

Lund brought passion, progress to Staples

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

People in Staples, across Minnesota and around the country are commemorating the life of Duane Lund, the former Staples School District Superintendent who was known for accomplishing community and economic development while working for the school. According to his friends and associates, Lund's impact on Staples was multitudinous and encompassed many areas of the community.

Lund died on Dec. 2, at age 90. His obituary can be found on page 6a.

"He had the community on his mind all the time, he was a great Staples person," said Harriet Dent, who worked for Lund at the school district for 22 years. "It was wonderful, the best part of my life was those years in the school," she said.

Dent said what made Lund a good boss was "He understood everything," she said. "If you did something a little wrong, it was fine, he just cleared things up." Dent said people from all walks of life would consult with Lund. "If anybody had any problems, they came to him, he was always helping people," said Dent.

Stan Edin, a friend and colleague of Lund's, gave an example of Lund's personal impact.

"One fall I was the assistant director of the vocational school," said Edin. "The director, Mike Matanich, was away and

somebody came into the office and asked for him. Because of our machine trades program, they wanted to build a 3M plant in Staples. I knew I was in over my head right away so I called Duane and asked him to come over. He said 'by all means.' He ended up doing what he always did, we sat in a circle with the 3M representatives and myself."

The 3M plant was eventually built in Staples, which started with that meeting.

Edin said his own account is an example of how Lund helped people on a personal level. He was a student in high school when Lund was the guidance counselor. He encouraged Edin to go to college instead of vocational school because there were fewer machine trades jobs available at the time. When Edin graduated, Lund hired him as a math teacher at the vocational school, where he stayed for 30 years, eventually becoming the director.

"He was very supportive of education and really believed in people," said Edin. "He gave me the job and he just let me go. I did everything I could to make him proud and he inspired other people that way, too. He was easy to work for, held high standards and communicated in a nice way."

Edin also spoke about Lund's personal side. They were friends and fishing buddies away from work.

"He was a spiritual soul-mate and exemplified a



Dr. Duane Lund

Christian life," said Edin. "He encouraged many others to live a Christian life."

Everyone recognized Lund's passion for Staples. Edin remembers fishing trips Lund would organize with local business leaders and merchants. "The whole weekend we talked about economic development stuff," said Edin.

"He was a multi-dimensional man," said Edin. "From a community standpoint that was even more

important; he was responsible for so many things that went on behind the scenes, he was always present."

Dick Donat was another of the behind the scenes people who helped with many of the community accomplishments, working in the same office area with Lund for 25 years. "We were up to our ears in community and economic development," said Donat. "We did things in the arts, brought the Minnesota symphony orchestra to Dower Lake, he made sure the Region Five offices were put in Staples ... I could go through a hundred items."

Donat said Lund started at a time when the railroad was cutting back on employment. "He said we need jobs because otherwise we won't have students," said Donat. "It was a simplistic way of looking at it."

But Lund's response was anything but simplistic. "He was a visionary, he could always see the big picture," said Donat. "He was a great communicator. He could take complex education theory, situations or problems and make it understandable to people in the community."

Donat gave examples of some of the big projects that were started through Lund and continue to be major institutions in Staples. "Because of his contacts, he had knowledge of people and programs and made the effort to get good programs in the area," said Donat.

The first example was the vocational school, which started out as part of the local school district and has since expanded into Central Lakes College. Donat said Lund recognized the need for a school in the area and his connections with Washington, D.C., programs helped bring it here.

After the school was started with machine trades and heavy equipment, Lund helped expand it by getting the school district to buy the land to start irrigation technology training, which is now the Ag and Energy Center. Lund also helped bring the Staples Airport to that area of development.

"It was really amazing how we could sit down and talk about a project, then he would say 'Let's go do it,'" said Donat. "But he was not a meddler. Once the project was underway, he let it go."

Lund showed how education is important to development. "He loved working with teachers, he said they were a good group, they are do-gooders who want to help people," said Donat.

An example of that was Matanich's machine trades program. "He had a strong machine shop, and Lund knew that there were so many milling machines that were mothballed all around the U.S. after the war effort," said Donat. "It was a perfect wedding, Lund was able to bring the machines that would have been unaffordable to anyone else. That's how the first machine shops were equipped."

Donat also gave the example of the Staples Community Center. "It took a lot of collaboration between the city and school to make that happen," said Donat. "The heavy equipment program prepared the site, that made it affordable."

It wasn't just the people in Staples who were influenced by Lund. Staples-Motley School Superintendent Mary Klamm

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Hello, Readers,

John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed popular music in the 1960s, was shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City on Dec. 8, 1980. The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route.

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Better lunch: Healthy Kids Collaborative

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Healthy Kids Collaborative is working to improve nutrition in the Staples-Motley schools. The daily meals won't change much, but kids will be more informed and aware of the healthy choices in the lunch line.

Kayla Miller, Lakewood Health System's Community Health Project Coordinator, said studies have shown that kids will take a piece of fruit more often

if the fruit is in a basket. That's one of the suggestions she is making to both the public schools and Sacred Heart Area School as the Healthy Kids Collaborative kicked off a 'Smart Lunchroom Scorecard' assessment in the schools.

Miller and Elizabeth Quillo of the U of M Extension spent a lunch period in each of the area schools and are getting feedback from students and staff with recommendations on how to improve lunch.

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'Railroad Crossing' barn quilt at depot

The finished "Railroad Crossing" barn quilt is now up at the Staples Depot. Pictured are Staples Historical Society members with Ashley Smith, who painted the 4 ft. by 4 ft. quilt. From left are Sally Gorton, Pat Miller, Tom Kajer, Smith and Tom Crawford. The depot quilt has been added to the Barn Quilts of Central MN trail, which can be found at barnquiltsmn.org. The organization is also seeking businesses to help build a Mini Barn Quilt Trail in Staples by displaying 2 ft. by 2 ft. quilts designed and painted by Staples-Motley High School art students. For more information contact Lisa Kajer at 218-894-2906 (Submitted photo)

School levy, facilities tackled at work session

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board reviewed options for the tax levy and agreed to interview facility consulting firms at their work session Dec. 5 in Motley.

Tax levy

The board first reviewed three levy options at their Oct. 17 meeting. At that time the district was expected to end the 2015-16 fiscal year with a deficit.

With the audit complete the district is now showing a small positive balance, so the administration wanted to update the board and developed a fourth option for them to consider. The 2016-17 fiscal year is also projected to end with a deficit.

All options involved underlevying, which is levying less than the maximum amount in the areas where they could levy without losing state dollars. It also means less money is coming to the school district for that area.

The preferred option in October increased the levy by 5.75 percent, slightly over half of the maximum levy possible with an increase of 11.77 percent.

The difference in the fourth option presented Dec. 5 was in the line item for long term facilities unequalized. This amount was increased from \$209,735.39 proposed in the October option to

\$232,735.39. That would bring the increase in taxes to 7.11 percent.

The board also reviewed the other underlevied areas of QComp (alternative teacher compensation) and OPEB (other post employment benefits).

QComp sets aside funds for staff development and special features like teacher mentors and professional learning groups. In both options it was underlevied by \$20,000.

Dave Hoemberg questioned the expense saying it was the third year of the program with little student improvement.

Superintendent Mary Klamm said it was too early to see definitive results because the first year of the program was organizational.

"I think it's well worth the investment," said board chair Mary Freeman and noted that building principals have seen instructional improvements in the teachers.

Roy DiGiovanni had questions about OPEB. He said the initial funding estimates were based on staff retiring at the earliest age possible. Some people don't retire at that time and, he noted, that the possible retirement age has increased.

Freeman reminded the board that whatever OPEB funds are not levied are taken out of the general fund, when necessary.

The increase in long term facilities unequalized was the final item in the levy discussion.

"I think this is a good one that we don't underlevy as much with our buildings in the shape they are in," said Bruce Lund.

Bryan Winkels agreed but said he understood trying to keep the levy flat and not have spikes.

"It's a fine line, taking care of our facilities, taking care of our taxpayers," Winkels said. "It's always a challenge."

Lund referenced a report given by a consultant at the board's Nov. 21 meeting that the overall tax burden in the Staples-Motley School District is currently below the state average and well below neighboring districts.

Chad Longbella noted that other than OPEB all of the other areas are new areas that school districts have been allowed to levy.

The consensus appeared to be to remain with the option with the 5.75 percent increase. The final decision is expected to be made at the board's regular meeting Dec. 19, which includes the Truth in Taxation hearing.

Facility study

Freeman began by reviewing the information from the recent enrollment projection study and other recent facility discussions. She suggested the option of hiring a consulting firm that could guide the district in "improving the learning environment for our students."

At this point Supt. Klamm

informed the board that her brother is a principal partner in Foster Jacobs & Johnson, Inc. This firm was recommended by NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) and gave a presentation at the Nov. 17 meeting about how the company can help the district use the demographics data as part of a facility study that would consider the educational space needed in the future.

Freeman noted that a consulting firm can help the district prioritize what maintenance issues need to be addressed immediately. It can redesign current space as well as potential additions and then give the board options.

Klamm said a consultant can also help the board put the financial pieces together, adding that right now school districts have more funding options.

Lund said he first questioned why a consultant was needed when, "We have LeRoy," referring to LeRoy Peterson, buildings and grounds superintendent.

"Then I went to talk to LeRoy and he showed me why we need someone with more expertise," Lund said, especially in the financing and bidding processes.

"We have three old buildings and they are getting older," Peterson said, adding that consultants have experts on staff who deal with block buildings, with roofs, with additions.

