



Gifts for great-grandma

Jaida (left) and Alea Holst of Staples presented their great-grandma Juanita Miller with door ornament gifts they made during the recent ‘Luv Bugs on a Bus’ activity sponsored by Staples-Motley Early Childhood Family Education. The Holst girls were two of several children who participated in the event, which included stops at Lakewood Pines (pictured above) and Lakewood Manor in Staples, where they sang songs and presented gifts to the residents at both places. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Nobody really wants Eagle Valley District

Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

It seems like none of the school districts surrounding Eagle Valley really want to be saddled with the responsibility and costs that could be associated with that acquisition.

During their regular meeting April 18, the Todd County Board of Commissioners first acknowledged receipt of a resolution giving notice of the Involuntary Dissolution of the

Eagle Valley District No. 2759 and proposing recommendation which was, in short, that the Browerville School District would take all of the Eagle Valley District.

During discussion which followed, it became clear that neither the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School District nor the Bertha-Hewitt School District wanted to accept any of the district and were fine with Browerville acquiring all of it.

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Superintendent Jon Kringen had a resolution with him as a result of a meeting of that school board on April 17.

It stated that the “Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School Board does not believe it is in the best interests of our school district to accept land in the dissolution process,” and that their board “believes we must take a firm position on this issue.”

The bottom line was, “The Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School District is on record that we do not expect to receive any land in the dissolution process and will not accept the assignment of land, and the board supports the resolution of the Eagle Valley School Board that pursuant to M.S. 123A.46 to attach all territory of the Eagle Valley District to the Browerville School District in an effort to simplify recordkeeping, records retention, distribution of assets and liabilities, payment of debt and the

employment of staff.”

Bertha-Hewitt Superintendent Eric Koep said that his district had passed the same resolution as Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

That left Browerville Superintendent Scott Vedbraaten to speak.

He said that while his board had not met and approved any resolution, that the board does not accept and does not want all of the district.

“You have to realize this was once two districts and to give that much land and that much authority to one district doesn’t make sense,” he said.

Kringen said that the Staples-Motley and Osakis districts had also been invited to come to this meeting, but were not here.

The Staples-Motley School Board passed the same resolution at their April 17 meeting that Long Prairie-Grey Eagle and Bertha-Hewitt districts passed.

It was stated that there would be meetings of the county board related to this issue, probably during work sessions.

In other business the board:

- Approved a request for expansion of an existing CUP for an additional area to crush and stockpile materials used for asphalt production for Ideal Construction owned by Steven and Deanna Kobliska.
- Approved the promotion of Doug Thom to GIS

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School board accepts resignations, hires vocal music teacher

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The resignation of Superintendent Mary Klammer was accepted.

The resignations of five assistant football coaches were accepted.

The hiring of Nathan Thelen as the vocal music teacher for the middle school and high school was approved.

These are the results of a special meeting of the Staples-Motley School Board April 25 attended by about 70-80 people or more, a meeting that often turned contentious.

Football coaches

In the school/community forum at the beginning of the meeting Mitch Anderson, Tab Erickson and Kermit Klefsaas addressed the board to explain and read their letters of resignation as assistant football coaches. They also referred to letters from Nick Schultz and Chris Kappler who could not attend the meeting.

The letters of Kappler and Klefsaas further stated they would not consider any coaching or extra-curricular activities.

The resignations were reactions to action at the board’s regular meeting April 17 when they did not hire Travis VanOverbeke as the head football coach for the 2017-18 school year. The motion failed 3-3 with board chair Mary Freeman and board members Bruce

Lund and Bryan Winkels voting in favor of it. Board members Greg Frisk, Dave Hoemberg and Chad Longbella voted against it.

That action did not affect VanOverbeke’s job as activities director and physical education teacher.

The letters from Klefsaas and Schultz both mentioned an investigation into allegations against VanOverbeke earlier in the school year. They both expressed alarm at what they saw as a “flawed” investigation.

In his letter Klefsaas wrote, “... I have deep concerns about the following:

“1) The investigation/information gathering that was conducted by the school board regarding Travis VanOverbeke did not include interviews with the accused, his supervisor or any of the assistant coaches.

“2) Travis VanOverbeke was not renewed even after the results of the investigation resulted in no charges against him and no professional organization disciplining him.

“3) The superintendent of schools, with the board’s knowledge, placed Travis VanOverbeke on an improvement plan. The school board did not give the plan due process, nor did they use it as criteria for voting on the renewal.

“In light of these concerns I have determined our current investigation/discipline process

is neither fair nor safe for the ISD 2170 coaches. I am not removing my name because ‘I didn’t get my way’ as Mr. Hoemberg (referring to Dave Hoemberg, school board member) so callously had printed in the paper. I am removing it because a very dangerous precedent has been set by choosing to side with parental complaints without giving due process to the accused nor following employment standards.”

He ended his letter with “I am not willing to coach in an environment where this is considered fair treatment. I will not place my job and my family in jeopardy by coaching in a district where established discipline policies are not followed and the recommendations of the superintendent/administration are not heeded.”

The audience applauded Klefsaas when he finished reading his letter.

His signature noted that he coached basketball and golf in addition to football.

Mitch Anderson also took exception to some of Hoemberg’s comments from the story in the April 20 Staples World, saying he’s never met Hoemberg and felt he was the one who was misinformed.

“I’ve never been ‘recruited’ to take a stance and about quitting if I don’t get my way? I never

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Hello, Readers,

On April 29, 2004, the National World War II Memorial opens in Washington, D.C., to thousands of visitors, providing overdue recognition for the 16 million U.S. men and women who served in the war. The memorial is located on 7.4 acres on the former site of the Rainbow Pool at the National Mall between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. The Capitol dome is seen to the east, and Arlington Cemetery is just across the Potomac River to the west.

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Lawrence Baumgartner, Jr.
Kermit Ness
John Novotny
Marilyn Payne
Robert Schultz

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Enberg Logging still holding strong

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Rod Enberg, a one-time watch-repairman, has been in the logging business since 1982, and has owned Enberg Logging in rural Motley since 1985.

Located in Cass County along Hwy 64, Enberg Logging encompasses 160 acres and is home to a vast array of equipment, thousands of cords of wood, and hundreds of tons of wood chips.

“It’s been a fun business to be a part of,” Rod said recently in rural Pillager, where he and his crew were at work clearing timber for a private land owner.

But it’s a tough business, too, Rod added, going on to note the major down-turn in the logging industry a while back; and a current Legislative situation



At the office

April (Daily) Enberg, at right, manages the office at Enberg Logging in Motley, owned by her father-in-law Rod Enberg, pictured at left. In addition to selling round wood, a key component of his business is biomass, Rod Enberg said, noting that they sell between \$2 - 3 million of wood chips a year. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

regarding biomass which could potentially threaten the livelihood of Minnesota loggers. They’ve had their share of tragedies over the years as well.

He has no regrets, however, of leaving his former livelihood. “I didn’t like being inside, so I started a sawmill,” Rod said.

Prior to setting up shop at his current location (formerly a farm owned by Charlie Miller), Rod lived in Verndale and harvested wood in the surrounding area.

Over the past 30-plus years in Motley, Enberg Logging has continued to provide timber to a number of lumber mills throughout the state, including Potlatch, Sappi Fine Paper and Savanna Pallets, and numerous Amish sawmills as well as for domestic firewood. The Enberg busi-

ness has also provided jobs to many loggers. Currently, Rod has 16 employees working for him.

In order to obtain logging jobs with the state, one must be accredited with MLEP (Minnesota Logger Education Program), of which Rod served on the board for several years.

The dynamics of Enberg Logging changed dramatically about seven years ago, after Potlatch’s OSB (oriented strand board) Plants closed. Approximately 90 percent of his wood was going there at that time, Rod said. Obviously, this development had a major effect on his business.

Instead of retiring, Rod decided to buy a big grinder and get into the wood chip business. It’s a decision that pulled him through the deep part of

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Hatch opens the way for positive change

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

“There’s a lot going on - a lot of opportunity and needs - a lot to get excited about.”

Those are the words of Joe Hatch who has been serving as Todd County coordinator since Feb. 27. He also oversees the human resources department.

“Things are going well. Todd County has a lot of really good people working for them. Good people makes working here a good experience,” he said.

There is a lot to be done in his position as no one has been in his role consistently for around five years.

“I’ve never worked for a county before, but all of the experiences I’ve had are adding up to what I do here,” said Hatch.

Some of those previous experiences, included working five years with the city of St. Paul and nine years with the city of New Brighton.

He’s worked in management and human resources for Tree Trust in St. Louis Park.

“I really enjoyed working there. We partnered with other counties to provide jobs and skills for underserved and minority youth. We would get them their

first job and watch them turn their lives around. A lot of things tie in to me getting the job here,” he said.

There’s a big learning curve for Hatch, too, but he is taking everything in stride.

“My experiences are paying off,” he said.

Some of his goals include developing good relationships with the 13 department heads and working with the seven unions.

“There’s a lot to know and learn - learning is a big thing. We have all of the union contracts up this year. I am hoping we can work together to successfully get them taken care of,” he said.

When people have asked Hatch what he really wants to do, he tells them I’m doing it.

“I’m learning. There’s plenty to learn and the skills I have are helping. I can offer value to the county right now,” he said.

Hatch said that he’ll serve as the focal point for the commissioners and is still learning and figuring that out.

“One of my goals is to build trust between this position, the community and the commissioners,” he said.



Todd County coordinator

Joe Hatch is the new coordinator for Todd County. He’s enjoyed getting to know the staff and department heads these past eight weeks and is looking forward to what his past work experiences can add to the county. He’s very easy to talk with and has a jovial laugh. Building relationships with people is something he considers vital to his job and life. (Photo by Karin Nauber)

Moving forward, Hatch said he sees a lot of areas for growth and wants to be here to do some good work for the county.

One of the skills he offers is the value of building relationships.

“I try to make people feel heard and valued. It’s a core part of me,” he said.

Hatch comes to Todd County with his 14 years of experience and a Masters degree in public and non-profit administration which he received five years ago.

So how did he come to work in Todd County?

“A couple of years ago someone told me I should think about working for a county. Then when this position came available in November or December a friend of mine from the Brainerd Lakes Area told me they thought I would fit this job,” he said.

Hatch applied, interviewed and the rest is history - at least for the past couple of months.

A longer term goal is that Hatch hopes to become a voice and an advocate for this area.

“I will look at ways to get involved at the state level of legislature and be an advocate for Todd County and help with what I can here. I believe I can, and again,

it’s about building relationships,” he said.

Hatch is comfortable with this area of the state even though he’s been a “city boy” for most of his life. His family spent time in the summers at Battle Lake.

In his free time, Hatch likes to play basketball, go fishing, biking, hiking and generally being outdoors.

In the winter months he enjoys playing broomball.

“I like being competitive,” he said.

In addition to his competitive nature, he also likes cooking and enjoyed gardening while he lived in South Minneapolis.

“I like good food and I like cooking,” he said.

Hatch has five brothers and sisters all of whom live in the Twin Cities area. His parents also live in Minneapolis and have been married going on 50 years.

Hatch said he’s less concerned with the way people think he should be and more about sticking with his values and being the person he wants to be.

“Relationships are very important to me. I think you learn this as you grow older, that being really ‘cool’ is just being who you are,” he said.

Hatch brings that to his job in Todd County.



Student presentation for hotel land

CLC landscaping student Toby Flannigan of Paynesville shows his design for the Timberlake Hotel in Staples, to go along with the lilacs, maples, daylilies and pampas grass he suggested for the landscape. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

CLC landscaping class helps design new hotel

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A regular construction meeting for the Timberlake Hotel turned into a showcase of different possibilities of what people will see when they visit or drive past the hotel in

Staples.

Six students from the Central Lakes College landscaping class came up with six very different designs for the hotel grounds. Tanner Kortlever came up with a woody plan with pines and wildflowers. Jared Nelson also went

with the Timber theme with pines and spruce, but also honeycrisp apple trees. Kobii (no last name given) designed a majority of red plants to match the hotel colors. Matt Ratliff designed an entirely edible landscape, including low bush blueberries on the sloped hill, which he said would be a good place to push snow off the parking lot.

