Peterson, Claire Wolhowe, Kelsie Wiete and Sam Schimpp. (Submitted photo)

Legislators learn about state's outdoor heritage

By Steve Carney

I recently was asked to be the keynote speaker at an annual legislative event in St. Paul and frankly, I was nervous on this one. I have been an active public speaker for decades but this one made me very nervous. My anxiety was caused by the current state of affairs in the outdoor community and it was my job to project my views on the "state of the state" from my field experience.

The audience was comprised of legislative decision makers that are very influential in the funding, management and future of our outdoors and I basically let it fly. Being a no-nonsense person, this was a great opportunity to "tell it like it is" and let the chips fall where they may.

My focus was on the state of our water quality which is abysmal and the loss of habitat. There is plenty of blame to go around but the bottom

line is the quality of fishing and hunting in this state has declined significantly. One factor is that agriculture has decimated the once prolific habitat by planting crops on every available piece of land, knocking down and bulldozing fence lines, tree lines and ditches just to make a buck. This was most evident when corn went to 7.00 a bushel. Now that corn prices are back down, the damage has been done. Water sources have been tiled and eliminated just to make land plowable. I suggested the legislators take a drive from the cities and head west towards the South Dakota border. What you will see is black dirt. Pheasants, whitetail deer, rabbits, songbirds have no place to raise their young as black dirt isn't feasible to allow the critters to survive. Pretty simple really.

Our lakes are basically in the same shape as algae and invasives have replaced duck food such

as snails and freshwater shrimp. No food no ducks.

The up side is the incredible programs now being implemented in the high schools around the state such as archery participation and trap and skeet leagues are a total success story. The prolific expanse of the wild turkey is once again a triumph. Unfortunately, in my opinion the bad outweighs the good. I spoke from the heart and only reported what I see in the field every day without condemning the system overall.

The bottom line is what I had to say wasn't what these legislators wanted to hear but these things had to be said.

My hope is that these decision makers will look closer and scrutinize the state of the state and make positive changes.

Once again, don't assume things are hunky-dorey because they are not.... look closer!

DNR seeks comments on area lakes

Citizens interested in commenting on Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) strategies for managing Brainerd area lakes and streams have until Friday, March 24, to ask questions or submit comments.

Management plans describe the past, present and desired future conditions of the fishery and identify specific management activities planned for that lake or stream in the next 5 to

20 years.

In the Brainerd area, plans for the following lakes in Crow Wing County will be reviewed: Edna Lake, Fawn Lake, Little Trout Lake, Ruth Lake, Silver Lake and (Turkey) Bass Lake.

Current plans for lakes and streams in the area, as well as recent fish population assessment information are available for review at the DNR's Brainerd area fisheries office, located at 1601 Minnesota Dr., Brainerd, between 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Individuals also may call (218) 203-4301, or e-mail Sue.Loss@state.mn.us to request a copy of a plan or submit written comments on a plan.

Public comments are due by Friday, March 24. Comments and suggestions on other streams and lakes are welcomed at any time and will be considered when those plans are due for review.



Spring sports have sprung

Staples-Motley athletes took to the fields on March 20 for their first spring practice. Left, track runners return from a run; below, baseball players practice throwing technique and base-stealing moves; bottom, softball players scoop up their first ground balls while practicing in the gym. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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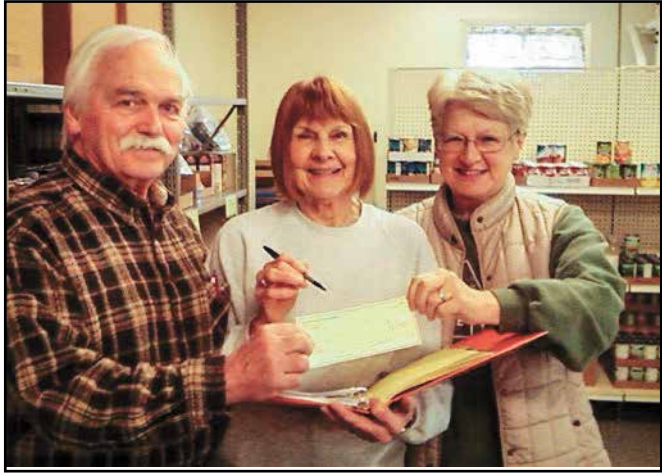
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Food shelf donation