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Drone uses explored at Farm Forum in Staples

Hannah Barrett, research coordinator at Central Lakes College Ag and Energy Center in Staples, shows the program's drone to the farmers attending the Farm Forum held Dec. 6. Barrett gave an examples of how to upload a flight plan to the drone to have it photograph a field and map points where crops are not getting the proper nutrients. She also spoke on other possible uses for drones such as adding a heat seeking device to the drone's camera allowing it to identify when a

cow was in heat and ready to breed. She said an aphid detector is being developed to help in the search of insects in fields. More common uses of the drone are for research and viewing of irrigation systems while they're running. The annual farm forum is sponsored by First International Bank, the Farm Business Management program and the Ag & Energy Center. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Grant can fund livestock upgrades

Livestock producers can apply for a portion of \$2 million in grants available for on-farm improvements as part of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation (AGRI) program.

With funds awarded

during the Fiscal Year 2015 Livestock Investment Grant, Jared Franke of Hayfield constructed a new beef barn to increase efficiency and allow the next generation to enter into the family farming peration.

In Fairmont, Mickael Laue constructed a 2,400 head swine facility to increase profitability and allow a young farmer to start farming full time.

Matthew and David Hanson of Goodridge used grant funding to expand and improve their existing dairy facilities by adding

a robotic miling unit and installing equipment to improve profitability.

Qualifying producers are reimbursed ten percent of the first \$500,000 of investment, with a minimum investment of \$4,000. Qualifying expenditures include the purchase, construction or improvement of livestock buildings or facilities. Fencing, feeding and waste management equipment are also covered. Producers who suffered a loss due to a natural disaster may also apply. The grant will not pay for livestock, land purchases

or debt refinancing.

Past applicants who didn't receive an award need to re-apply for the 2017 program. The grants are incentives to start projects, which must begin after Jan. 1, 2017. Applications for operations with farmers transitioning into livestock, beginning farmers and those with a positive environmental impact receive priority. Details and grant guidelines are available at www.mda.state.mn.us/livestockinvestmentgrant.

The application deadline is Dec. 16. Apply online.

Heisserer is new director at Bridges of Hope

Kassie Heisserer was recently named the Executive Director of Bridges of Hope. Heisserer replaces former Executive Director Jana Shogren who left to take a position with the Central Lakes College Foundation.

Heisserer has worked at Bridges of Hope since 2004, most recently as Development Manager, and was chosen by the Bridges of Hope Board of Directors for the promotion in October.

Having earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative and Professional Writing from Bemidji State University, Heisserer has 12 years of experience in nonprofit administration and human services. She has worked at Bridges of Hope in several different capacities since 2004. She



Kassie Heisserer

assisted the organization in raising approximately \$1.5 million during that time and was involved with the planning and start-up of Common Goods in 2008-2009.

"I am very happy to be serving in this capacity with Bridges of Hope," Heisserer said. "I've had the opportunity to be a part of Bridges from the

time we were serving just a few hundred households annually, and I've watched our organization grow and adapt to fit the community's needs over time. I am continually overwhelmed with gratitude by the support and partnerships we have in this community, and I'm looking forward to our next few years bring us."

Bridges of Hope board member Pastor Erika Nilsen said the board feels strongly in their choice and what Heisserer will bring to the role.

"Bridges of Hope is very fortunate to have Kassie move into the executive director's position. Her commitment, passion and talents are undeniable. She will be a strong asset for the organization."

Assistance for heating bills available

As cold weather sweeps into the state, the Minnesota Commerce Department is encouraging low-income Minnesotans to get help with paying their heating bills through the state's Energy Assistance Program.

"The cold weather may have been slow in arriving this winter, but we know there will be plenty of cold days ahead that can pose a serious challenge for Minnesotans who struggle to pay their heating bills," said Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman. "Heating your home is a necessity in Minnesota, and we don't want anyone's health or safety at risk because they can't afford to pay for heat. Energy assistance is an essential safety net for vulnerable Minnesotans."

Households that earn less than 50 percent of the state's median annual income (\$47,194 for a family of four) are eligible for the Energy Assistance Program.

Rothman noted that only about one-third of Minnesotans who are eligible for assistance actually apply. He especially encourages applications from low-income households with small children, people with

disabilities, veterans and seniors.

Energy assistance funds help low-income homeowners and renters pay for heating bills through grant money paid directly to utility companies and heating fuel vendors on behalf of eligible households. The funding also helps some homeowners repair or replace malfunctioning heat systems.

The Minnesota Commerce Department administers the Energy Assistance Program in partnership with 30 local service providers throughout the state. The program is part of the federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

How to apply

Energy assistance funding is limited and administered on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifying households must apply through the local service provider in their area. To find your local service provider, call the Minnesota Commerce Department toll-free at 800-657-3710 or visit the Energy Assistance Program section of the department's website.

Moline joins Horizon Health Hospice



Heather Moline

Heather Moline has joined Horizon Health, Inc. as their new hospice director. She brings over 19 years of nursing experience, knowledge and skills along with an MBA in Healthcare Administration.

"With the hospice movement growing, my vision strives for the commitment of providing quality end of life care while easing the burden of stress and discomfort and promoting dignity and support in a team approach," Moline said.

Her mission for Horizon Health Hospice is

to continue to provide a competent, compassionate team who will ensure the physical, emotional, and spiritual support during a person's end of life journey and beyond through partnering and planning together with them and their loved ones.

"The goal of Horizon Health's Hospice care is focused on each patient's own goals and hopes," Moline added. "There is a greater need for education and increased knowledge and awareness of Hospice and Palliative Care throughout the communities and organizations for the understanding that hospice is a philosophy, not a place. The earlier an individual receives hospice care, the more opportunity there is to stabilize medical conditions and address the needs individually."

She is from Sartell and has three children.

For more information about Horizon Health's Hospice program, contact Moline at 320-468-2788.

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Board will interview facility consultants

The cost range is estimated at 10-15 cents per square foot. All together the school buildings are

over 326,400 square feet.

Klamm noted that NJPA will pay for a certain percentage of that cost.

Lund asked about contacting more than one company and Longbella suggested not more than three companies.

"And I don't care that Mary's (Klamm) brother is a part owner. It's not an issue for me," Longbella added. "Sometimes that can work to our advantage. I just want a company that will look out for 2170."

Some other board members echoed that sentiment. It was decided that Klamm will ask three companies to make presentations at a future work session. One of those companies is to be Foster Jacobs & Johnson.

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Wesley smiles from ear to ear when telling stories about his time with Bob. "Bob is like a Grandpa to me," said Wesley. He pauses, reminiscing another special memory, and then adds that they have a lot in common and when they are together they have so much fun.

Wesley's mom is very happy about the match. "Wesley loves his time with Bob and when they are together they don't skip a beat," she said.

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Sen. Paul Gazelka

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Gazelka represents Senate District 9 which includes Todd, Wadena,



Rep. Ron Kresha

Cass and Morrison counties.

Gazelka will join House Speaker Kurt Daudt, R-Crown, and DFL Gov. Mark Dayton as key elected officials.

Gazelka is completing his second term in the

Minnesota Senate and was re-elected to his third term Nov. 8.

Rep. Ron Kresha, R-Little Falls, was elected as the Minnesota House Majority Whip. It is the third most powerful position in the House Republican caucus.

Kresha said the main function of the majority whip is to communicate information to other members of a party caucus during floor debate and prior to votes.

Kresha represents House District 9B, which covers all or parts of Morrison and Todd counties. He is completing his second term in the Minnesota House and was re-elected to his third term Nov. 8.



‘What’s for Lunch?’

The Cardinal (background) at Staples-Motley Elementary School asks.... “what’s for lunch” each day, as the Healthy Kids Collaborative works at improving choices in all of the Staples-Motley schools. Above, Food Service Director Shelly Miller, Kayla Miller of Lakewood Health System and Elizabeth Quillo of the U of M Extension team up to create a “Smart Lunchroom Scorecard” for area schools. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Ideas sought on how to improve lunch, create interest in students

Sacred Heart suggested more artwork, signage and were in favor of more creative naming so that students would be more interested in what they’re eating.

One innovative idea is to photograph local athletes shown with healthy food and placing the posters in the lunchrooms.

The scorecard keepers said the school already has healthier meals, thanks to Food Service Director Shelly Miller.

“Shelly does an awesome job,” said

Quillo. “The high school has a great salad bar, our main suggestion was to add more color and variety of vegetables.”

Quillo said nutrition education is a large part of the Healthy Kids program, so that students can recognize where their meal fits on the “My Plate” guidelines set by the USDA. She said she will be providing more education to the students during the school year.



Staples Area Food Shelf donation

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples recently donated \$250 to the Staples Area Food Shelf, along with a shopping cart full of grocery items. During the month of November, patrons were challenged to bring their food donations to the bank; and if the cart was full by Nov. 30, the bank would donate \$250 to the food shelf, along with the food items. Pictured above, from left, are Marcia Kostrzewski, Sonja Cowles, Sandy Peterson, Missy Shriver, bank employees; Fran Mertens, Staples Area Food Shelf Director; Mary Kobliska, Branch Manager/Vice President at Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

High Reliability School pilot sites chosen

National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA) selected Walker-Hackensack-Akeley (W-H-A) and Verndale school districts to undergo a rigorous three-year reformation process to improve the effectiveness of student learning and become certified as High Reliability Schools. NJPA will fund the program, and in conjunction with Marzano Research, provide professional development, coaching and support throughout the process.

W-H-A and Verndale will be the first Minnesota schools to become High

Reliability certified and will serve as demonstration sites for other schools in the region, state and beyond. The two schools were selected from a pool of strong applicants from Region Five because of their exceptional demonstration of commitment to growth and continuous improvement.

The High Reliability Schools framework is based on 40 years of educational research by Dr. Robert J. Marzano and his team and consists of five progressive levels of performance: Safe and Collab-

orative Culture, Effective Teaching in Every Classroom, Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum, Standards-Referenced Reporting and Competency-Based Education.