Other students also offered solutions for some of the problem spots on the lot. Gary Robinson suggested a rain garden for the retaining pond area, Toby Flannigan suggested a grassy dog walk area for an unused spot on the west side of the building.

The hotel owners, Mike and Mary Ives and their family were also at the construction meeting. They took the designs and did not say if they would take one whole design or choose parts from different plans.

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E-911 committee organized for county

Specialist, effective April 19 and approved starting the recruitment process.

- Sheriff Don Asmus recommended that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the development of an E-911 Committee for the county for the purpose of developing, implementing and maintaining an E-911 plan as required by the State of Minnesota.

The following people are members of the County 911 Planning Committee 2017: Sheriff Don Asmus; Chief Deputy Steve Och; Chris Pelzer, MIS; Doug Thom, GIS; Sarah Booker, Todd County Dispatch; Michael Wisniewski, EMS; Joe Hatch, Todd County Coordinator; Rod Erickson, Todd County Commissioner; and Randy Neumann, Todd County Commissioner.

- Approved a services agreement with Motorola Solutions on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office for recurring services for the dispatch consoles which includes infrastructure repair, network preventative maintenance and onsite infrastructure response at a cost of \$9,319.92.

- Approved the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner hook truck for \$144,780 and approved the trade in of the 2013 International for \$25,000 from Northland truck sales.

- Accepted a \$10,000 Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs grant for the Veteran’s Services Office. The money will be used this year to get the word out about the services available to Todd County’s veterans.

- Approved Danny Peyton as a regular Board of Adjustment member for District 3 and also Mike Soukup and Russell Vandenheuvell as alternate Board of Adjustment members for District 1 and District 2.

- After discussion and some changes to the conditions, a Conditional Use Permit was granted for Troy Larson to use certain routes in Little Elk Township where he has a business which uses semi trucks.
- A request was made by Central Specialties, Inc. to operate two temporary hot mix asphalt plant for Todd County highway work.

- Approved a CUP for Advanced Recovery Solutions Auto Sales to create retail auto sales on parcel 18-0050900 with a maximum of 20 units with conditions
- Approved a sawmill operation CUP for Willard Borntrager of Browerville with no conditions.

- Authorized the board chair to sign the 2016 County Feedlot Officer program report and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency format final report.

The program was evaluated by MPCA and performance credits will be awarded based on available funds to be distributed among all counties.

- Approved signing a letter of acknowledgement to set up a mooring site at Battle Point Park to help handle the traffic on Lake Osakis this summer as the public boat landing will be closed for a length of time.

There is a dock already donated for this purpose. The installation, if approved, will require

moving a fence and going through some of the vegetation that had been planted as part of a contract with the Sauk River Watershed District.

The board chair will sign the letter showing concurrence with the project and send it to the SRWD.

Wood chips would be used in the mooring area so as to lessen the effect on the vegetation.

- The board approved an action that would waive the fee for shoreland alteration for repairing ice ridge damage caused to the shoreline.

- Accepted the resignation of Janel Toppari as eligibility worker effective April 7 and approved the request for her replacement.

- Approved Teri Kuehne to fill the open care coordinator position in the Adult and Disabilities Unit.

- Approved the request to recruit and hire a registered nurse to fill the position left vacant by Kuehne’s transfer.

TXT4LIFE service available for crisis

The Crisis Line and Referral Service has partnered with Canvas Health to bring to the five-county area a new 24/7 suicide prevention texting program called TXT4LIFE.

The two entities will be educating students, teachers and community members on suicide prevention while providing them with resources needed to seek help for themselves, as well as others who may be in a crisis situation.

Outreach and education is free of charge to schools, businesses, churches and community organizations as a way of promoting hope and showing there is help out there.

The Crisis Line and Referral Service along with TXT4LIFE wants people to know that they’re not alone. Twenty-four hours a day, there’s someone here to listen, give you resources to solve your situation or help when you or a friend are in a crisis. Your call or text is anonymous and handled non-judgmentally.

Help. It’s a pretty important word, isn’t it? And sometimes not that easy to find. When you’re scared, and don’t know where to turn, when you’re worried about yourself or someone else who is depressed and thinking about suicide, turn to us. The crisis line number is 218-828-HELP or text the word “LIFE” L-I-F-E to 61222. Remember you are not alone.

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Left to right: Karen Tetlie, Sandy Johnson, Mikyla Strand and Sandy Koehnne.

Karen Tetlie, Administrative Assistant, Senior Services
Nominated by Traci Neisess and Becky Misegades, “Karen is available to assist us in a pinch. Recently Karen helped us out with some certificates for resident appreciation. She also prepared pictures of special events and made them available for our residents viewing. Karen enjoys taking something ordinary and making it extraordinary. She is creative and makes our job so much easier because of her willingness to help out. Thank you for all you do Karen.”

Sandy Johnson, LPN and Mikyla Strand, CMA, Dermatology Clinic
Nominated by Karla Mumm, “We have gone through a challenging time with staffing. Sandy and Mikyla have been more than willing to come in early, stay late, and come in on their day off to help keep the clinic up and going. It has been rather crazy with schedules and will continue to be until our new hires are on-board. I appreciate all their hard work and for going that extra mile to keep our provider’s schedules going and our patient’s appointments on time.”

Sandy Koehnne, Scheduling Coordinator, Hospital
Nominated by Alicia Truax, Kari Davis and Becky Misegades, “Accommodating the many schedules of staff and tenant needs can be a thankless job, so when streamlining the schedule at the Manor and Pines became a difficult task it was time to turn to some expertise. Sandy was asked to assist us with our scheduling, she not only accepted our challenging request, but she did it with over the top efficiency. Sandy is truly a team player and a valuable asset for Lakewood. We want to thank Sandy for her willingness to be part of our team.”

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Accident at intersection in Aldrich

Multiple injuries resulted in a car accident in Aldrich on the morning of April 25. A vehicle driven by Gilbert Boyer, 85, of rural Wadena, failed to yield at the intersection of Central Ave. S. and Hwy 10. An eastbound vehicle, driven by Nicole Wendroth, 23, of Staples, struck Boyer's vehicle on the driver's side, sending Boyer's vehicle into the westbound lane of Hwy 10. Boyer, along with his passenger were transported by Staples Ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital, with unknown injuries. Wendroth and her passenger were evaluated on scene and released with minor injuries. The Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted on scene by the Verndale Fire Dept., Staples Ambulance and Scott's Southtown Towing. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Questions raised on procedural issues

said anything like that," Anderson said. "I try to be as professional as I can."

The other letters reflected much of the same sentiment, that they did not feel that school board supported them and that the board's decision-making process was an issue.

Prior to taking action on the resignations, Frisk confronted what he felt was misinformation in those letters, especially about the board not supporting the coaches. "That's absolutely false," Frisk said.

He noted earlier that he has spoken with many people. He never heard anything negative about any of the five coaches and, "I would hire every one of you."

Frisk moved to table the motion to accept the resignations saying he hoped the coaches would have time to "let the reality of the decision sink in. I hope for a more positive outcome."

The motion to table failed 2-4 with Frisk and Hoemberg the only ones in favor of it.

Referring to the investigation Frisk also asked the audience to "think of the position we're in. We know and we absolutely can't say anything."

Longbella also noted that he appreciates the emails and conversations he's had, adding that "Going forward we need to work on relationships and communications."

"We trust you," he said. "I wish I could say more, but we can't."

The motion to accept the resignations passed 4-2 with Frisk and Longbella the only opposing votes.

Freeman noted that the implications of not having a coaching staff extended beyond the district if they couldn't meet the schedule of games. That gave some urgency to moving the process forward.

Later in the meeting Lund asked if the policy committee could research existing and potential policies and procedures that could help instill trust on the part of the coaches. Freeman suggested that the activities director and a couple of coaches join that discussion to develop the policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jay Tyrrell, a member of the audience, asked to address the board but was not granted permission because the board was discussing a motion. He tried to speak anyway, but the board chair continued with the business meeting.

Vocal music teacher

Frisk asked that the item to hire Nathan Thelen as the vocal music teacher be pulled from the agenda because it had already been defeated in a 3-3 vote at the April 17 meeting.

Freeman replied that the interview committee felt "strongly" that "this is the best candidate" for the position and the position needs to be filled.

The controversy around the action stems from the fact that Caleb Horn, the current teacher, who was hired as a one-year temporary teacher, was not rehired, even though he had substantial support from some students and parents.

Hoemberg also questioned how and when this candidate was put on the agenda.

Supt Klamm explained that the board hires a position. Administration chooses the candidate. "Our job is to review the candidates and bring the recommendation to the board."

Freeman added that the board's job is to approve the contract within the fiscal boundaries of the budget. "It's not our job to check candidates. That's for the interview committee."

Hoemberg noted that he didn't see the name on the agenda five days before the meeting and, "If we're going to be the school district of choice, it's got to be above board."

Klamm replied that it wasn't a question of being above board. The position was on the agenda and often the committee is interviewing up until just before the board meeting. "That's reality."

Frisk didn't like the fact that he thought the administration was just putting the same name forward because they weren't successful the first time.

Winkels addressed that issue saying he asked that the same individual be put back on the agenda. He originally voted against the motion April 17 but, in the meantime, he said, "I checked some things."

"I'm not a music professional," he said, referring to the interview committee. "What message did I send? That I know more than they do? This is the right thing to do. We need to move forward."

"I don't think it's a secret that some members did not want Horn," Frisk said. "The process is flawed. Trust is eroded because of things like this."

He later referenced that

some people are "weak enough to cave in," so it could be brought back for a vote.

Frisk's was the only opposing vote so Thelen's contract was approved.

Superintendent search

Klamm's resignation was accepted. It is effective June 30, the end of the second year of her three-year contract.

Freeman said the board had to decide if they wanted to hire a firm to help with the search for a new superintendent or if they wanted to handle everything themselves. She also said they needed to discuss if they wanted an interim superintendent while they conducted the search. She added that they can search for both an interim and a permanent superintendent at the same time.

Winkels thought they should consider having an interim, noting, "we need to work through some things as a board and move forward from there."

Freeman reported that she's had inquiries from five people, some of whom were only interested in an interim position.

"I really think we need some help from somebody to help filter the applications, to do the work up front and bring forth candidates," Winkels said.

Freeman suggested that she could call MSBA (Minnesota School Board Association). They offer that service and would likely be less expensive than another firm.

Longbella made that a motion which passed unanimously.

Freeman will call a meeting when MSBA can come and make a presentation.

The consensus seemed to be to search for an interim and a permanent superintendent.

Lund suggested that they ask MSBA to do a training session for the board on conflict management, saying "A highly effective board means a highly effective school district."

Freeman brought to the board's attention a letter from the principals that was included in the board packet. It said the administration team was concerned about recent board action on some of their recommendations.

"We trust that there is an understanding that the administrative team has done due diligence with research and collaboration in bringing forward what

is in the best interests of our students and community members," the letter read.

Before the meeting ended Winkels wanted to thank Klamm for her leadership.

"It saddens me to see Mary leaving," he said. "She took on some very tough issues and did it with class, in a professional manner."

His comments were followed by applause from the audience.

Klamm said she thanked the community, the staff and the board for the warm welcome when she came.

"I regret having to do this resignation. I see great things for this community," she said. "I am committed to putting the pieces in place so things continue."

Lund noted that some great initiatives have begun and "We'll see that they won't go away."

Finance, personnel fill short school board meeting

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board handled a number of financial and personnel issues at their regular April 17 meeting.

In addition the board approved a resolution similar to other districts regarding the involuntary dissolution of the Eagle Valley School District.

The resolution states that "the Staples-Motley School Board does not believe it is in the best interests of our school district to accept land in the dissolution process" and further suggested that all territory be given to the Browerville School District.

The Long-Prairie-Grey Eagle and Bertha-Hewitt school districts passed similar resolutions.

Superintendent Mary Klamm explained that a law from the 1950s states that when a school district dissolves, the other districts bordering it would divide the territory. It further states that those districts would lose their operating referendums.