The Motley Lions recently donated \$10,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf. Pictured above, from left, are Lion Pat O'Regan, MAFS Chair; and food shelf volunteers Florence Berndt and Fran Kokett. (Submitted photo)

Thank you for reading the
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Motley Police, Morrison Cty Sheriff's Office reports

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

March 15 - The MPD observed a group of three vehicles at a high rate of speed near Hwy 10 and East River Rd. in Motley. Officer proceeded to issue all three drivers speeding citations and verbal warnings for no current proof of insurances. Drivers included Andrew Klug, 28; Joseph Klug, 20; Laura Klug, 26.

March 15 - The MPD stopped a vehicle for speed and saw the driver reach for his seat belt to put it on. Driver admitted he was not wearing one. The MPD proceeded to issue Kurt Wicks, 59, a citation for no seat belt and a verbal warning for speed.

March 10 - The MPD noticed a Pillager School bus stopped at the intersection

of 3rd Ave. S. and Harrison St. W. in Motley for an extended period of time, with its red lights flashing and stop sign out. The officer exited his squad car and approached the bus and as he got near, could see an adult female standing inside the door arguing with the female bus driver. The bus driver was telling the woman to get off the bus. The officer told the woman to get off the bus and let the bus driver continue taking students home. The woman told the officer she had an issue with the bus driver and something that happened with her daughter; and the officer told her that the proper procedure would be to contact the school and/or the bus company; but not to confront the driver with a bus full of young people. The woman then returned to her residence, along with her daughter; and the officer left the scene. Officer later

spoke with someone from the Pillager Bus Garage who stated they wanted some sort of action taken to prevent the woman from entering the bus again. Officer advised that a letter be sent to the woman which stated she could not enter the bus again.

March 10 - The MCSO responded to a barn fire at the 38000 block of Dove Rd. in Pillager.

March 9 - The MCSO received a report that hydrocodone pills had been stolen from a house located on Aspen Ln., Motley.

High-speed chase ends in arrest

A 26-year-old Pierz man was arrested March 14, following a high-speed chase just north of Pierz. The suspect, Derrick Miner, is being held at the Morrison County Jail awaiting formal charges.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, at approximately 4:14 p.m., a vehicle stopped behind a deputy's squad car while the deputy was conducting an investigation on an unrelated matter near the intersection of 183rd St. and 255th Ave., just north of Pierz. The driver reported they had been assaulted earlier that day by the person sitting in the front passenger seat.

As the deputies were talking to the suspect, Miner, in the passenger seat and instructing him to step out, he moved into the driver's seat and fled in the vehicle.

A pursuit ensued, traveling through the city of Lasrump and ending on 203rd St. east of 225th Ave. in Buh Township. The pursuit went on for approximately 10 miles, with the vehicles reaching speeds near 90 mph. The lead squad car in the pursuit eventually performed a Pursuit Intervention Technique which stopped the suspect's vehicle movement and Miner was arrested.

The MCSO was assisted at the scene by the Pierz Police Dept. and the DNR.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance

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

Assembly of God

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

Church of Christ

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

Congregational Church, UCC

204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran

430 12th Street. NE, Staples 218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaat
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 9:35 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
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 Scaggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant

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

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

Congregational, 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
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

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

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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist

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

Leaf River Township

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Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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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.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

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

United Methodist

847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg 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 Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group 5:45 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, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.