Each school will host a launch event to celebrate its selection and officially mark the start of the program.

W-H-A's event will be held Monday, Dec. 12, 7:30-8:10 a.m. at W-H-A Auditorium, Walker.

Verndale School's event will be held Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:45-8:10 a.m. at Verndale Auditorium.

Matthew Sams seriously injured in two-vehicle crash

Staples native recovering in Missouri hospital

Staples native Matthew Sams was seriously injured in a two-vehicle crash Nov. 27, in Macon County, Mo. He was airlifted to the University of Missouri Hospital/Trauma Center in Columbia, Mo., where he is still receiving care for multiple lacerations and a severe head wound.

The incident happened at approximately 10 p.m., while Sams, 23, was on his way to work, according to information at his CaringBridge site.

It is expected that Sams will remain at the hospital for several weeks and possibly months while he is recovering.



Better days

This photo of Matthew Sams, prior to his accident, has been posted at his CaringBridge site.

Holiday Open House

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1-4 pm

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative will host our Holiday Open House on Wednesday, December 14, from 1-4 pm, at our headquarters on Highway 10 in Wadena.

Members are welcome to stop in and visit with TWEC employees, directors, and fellow members. Feel free to ask about our services, and pick up a 2017 calendar. There will be a fantastic variety of Christmas cookies and treats, delicious cider and hot coffee for you to enjoy!

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Duane Lund influenced school and community

I remember visiting with a business consultant many years ago about what it takes for a community to be prosperous. This particular person had the opportunity to work with many communities throughout our region. He used Staples as an example of a community where the superintendent had a large impact on the success of the community. He stated that not only did the superintendent work to improve the schools in his community, but also to bring economic opportunity to the region. Of course, he was talking about Dr. Duane Lund, who was the Staples School District Superintendent from 1960-1985. In 2004, the Staples Community Foundation, in appreciation for Dr. Duane Lund's years of service and dedication to the City of Staples, created the Dr. Duane Lund Lifetime Achievement Award. The first recipient of the award was Dr. Duane Lund himself. Story has it that Stanley Edin, Jim Krile, Dr. Ted Lelwica and Ray Gildow - all longtime friends of Lund's - presented Dr. Lund's award. According to the Brainerd

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klammt
Supt.

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Dispatch, they good-humoredly poked fun at Lund's size, his love of food, his bachelorhood and his hunting habits. But they also honored Dr. Lund, noting his work with children, work to better the schools and to bring economic opportunity to Staples. Stanley Edin noted that they were honoring a living legend that evening. Unfortunately, Dr. Lund passed away last Friday, but his impact on this community will live on for many years. As superintendent of Staples-Motley School District, I greatly admire the work and dedication of Dr. Lund. I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed listening to the stories about him and marveled at the influence he had on this community and the region. When visiting with him, it was amazing to see that even though he struggled physically, his thirst for learning and curiosity were still very much a part of his everyday life. I will forever be thankful for the opportunity to meet Dr. Duane Lund and will work to live out his lasting legacy of dedication to the students and communities of Staples and Motley.



Troubling federal report targeting religious freedom

By Charles C. Haynes

Nearly 225 years after the ratification of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the cause of conscience protected by the principles of “no establishment” and “free exercise” may be losing support in the minds and hearts of the American people. Appeals by religious individuals and groups for exemption from government laws and regulations that substantially burden religious practice are increasingly unpopular and controversial. So much so that many in the media have taken to using scare quotes, transforming religious freedom into “religious freedom.” Now the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights appears to be recommending that we make it official: Our first freedom is first no more. According to a commission report released Sept. 7, “civil rights protections ensuring nondiscrimination, as embodied in the Constitution, laws, and policies, are of preeminent importance in American jurisprudence.” If we accept this assertion, it means that conflicts between religious freedom and nondiscrimination principles are resolved by denying accommodation for religious conscience - except perhaps in very rare and narrow circumstances. According to the findings of the commission: “Religious exemptions to the protections of civil rights based upon classifications such as race, color, national origin, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity, when they are permissible, significantly infringe upon those civil rights.” The findings and recommendations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights - an independent, bipartisan, fact-finding federal agency - carry weight with government officials responsible for national civil rights policy and enforcement. Robust protection for civil rights is, of course, essential in a democratic society. But so is protection for liberty of conscience.

Despite dark chapters of religious discrimination, the United States has a long and honorable history of taking claims of conscience seriously. From conscientious objection to war to religious accommodations in the workplace, the American experiment in religious freedom seeks (on our best days) to ensure that people are free to follow the dictates of conscience in matters of faith. Yes, accommodations for religious practice often affect the lives of other people. But the aim must be to balance competing claims and interests, minimizing harm while protecting conscience. Consider, for example, the bitter conflict over allowing county clerks to opt out of performing same-sex marriages. Last year, Utah passed legislation designed to prohibit discrimination against LGBTQ people while simultaneously protecting religious freedom. A key provision of the Utah law ensures that county clerk offices perform marriages and that a clerk be readily available to marry same-sex couples. A clerk may opt out of performing a same-sex marriage if, and only if, another clerk is available to issue the license and perform the ceremony. Under this balanced approach, same-sex couples are provided the service (without knowing who, if anyone, has opted out in the clerk's office) and religious conscientious objectors are accommodated. Unfortunately, the commission's report does nothing to encourage - and, I would argue, actually discourages - efforts like the one in Utah to find a balance between nondiscrimination and religious freedom. The title of the commission's report alone speaks volumes: “Peaceful Coexistence: Reconciling Nondiscrimination Principles with Civil Liberties.” First, the wording suggests that religious freedom is a “civil liberty,” when in truth it is a fundamental, inalienable right protected by the First Amendment. And second, the commission's report is

less about reconciling differences and more about asserting the primacy of nondiscrimination over religious freedom. Peaceful coexistence is not difficult to achieve if one side declares victory and demands that the other side concede defeat before the argument even begins. In real life, of course, peace between those who worry that religious claims are code for bigotry and those who seek religious accommodations will not be possible without setting aside name-calling, committing to civil dialogue and working for common-ground solutions. The commission's report arrives at a time when popular support for religious accommodations - particularly for minority faiths - has been eroding for decades as our increasingly secular society relegates religion to the purely private sphere. In recent years, culture wars over abortion and gay marriage have accelerated the public distaste for religious conscientious objectors, often poisoning the well for religious freedom claims in the public square. Without getting into finger-pointing, there is enough blame to go around. Some religious freedom advocates have pushed for accommodation while simultaneously opposing even the most basic nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ people. And some LGBTQ advocates have mistakenly labeled all efforts to seek religious exemptions as a form of bigotry. It's time for all sides to reaffirm equality and liberty as twin pillars of the American republic. Authentic peaceful coexistence requires moving from the zero-sum game described in much of the commission's report to the level playing field required by our constitutional commitment to both nondiscrimination and religious freedom.

Charles C. Haynes is founding director of the Religious Freedom Center of the Newseum Institute.

Letters to the Editor

Choral music in good hands

Mr. Horn had some big shoes to fill in following Mr. Hoemberg as the Staples-Motley Choir Director. At first I was a little skeptical knowing Mr. Hoemberg and what kind of teacher he is. After attending a choir

concert, talking with Mr. Horn and going to the recent Madrigal Dinner I am convinced that he fits in those shoes quite well. In talking to some of the students they think he's great. He brings his own teaching style and presence to our music program. My family and I are excited to watch him grow into the Staples-Motley choral music director. Keep up the great work, Mr. Horn. On another note, I want to thank all who were involved with the Madrigal. I feel it was another great success and look forward to the next one.

Eric Wallace
Staples, Minn.

Bouquets for Madrigal

I do not throw bouquets unless deserved. Compliments from me do not come easily, so the following comments are sincere and from my heart. Carmen and I were present at Staples-Motley High School Saturday evening for the first performance of this year's Madrigal. We came away with a renewed sense of appreciation and pride for all those involved in making this Christmas celebration a wonderful success. From start to finish the Madrigal exemplified hard work and great talent. Hats off to all of you. Cities and schools much larger than ours would find it hard to rival what you accomplished. Also, the real reason we celebrate this season - the coming of the Messiah - came through loud and clear. Thank you for a wonderful, memorable evening.

Gary Schimpp
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Businesses, schools invited to address workforce gaps

Local business owners, managers, school and college personnel and community members are invited to attend the National Joint Powers Alliance® "Building the 21st Century Workforce Conference" Friday, Dec. 16, at NJPA in Staples. The event is free and includes lunch.

NJPA Education Consultant and event coordinator Bart Graves says there's a gap in the Region Five workforce between skills needed and skills available. Graves sees this as an opportunity for professionals on both sides of the issue to come together and develop creative solutions.

"We want to look at this from the business side and from the education side to see how we can pull things together to help students make career choices that meet the labor demands in our region," Graves said.

He's looking for attendees that represent the areas of high demand in the Region Five workforce: agriculture, energy, transportation, manufacturing, robotics, culinary arts and health care.

"We're trying to bring more businesses in for this conference and have discussions by industry," Graves explained. "We want to know the needs of the workforce and how we

can address them." Kristi Westbrook, Chief Operating Officer at Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC) in Brainerd will open the conference with a brief presentation.

Updates from area programs, post-secondary institutions from across the state will follow, providing a better understanding of what's currently being done to address the workforce gap and what resources are available.

In the afternoon, attendees will divide into career cluster collaboration - small groups organized by industry and made up of educators, program directors and employers - to discuss best practices, challenges, partnership opportunities and regional program planning.

"We hope local businesses and educators will come with ideas for planning and this will help build off what's currently available, plus provide a way for people to get more involved," Graves said. "We want to set area students up for success; get a start in a good job, in a training program or set up with a mentor."