Klamm said just a very small portion of the Eagle Valley School District borders the Staples-Motley District.

The state legislature is considering a change in the original legislation.

Budget Revision #1 of the 2016-17 budget was approved after an explanation of the factors contributing to the projected larger deficit in the unassigned general fund of \$425,462.

Some of those factors include an expense increase in special education paraprofessionals and a revenue decrease in state aid due to lower high school enrollment than projected.

Buildings and Grounds Director LeRoy Peterson reviewed the capital outlay list. Many items were maintenance upgrades due

to aging equipment and items on normal replacement schedules, such as a new bus.

The list was approved on a split vote. Board member Dave Hoemberg said the list was just presented that night at the meeting and he hadn't had time to review it. He noted a policy that said items should be sent to the board at least five days prior to the meeting.

In other business the board:

- Approved the purchase of a ten passenger van at an estimated cost of \$31,000 from the 2016-17 budget.

- Approved contracts for Laurie Paskewitz and Title I lead teacher for the elementary and middle school; Caitlyn Strusz as high school math teacher; and Jenna Smith as payroll/human resources clerk.

- Approved adding the coordination of the Adventures Program to the Community Education Coordinator's job description and increased that contract for Kevin Roline from 180 days to 220 days.
- Accepted a retirement request from Joyce Beilke-Vacek, high school para-professional.

- Approved resignation requests from Catherine Wiese and Jackie Hanson. Both had been on leaves of absence and chose now to resign.

- Approved the resignation of Roseanne Rivers, school readiness program.

- Approved the nonrenewal of Sarah Newkirk, middle school probationary teacher.

- Approved the 1:World Chrombook handbook.

- Agreed to reinstate a policy committee. Chad Longbella and Bryan Winkels volunteered to serve on it.

- Heard in the superintendent's report that, because of the low turnout at the community meetings for the facilities study, that the firm will be conducting a community survey.



Coaches talk to Staples-Motley Board

Kermit Klefsaas, standing far right, was one of the football coaches who addressed the Staples-Motley School Board at their meeting April 25. The coaches read their letters to explain why they were resigning. Approximately 80 people attended the meeting. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

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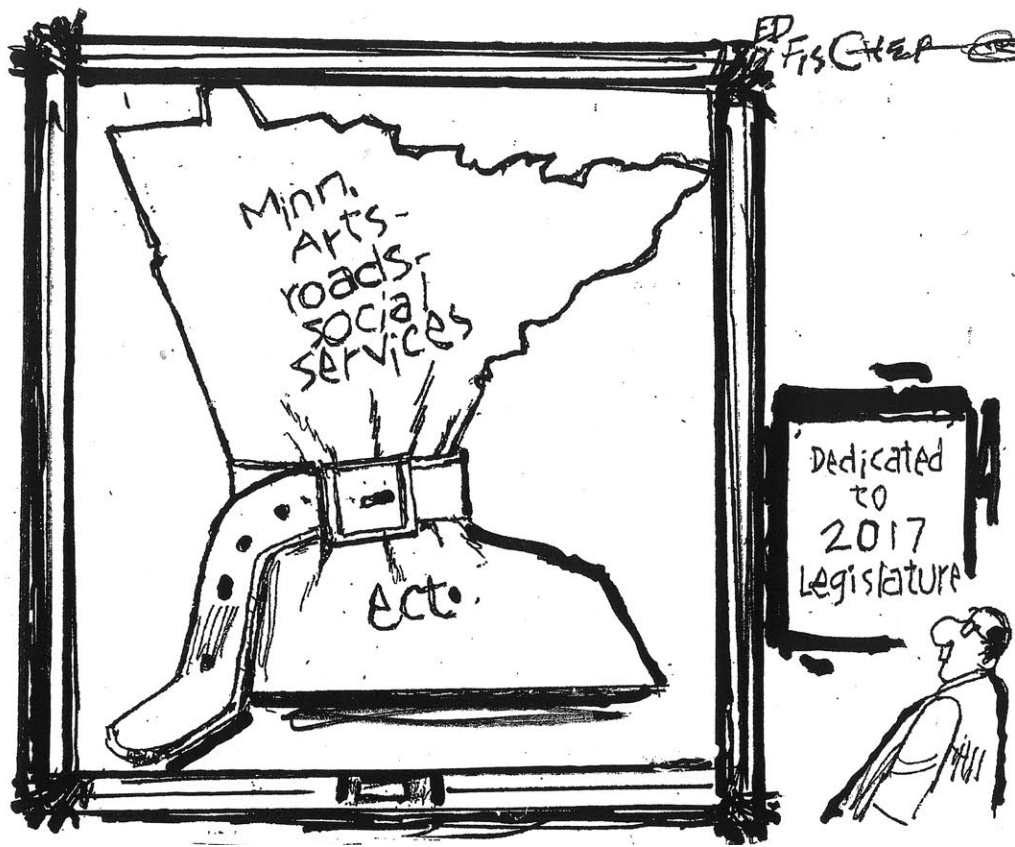
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4-H isn't just for farm kids

By Virginia Hendrickx
Wadena County 4-H
Program Coordinator

In 1902, in Douglas County, Minnesota, T.A. Erickson started local agricultural after school clubs and fairs, which by 1912 were called 4-H clubs. Today, 4-H serves youth in rural, urban and suburban communities in every state across the nation.

The 4-H'ers are tackling the nation's top issues from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety. The 4-H out-of-school programming, in-school enrichment programs, clubs and camps also offer a wide variety of STEM opportunities - from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science - to improving the nation's ability to compete in key scientific fields and taking on the leading challenges of the 21st century.

Living in rural Minnesota, most people recognize the green clover with an 'H' on each leaf as being associated with the National 4-H Organization. Aside from this symbol though, many are confused about what exactly 4-H is.

Most would say that it's an agriculture based organization with images of farm children showing prized livestock at the county fair come to mind. While that's absolutely an avenue that 4-H can take you, it isn't the only thing you can do in 4-H; 4-H is so much more.

I grew up with 4-H and was pretty involved. Many of my projects involved livestock, but oddly enough, many more of them didn't.

Working as 4-H staff opened my eyes to more projects and experiences that are offered through this organization. Honestly, it makes me excited for the experience that will be available to future 4-H'ers as they grow and create a 4-H adventure of their own.

Minnesota 4-H boasts over 60 project areas ranging from dance, art history, robotics and shooting sports. We have a variety of hands-on learning opportunities for all children, kindergarten through one year post high school.

Opportunities at the club and county level vary depending on the volunteers available to share their time and talents with youth, but many clubs offer basic projects that introduce children to outdoor related activities.

Often, the opportunities presented through 4-H help teach young people important lessons while building their skill sets, having fun with their friends and you don't have to be a farm kid to be involved.

In Wadena County, we have an amazing corps of volunteers, who commit countless hours working with and for local youth, teaching them skills ranging from archery, dairy, photography and sewing.

These volunteers are not paid - not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. Wadena County 4-H wouldn't extend our reach if it weren't for our volunteers' willingness to share their time and talents with us and the youth in the county.

We want to take some time during this National Volunteer Week to thank our volunteers again for all that they do for youth and more specifically, 4-H. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you for all that you do.

If you're interested in becoming active in 4-H, enrolling your children as members or volunteering, the Wadena County Extension Office by calling 218-631-7623 or emailing carl002@umn.edu.

Public should know about unclaimed funds

Many of our readers have unclaimed property held by the Minnesota Department of Commerce. This could include abandoned bank accounts, insurance policies, utility deposits, trust funds, safety deposit boxes, tax refunds, rent deposits and more.

By law, the state must preserve those funds, but since 2005 the state has not been required to publish the lists of people who own the property. That year, the Minnesota Legislature decided the lists no longer needed to be published as public notices in newspapers.

In the last 10 years, just after the newspaper portion of the law was dropped, the unclaimed funds have risen from \$350 million to \$750 million. An estimate is that one in every 20 Minnesotans has a claim in the fund. That's a lot of people who deserve to get that money back.

The Minnesota Legislature has an opportunity to help reverse the situation, as a conference committee is now debating legislation that would restore the publi-

Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

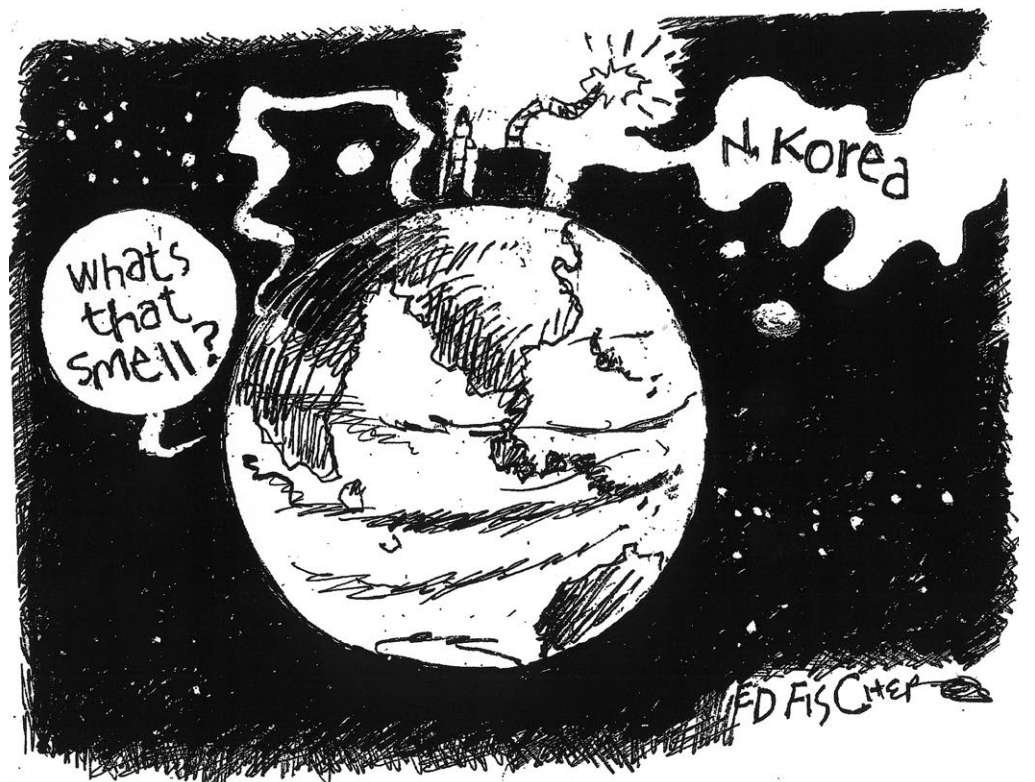
cation of notices on unclaimed property. The newspapers would also post the list on their websites.

Other nearby states still publish their lists and the results are extremely positive. Not only do people find their own names, but they tell friends and neighbors if they have unclaimed property.

Yes, newspapers would make more money if the state decides to publish the lists, but there's much more to it than that. Newspapers are the local clearinghouse for a lot of information, paid and unpaid, and our goal is to connect people and tell the story of the community in ways that can't be done anywhere else.

The more information that goes into the newspaper, the better it is for the community. Strong, vibrant communities almost always have strong, vibrant newspapers, as the two go hand in hand.

Telling people how to find their lost money is one of many vital roles the newspaper can play.



Letters to the Editor

Successful food drive

The Staples Area Food Shelf thanks everyone for a successful March Campaign. We received \$18,000 and 1,492 pounds of food.

This is a great help that enables us to continue to feed the needy with a little extra care. We try to see to it that they receive a three day supply of food for a family each month.

It's nice to know that Staples residents are always there to help others in many situations. This is a continuous operation so donations of money and or food are appreciated year round.

If anyone has questions they can contact any board member. Father Korf is the new chairman and is learning the operation. He also says he's short term and is thinking of retiring. Other board members include: Doreen Scott, Tom Brichacek, Phyllis Paskewitz, Arlene John-

son, Jeanie Huebner, Judy Richer, Steve Pogreba, Dawn Adameitz and Fran Mertens.