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
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Bible Study groups, all ages

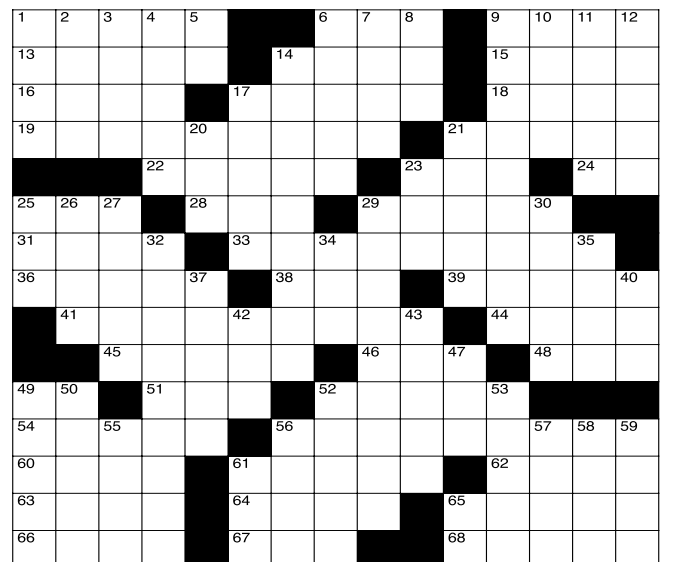
Verndale United Methodist

103rd 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.

Crossword Puzzle

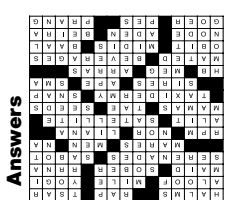


CLUES ACROSS

- Pea stems
- Type of music
- Leader
- Distant
- 5,280 feet
- Beloved Yankee great
- A female domestic
- Free from alcoholism
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Entertains with song
- Wooden shoe
- Female horses
- Group of males
- Sodium
- Revolutions per minute
- Neither
- Woody climbing plant
- Dismounted
- Orbits the earth
- Female parents
- Separates acids
- Origins
- Stuffing and mounting animal skins
- Rapture
- Fathers

- Large primate
- Shape-memory alloy
- Halfback
- ÓFamily GuyÓ daughter
- Paired
- Drinks
- Death notice
- Skirts
- Fertility god
- Where a curve intersects itself
- Red Sea port
- Mozambique seaport
- Leaver
- The human foot
- Crash

- Leavened Indian bread
- Military elite
- One thousandth of an inch
- L.A. footballer
- Land plan
- A satellite of Saturn
- ÓCat BallouÓ actor
- Obscure aspect of Sun God and a group of asteroids
- Indicates the fare
- ... and feather
- Round Dutch cheese
- Begat
- Relaxing place
- HitÓan of Alaska
- Belgian city
- Organ of hearing and balance
- Isolated Southeast Asian people
- ÓPower RangersÓ villain
- Yellow-fever mosquitos
- Heavy cavalry sword
- Laundry detergent
- A way to wait
- Mother and wife of Uranus
- Justly obtain
- Stony waste matter
- Helps you find places
- Oil company
- CW173310



Answers

CLUES DOWN

- Excessively theatrical actors
- Wings
- French river
- Internet device
- Where Tony Bennett left his heart
- Flowering shrub that bears gooseberries
- Brews
- For each
- Dictatorships
- Slavic person in Saxony
- Nobel laureate
- Shmuel
- Lasso
- Tones down
- Lunar period

Reformation 500 - The righteous shall live by faith

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by His faith. Habakkuk 2:4
Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” Galatians 3:11

“Are you going to heaven?” Ask most people that and they’ll say: “I think so.” If asked “Why?” they will usually say because they are basically a good person, have lived a good life, or something of that nature. But what if “good” is not “good enough”?

The simple truth is our “good” is not enough to get right with God. The Bible makes clear that all our so called “good works” are like filthy rags when it comes to being right with God. Yet man has constantly banked his hope of heaven on his own efforts - only to realize that he just can’t make the grade.

Fortunately righteousness before God does not depend on good works. Rather, as the verses above make clear, righteousness before God is by faith; faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; faith in the atoning sacrificial death of Jesus Christ for their sin.

Martin Luther was a man who struggled with this question of “getting right with God.” By God’s grace in studying the Scriptures he rediscovered the lost truth: **the righteous shall live by faith.**

On Sunday, April 2 you will have the one time opportunity to see a new film: **“Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World”**, and learn more about the reformer, the world he lived in, the things he taught and stood for. The screening will be at the Centennial Auditorium in Staples at 4 p.m., sponsored by Trinity Lutheran. We hope you will come.

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