For information and registration, visit www.njpacoop.org/edregistration, or contact Bart Graves at 320-349-0161.



Eat, sing and make merry at the Madrigal Dinner



Above, the royal court enjoys their meal during one of the Madrigal dinner performances presented by the Staples-Motley High School music department on Dec. 3 and 4 at Staples-Motley High School. At left, a small group of singers entertains at one of the guest tables. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cookbook author featured at Book Ends

Betsy Nelson, native Minnesotan and author of "Tasting Minnesota," will

be at The Uptown, 224 Jefferson St. S, Wadena on Saturday Dec. 10, and will give a book presentation at 11 a.m.

Her cookbook celebrates the bounty of Minnesota's local foods with 100 recipes from the state's best restaurants, cafes, diners and bistros.

The free monthly program, Book Ends connects writers with readers, the second Saturday of each month. Author are invited to talk about the writing process, discuss and read from their current publication and take questions from the audience.

Other authors partici-

pating include; Mary Casanova (Frozen and Ice-Out), William Kent Krueger (Ordinary Grace), Nathan Jorgenson (Waiting for White Horses), Lorna Landvik (Once In a Blue Moon Lodge), Kate DiCamillo (Raymie Nightengale), Candace Simar (Shelterbelts), and Will Weaver (The Survivors).

Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m., An Open Book will host Nimrod author Jerry Mevissen presenting "That Reminds Me" in the Community Rm, lower level of Jefferson Square. The Wadena County Historical Society is co-sponsoring this event.

Mark Your Calendar

December 8

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Dec. 8, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller; Bernadette McNeil, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

December 10

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT Sat., Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Staples. Staples Area Men's Chorus, Staples Area Women's Chorus, Colla Voce Girl's Choir, Central MN Boy's Choir. For info., tickets, 218-895-5046.

December 12

MOTLEY STAPLES MIDDLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Mon., Dec. 12, 7 p.m., MSMS main gym, Motley.

December 13

CARE COMMUNITY MEAL Tues., Dec. 13, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. Free. For info, 218-352-6466. Hosted with Swan Valley Lutheran Church.

December 14

STAPLES-MOTLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM Wed., Dec. 14, 1:30 p.m., Staples-Motley High School gym.

December 15

STAPLES-MOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT Thurs., Dec. 15, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Choirs, Bell Choir, Christmas Brass, Chamber Orchestra.

December 18

LIVE NATIVITY AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, STAPLES Sun., Dec. 18, 5 p.m., in the church's community room. The Christmas story will be told by narration and Bible reading; carols sung; refreshments served. All ages welcome.

December 19

STAPLES-MOTLEY HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT Mon., Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Choirs, Bell Choir, Christmas Brass, Chamber Orchestra.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Discuss, receive public input, and adopt 2017 Final Property Tax Levy.
- Consider resolution adjusting sewer rates.
- Consider approval of 2017 legal services contracts with Brown & Krueger, P.A. and Kyra Ladd.
- Consider approving agreement with Money Movers, Inc. for electronic fund transfers for transactions at the Community Center.
- Consider 2017 part-time and seasonal staff wages.
- Committee reports including Public Works Commission and the Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

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Bill Johnson named dean of law school

William P. Johnson, professor and scholar of international business law, has been appointed dean of the Saint Louis University School of Law in St. Louis, Mo., effective Jan. 3, 2017. Johnson's appointment follows a national and internal search that drew many qualified candidates.

Bill Johnson is a 1990 graduate of Staples Motley High School. His parents are Kenneth and Hope Johnson, of Leader.

Johnson's wife is Kathleen O'Keefe Johnson, also a 1990 graduate of SMHS. Her parents are Jerry and MaryAnn O'Keefe, Staples. They have three children: Will, 18 a student at the University of Minnesota; Hope, 15; and Rose, 12.

Four of Johnson's seven siblings live in the area: KaAnn Drone and Sue Johnson, Staples; Jim Johnson, Motley; and Gene Johnson, Leader. Siblings Kate Johnson and Karen Seaberg are in other parts of Minnesota and Janet Michlitsch is in North Dakota.

Johnson is currently a professor at the Saint Louis University law school and director of the school's Center for International and Comparative Law. He also serves as director of the SLU Summer Law Program at the University's Madrid campus in Spain.

He joined the SLU law faculty in 2012 after hold-



Bill Johnson

ing an appointment on the law faculty at the University of North Dakota. He has also been a visiting professor at law schools in Germany, Lithuania and Hungary. He graduated cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School.

"We are fortunate to find such a bright, collaborative leader with a global view of legal education," said University Provost Nancy Brickhouse, Ph.D. "Bill is the right person to move the School of Law forward and he has strong support within the law school, where he has served on a number of important committees."

"It's a tremendous honor to be entrusted with the responsibility to lead the Saint Louis University School of Law and it is a responsibility I take very seriously," said Johnson. "I am mindful that there are major challenges in legal education today facing every U.S. law school. There is hard work to do. But I have seen over and over how impressive and how dedicated to SLU our alumni are. I know how hard-working, responsible and accomplished the student body is. I am amazed every day at the brilliant accomplishments of my faculty and staff colleagues."

"I see terrific opportunities that come with being part of an outstanding university and I believe in our mission. I am proud to be part of this great institution, and I'm eager to continue the great work of the School of Law."

Johnson will replace retiring Dean Michael Wolff, J.D., who has served as dean since 2013.

Dr. Duane Lund

Dr. Duane Lund, 90, of Staples, went to be with the Lord on December 2, 2016 at the Lakewood Health System, in Staples.

A celebration of Duane's life will be Saturday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples with lunch to follow. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service of Staples.

Duane was born March 23, 1926, in Brainerd to Richard and Ruth (Anderson) Lund. He was a product of the Brainerd School System and was a member of the Brainerd High School Hall of Fame. Duane had a BA Degree from Macalester College, a MA and PhD from the University of Minnesota and post-graduate work from Columbia University, New York City. Professionally he began as a high school teacher and guidance counselor in Staples. He spent five years on the staff of U.S. Senator Edward Thyne in Washington, D.C., serving as chief of staff.

Duane returned to Staples, serving one year as high school principal and went on to serve 25 years as superintendent of Staples schools. Duane served on many committees including the National Advisory Council for Vocational Education, Vice President's appointee to the White House Conference on Education, Consultant to the U.S. House of Representatives and the Washington, D.C. Schools for Vocational Education, was a member of: the Executive Board of the Minnesota Historical Society, the Advisory Committee for the Boundary Waters and the People to People Missions to Cuba and China.

After Duane retired as superintendent in Staples, he served 10 years as a se-



nior consultant to the Blandin Foundation, located in Grand Rapids.

Duane had many hobbies but devoted most of his time to oil painting and writing, authoring 45 books. In 1992, he published "Our Historic Upper Mississippi," and was selected by The Minnesota Association of Media Specialists (including librarians) as the state's Author of the Year.

Duane loved the outdoors and loved to share his passion of fishing and hunting with family and friends. Lake of the Woods, Leech Lake and Alaska were special in his heart. He enjoyed traveling, cooking and his wild game feeds. In recent years, he looked forward to getting "the report" from friends over a cup of coffee. Duane was proud to call Staples home and spoke about the importance of supporting the local community and giving back to rural Minnesota. He was a member of Staples United Methodist Church. Duane was a long time member of the Staples Rotary Club.

He is survived by family; along with Jerry Hayenga, Bruce Lund, Eric Peterson and Chad Longbella.

Memorials may be given to Staples United Methodist Church, The Pulse Christian Radio Station of Pequot Lakes or charity of choice.

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Pearl Baker

Pearl Anita Baker, 88, of Minneapolis, passed away November 29, 2016, at her home.

Services will be held Saturday, December 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at Apostolic Faith Church, 2900 29th Ave S, Mpls. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m., at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services, Staples.

Pearl was born February 4, 1928, in St. Paul to James Charles and Esther Mabel (Swenson) Baker. After completing her education, Pearl went to work for the U.S. State Department. Her job took her to Germany, Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) and Singapore. After 40 years, Pearl retired and made her home in Minneapolis. She filled her time with many hobbies and spending time with family and friends. Pearl kept her high school spirit, always cheering for the Staples Cardinals.

Pearl is survived by one sister, Bonita Baker, of Minneapolis; two brothers, John Baker, of Minneapolis and Dave Baker, of Culver City, CA; sister-in-law, Donna Baker, of Happy Valley, OR; many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister Beulah and one brother Ben.

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Raymond Nicholson

Raymond Kenneth Nicholson, 95, of Wadena, passed away December 3, 2016, at the Elders Home in New York Mills.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Wadena Alliance Church, with Pastor Aaron Andrews presiding. Friends may call at the church Friday, Dec. 9, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church.

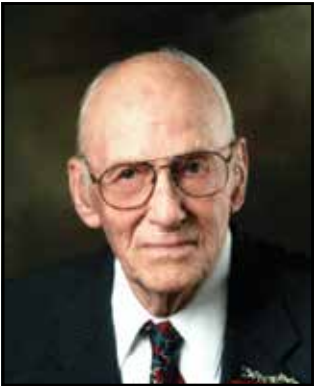
Military honors will be provided by the Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena.

Burial will be in Leaf River Cemetery, Wadena.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Raymond was born May 3, 1921 to Arthur and Ruth Nicholson in Bluffton Township, Otter Tail County. He served in the U.S. Army from August 1942 and was honorably discharged in November 1945. He served in WWII as a First Sergeant in the Ninth Army Division, in an Armored Anti-Aircraft Artillery Unit.