Fran Mertens and Staples Area Food Shelf Board

Board members overstepping bounds

After reading comments by Mr. Hoemberg and Mr. Frisk following the April 17 Staples Motley School Board meeting, it appears they have a desire for personal power and control of the school district's daily operations.

In implying the current and past board members of this district have been wrong in listening to their administrators, Mr. Hoemberg is suggesting the people of the Staples Motley area have made poor decisions in electing board members who have carefully listened to many sides of each issue.

I have personally experienced Ms. Freeman, Mr. Longbella, and Mr. Winkels respectfully listening to multiple sides of an issue. Judging from Mr. Lund's votes, he seems also aware of the complexity of issues.

These board members do not and must not listen only to angry voices on the telephone or bitter

complaints on social media driven by perceived slights and a personal axe to grind. All board members should continue to listen to many people in this district and those dedicated to working for this district, including those on the coaching staff or on hiring committees.

Mr. Hoemberg should publicly apologize to both past and present board members for his attack on their professionalism and valuable work over the years for our district. He might extend that apology to the coaching staff, who have worked with and closely observed Mr. VanOverbeke. There is plenty of evidence these individuals are credible judges of the job.

As for Mr. Frisk, he believes he knows just how a school board "is supposed to" act; Staples Motley has not been living up to his standards. He may not know the Staples Motley School District has been functioning well and professionally serving countless students and families in many ways for a very long time.

Onni Sharp Anderson
Wadena, Minn.

Sharp Anderson has been a high school teacher in the Staples-Motley School district since 1997, consecutively since 1999.

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Current Happenings

Registration open for Conference on Aging

The 36th "CELEBRATION Annual Conference on Aging" will be Thursday May 25, at the Central Lakes College Staples Campus, 1830 Airport Rd, Staples.

This years' keynote speaker is Bev Nelsen, of Staples, a retired professional, who will entertain us as we "Laugh for the Health of It!"

A variety of informational, fun workshops will be available including: Feng Shui-Attract Positive Energy; Keeping Joints Healthy for a Lifetime; A Perfect Celebration of Life; Alternative Gardening;

Three Keys to Naturally Demolish Back Pain; Music Therapy to Reduce Stress and Anxiety; Maximizing Social Security Benefits and Veterans/Widow Benefits.

Registrations are now being taken, with registration allowing you access to over 50 vendors/booths, morning refreshments, lunch catered by Lakewood Health System and door prizes.

For more information contact Kristine Hoheisel, 1-800-224-6451, kohoheisel@horizonhealthservices.com, or visit our Facebook page: staplesagingcelebration

Attention: Staples area veterans

American Legion Post #70, of Staples will have a re-organizational meeting Tuesday, May 9, at 6 p.m. at the Lions building on Wisconsin Ave., Staples.

Two options will be discussed.

1) New officers will be elected and will continue the operation of the 100

years of the post.

2) A decision will be made to dissolve and relinquish the charter.

All area veterans are asked to attend this critical meeting. A catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. and a free will donation will be accepted.

The business meeting

will immediately follow the meal.

"We are trusting that you will be present with us for what could be our last meeting," said Larry Deny, Commander, and Don Amundson, Adjutant.

For information or to RSVP call Don at 218-894-3747.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTG AT STAPLES COMMUNITY CENTER: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-8048.

AA MTGS IN VERDALE: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

AL-ANON MTG Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Staples United Methodist Church. For info., 218-296-1123.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY - ALCOHOLICS VICTORIOUS MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-640-5679.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) PEER SUPPORT GROUP meets Thursdays, 7 p.m., at An Open Book, Jefferson Square Mall, 209 Jefferson St. S., Wadena. For info., call NAMI at 651-645-2948.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tri-County Health Care,

Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 3:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., TCHC, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-2352.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall. For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Thursday, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Senior Campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8393.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

SENIOR CITIZENS MTG AT LEADER HALL third Tuesday. Potluck lunch, 11:30 a.m.; blood pressures, 11:30 a.m.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health

info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

STAPLES MOTLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MTG second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smeccc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 8 p.m., Church of Christ, Browerville. For info., 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCoChair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley. For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

May 1

RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA (REAM) MTG Mon., May 1, Staples City Hall. Program: Ray Gildow.

May 2

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC offered by Todd County Health & Human Services, Tues., May 2, Lakewood Health System Senior Campus, Staples. For info., appt., 320-533-4652.

WIC PROGRAM offered by Todd County Health & Human Services, Tues., May 2, Lakewood Health System Sr. Campus, Staples, 9 a.m. - noon; 1 - 5 p.m. For info., 320-732-4456.

May 3

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY SPECIAL MTG Wed., May 3, 1:30 p.m., Lions Bldg., Staples. Questions? Call 218-894-2254.

Grand March

Public invited

The Staples Motley High School Prom will be held Saturday, April 29, at the main gymnasium. The public is invited to attend the Grand March which begins at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.



Promoting speech program

The Staples Host Lions donated \$600 to the Staples-Motley speech program. Pictured from left, teacher John Regan, Lion Tom Honek, speech students Elijah Sams and Coleman Klimek and Principal Mike Schmidt. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

May programs at Staples Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to kindergarten. Sign up any time during open hours. Sponsored by Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition.

May D.I.Y. fun activity May 1-31

If you could meet any character from a book, who would you choose? Put your answer on the display board and pick up a treat from the desk. For all ages during open hours.

Minnesota Workforce Center visits - May 4

A Workforce Center staff person will be available the first Thursday of each month, including May 4 from 2-4 p.m., to assist job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance. For adults.

Reading Roundhouse May 10

Join us for a fun story time and activities on Wednesday, May 1 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For ages Pre-K to 2nd grade. Registration is required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. For more information

contact the library at 218-894-1401.

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

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services for 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. It also provides Central Minnesota residents with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.

Education for those on dementia journey

A free education session for people with dementia and their care givers will be held Thursday, May 4, from 1-4 p.m. at the Browerville Community Center on Hwy. 71, Browerville.

"By understanding the realities of someone with dementia and how they are able to process the world around them, both caregivers and care receivers gain the knowledge necessary to walk the dementia journey together," organizers write.

"With the right tools and understanding the bridge between caregiver's and care receiver's can be strengthened so everyone can thrive instead of just survive."

For more information or to pre-register, which is requested, call 320-815-4301 or you may register by email to: verna.toenyan@co.todd.mn.us.

The event is co-sponsored by the Todd County Council on Aging and the Browerville Seniors.

Baseball Skills Camp set for boys and girls, grades 4 - 6

A 'Baseball Skills Camp' for boys and girls in grades 4 - 6 will be held in Staples on Mondays during May, 5:30 - 7 p.m., beginning May 1. Free.

The skills camp is sponsored by Staples-Motley Community Education and is the first time they have offered this program before the start of their Summer Rec Baseball Season.

Cardinal Speech banquet April 30

The Staples-Motley Speech Team Awards Banquet will be held Sunday, April 30, at 5:30 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Public invited.

A number of items are on the evening's agenda, including the presentation of letter awards, the announcing of captains for next season, a few speech performances by seniors; and a special recognition of Frank Odell, who has served as a coach for the past 50 years and will be retiring at the end of this season.

The potluck dinner is open to all in the community; bring a dish to share.

Dinner Concert

Staples-Motley High School Jazz Band Bell Choir

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Obituaries



Kermit Ness

Kermit Bernell “Bernie” Ness, 79, Pillager, passed away April 23, 2017, at his home.

A memorial service celebrating Bernie’s life will be held Friday, April 28, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Lord of Life Church, Baxter. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Halvorson Johnson Funeral Home, Brainerd.

Bernie was born March 31, 1938 in Clitherall Township, Ottertail County, Minnesota to Alvin and Ella Ness. He was baptized and confirmed at Trefoldighed Lutheran Church. He grew up on the family’s dairy farm, attended country school in the District of Clitherall, later attending Battle Lake High School. He joined the U.S. Army on July 16, 1958 where he served in the Chemical Corp., completing his military service as a member of the Army Rangers. He married Anne K. O’Bannon on October 6, 1962. After returning home from the service Bernie started a fertilizer plant for Standard Oil, in southern Minnesota; then moved north and started an alfalfa pelleting plant, before moving to central Minnesota where he worked at Larson Boat Works and as a heavy equipment operator; after retirement Bernie became a motorcoach driver. He enjoyed Arabian horses, German Shepherd dogs, hunting and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, of 52 years; one son, Lynn Allen (Kiri); one granddaughter, Rachel Anne, along with several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Willard, Eldred, Kenneth and one sister Bernice Starin.

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Lawrence Baumgartner, Jr.

Lawrence (Larry) E. Baumgartner, Jr., 60, of Motley, passed away April 23, 2017, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, April 28 at the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. with prayers at 6:00 p.m. The celebration will continue at the Bears Den in Leader at 7:00 p.m.

Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

Larry was born July 17, 1956, to Lawrence and Elizabeth Baumgartner in Staples. He attended school in Staples. He married Shirley Hertel on June 16, 1963.. Larry attended the Staples and Hennepin Technical colleges for Machine Trades and became a machinist. He worked as a machinist until 1987, when the family moved back to Leader where Larry took over the family farm, milking cows, working various jobs driving truck and seasonal work for the Cass County Highway Dept. Larry’s interests included classic cars, drag racing,



four-wheeling, farming, being outdoors and being busy tinkering with odds and ends.

Larry is survived by his wife; one son, Aaron (Jen) Baumgartner and one daughter, Serenity (Wayne) Keppers both of Leader; four grandchildren; three brothers, Joe (Shirley) Baumgartner of Kentucky, Paul (Judy) Baumgartner of Monticello and Bob (Linda) Baumgartner of Brainerd.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary Ann; two brothers, Pete and Tom and nephew, Robbie.

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Robert Schultz

Robert “Bob” Schultz, 80, of Verndale, passed away unexpectedly April 18, 2017, at his home in Verndale.

Funeral services were held April 22 at Family Life Church in Verndale, with Pastor Ken Uhren presiding.

Burial was in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes’ Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena.

Bob was born September 12, 1936, to Alfred and Edith (Blomker) Schultz on the family farm in Watkin. He attended District #3 school, Lincoln Elementary, graduating from Litchfield High School, class of 1954. He attended St. Cloud State and student taught at Mounds View High School. In 1959, he began teaching in Verndale, retiring 34 years later in December, 1992.

Bob married Judy Ryan on July 6, 1961. In 1964, they adopted their son Dan and in 1966, they adopted their daughter Laura. Bob was active in the Verndale Methodist Church teaching Sunday School, served on the advisory board, taught ATV, firearm and snowmobile safety classes. He was a member of the Verndale Fire Department, Verndale Lions, Wing River Bowmen and the Mit-Ti-Quab Club. The Schultz’ were the first Hall of Fame members in the archery club. Bob enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Dan Schultz of Detroit Lakes and one daughter, Laura Corcoran of Kansas City, MO; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren along with other family and friends.

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Youngsters entertain at Lakewood Pines

A number of young children participated in the ‘Luv Bugs on a Bus’ activity April 24, sponsored by Staples-Motley Early Childhood Family Education. The event began at the high school cafeteria, where the children made gifts for residents at Lakewood Pines and Lakewood Manor in Staples, as well as bug antennas for themselves; and were treated to pizza. Later, a school bus transported the children and their parents to both

the Pines and the Manor, where they sang songs to the residents and then presented them with the gifts they had made. The event was in celebration of the ‘Week of the Young Child,’ April 24 - 28. Pictured above, Staples Elementary School Paraprofessional Melissa Wright accompanies the children as they sing, ‘The Itsy, Bitsy Spider.’ (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Summer sprint fun 5K and kids’ run Sat., May 6, in Staples

A ‘Sprint into Summer 5K and Kids’ Fun Run’ will be held Saturday, May 6, with the race beginning at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples.

The schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 a.m., registration
- 9:30 a.m. - 5K race begins, followed by the Kids’ Fun Run, at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The event is sponsored by Lakewood Health System, Snap Fitness, Spandl Chiropractic and Landis + Gyr.

Drawings, prizes and medals will be awarded; T-shirts are guaranteed for all preregistered racers. Registration fees can be paid prior to or the day of the race.