Raymond married Lois Gunn on May 12, 1943, at home in Ottertail County. They lived 70 years in their home in Wadena. Raymond began beekeeping at the age of 16 and it became a passion of his. After the Army he worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Wadena retiring in 1973. He began beekeeping full time and won many awards for his honey. Raymond enjoyed his family, attending family gatherings and was active in many organiza-



tions including: Wadena Alliance Church, Wadena Chamber of Commerce, Disabled Veterans, MN Honey Producers Assoc., American Beekeepers Federation, Lake Region and North Central Beekeepers, the Republican Party and MN Deer Hunters Assoc.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years; one son Daniel (Jan) Nicholson of Woodland Park CO; four daughters, Diane Koranda of Alexandria, Janet (Roddy) Sams of Staples, Sally Nicholson of Elk River and Ronda (Jim) Stumbo of Helena MT; 16 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and one great great-granddaughter; one brother, David Nicholson of Anoka; one sister, Florence Petersen of Randolph WI; brother-in-law Loren Gunn of Wadena; and sisters-in-law Verna Nicholson of Minneapolis and Viola Horner of Sauk Rapids; along with many nieces, nephews, friends and fellow beekeeper Dan Kern of Wadena.

Raymond is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Roy and Gerald; one sister, Grace Shultz; and son-in-law, Joe Koranda.

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John Eisenlohr

John Eisenlohr, 79, of New York Mills, passed away November 29, 2016 at the Elders' Home in New York Mills.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2016 at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills with Pastor Kirk Douglas officiating.

Arrangements were with Karvonen Funeral Home, New York Mills.

John Frederick Eisenlohr was born September 9, 1937, to Herbert Carl and Lillian Rae (Gilmore) Eisenlohr in Staples. John was baptized Oct. 10, 1937 at St. John's Lutheran Church in rural Staples, and confirmed on June 24, 1952 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Motley (relocated from Staples). John graduated from Motley High School in 1956, and attended the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. John took classes in blueprint reading helping in his job hangin drywall. John worked as an insurance representative for AAL and attained his FIC and CLU in insurance counseling and also enrolled in Farm Management. On September 5, 1959, John was married Beverly Jean Giese at Trinity Lutheran Church in New York Mills. They made their home in Minneapolis where John was employed at Custom Tool and Swanson Drywall. John was a member of the 4th Precinct Police Reserve, was a CPR instructor, and member of Indian Guides while in Minneapolis. From 1966 to 1986 he was employed with AAL as an insurance representative and in 1971, they moved to Bev's family farm north of New York Mills. He worked for a time with the New York Mills Police.

John enjoyed deer hunting, volunteering with 4-H clubs Shooting Sports, firearms safety instructor, a member of the State Project Development group, a member of the Otter Tail County Soil and Conservation, Minnesota Life Underwriters Assoc. John served his church as a Sunday school teacher, ACT counselor, church council, usher and greeter.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years; three sons, Robert (Elaine) Eisenlohr, James (LaVonne) Eisenlohr and Rick Eisenlohr; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, David (Shirley) Eisenlohr; three sisters, Ruth Zulkosky, Mary (Art) Helmerick and Carol Jentz; many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws, Ernest and Elsie Giese; and one brother-in-law David Jentz.

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Dale Robinson

Dale Edward Robinson, 60, of Staples passed away December 5, 2016, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Friday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Gathering of family and friends will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

Dale was born August 17, 1956 to Katherine L. (Bostrom) and Donovan L. Robinson in Brainerd. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, deer hunting, motorcycles and noisy cars.

Dale is survived by his wife, Mavis; one daughter, Kally Robinson of Staples, three sons, Seth Robinson, Cody Robinson both of Staples and Dustin Robinson of North Dakota; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; mother, Katherine Robinson of Pine River; three sisters, Sandy (Bruce) Dickey of Jenkins, Sheree (Merlin) Rogers of Pequot Lakes and Sue Stevens of Pine River.

He was preceded in death by his father and infant sister, Sue.

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MEETING
FRESHWATER
EDUCATION
DISTRICT #6004
Wadena, MN
Nov. 16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER at
5:30 p.m. by C. Funk, Chair
Board Present: C.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Andrew M. Froehle, Trustee of the Andrew M. Froehle Living Trust Dated June 28, 2001

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Summit Mortgage Corporation, a Minnesota corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded on December 29, 2014 as Document Number A492526 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on October 11, 2016 as Document Number 501165 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$212,500.00
DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 7, 2009

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 9, 2009 as Document Number 463550 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$202,227.66

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 23 and 24, Block 8, Sylvan Shores South, Todd County, Minnesota

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Summit Mortgage Corporation, a Minnesota corporation
RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 26-0043100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100061907000094672

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota
to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually

Funk-Sebeka; P. Benning-Browerville; C. Wolf-Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; R. VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt; R. Thalmann-Henning; S. Veronen-Verndale; C. Hasbargen-Menahga; A. Bailey-Eagle Valley; Others: D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka; L. Westrum-Wadena-Deer Creek; J. Nesland; L. Murdock; S. Thiel.

APPROVAL OF THE PAST BOARD MINUTES- MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Bailey to approve the 8/24/16 minutes as presented. VOTE-UC

ADOPTION OF AN AGENDA- MOTION BY Benning, seconded by Hasbargen, to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE-UC

OLD BUSINESS- REVIEWED the 9/27/16 and 10/18/16 Supt Mtg summaries.

MOTION BY Bailey, seconded by Veronen, to accept the FED Group Health Insurance bid, effective 1/1/17, from Health Partners, as jointly bid under MS 471 through the Region V Service Cooperative Health Insurance Pool. VOTE-UC

UPDATE of the facility improvement options.

NEW BUSINESS- MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by VanDenheuvel, to apply and recognize the State-Staff Development Grant

Award in the amount of \$16,080 to be used for SpEd Level IV staff development. VOTE-UC

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by Benning, to approve the Annual MDE Title IX reporting requirement by acknowledging compliance with State and Federal Laws Prohibiting Discrimination. VOTE-UC

COMMITTEES & CONSULTANTS REPORTS-

REVIEW of minutes for the following Mtgs; 8.30.16 and 9/29/16 Wellness Committee; 10/26/16 Health Benefits Committee; 9/19/16 Perkins Leadership Team.

REVIEW of Carl Perkins Re-Authorization Bill (House)

UPDATE of 1/10/17 E-Rate Training, hosted by FED for all Tech Coordinators and Bus. Managers.

FINANCE, BUSINESS, AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS-

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Wolf, to approve the 8/25/16 through 11/16/16 cash reports and payments of checks numbered 118619 through 118976. VOTE-Yes; C. Funk, P. Benning, C. Wolf, R. VanDenheuvel, R. Thalmann, C. Hasbargen, A. Bailey. No; None. S. Veronen abstaining, Motion Carries.

MOTION BY Hasbargen, seconded by Thalmann, to approve the 5-Year Facility Lease, effective 7/1/17 with CLC as presented. VOTE-UC

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by Bailey, to approve the FY-18 Todd-Morrison ABE #6004 Facility Lease Agreement with CLC as presented. VOTE-UC

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Benning, to approve the Statement of Work Agreement with Benovate as presented. VOTE-UC

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by Benning, to approve to set the 2017 Organizational and Regular Monthly Board meeting for 1/25/17 5:30 p.m. at FED, Staples, MN.. VOTE-UC

REVIEWED the Proposed 2017 Freshwater Regular Board Meeting Schedule.

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Bailey, to approve and post the FY-17 Freshwater Teacher-Itinerant seniority list as presented. VOTE-UC

MOTION BY Hasbargen, seconded by Veronen, to approve and post the 16-17 SpEd Para seniority list as presented. VOTE-UC

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by Bailey, to approve and post the 16-17 SpEd Regular Van Route Drivers seniority list as presented. VOTE-UC

REVIEWED the Annual Administrative Memo Regarding Probationary and Term Employees.

REVIEWED the Classified Employee 1st Date of Employment list.

MOTION BY Bailey, seconded by Benning, to approve Revision I Modification of the current FY-17 financial budget as follows:

FY-17 BUDGET REVISION I:
Fund: 01 General - Revenue: \$9,072,878 Expenditures: \$9,401,365

Fund: 04 Community Service - Revenue: \$593,637 Expenditures: \$599,725

VOTE-UC

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Thalmann, to name Health Partners, effective 1/1/17 as the FED Employee Assistance vendor. VOTE-UC

REVIEWED the Actuarial Valuation of other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) under GASB Statement No.45.

INFORMED of a neighboring school inquiring about Freshwater Special Education Services.

PERSONNEL TOPICS AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS-

MOTION BY Hasbargen, seconded by Bailey, to approve the following personnel items as follows;

Hiring of K. Vejtas, M. Olson; Increase in hours for M. Wolhowe, L. Wright, M. Burton, E Hibbs, M. Hawes, T. Gould, and S. Wacker; Lane Change for E. Weber, M. Parker, S. McAllister; Maternity Leave for J. Schwartz; Resignation of K. Vejtas, Authorization to advertise and fill ECSE Para vacancy.

OTHER: Executive Director, J. Nesland and Board Chair, C. Funk recognized and "Thanked" Board Member C. Hasbargen of Menahga, for his 32 years of commitment as a board member.

Board Chair, C. Funk, expressed condolences from the Board, to J. Nesland and his family regarding the recent loss of his father, E. Nesland.