Registration forms can be picked up and turned in at the Sacred Heart Area School in Staples.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Benjamin and Kristy Hoppe of Parkers Prairie, a baby boy, Chase William weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on April 14, 2017.

Born to Michael and Nicole Kevelin of Staples, a baby boy, Wyatt Michael weighing eight pounds, three ounces on April 14, 2017.

Born to Trevor and Tamar Bettis of Verndale, a baby boy, Ashton Markal weighing six pounds, two ounces on April 14, 2017.

Born to Amanda Gree-no and Rayge Nickeboine of Brainerd, a baby girl, Isabella Lynn weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 14, 2017.

Born to Wayne and Reba Miller of Wadena, a baby girl, Mae Ann weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on April 16, 2017.

Born to Derrick and Caitlyn Rude of Wadena, a baby girl, Sophia Rose weighing six pounds, five ounces on April 17, 2017.

Born to Kayla Mayerhofer and Brandon Dunn of Sebeka, a baby girl, Au-

brianna Marcia weighing five pounds on April 17, 2017.

Born to Eric and Hacıber Stumbo of Motley, a baby boy, Benjamin Alexander weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on April 18, 2017.

Born to Jenna Klimek of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Sophia Rose weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on April 19, 2017.

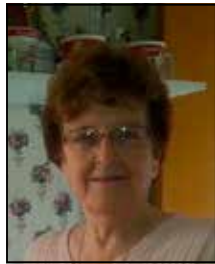
Born to Alaina Kraft and Shane Borders of Pine River, a baby boy, Dawson Alan weighing six pounds, eight ounces on April 19, 2017.

Born to Deirdre Flan and Robert Hess of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Brayden Robert weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on April 20, 2017.

Born to Joelle Camilli and Jeremiah Williams of Menahga, a baby girl, Sophia Rae weighing seven pounds, four ounces on April 20, 2017.

Born to Brianna Trampe and Shaun Imgrund of Staples, a baby boy, Isaac Otto weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 20, 2017.

Marilyn Payne



Marilyn Mae Payne, 75, Layton, Utah passed away April 14, 2017 surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held April 17 at the Light of the Valley Lutheran Church in Layton, UT.

Marilyn Mae was born on February 14, 1942, in Staples to Frank and Olga (Peterson) McGillivray.

She is survived by her life partner, her loving husband of 57 years, “J.D.” Payne; two sons, Walter and Michael; three daughters, Linda, Annette and Jodi; 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

In lieu of flowers the family has suggested that donations may be made to the American Cancer society.

“We who remain behind -

her sons, her daughters, her grandchildren, her great-grandchildren, all her friends and relatives - cling in faith to Jesus Christ, our only Savior and await that great day when we, together with our sister gone on ahead, will rise from our grave and follow our Savior out of this life into a better and perfect one. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood, be honor and power now and forever. Amen.

If Roses Grow in Heaven

by Dolores M. Garcia

If roses grow in Heaven,

Lord, please

pick a bunch for me,

Place them in my

Mother’s arms

And tell her

they’re from me.

Tell her I love her

and miss her,

And when she turns

to smile,

Place a kiss upon

her cheek

And hold her for awhile.

Because remembering

her is easy,

I do it every day,

But there’s an ache

within my heart

That will never go away.

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John Novotny

John Novotny, 84, of Motley passed away April 19, 2017 at the Lake Region Health Care Hospital in Fergus Falls.

Services were held April 25 at St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Motley, with Father Joe Korf officiating.

Interment was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Military rites were provided by the Motley American Legion Post #124.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home of Staples.

John was born January 9, 1933 to Joseph and Matilda (Helstein) Novotny in Rusk County, Wisconsin. John enjoyed cutting logs, working in the woods and was a dairy farmer for many years. John served his country during the Korean War in the 2nd Infantry Division in Tacoma, WA. He was active in the Motley American Legion Post #124; was past Commander, a Post Adjutant



for 25 plus years, a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, the VFW and the Korean War Veterans Association. John enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing bingo.

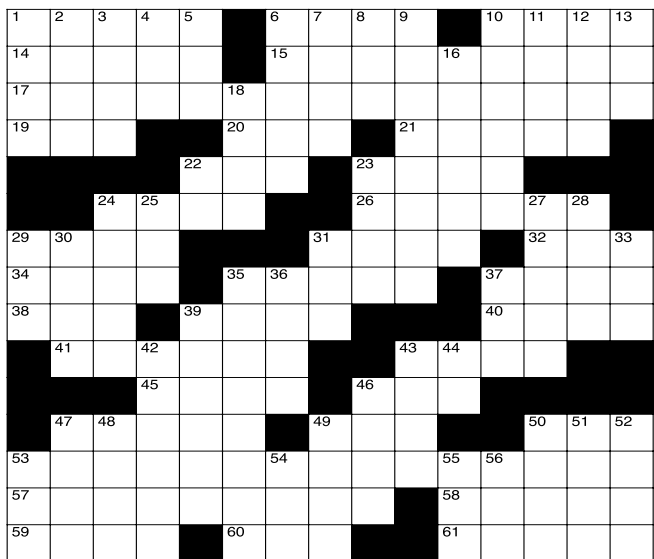
John is survived by one brother, Joseph (Judy) Novotny of Motley; one sister, Mary Cicha of Glen Flora, WI and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant brother, Francis and brother in-law, Joe Cicha.

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Crossword Puzzle

Week 17



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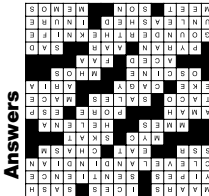
1. Volcanic craters
6. Makes nervous
10. Long strip of cloth
14. Expressions of surprise
15. Perception
17. 2016 World Series runner-up
19. Former Communist power
20. Consume
21. Abyss
22. Regulator gene
23. Card game
24. Women (French)
26. State capital
29. Nursemaid
31. Surface opening
32. Second sight
34. Beloved Mexican dish
35. Discounts
37. Ceremonial staff
38. Support with difficulty
39. Reluctant to share information

CLUES DOWN

1. Vertebrate oncogenes
2. Troubles
3. Imitator
4. Increase motor speed
5. Midway between south and southeast
6. Sir ___ Newton
7. Penny
8. Ultimate
9. Gummied labels
10. Quiet and dull
11. Cuckooes
12. Dishonest scheme
13. Adult female chicken
16. Breathe in
18. Pieces of land
22. Of I
23. Type of footwear
24. Heavy clubs

25. Conductance unit
27. Approaches
28. Fungi cells
29. Devoured
30. Type of shark
31. Work steady at one’s trade
33. Vegetable
35. Sound-mindedness
36. Matured
37. Chinese communist revolutionary
39. Large insect
42. Transportation tickets book
43. Female horse
44. Expresses surprise
46. Saudi Arabian king
47. Unleavened bread
48. Christmas
49. Deity of monotheistic cult
50. Flowering plant genus
51. Hairstyle
52. Radio personality
53. Something you chew
54. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
55. ___ Basinger, actress
56. Midway between north and northeast

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Pick a card, any card

Marge Pearson, a resident at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples, got to choose a card during a magic show April 13. The Robert Holbrook Magic Show was brought to the Care Center by the Staples Public Library supported by an Arts and Culture Legacy Grant. Stop in or contact the library for information on future programs. (Submitted photo)

Design and Media Exhibition opens

Central Lakes College Art Gallery presents the 2017 Design & Media Graduate Portfolio Exhibition. This exhibition showcases the work of Central Lakes College Graphic Design, Videography and Photography students who will be graduating this year.

On display will be a selection of pieces from each student's personal portfolio and will include some of their best work created over the last two years - everything from illustration, advertising, logo and branding design, photography, video work and more.

In conjunction with the gallery exhibition, the 5th Annual CLC Filmmaker's Film Festival will take place the night of the artist reception in Chalberg Theatre. Join in celebrating the culmination of two years of movie making by the Videography class at CLC by viewing their capstone films.

An artists reception will be held in the gallery Wednesday, May 3, from 5- 8 p.m., along with the film festival the same evening, beginning at 7 p.m. in Chalberg Theatre. Student designers and filmmakers will be in attendance to meet and discuss their work. Light refreshments will be served. This exhibition and all events associated with it are free and open to the public.

The gallery exhibition is on display and open to the public; May 1-12, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Central Lakes College Art Gallery is located at CLC, Brainerd Campus, #E422, 501 West College Dr, Brainerd.

Thank you to...
-Lakewood Health System Hospital, Hospice and Home Care Staff
-Lakewood Pines Housing and Nursing Staff for the care and support of Peggy Bredemeier
-from Peggy's family

Life Currents Policy
A regular obituary (with photo) is \$60.
Obituary forms are available.
To request that an obituary (anniversary, or other event) be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, consult our advertising department for display advertising options (rate is \$9.80 /col. inch, Staples World only). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it and paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is 5 p.m. Monday.
The Staples World offers a Special Occasion Display ad, 1 col. X 3" for \$25 (must be paid for at the time of placement; reg. \$29.40). Regular ad rate is \$9.80 per column inch for any size ad.
Benefit events are considered advertisements.

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Corner of 23 and Hwy.10, Verndale 218-445-6885
•Tune-ups •Oil changes •70 cert. scale
•Exhaust •Shocks & struts •Tires
•Welding •Computer diagnostics
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NOTICE
Water Main Flushing
The City of Staples Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the City as needed, May 2 - 3, 2017. You may experience cloudy water during this time. If this occurs, allow the cold water to run until it clears.

Learn Ojibwe Language at Central Lakes College
Dr. Treuer Professor of Ojibwe Studies at Bemidji State University
Author and cultural trainer will teach a 4-credit elementary Ojibwe class this fall! The course will focus on speaking and writing Ojibwe, using the double vowel system.
To register for this class visit http://www.clcmn.edu/registration/

VA national cemeteries pre-need determination of eligibility

By David A. Anderson
Veteran Service Officer
Wadena County

The Department of Veterans Affairs now provides eligibility determinations for interment in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need.

Through the Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility Program, upon request, individuals can learn if they're eligible for burial or memorialization in a VA national cemetery.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald said, "MyVA is about looking at VA from the Veterans' perspective and doing everything we can to make the Veteran Experience effective and seamless. This new program reaffirms our commitment to providing a lifetime of benefits and services for Veterans and their families."

Interested individuals may submit VA Form 40-10007, Application for Pre-Need Determination of Eligibility for Burial in a VA National Cemetery, and supporting documentation, such as a DD Form 214 (if readily available) to the VA National Cemetery Scheduling Office by: toll-free fax at 1-855-840-8299; email to Eligibility.PreNeed@va.gov ; or mail to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, P.O. Box 510543, St. Louis, MO 63151. Form 40-10007 can be completed on line and downloaded at http://www.va.gov/vaforms.

The VA will review applications and provide written notice of its determination of eligibility. The VA will save determinations and supporting documentation in an electronic information system to expedite burial arrangements at the time of need.

Because laws and personal circumstances change, upon receipt of a burial request, VA will validate all pre-need determinations in accordance with the laws in effect at that time.

The VA operates 135 national cemeteries and 33 soldiers' lots in 40 states and Puerto Rico. More than four million Americans, including veterans of every war and conflict, are buried in VA's national cemeteries. The VA also provides funding to establish, expand and maintain 105 Veterans cemeteries in 47 states and territories including tribal trust lands, Guam and Saipan.

For veterans buried in private or other cemeteries, the VA provides

headstones, markers or medallions to commemorate their service. In 2016, the VA honored more than 345,000 Veterans and their loved ones with memorial benefits in national, state, tribal and private cemeteries.

Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery, opening/closing of the grave, a grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite and a government-furnished headstone or marker or niche cover, all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a burial flag and may be eligible for a Presidential Memorial Certificate.

Information on VA burial benefits is available from local VA national cemetery offices, from the Internet at www.cem.va.gov, or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 800-827-1000.

To make burial arrangements at any open VA national cemetery at the time of need, call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 800-535-1117.

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.