ADJOURNMENT- MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Wolf, to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. VOTE-UC

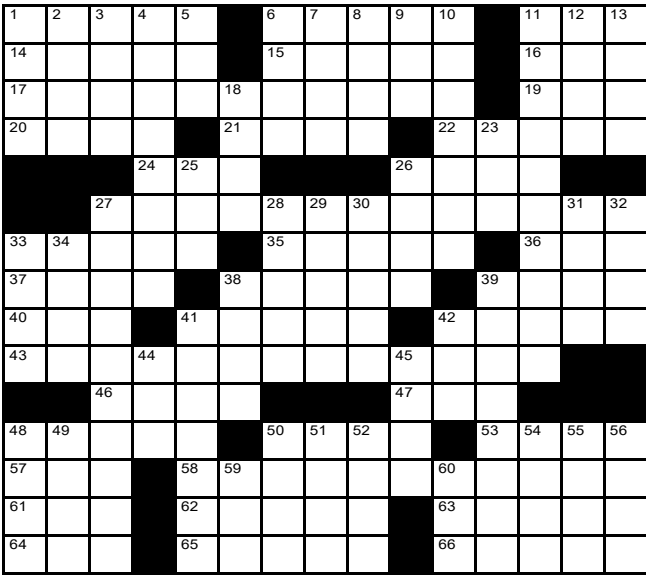
Preapproved Publication Summary RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Jil Fiemeyer, Clerk
Freshwater Education District # 6004

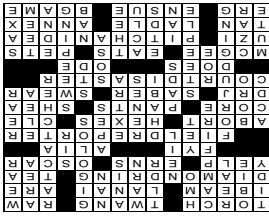
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Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile



- "Play On"
- Across
- 1 Olympic symbol
6 Sharp sound
11 Inexperienced
14 Steel girder
15 Island west of Maui
16 "You ___ here"
17 Proposal prop
19 Kind of party
20 Cry out
21 Coastal raptors
22 It's an honor
24 Memo letters
26 Et ___
27 Onsite journalist
33 Halt
35 Casting choices?
36 Diminutive suffix
37 Essence
38 Imitates a hot dog
39 Queens place
40 NBA great
41 Cavalry weapon
42 Promise
43 Play with fire
46 Takes care of
- 47 Keats' piece
48 Joplin's Bobby
50 Chow
53 Darlings
57 Compact weapon
58 Propose a story
61 Whup
62 Soup server
63 Tack on
64 A little work
65 Result
66 Second best effort
Down
- 1 Like some sums
2 "Rent" award
3 Not made up
4 Scout warmer
5 Med. care provider
6 Shortening online letters
7 Alert
8 Spanish liqueur
9 Bread served with korma
10 Ladies' men
11 Pest controller
12 Province
13 Become tiresome
- 18 Armstrong
23 Word said with a salute
25 Nevertheless
26 Big galoots
27 Sentencing prior to a trial
28 Abu ___
29 Clair and Coty
30 Seconds
31 Parmenides' home
32 Behind
33 Flexible, electrically
34 Staten Isl., e.g.
38 Stationer's stock
39 Cleaning job
41 Church part
42 Benchmark: Abbr.
44 Lobster coral
45 Slammin' Sammy
48 Silent
49 Mogul
50 LAX info
51 Rights grp.
52 Quaker's "you"
54 Irish novelist O'Brien
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Lund mingled with many influential people during his time in Washington, DC. Above, he shared a laugh with Sen. Dave Durenberger. Below, he met President Dwight Eisenhower. He also met President Richard Nixon.



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Lund's connections served community

has worked in Staples only two years but knew Lund's reputation from working in education elsewhere in Minnesota. "I remember visiting with a business consultant many years ago about what it takes for a community to be prosperous," said Klamm. "This particular person had the opportunity to work with many communities throughout our region. He used Staples as an example of a community where the superintendent had a large impact on the success of the community. He stated that not only did the superintendent work to improve the schools in his community, but also to bring economic opportunity to the region." The consultant was talking about Lund.

"As Superintendent of Staples-Motley School District, I greatly admire the work and dedication of Dr. Lund," said Klamm. "I can't tell you how much

I've enjoyed listening to the stories about him and marvel at the influence he had on this community and the region. When visiting with him, it was amazing to see that even though he struggled physically, his thirst for learning and curiosity were still very much a part of his everyday life. I will forever be thankful for the opportunity to meet Dr. Duane Lund and will work to live out his lasting legacy of dedication to the students and communities of Staples and Motley."

Klamm said she has heard the story of how Stan Edin, Jim Krile, Dr. Ted Lelwica and Ray Gildow, all longtime friends of Lund's, presented Dr. Lund's Community Foundation Award, which is now named after him. She said according to the Brainerd Dispatch, "they good-humoredly poked fun at Lund's size, his love of food, his bachelorhood and his hunting



Lund served as executive secretary in charge of staff for Sen. Ed Thye, above. Below, he is pictured with Mike Matanich. Bottom, he displays a catch from one of his many fishing trips.



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
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 8:30 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
Jeff Scoggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship 9:30 am.
Sabbath School..... 10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant

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

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC

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

Balsamlund Lutheran

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran

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

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.

habits. But they also honored Dr. Lund, in his work with children, working to better the schools and bring economic opportunity to Staples. Stanley Edin noted that they were honoring a living legend that evening."

The following biography is taken from the program at that awards dinner, written by Ray Gildow.

Lund graduated from Brainerd High School at age 16 and attended Macalester College in St. Paul. Lund's father Richard was an avid hunter and fisherman and Duane spent much of his time as a youth hunting and fishing with his father in the Brainerd Lakes area. His favorite fishing spot was on the Mississippi River just below the paper mill dam in Brainerd.

A family friend owned a resort on Lake Edwards and Lund helped get the Department of Natural Resources to stock the lake with walleye.

In high school, Lund dreamed of becoming an outdoor sportswriter. He wrote an outdoor article for a class project, but his teacher gave him an "F" because she thought he had copied it from a magazine. His mother convinced the teacher the article was authentic and the grade changed to an "A."

Lund majored in political science and economics in college and was active in politics in college. He graduated from Macalester in 1948 and began teaching in Staples. It was a smaller community than he had wanted, but his uncle, W.J. Lund, was a medical doctor in town.

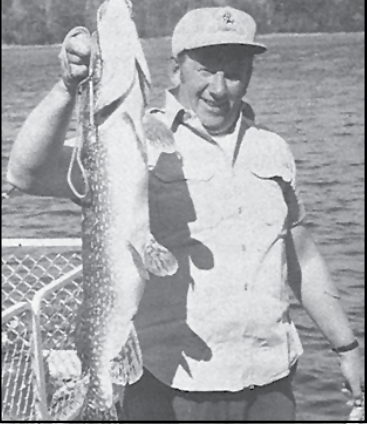
His first job was teaching senior social studies. He became the school counselor and earned a masters degree while teaching. He joined the Minnesota Young Republicans and later served on the National Board of Young Republicans.

Lund was a good friend of C. Elmer Anderson and worked as campaign manager for Anderson's campaign for governor.

U.S. Senator Ed Thye offered Lund a position on his staff in Washington, D.C. He worked as Executive Secretary in charge of staff for four years. The position taught Lund lessons about government and politics. It also helped him establish life-long relationships that would later benefit him and the Staples community.

After his five years in Washington, D.C., Lund had many job offers, including one from President Dwight Eisenhower to be Regional Director for the Department of Health and Welfare in Denver. Instead, Lund decided to finish his doctorate degree at the University of Minnesota.

The following year, Staples Superintendent Perry



Atwood and School Board Chair Dr. Charles Reichelderfer asked Lund to come back to Staples to be principal for one year and then replace Atwood as superintendent. He held that position for 25 years until his retirement in 1985.

Developments in addition to the ones already mentioned during the Lund era included a number of manufacturing companies moving to Staples, two being McCourtney Plastics (now McKechnie Tooling) and Benson Optical (now Twin Cities Optical).

Lund surrounded himself with administrators who were skilled in grant writing and innovation. Those included Dr. Stanley Edin, Michael Matanich, Dick Donat, Bob Rego, Jack Nelson, Dick Hegre and Don Droubie. The Staples School District established itself as one of the premier innovative districts in the nation, winning recognition at both the vocational and K-12 levels.

The school and city's reputation helped attract many professionals to the community. Many of them say that the impact of the school and Lund was a big part of their decision.

Near the end of his tenure in Staples, Lund started working with the Blandin Foundation as the director of a leadership program for elementary and high school principals. He also started working with Blandin's Community Leadership Program. He worked with 75 different communities through this program.

Lund was quoted with some of his thoughts on Staples: "This is a wonderful place with wonderful people who care about you because of who you are, not what you are. It doesn't matter where you come from, you are welcomed in Staples. That is why I stayed here," said Lund.

When asked what his greatest accomplishment is, Duane answered "Seeing Staples kids succeed in life."

Lund wrote and published 36 books, mostly history books and cookbooks. His first book was about the history of Lake of the Woods. He was an avid outdoors person enjoying hunting and fishing and has introduced many kids to the great outdoors. He also enjoyed cooking and painting.

He was a member of the Staples Rotary Club and Staples United Methodist Church.

Good news of great joy... for you

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" (Luke 2:10-11 ESV)

These well-known words were spoken by a single angel to a handful of shepherds outside of Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. And since that night their words have continued to be heard around the world. Linus narrates them in A Charlie Brown Christmas, we read them on greeting cards, we hear them in the seasonal carols and they even appear right here in the Staples World. And those angel-spoken words are still good news for all people!

But there is a danger that we can become so familiar with the angel's announcement that we fail to reflect on their personal significance to each one of us. So I invite you to pause for a moment from your Christmas hurriedness to contemplate the personal

significance of the heaven-sent message.

The angel proclaimed that the good news of great joy would be "for all people." That includes us. The proclamation that night was intended to reach you and me, just as much for you as it was meant for those few who were tending flocks that night. So when the angel says that "unto you is born a Savior," it means that Jesus came to earth to be your Savior. And that is good news for us because we all need a Savior.

The good news of Christmas is that God sent a Savior. He was born in a manger and died on a cross. And as it says in Romans 10:13, **"All who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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Smieja is new city clerk/treasurer for Motley



Settling in at her desk

Lacey Smieja, pictured at her new desk at city hall, has been hired as the City of Motley's new Clerk/Treasurer. Her first official day was Nov. 1. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Lacey Smieja, the new clerk/treasurer for the City of Motley, believes strongly that "things happen for a reason."

Such as, her not seeing the job posting for the position until late in the game,

but deciding to apply anyway, on the very last day possible.

She wasn't sure if she had all of the qualifications, Lacey said; but after reading the job description, she felt she would be a strong fit and knew it was a career path she wanted to be on.

"I applied and here we are," Lacey said recently at her new desk at Motley City Hall.

Out of 16 applicants, Lacey was one of five candidates selected to be interviewed on Sept. 29. The process included a full day of panel discussions, facility tours, as well as the interview with the city council. At the end of the day, the council voted to offer the position to Lacey. Her first official day of work was Nov. 1.

She's enjoyed getting to know the other city employees, as well as several residents. "People have stopped in to say 'hi.' Everyone has been so friendly," Lacey said.

Having spent several years in California, as well as Michigan, Lacey and her husband, Jon Smieja, are happy to be back in Central Minnesota. They moved back to Little Falls in May of 2015. It's the town they both grew up in, Lacey said, adding that she and Jon dated during high school. Their daughter, Mayzie, will be three years old in February. They also have a dog, Lincoln.

The Smiejias are happy to be closer to family.

After high school, Lacey went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Michigan University in political science/pre-law; and philosophy and a Master of Public Administration degree from San Diego State University.

Her plan had always been to be a lawyer, Lacey said. However, after studying abroad in Australia, she decided to change her education focus. "They are so laid back there," she said of the Australian people. "Their message is, 'Do what makes you happy.'"

It was a message Lacey took to heart, mentioning that she knew she didn't want the stress of being a lawyer. Instead, she turned her focus toward working with a non-profit organization or local government.

In addition to her internship in Australia, Lacey had an internship in San Diego, working for the non-profit Outdoor Outreach. Ultimately, Lacey found her strengths were in the area of local government.

She's a 'by-the-book' kind of person, Lacey said, adding that she likes to follow the rules. These are qualities Lacey feels are required for a city clerk/treasurer position.

Prior to accepting the job at Motley City Hall, Lacey had worked as an auditor/quality control specialist at Rutledge & Associates; and as a senior claims examiner at the Law Offices of Thomas W. Rutledge, APC, in Poway, Calif.

It's been an interesting time to take on her new role as city clerk/treasurer.

The week after she started was the election, Lacey said, followed by a city council meeting and a budget meeting...a lot to absorb in a short time. She is the third clerk to work at Motley City Hall this year, which should make for an interesting audit, Lacey noted.

It's a challenge she is ready to take on, however. She notes that there is a lot to learn, but she is excited about her new job. As far as goals for the city, Lacey said she's focusing on the

task at hand for the next while, including making sure all of the required deadlines are met before the end of the year.

In her free time, Lacey said she and her husband, Jon (who works as an environmental chemist), enjoy spending time outdoors and taking road trips on occasion.

She shared that when they left California, they packed up everything in their Honda and spent three months traveling across the country. They visited National Parks along the way, hiking and back-packing during the day and pitching their tent at night. They were also able to visit with a number of friends as they made their way back to Minnesota.

Now 33, Lacey said she is ready for this next phase of her journey as Motley's city clerk/treasurer. She looks forward to meeting more of the town's residents and knowing how she can best be of service. A 'meet and greet' will be scheduled at city hall some time in the near future.



Visiting the Motley Area Food Shelf

Students in the Faith Formation Class at St. Michael's Parish in Motley took a tour of the Motley Area Food Shelf Dec. 1, after dropping off donations they had collected during November. Pictured front row from left: Jeremy Eastman, Maddison Franzen, Violette Metz, Vinnie Metz, Caleigh Cremers, David Schmit, Veronica Metz. Row two: Jackson Braith, Tucker Braith, Hunter Woidyla, Cadence Hall, Carter Mielke, Eli Roiko, Colston Cremers, Cowen Cremers, Jack Franzen, Ben Tyrrell, Kristofer Taylor, Haley Hall. Back row: Sherri Miller Frisk, MAFS Director; Karen Holmberg, Faith Formation leader; Pat O'Regan, MAFS Chair. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Students collect items for local food shelves

Students in the Faith Formation class at St. Michael's Church in Motley recently stopped by the Motley Area Food Shelf to make a donation.

During the Month of November, the students participated in the "I am Thankful" program, which included a study of food insecurity in the area. In response to these real needs, the students collected food items for the local food shelves.

"We had four groups collecting food and the group that collected the most would win a pizza party," said Monica Simmons, the youth coordinator at both St. Michael's and Sacred Heart Parish in Staples; and the organizer of this food drive. Simmons mentioned that the students ranged in age from first - 11th grades. She works with the older students; and Karen Holmberg is the Faith Formation instructor for the younger students.

Simmons noted that students learned that one in four children in Todd County are hungry; and that there are similar statistics in counties such as Cass and Morrison. Often, households with low incomes will stock up on food items with low nutritional value.

Students also had the opportunity to tour the area food shelves and to see firsthand how they operate. "I think it's important for kids to see that these are all volunteers who work at the food shelves," Students also learned about the non-profit company Second Harvest food bank, which allows food shelves to purchase grocery items at a much cheaper price.

As part of their Faith Formation studies, students have been learning the importance of both charity and justice, Simmons said. She hopes to continue the "I am Thankful" study theme.

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

Nov. 30 - The MPD and MCSO responded to a call from BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley regarding suspicious activity. Report states that the Staples Police had dropped off a female early in the morning and she was still sleeping in a booth. Deputy Al Yoder arrived and made contact with the woman who advised her boyfriend's mother had brought her up north the previous night and dumped her off in Staples. She was waiting to get a ride to Rice. After a few hours, a ride did show up for her and she left.

Nov. 28 - The MPD is-

sued a citation to Tamara Raybern, 60, for not having proof of insurance.

Nov. 28 - A Motley resident called to MPD to complain about snowmobiles that were causing asphalt damage on 4th Ave. S.

Nov. 28 - The MPD received a call reporting that someone had loosened the lug nuts on his vehicle in a parking lot on the 900 block of Hwy 10 S. Caller stated that this has happened to three other people that live in his building.

Nov. 28 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Justin Gold, 30.

Nov. 25, 26 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Joshua Sindt, 30; Jason Grenier, 36; James Stager, 28; Timothy Mailhot, 39; Seth Hynes-Marquette, 23.

Nov. 30 - The MCSO re-

sponded to a report of two vehicles that had backed out into Beaulieu St. in Motley at the same time and crashed into each other. Neither party saw the other.

Nov. 28 - The MCSO responded to a call from the Cushing Post Office regarding a vehicle crash in their parking lot. According to the report, a van backed up and hit a postal truck that was parked with no driver inside. There was damage to the postal truck but not the van.

Nov. 28 - The MCSO responded to a request from Cass County regarding a one-vehicle rollover at 120th St. SW in Motley. Motley First Response was paged.

Death of Terry Brisk now a homicide investigation

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen reports that the investigation into the death of Terrence "Terry" Brisk which occurred Nov. 7th, in Belle Prairie Township, is now considered a homicide investigation. Investigators are also now seeking the public's help in locating a gun believed to have been stolen during the incident.

Preliminary autopsy results from Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office concluded that Brisk, 41, died from blood loss resulting from a gunshot wound. The sheriff's office, with help from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, has followed up on several leads and conducted multiple interviews. The determination of homicide as a



Terrence Brisk

manner of death is based on information obtained thus far in the investigation.

In addition, the Morrison County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in locating a Winchester Model AE 30-30

lever action rifle belonging to Terrence Brisk. The rifle is described as an older model, with a wooden stock and forearm, with no sling attached. Brisk was known to carry the rifle in the woods while hunting and at this point it has not been located.

Sheriff Larsen states that there is a \$20,000 reward for information that leads to the identification of the person who shot and killed Terrence Brisk.

If you have any information regarding this case, contact the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at 320-632-9233.

Terrence Brisk leaves behind his wife, Pamela; and children, Johnathon, Nicholas, Frances and Michael.



Motley Family Center donates

The Motley Family Center donated a number of grocery items to the Motley Area Food Shelf recently. Pictured above are students and teachers from the Little Cardinals Academy, part of the Motley Family Center. Front row from left: Jessica Lancaster, teacher; Autumn Siemsen, Emma Dumpprope, Asher Carry, Brooks Twardowski, Zander Kane-Hinkmeyer, Malcolm Graffunder. Row two: Preston Caldwell, Noah Current, Brielle Mevissen, Claire Rutten, Charlie Hoffman, Kelsi Schalow, teacher. Row three: Gavin Caldwell, Natalie Dumpprope, Libby Mumm, Ethan Alexander. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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CWD in the deer family is not unique in the animal kingdom. A similar brain-destroying neurological disease, known colloquially as "mad cow disease," affects cattle. Mink raised in captivity on fur farms can contract their own version of it. Rare, but real, is the similar-in-effect Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans, said to oc-

If you have a mind for statistics, you might be asking how big a problem it is when two deer out of almost 3,000 tested this fall were found to have CWD. One need only to look across the border from the Southeastern corner

The DNR is now planning a similar population control effort in the Lanesboro area, including a special winter hunt that will involve the public, landowners and potentially even government "sharpshooters." There will likely also be a ban on recreational feeding of deer, a practice that unnaturally concentrates them, making the spread of disease more

One of the uncertainties is just where the infection came from. There are a substantial number of captive deer and elk farms in that part of Minnesota, some very close to Lanesboro and Pine Island. CWD has been found among animals on similar farms in other parts

Many are convinced that these game farms are the culprit, despite assurances from the State Board of Animal Health – which has official oversight of them – that there is no direct evidence in this latest outbreak. The fact that deer can swim rivers, in this case the Mississippi, and can cross the arbitrary boundary with Iowa – both states with unsolved CWD problems – suggests that there might continue to be a source of CWD infection just beyond Minnesota's borders. Between these two potential sources of infection, wildlife managers who hope to keep Minnesota deer CWD-free certainly have their hands full.