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.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:35 a.m.
and Coffee Fellowship.....10:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

Congregational, 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. Megardien
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
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
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. #.....218-837-5690
Open by arrangement

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
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
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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

The fear of missing out

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

Modern media and the ever-growing advertising industry bombard us daily with messages about all the amazing possibilities of life. There are flashier gadgets, newer toys and updated styles. Add to that the impact of social media which notifies us in real time whenever our friends buy, use or wear these new items. We see instant photos as they sit in trendy restaurants, or enjoy a concert or weekend getaway. Meanwhile, we sit at home, dining on a casserole and suffering from FOMO, the fear of missing out.

This increased awareness of what others are enjoying has not succeeded in bringing us the happiness we hoped. Some of us find ourselves feeling down as we dwell on all the potential pleasures we are missing. Others decide to actively pursue every possible avenue of fun. And in the end, this second approach is even more likely to leave us disappointed.

The Biblical book of Ecclesiastes is King Solomon's memoir of regret. He confesses how he sought after every imaginable pleasure with all the resources available to him. He pursued knowledge

and science. He built great works of architecture, temples and palaces. He commissioned gardens and parks and pools. He accumulated wealth that rivaled the billionaires of our times. He married 700 women.

In Ecclesiastes 2:10, Solomon wrote, "Whatever my eyes desired, I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure." If anyone could find satisfaction through the pursuit of pleasure, certainly it should have been Solomon. He didn't miss out on anything. Yet in the end, he was utterly disappointed. He declared, "I hated life." (Ecclesiastes 2:19) King Solomon discovered that the pursuit of all life's pleasures will inevitably drain all pleasure from life.

Every day you must make choices regarding what you will do, as well as what you will not do. And the thought of having to forego a social event or to not join another activity should not leave you feeling fearful about what you will miss, but set free to enjoy those activities you do pursue. May you choose wisely how you spend your precious time and energy. And may you make your choices without fear.

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Motley and Pillager

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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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 Monday May 22, 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) Outlet Petitions that have been submitted by several landowners asking to use CD18 as an outlet for their water.

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

All interested landowners are welcome and encouraged to attend this Public Hearing. Todd County Commissioners Becker, Erickson, Kirchner, 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, please 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
CITY OF MOTLEY
SPECIAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Motley City Council will meet on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to address final data regarding the City's Compensation Study.

Lacey Smieja,
City Clerk

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**NOTICE
THOMASTOWN
MONTHLY MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting of Thomastown Township will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall building.

Joy Weyer, Clerk
Thomastown Township

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**NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY
HALL BOARD
MEETING**

The Leader Community Hall Board will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. at the hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary

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**NOTICE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL
CENTRAL LAKES
COLLEGE
REFUSE AND
RECYCLING
SERVICES
BRAINERD CAMPUS**

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Refuse and Recycling Services, Brainerd Campus. A copy of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples MN 56479, (218) 894-5103 or 1-800-247-6836.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017. All proposals must be sealed and marked "Refuse and Recycling Services". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Kari Christiansen
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.

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**NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY**

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, held its annual meeting Feb. 14, 2017 at the Staples Community Center. Election of officers was held. Elected were: Bob Reeck, President/Treasurer; Marlene Card Reeck, Secretary; Huck Holst, Vice President.

The board chose May 1 to open the cemetery.

New policy signs were posted at the cemetery. Some revisions were needed as the cemetery is taking on a cluttered look. The board made the motion that all shepherd hooks or pedestal style flower pot holders, vases (maximum of two) must be placed next to the grave headstone. NO other items allowed. If families have other items placed by the headstone, the board asks that you please remove them.

Also remember that pets must be on leashes and owners need to pick up after their pets.

For questions, contact Bob Reeck, President, 218-296-0877 or Huck Holst, Vice President, 218-296-2469.

Bob Reeck, President
Evergreen Hill Cemetery

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**NOTICE
PLANNING
COMMISSION
215 First Ave. South,
Suite 103
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420**

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. 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) **Anderson Bros Construction:** Sec 28 Twp 128 Rng 33 N2 SE4 of Section 28 of Little Elk Township
PID: 21-0029800
Site Address: 25737 County 8
Request to operate a temporary hot mix asphalt plant and extended hours crush plant for Todd County highway work.

2) **Kevin Boyer:** Sec-36 Twp-130 Rng-35 Part of N2 SE4 Sec 36
PIN: 05-0027900
Site Address: 27387 165th Ave
Request to add second home on single parcel.

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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**ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #20
Monday, March 20,
2017, 7:00 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA
CENTER**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Hoemberg, Lund, Longbella, Winkels and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Klamm, Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Halverson, Business Manager Vacek; CHS staff Trout and Kajer, SMEA reps. Schneider and Hogan; Technology Coordinator Kruse; Activities Director VanOverbeke; Building and Grounds, Peterson; 12-15 HS students; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

School/Community Forum -

a. Connections High School presentation by Ms. Trout and a student

b. Report by Cindy Koopmann and a student on the music trip to Washington DC

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC

Finance Items:

Financial Report presented by Ms. Vacek

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers. Motion Carried

Review Budget Revision #1 - moved to next Board meeting

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the Technology Budget proposal. MC

Information was provided regarding an agreement with Verndale for Swimming and Tennis. An agreement will be drafted.

Information was provided regarding staff reductions through attrition and adjustments to staffing.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk to add a Title I position with permission to post. MC

Other - none

Public Notice

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77PR-17-354**

In Re: Estate of
Janet E. Sufka,
Decedent

**NOTICE AND ORDER
OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
OF INTESTACY,
DETERMINATION
OF HEIRSHIP,
APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 6, 2017 at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 First Avenue South, Suite 100, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, July 21, 1992, and ("Will"), and for the appointment of Nancy A. Bitz, whose address is 10431 Amigo Trail, Grey Eagle, MN, 56336 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Per-

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Jenny Cushing with permission to post. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the retirement of Pam Seipkes, with permission to post. MC

Thank you to Pam for her 23 years of dedication while serving our students, staff and district.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to accept the retirement of Mavis Johnson. MC

Thank you to Mavis for her 19 years of service to our students and the district.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the retirement of Marsha Jordahl. MC

Thank you to Marsha for her 16 years of service to our students and the district

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Hoemberg, to accept the retirement of Dave Odden. MC

Thank you to Dave and we wish him the best in retirement.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2017-18 contract for Cortiney Kerfield. MC

~~Approve the contract for Gary Trout; Transportation Maintenance; 16 hours per week; (This position will be billed payroll, not on a contract)~~

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Hoemberg, to approve the contract for Mary White. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the addition of a HS Counselor position with permission to post. After some discussion regarding the funding for this position, the motion was amended.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the addition of a HS Counselor position, with 75 percent (%) of the funding coming from CTE Levy money. Voting in favor: Freeman, Winkels, Lund, Frisk Opposed: Longbella and Hoemberg MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to post for summer school positions. MC

Curriculum

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2017-18 ATTPPS/

**QCOMP MOU. MC
Reports**

School Board FED & NJPA

The Superintendent Evaluation - moved to the April Work Session

Principals' Written Reports were available

Superintendent Report

Community Listening Sessions have been scheduled for April 3 and April 10

Supt. Klamm gave an update on the Eagle Valley district;

A camera has been installed in one of the buses to see how it works

SMEA - none

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Hoemberg, to adjourn the meeting. MC

Complete minutes are available at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING #21
MON., APRIL 3, 2017
7:00 p.m.
HS MEDIA CENTER**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Freeman, Hoemberg, Lund, Longbella, Winkels, and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Klamm; Principal Schmidt; Staples World Manager Halvorson; SMEA rep. Schneider; students, staff and several parents; Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. Supt. Klamm requested to have item #5 pulled from the agenda due to a procedural error. The motion was called and carried.

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Trevor Kruse; eff. 4-7-17; with permission to post. Motion Carried.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to accept the resignation of Brian Schornack; eff. 6-2-17; with permission to post. Motion Carried

(5) ~~Approve the 2017-18 contract for Wyatt Steinke; Vocal Music; Step 1BA~~

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the Special Meeting. Motion Carried.

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**SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION -
MEETING #22
April 3, 2017
Immediately
following the
Special Board
Meeting**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Freeman, Hoemberg, Longbella, Lund, Winkels and Frisk present.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to adopt the Work Session agenda. Motion Carried.

1:1 Technology Handbook Draft

The draft of the 1:World Technology Handbook was reviewed and will be brought to the April 17 regular meeting for approval.

Policies

Consideration of an allergy policy

Discussion concerning an allergy policy for the district. Policies from other schools will be looked at and a policy drafted to fit our needs. Consideration of this policy will be brought to the Board at a future date.

Policy Review

a. **Fund Balance**

The fund balance policy requires an annual review. It currently reads, "The school district will strive to maintain a fund balance of one month of operating expenditures." The goal should be to increase the fund balance to two months of operating expenditures.

b. **Student Surveys**

This is a required policy and will be brought to the April 17 regular meeting for a First Reading.

c. **Parent Volunteer & Visitors**

This policy was considered previously, but never completed or adopted. It will be considered at the April 17 meeting.

d. **Other** - It was suggested that the Board consider reforming a Policy Committee. A recommendation will be brought up at the April 17 meeting.

Superintendent Evaluation

Lund presented the Superintendent's mid-year evaluation summary.

Adjournment

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the work session. Motion Carried.

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Art... and science in progress

Second grade students come to art class for a closer view of the 3D printer. From left, Ty Mumm, Bella Hines, Lillian Czechowicz and Tristyn Janssen. The spool of plastic filament at the top feeds the printer.



3D programmers at work

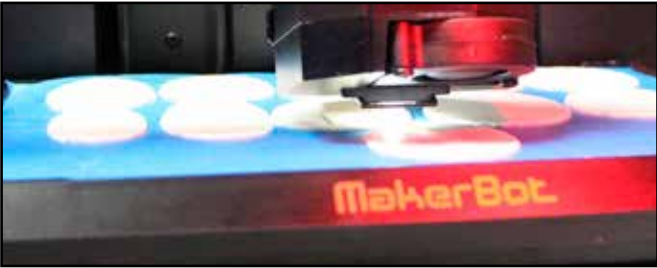
Avandre Brandt and Elliot Allen work on designing an egg on the Tinkercad 3D design software they used to create their eggs.



Technology... and art work together

Staples-Motley Elementary School students were happy with the egg shapes they printed on a 3D printer. The printer was at the school for a few weeks as part of the Tech Mobile program. Pictured from left, third grade students Josie Jennissen, Reid Gilbert, Matthew Larsen and Melissa Anderson with their printed eggs. STEAM teacher

Cathy Evans said students designed the egg shapes, uploaded their design to the 3D printer and watched as they were printed. She said a project like this puts the art in STEAM, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



A close up view of the 3D printer making the base for the eggs, one row at a time. Right, the finished products.

Printing egg shapes



Student Recognition



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students receiving the student recognition award at Motley-Staples Middle School for March were:

- Emma Lamke, Noah DeWald, Nick Fisher, Aliza Farhan, Hunter Scribner, Angelique Stewart, Ariana Williams, Steffany Sullivan, Logan Robben, Amber Ruhl, Corrine Japke, Aften Robinson, Westen Bjerga, Trinity Seamann, Lily Albertson, Austin Johnson, Amellia Smith, Leah Bestland, Tristan Zetah, Brooke Beto



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Students receiving the Bucket List award included:

Front row left to right: Jocelynn Rippentrop, Vanessa Nelson, Hennisey Dause, Hannah Holker, Waylen Anderson. Back row: Evah Noska, Beau Carlson, Noah Larson, Ella Judd, Corben Berg



Sacred Heart Area School

Students receiving Student of the Month awards for March were: Front: Danika Holmberg, Leah Greenwaldt, Isabelle Becker Back: Sophie Albie, Carter Gregerson, Eli Rutten

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by these students.

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc.
Arvig
Adam's Electric
Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union
Jon's Family Foods
Sylvan Shores
Homestead Veterinary Clinic
Trident Seafoods Corp.
3M
Busker Concrete
Tower Pizza
Harmony House
Northwind Grocery
James Soule Auto Sales
Japke Decorating, Carpet & Gifts
The Spot Café

Staples Ace Hardware
PHB Excavating & Septic Pumping
First International Bank & Trust
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Staples Dairy Queen
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Burrows Auto Body
Staples True Value / Just Ask Rental
Unity Bank
Giza Plumbing & Heating
BRICKS Travel Center
Dan Orth, dba Kuhn Insurance Agency
Wayne's Electric of Staples, Inc.
SuperAmerica

Shear Contact
Staples Eye Clinic
Staples Precision Metalcraft
Ron's Auto Repair
Orton's Staples Food Mart
Nyhus Chev./Buick, Inc.
Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc.
Midwest Family Eye Center
Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc.
Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPA's
Longbella Drug
Ernie's Food Market
Countryside Restaurant
LMH Embroidery
Auto Value Parts Store
Motley Dairy Queen
Staples World



Combine choirs, add voices....it's the Big Sing finale'

The combined men's chorus groups perform their final song at the Big Sing event, held April 23, at the Staples-Motley High School gym. In front are; Central Minnesota Boys Choir and Land O'Lakes Choirboys, singing "What Will We Promise" written by guest con-

ductor Christopher Aspaas. The men's chorus groups were from Staples, Egan, Grand Rapids, Minneapolis, Rochester, Walnut Grove, Eau Claire, Wisc., and Jamestown N.D. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Musical pirates hijack the 'Big Sing' event

Can you spot the pirates who hijacked the Big Sing at Staples on April 23? Their performance of "The Pirate Song," found several members of the combined choirs pulling out their eye patches, bandanas, buc-

caneer hats, hand hooks and parrots. Even a box of Cap'n Crunch was spotted in the choir. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Police respond to noise complaint

On April 16, Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 3rd St NE for a report of possible drug use, and a noise complaint. While investigating, police arrested Jade Nickels for

a felony order of protection violation and a felony DANC0 violation. Other reports included: April 16; Staples Police were advised of a pot bel- lied pig running at large

on the 100 block of Long Prairie Rd SW. The owner of the pig was advised. The pig was apprehended.

April 17; Staples Police received a complaint of a milk truck that was all over the road on Hwy 10. Police located the milk truck and didn't observe any out of the ordinary driving.

April 19; Staples Police received a report of a person tampering with a city electrical box at a residence on 2nd St NE. The person had cut off a lock and attempted to get power.

April 22; Staples Police received a report of someone burning on the 300 block of Roosevelt St SW.

Police spoke with the property owners and advised them on the city ordinance regarding burning.

April 22; Staples Police received a concern for welfare regarding a child left in a vehicle at a business.

April 23; Staples Police responded to a report of a hit and run accident on the 200 block of 6th St NE. The complainant reported that someone struck his 2012 Chevrolet SUV, while it was parked in front of his residence. It was believed that the incident occurred sometime after 4 p.m. April 22 or in the early morning hours of April 23.

Adams, Kern and Krause re-elected to TWEC board

With nearly 350 members and guests in attendance, Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative held their 77th Annual Meeting at Wadena's Memorial Auditorium April 20.

In the board of director elections, Nominating Committee Chair, Jerry Miller, announced that incumbents Dale Adams, Norm Krause and Gene Kern were re-elected. An organizational meeting held immediately after the annual meeting resulted in the following officers being re-elected: Mike Thorson, Chair; Dale Adams, Vice Chair; Gene Kern, Treasurer; and Marie Katterhagen, Secretary.

Thorson spoke to the members in his chairman's message about the changes occurring within the electric industry and the importance of belonging to the different associations which aid our utility.

Ashley Smith, a senior at Staples-Motley High School, gave a presentation on her youth tour to Washington, D.C., provided by TWEC. She thanked members for her trip.

A presentation followed from Great River Energy Vice President and General Counsel, Eric Olsen, who spoke on the present state and future of Great River Energy. He presented a \$1,000 check to be donated from Great River Energy to the cooperative's Operation Round Up program, which benefits local organizations.

Lisa Graba-Meech reported on the cooperative's stable financial status and Robin Doege, Todd-Wadena President/CEO, reported on the cooperative's vision, mission and cooperative strategies. Doege also provided updates on several important TWEC initiatives.

Following the meeting, members and guests enjoyed a meal catered by Maasconi's in Wadena. Twenty-three members won door prizes.

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative is a rural electrical cooperative based in Wadena providing approximately 8,800 services to nearly 7,000 members throughout Todd and Wadena counties.

Camp Invention coming to CLC

Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, non-profit summer enrichment camp program, is coming to Central Lakes College the week of July 17- 21.

Camp Invention is a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame®, a nonprofit organization dedicated to recognizing inventors and invention, promoting creativity and advancing the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship. It's supported by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

What makes this camp truly unique is that the curriculum is inspired by some of our nation's most brilliant minds - the Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

For students entering kindergarten through sixth grade, Camp Invention is a weeklong adventure that turns the summer from ordinary to extraordinary through hands-on problem solving, collaboration, the use of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Inventive young minds can exercise their creativity and use their imagination, all while learning and developing new skills they typically don't get to use in the classroom. Children are empowered to have big ideas while they take on challenges that inspire them to question, brain-

storm, work as a team and build amazing invention prototypes.

"Parents should send their children to Camp Invention because it encourages children to think, solve and create," said Tracy M., mother of three campers. "Teamwork is encouraged while individual strengths are fostered. My children gained a deeper love for science and engineering, confidence to try new and innovative ideas, made new friendships, and learned new science vocabulary and concepts."

This year's fresh, action-packed Camp Invention curriculum features several hands-on modules:

- Duct Tape Billionaire: Campers design duct tape products they can market and sell to mock investors.

- Have a Blast: Children build high-tech Bubble Blasters and compete as a team in friendly air battles that use physics to boost their advantage.

- Mission Space Makers: Teams hatch eggs, sprout living plants and grow crystal trees, all while on a mission to locate and prepare a new planet for human habitation.

- Operation Keep Out: Campers learn to reverse engineer old machines and devices, and use their parts to create the ultimate Spy Gadget Alarm Box.

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by certified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves more than 130,000 students every year and partners with more than 1,400 schools and districts across the nation.

For additional information or to find the camp nearest you, visit campinvention.org.

Motorcycle Sunday

...Sunday, May 28...
(Memorial Day weekend)
9:30 a.m. - Coffee, hot chocolate and donuts as you arrive
10:00 a.m. - Worship service (followed by "Blessing For Bikers")
Noon - Be our guests for a tasty lunch. After lunch we will embark on a ride through our beautiful countryside.

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Jumping Cardinals

Amber Robben, left, lands in the sand during the long jump. Noah Han, right hangs in the air for more distance in the triple jump. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

SM Track teams improving

The Staples-Motley track and field teams competed in the Foley Invitational April 21, with eight teams competing in both the girls and boys.

Coach Bruce Fuhrman said both the girls and boys teams are doing well with their top competitors and are looking for some of the other athletes in each event to improve their performances for the true team section meet on May 9.

Team results
Foley Invitational Girls results
Staples-Motley 7th
4x800 relay - 5. S-M, 10:51
100 hurdles - 1. Millie Klefsaas 15.79, 15. Ashley Vasquez 20.44, 18. Addison Hirschey 20.84
100 - 10. Jordan Dechaine 13.90, 13. Amber Robben 14.13, 19. Heidi Lombard 14.58
4x200 - 7. S-M, 2:05
1,600 - 3. Addison Lorber 5:51, 8. Kiera Dumphre 6:02, 17. Malaya Reem 6:48
400 - 15. Aleeah Halverson

1:12, 19. Libby O'Neil 1:15, 23. Cassidy White 1:22
300 hurdles - 2. Klefsaas 50.47, 16. Isabelle Mikel 1:00, 19. A. Hirschey 1:04
800 - 19. Madysen Hull 3:06, 20. Mikayla Sauber 3:06, 21. Reem 3:07
200 - 11. Vasquez 29.44, 18. Lombard 30.66, 19. Brooke Ferdon 30.70
3,200 - 2. Kira Sweeney 12:32, 9. Abby Brown 14:12
4x400 - 8. S-M, 4:59
High jump - 7. Halverson 4'8", 11. Kelsie Weite 4'4"
Pole vault - 1. Klefsaas 12'
Long jump - 9. Ferdon 14'7", 15. Robben 13'5", 17. Larken Hirschey 12'2"
Triple jump - 13. DeChaine 27'9", 16. Sauber 23'6", 16. O'Neil 23'6"
Discus - 15. Toni Brings 71'2", 20. Edilia Chinbaeua 47'1", 21. Ari Brings 41'10"
Shot put - 16. Weite 25'5", 19. T. Brings 22'3", 20. Chinbaeua 17'6"

Boys results
Staples-Motley 6th
4x800 - 7. S-M, 9:50
110 hurdles - 1. Max Giza 15.80, 16. Jordon Carlson 21.54,

18. Sam Jennissen 22.92
100 - 4. Matt Miller 11.66, 8. Dalton Holmberg 11.93
1,600 - 6. Hunter Klimek 5:10, 10. Bentley Christensen 5:14, 22. Austin Johnson 6:09
4x100 - 3. S-M, 46.59
400 - 6. Mason Rychner 57.42, 12. Daniel Lozano 1:01
300 hurdles - 1. Giza 41.65, 5. Matthew Fisher 46.37, 16. J. Carlson 53.48
800 - 9. Jeff Sundstrom 2:19, 10. Garrett Carlson 2:22, 14. Charlie Woodwick 2:25
200 - 5. Holmberg 24.89, 8. Zac Carlson 25.39, 13. Rychner 25.83
3,200 - 2. Emmet Anderson 10:29, 16. Isaac Christoffersen 12:00, 17. Jack Tyrrell 12:02
4x400 - 4. S-M, 3:37
Pole vault - 1. Giza 12'6"
Long jump - 8. Noah Han 18'1", 10. Miller 17'10", 11. Rychner 17'7"
Triple jump - 4. Han 39'2", 7. Fisher 36'8", 14. Lozano 31'2"
Discus - 15. Luke Schmieg 97'11", 13. Hunter Berggren 92'2"
Shot put - 8. Schmieg 40'6", 10. Hunter Carlson 39'5", 12. Berggren 38'7"

Golfers improve in early meets

The Staples-Motley girls golf team started the season with all five varsity players posting scores in the middle of the pack. Their first two meets were good finishes for the young team, as they were fifth out of eight teams at the Pelican Rapids Invitational on April 18 and were 8th of 13 teams at a meet at Craguns on April 22.

At Pelican Rapids, Leah Bestland had rounds of 51 and 49 to finish at 100 to lead the Cardinals. Alix Peterson had 103, and Bo Erholtz and Adriana Dickey

both shot 107. Ava Schneider was right behind with 108.

All the golfers improved for the next meet as Bestland shot 95, Erholtz 97, Peterson 98, Dickey 101 and Schneider 106.

The boys team had a busy week playing some of the top teams in the state. On April 21, they finished 12th out of 20 teams at Pequot Lakes. Beck Erholtz placed fourth, shooting 78 and 76 for a 36 hole total of 154. Tyler Helling had 165, Finn Erholtz 169, Jack Benson 193, Alex Giza 218 and

Jack Adamietz 233.

The Cardinals were 8th out of 15 teams at the Perham Invitational on April 22. Beck Erholtz placed 6th with 77, Helling had 81, Finn Erholtz 92, Benson 101, Giza 110 and Adamietz 122.

On April 24, the Cardinals placed fifth out of 16 teams at the 6AA Pre-Section meet. Finn Erholtz was the top finisher in 12th place with a score of 88, and Helling shot 89 to place 14th. Beck Erholtz shot 91, Benson had 92, Adamietz 113 and Giza 117.

Bats worked well in tournament losses

The Staples-Motley softball team lost three games at the Frazee Tournament held April 22, despite out-hitting their opponents in two of the games.

The Cards were outmatched in their first game against Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, falling 17-0. Lisa Kossan came away with two hits, while Jenna Trantina had one for the team's only offense.