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Two points for the crowd

Kaitlin Longworth gets a shot up in traffic as the Staples-Motley crowd watches. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Girls hoops team learns from two wins

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team got off to a 2-0 start with a 69-40 win over Wadena-Deer Creek on Nov. 29 and a 54-45 win over Foley on Dec. 1.

“Our experience showed in the opener,” said Coach Craig Wolhowe. “We talked about having a great start to the season and the first five minutes and we definitely did. We played excellent defense, ran our offense and took good shots and got out to a big lead at half, 54-15.”

Wolhowe said he liked how the team attacked the basket and got to the free throw line. Claire Wolhowe made seven of eleven shots from the floor and six free throws to lead the team with 20 points. Kelsie Weite had seven rebounds and Amber Robben had six steals.

Wolhowe said the Foley game was like a roller coaster. “We played well for a few minutes, then not so well for a spell. We hustled and were executing, and the next minute we were sluggish and not thinking.”

The Cardinals took a 15 point lead in the second half but Foley cut it to eight late in the game.

“Foley stayed in the game because they hustled and didn’t give up,” said Wolhowe. “We built a lead, and then coasted. This game provided some great teaching moments.”

Weite got hot in the first half and Chelsea Nanik came out firing in the second half. Wolhowe grabbed 13 rebounds and had five steals.



Rising above the defense

Kelsie Weite takes a jump shot in the lane against Foley. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Team results

Staples-Motley 69, Wadena-Deer Creek 40
Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 20, Amber Robben 11, Sam Schimpp 10, Kelsie Weite 9,

Kaitlin Longworth 8, Chelsea Nanik 6, Ashley Smith 3, Jenna Trantina 2

Staples-Motley 54, Foley 45
Scoring: Weite 12, Wolhowe 12, Nanik 10, Robben 9, Longworth 4, Smith 2, Lexi Johnson 2, Kiera Dumpprope 2, Alix Peterson 1

All-Section football

Berggren, Erpelding, Miller, Skeesick honored

Four Staples-Motley football players were named to the Section 6AA All Section team.

Hunter Berggren, Alex Erpelding, Matt Miller and Trey Skeesick were the four Cardinals on the team.

The Cardinals were also honored by the Mid-West District (which replaced conferences this year).

Miller was named Specialist of the Year for his kickoff and punt return skills.

Erpelding was named linebacker of the year.

Joining them on the All-Sistrict First team were Berggren and Skeesick.

Three players were named to the All-District Honorable Mention team,

Dolton Holmberg, Kyle Serich and Eric Lisson.

The Staples-Motley team also released their team awards:

- Cardinal Award - Hunter Berggren (for school/team pride, leader in the classroom, a leader on/off the field, and active in the community; someone who is viewed as “doing the right thing” on a consistent basis)
- Most Improved Player - Mason Nyhus (first year playing varsity; starting wide receiver and punt return duties)
- Back of the Year (offense & defense) Alex Erpelding (98 solo tackles and 35 assists for team leading 133 tackles as linebacker)

- Lineman of the Year - Trey Skeesick (3rd highest ranking for tackles with 47 total, 9 tackles for loss, 6 fumble recoveries)
- Most Valuable Player - Erpelding (two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, 12 tackles for loss)
- Junior varsity player awards: Cade Schmidt, Nathaniel Rodrigues, Blayne Dumpprope

The Cardinal team was also awarded the silver academic award from the Minnesota Football Chochases Association.

Four players were named to the Mid-West District All-Academic Team: Berggren, Zac Carlson, and Matt Miler.

Wrestlers start season with strong showing

The Staples-Motley wrestling team lived up to their number ten pre-season ranking by winning their first two dual matches of the season then crowning five champions in the Wadena-Deer Creek tournament.

The Cardinals built leads in the lower weights then held on to beat United Clay Becker 39-27 and New York Mills 36-33 in a triangular meet Dec. 2 at NYM. They came back the next day to place third in the W-DC tournament, as Spencer Miller, Owen Bjerga, Eric Lisson, Dalton Holmberg and Alex Erpelding all placed first in their weight class.

Team results
Staples-Motley 39, United Clay Becker 27
106 - Sam Jennissen L fall; 113 - Brayden Christensen L 6-4; 120 - Spencer Miller W fall; 126 - Blake Gerard W ff; 132 - Blayne Dumpprope W ff; 138 - Eric Lisson(SM) W fall; 145 - Dalton Holmberg L 4-1; 152 - Matt Miller W fall; 160 - Isaac Swendsrud L 6-4; 170 - Jonathan Lisson L 3-1; 182 - Alex Erpelding W fall; 195 - Shaine Guggenberger W 4-1; 220 - Nathaniell Rodrigues L fall; 285 - Kyle Serich L 6-1
Staples-Motley 36, New York Mills 33
106 - Jennissen L fall; 113 - Christensen W 3-1; 120 - S. Miller W fall; 126 - Gerard W fall; 132 - Dumpprope W ff; 138 - Owen Bjerga L 4-3; 145 - M. Miller W ff; 152 - Holmberg W

dec.; 160 - Swendsrud L 1-0; 170 - J. Lisson L 5-1; 182 - Erpelding W fall; 195 - Guggenberger L fall; 220 - Rodriques L fall; 285 - Kyle Serich L fall

WDC tournament
Perham 271.5, Thief River Falls 180.5, Staples/Motley 159.5, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie 131, Badger/Greenbush/Middle River (BGMR) 131, United North Central 99, Wadena-Deer Creek 84, Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus 83, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville 81
Cardinal placers:
113 - Christensen 5th place
120 - S. Miller 1st place
126 - Dumpprope 4th place
132 - Bjerga 1st place
138 - Lisson 1st place
145 - Holmberg 1st place
182 - Erpelding 1st place
285 - Serich 2nd place



Upside-down for the victory

Owen Bjerga maintained control despite appearing to be the one upside down in his championship match at the W-DC tournament. Bjerga came out on

top in this scramble and ended up winning 12-4 for the 132 pound title. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hunting the black tailed deer in Alaska

By Ray Gildow

Jack Nelsen of Staples, is by all definitions a “throwback” to an era gone by. After all, Jack shot a 76 and three-quarter inch bull moose when he was ten years old, shot his first Dall Sheep at twelve, his first caribou at fourteen and started his commercial salmon fishing career in Alaska at fifteen. Now, at the ripe old age of twenty-two, he captains a salmon fishing boat during the Alaskan salmon season and hunts and fishes all over Alaska and Minnesota during the “off” fishing season.

Jack, his father Dean, Walker native and long-time family friend Don Pursch and three other Alaskan friends took the ultimate deer hunting adventure in November hunting the black tailed deer of Kodiak Island. The trip, a ten-hour ferry ride from Homer, Alaska to an air base on Kodiak Island and a flight to an inland lake where the party set up base camp with tents and hunted for eight days.

Kodiak Island is the second largest island in the United States at 3,595 square miles. There’s heavy tree cover on the north and east areas of the island and almost treeless on the south. It’s home to some of the world’s largest brown bears, fox and a healthy caribou herd but has no wolves. After two very mild winters the black tailed deer population on the island has exploded.

Black tailed deer are smaller than their white-tailed cousins. A large black tailed doe could weigh up to 130 pounds and a really big buck can weigh 200 pounds. Their range is from central California to Alaska. They’re not as spooky as white tailed deer mostly because they just don’t see that many people, however, they are still very elusive.

The hunt would start about 9 a.m. in the morning and close about 4:30 p.m. in the afternoon. The party



Hunting in Alaska

Jack Nelsen with a nice eight point black tailed buck. (Submitted photo)

hunted in small groups of three so everyone had a buddy system. Alaskan citizens are allowed three deer and non-residents can also tag three deer but at an extra cost of \$150 per tag.

The party saw an average of ten to fifteen deer a day. The main technique used for hunting was spot and stalk. The hunters would sit on heavily traveled trails early in the morning and then go to higher ground and spot with binoculars later in the day. Harvested deer would be quartered, packed in game sacks, brought back to camp and placed inside a fenced bear resistant area until departure. The party filled all their tags shooting thirteen deer, twelve were bucks.

This was Jack’s second year of hunting Kodiak Island with his dad and other friends. He harvested a very nice eight pointer with a bow and arrow. Accord-

ing to Jack, “The whole experience is unbelievable. We had great weather, really good hunting and a big part of the experience is being together and sharing stories at the end of the day. To top it all off, the deer are really great to eat. I can’t wait to go back again.”

Thursday Twilight League Bowling Wadena Lanes		
DECEMBER 1, 2016		
1. Mason Bros.	524	11-1
2. Spectrum Marketing	477	7-5
3. Lefty's	477	6.5-5.5
5. Ted and Gen's	451	6-6
6. Ghost Team	451	3-9
4. Staples Vet Clinic	451	2.5-9.5
HIGH TEAM SERIES-		
Mason Bros	1627	
HIGH TEAM GAME-		
Mason Bros	551	
HIGH IND. SERIES/ HIGH GAMES		
Marge Harrison	524	181-176
Judy Tiede	477	169
Betty Klingaman	451	168
Ruth Lugert	451	197-179
(bowled dummy score the 3rd. game)		
Shirley Wegscheid	152	
Helen Leaderbrand	149	