In game two, SM earned 16 hits, allowed nine, but came up short losing to Sebek

14-8. Kossan had four hits; a home run, a double and three RBI's. Sam Schimpp had two hits along with Jasmine Braith going two for two with a double.

In the final game Staples-Motley had 12 hits and still came away with a 9-8 loss, to Walker. Allison Cushing had two hits, including a double; Lisa Kossan and Sarah Kossan each had three hits, including a double for Sarah.

Cardinals load bases in final inning

The Staples-Motley baseball team left the winning run on base in a 6-4 loss to Royalton on April 21, and lost two games of a doubleheader against Crosby-Ironton on April 24, both games by a 6-1 score.

Against Royalton, Brayden Tyrrell doubled in two runs as the Cardinals took an early lead. But a defensive error gave those runs back. A back and forth game found Staples-Motley down 6-4 in the bottom of the seventh inning. They loaded the bases with one out, but couldn't get another hit. The Cardinals left 13 runners on base in the game.

Trey Skeesick pitched four innings, giving up three earned runs. Ben Olander pitched the final three innings and allowed just one run.

Tyrrell had two hits and scored one run. Isaac Swendsrud had two hits, two walks and scored a run. Skeesick and Tommy Kossan had two hits each.

Against Crosby-Ironton, Staples-Motley was competitive through the wind

and rain, but couldn't scrape out a lead in either game.

Reid Busker pitched the first game and struck out seven while allowing just three earned runs. Mason Nyhus, Tyrrell and James Ehresman all had hits.

In the second game, Skeesick and Swendsrud each pitched two innings. Kossan, Nyhus and Brayden Christensen had the Cardinal hits.



Tricky catch

Right fielder Bentley Christensen tracks down a fly ball in the swirling wind to make the out against Crosby-Ironton.



Power stroke

Trey Skeesick sends a ball deep to the outfield against C-I. A strong wind kept the ball inside the park. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Joys of cabin opening (mostly)

Closing up a seasonal cabin in the fall is a bittersweet event. Another year of memory making has come to an end, and – except for day-trips, or “checking-on-things” visits – there will be few if any extended stays until warm weather returns, the ground has thawed and the old sand-point well can begin doing its vital job again.

That seasonal rebirth has finally arrived. Our lake's ice has gone out, and the first fishing craft are on the water. The loons are back, and their yodeling cries make you feel like you could be in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness instead of on a “cabin-rich” North Central Minnesota lake. But lest anyone think the cabin-opening event is all bliss, there are few joys that are not accompanied by at least a little penance. So it is with lake cabins.

One of the annual penances, or dues payments if you prefer, is the spring raking detail. It matters little that in the fall you negotiated a final leaf-pick-up by the neighbor with the bagger-equipped mower. It's an unwritten natural law that there will still be leaves on the lawn and in the flower beds and sticks that the winds have blown down from the birches, the poplar and a few of the conifers; and pine cones galore. While some might prefer to just let Nature take its course, certain others in positions of family power may think otherwise, and will issue a rake to all of the able-bodied. Who says that demon-house-keeping is limited to indoors?

It may be that the family member most thrilled over our cabin's reopening is not human, but canine. Our Labrador Bella lives to retrieve, and fetching tennis balls on dry land is a second-rate substitute for splashes water entries and double-time swims to get a dummy or a ball bobbing on the waves. The water is still very cold,

which I verified by standing in it in bare feet during retrieving sessions. But frigid water is no deterrent to a creature equipped with her protective Labrador coat and her single-minded tenacity. When we want to get any work done we have to hide the tennis balls, or she is certain to pester us by throwing one into our wheelbarrow, yard wagon, bucket or simply pitching it under our nose if we haven't taken the hint. Strong retrieving instinct is a gift, but it can be a curse as well as a blessing.

There's something about dogs that's attractive to waterfowl, including ducks and geese; loons, too, it appears. As we were going through a session of water retrieving I noticed a diving-and-feeding loon begin to surface closer and closer to Bella. The loon seemed unconcerned and unthreatened; more curious than anything else. It reminded me of the manner in which some duck hunters in Nova Scotia and the Canadian Maritimes bag their birds.

A special breed called the Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever is trained to lure ducks in a most unbelievable way. The hunter pitches a stick or some other “fetching” item near the shore where he's hidden in a blind. The dog plays with the stick in plain sight of the waterfowl, which – when all works well – will swim closer and closer to shore to investigate. When they're close enough, the hunter or hunters will stand and flush the birds, and take them “on the rise.” Not exactly how we do things here, but the loon's interest and confidence in coming so close to our Lab was all it took to convince me that it could work on ducks and geese.

Though our dock and boat lift are still a week away from being installed, and few boats were on the lake this past weekend, already there are fishing tales. A neighbor stopped by and related how he and the “one over” neighbor watched a pair of muskies suspended in several feet of water just off his dock. He then spread his hands “yea wide” – well over three feet – to approximate the size of the fish they'd seen.

Muskies prefer a relatively open

lake bottom for spawning, where their eggs can drop to the bottom; unlike northern pike, whose eggs will preferably cling to submerged vegetation. Muskies generally spawn later than northern pike, too. Biologists theorize that this separation in place and time contributes to the two species' ability to coexist in the same lakes and river systems, which they certainly do.

One of the concerns of cabin owners is the effect that ice can have on shorelines over the winter. Some years the ice heaves up berm-like mounds, no matter whether the shoreline is pure sand and soil, or heavy rock revetment. Those with boat houses close to shore sometimes find their foundations and even walls twisted into “a cocked hat,” with resulting expense and trouble putting things back in order. This was not such a year. Our shore showed little evidence of such damage, but one of the lake's public landings had its concrete ramp folded up as neatly as the folds of an accordion. When lake ice moves, little if anything can stop it.

I store my 14-foot duck hunting boat in the cabin's garage, and at cabin opening time it comes out to spend the warm months outdoors. Always there are items left inside after the last hunt in November, to be retrieved before putting on the fabric boat cover. This time, in addition to a handful of shotgun shells and a few decoys that behaved badly and tangled their anchor cords, I found my hunting buddy's thermos. It was close to half full, and I texted him a cryptic message about this “artifact” I had found during spring cleaning. He thanked me for finding it, and with tongue firmly in cheek gave me the rights to its contents. He takes cream and sugar in his coffee, so – after more than five months fermenting in a half-empty thermos – I graciously declined.

There's still more to do; there is always something to do at the family cabin. We sometimes joke that the people from elsewhere who travel here for fishing weekends or for vacations have more “down time” and pure fun than we do. We'll have to work on correcting that imbalance.

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Logging business is a major financial investment



Local logger

Rod Enberg, Enberg Logging in rural Motley, has been in the logging business for over three decades. He started cutting wood in Verndale in 1982 and in 1985 he set up his business at its present location along Hwy 64. Below, Enberg is pictured with a load of logs felled by one of his employees at a job site in rural Pillager. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Feller buncher at work

One of Rod Enberg's employees (Enberg Logging, Motley) operates the feller buncher, which cuts and gathers trees at a work site in rural Pillager recently. The trees were then stacked and transported by way of a skidder (pictured below) for further processing, such as wood chips, delimbing and cutting into logs.



that economic downturn for loggers.

It was a gamble, as running a logging operation is a huge financial investment. The chipper alone cost \$600,000, Rod said. Add to that a new skidder at \$348,000, a log loader at \$200,000, a feller-buncher at \$470,000, plus many tractor trailers specialized for hauling biomass.

Slowly, Enberg Logging began to grow again financially. Rod credits a few factors that got them through that difficult time, including selling round wood to the Amish, and acquiring some land clearing jobs that opened the door to the biomass and mulch market.

Since that time, biomass production has become big business for Enberg Logging and one of its key components. Currently, they sell about 70,000 tons of wood chips every year, which is equivalent to about 30,000 cords of round wood. This equates to approximately \$2 - 3 million of wood chip sales a year.

There are many pros when it comes to biomass, Rod said. It provides jobs, revenue for farmers and ranchers, cleans up properties, such as after the wind-storm last summer, and gets rid of the lower-value wood and wood that has not been used.

Rod noted that three years ago he did a job for a rancher who in turn received a six-figure dollar amount for the biomass harvested at his ranch. Eighty-five percent of that wood would not have been merchantable timber, according to the market we have, Rod said.

Currently, 70 percent of the biomass produced by Enberg Logging is sold to the power plant in Benson (Benson Power, LLC). The plant is fueled by 60 percent wood chips and 40 percent turkey litter.

In recent weeks, however, Rod became aware of a bill being pushed through the Minnesota Legislature by Xcel Energy that could potentially lead to Benson Power, LLC, closing down. According to an article by Reed Anfinson in the Swift County Monitor-News dated March 29, "If the proposed legislation passes, it would undo the state's biomass mandate that is at the heart of the financing agreement that allowed the poultry-fired power plant to be built.

"It would allow Xcel Energy to renegotiate the rate it pays for power from Benson Power, and if it couldn't, to offer to buyout the power purchase agreement. A buyout could lead to Xcel closing down the plant, city officials fear.

"Benson Power, LLC, employs 45 at its plant and is served by another 50 to 60 who drive trucks that supply the plant with turkey litter and wood chips and provide other services to the plant. Ash from the plant is used by the adjacent North American Fertilizer plant to make its fertilizer products.

"Benson officials knew nothing about the bill until they caught wind of it late last week. Since then they have been scrambling to catch up.

"It appears that Xcel Energy had attached its efforts to a bill being proposed by Laurentian Energy Authority serving Hibbing and Virginia in northern Minnesota. It is seeking to get out of the biomass mandate for its wood-burning power plant as it seeks a cheaper source of fuel."

If the bill is passed ending the biomass mandate, there will be huge repercussions for Enberg Logging, as well as other local businesses such as Gold's Turkey Farm.

"Now it's nail-biting time," Rod said, noting that



Wood chipper

A log grapple feeds a load of wood logs and tree limbs into a wood chipper in rural Pillager recently, one of the steps taken by Rod Enberg of Enberg Logging, Motley, in producing wood chips for biomass energy.



Unloading the biomass

Above: wood chip biomass is unloaded at Enberg Logging in Motley. Each semi-load weighs approximately 25 - 30 tons and a large pile of biomass at the Enberg operation contained approximately 220 loads of wood chips.

the last day for the Legislature to meet in regular session is May 22.

On April 25 Rod was set to take a trip to the state Capitol to meet with Senator Paul Gazelka and Representative John Poston to ask for their support in helping keep this mandate from being reversed in order to save the livelihoods of Minnesota loggers and turkey farmers.

He had previously spoken with Senator Gazelka, Rod said, and found that he was willing to listen and seemed helpful, which Rod was thankful for.

The next three weeks are crucial and Rod is hoping that the outcome on May 22 will mean good news for Enberg Logging. Time will tell.

Motley council member Douglas resigns

Motley City Council member Nate Douglas tendered his resignation on April 22.

According to City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja, Douglas indicated that he recently accepted a position with the American Red Cross that requires extensive travel. Unfortunately, he is unable to attend regular council meetings and believes that he would be doing a disservice to the residents of Motley if he

continued to be a member of the council.

Douglas stated that he has thoroughly enjoyed his time on the council and is disappointed about his departure; but excited about his future career. If circumstances permit in the future, he would be happy to run for city council again, Douglas said.

"I believe that Nate truly has the best interests of the residents in mind with this announcement," Smieja said. "During his short tenure on the council he impressed other council members and staff alike with his deep interest and level of commitment to his position. We are disappointed about the loss of

an engaged council member, but we wish him well in the future."

Douglas was elected to the Motley City Council last November and began the first of his four (4) year term this past January. The council will be announcing the vacant seat at their regular meeting Monday, May 8.



Stoplight mishap causes injuries

Three people were injured when a car turned in front of them in Motley. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Jonathon Fairchild, 18, of Aitkin, failed to yield while making a left turn from Highway 10 onto Highway 210, at the stoplight in Motley. The driver of the other car, Barbara Fleischer of Andover, was taken to Lakewood Health System in Staples, along with two passengers in

her car, Ann Fleischer of Mounds View and Frederick Fleischer of Andover, all with unspecified injuries.

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