

South Africa trip with FFA teaches Rebekka Paskewitz to appreciate life

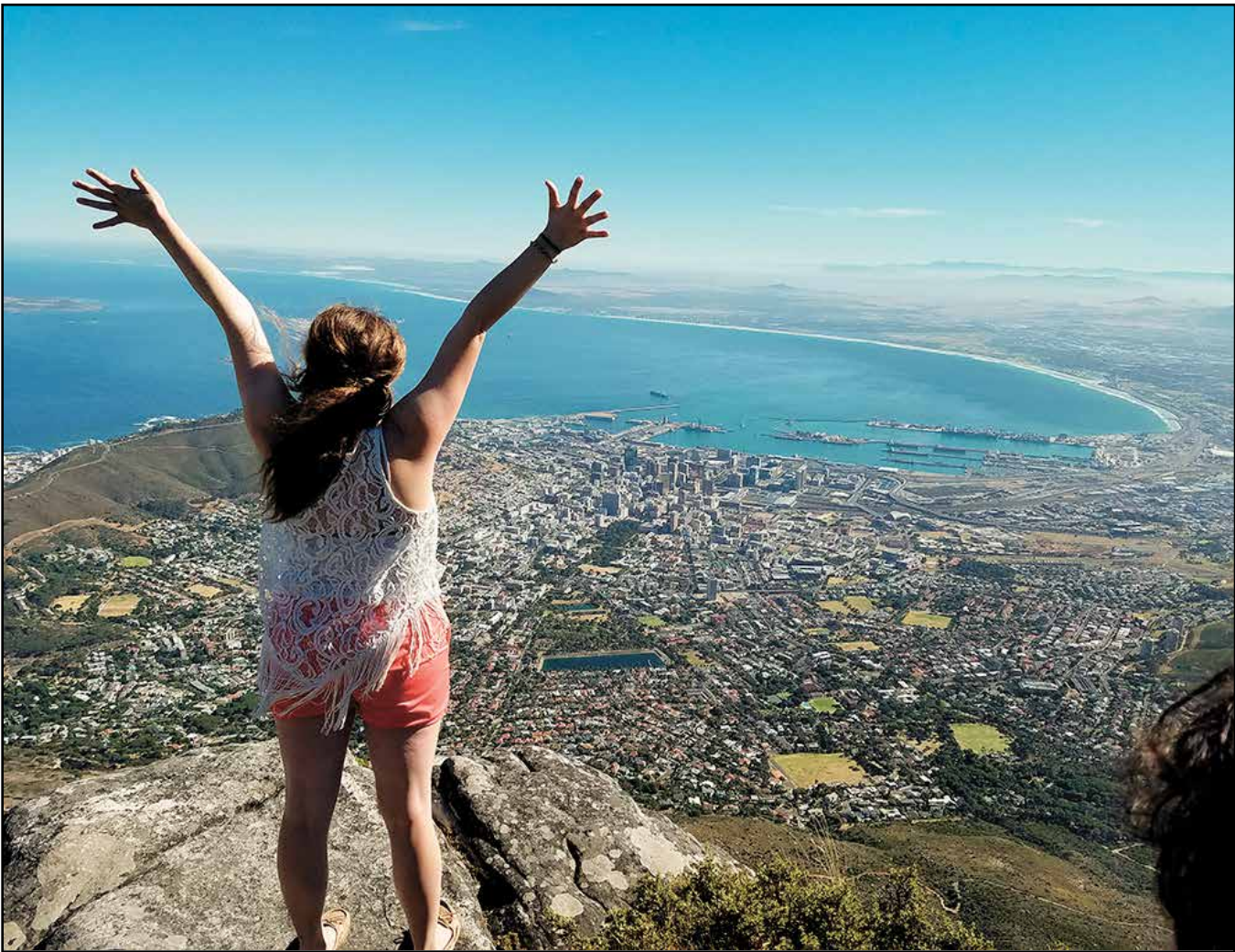
By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Rebekka Paskewitz traveled to South Africa with the national FFA, touring farms and agricultural schools from Jan. 2-17. Although she learned a lot about different types of agriculture, Paskewitz said witnessing the African culture has changed her attitude about life.

“Life is more enjoyable when you are surrounded by people who care,” said Paskewitz. She found that care at many of her stops, at farms, schools and villages. “There is something unique in the way they treat others and truly appreciate the value in the places they have,” she said.

It started when she got off the plane in Johannesburg. Despite the initial shock of the ugly odor of the city, Paskewitz said she recognized how beautiful it was, a country filled with mountains and valleys. “There was a saying that God took a little extra time to make Africa,” she said.

Paskewitz, a 2016 Staples-Motley graduate and currently a FFA State Officer, went with 75 State Officers from around the country, plus six from Minnesota. They started the trip with an orientation in Washington, D.C., where they learned that the agri-



Overlooking Cape Town, South Africa

The magnificent Table Mountain overlooks Cape Town, South Africa and is consider one of the ‘New’ Seven Wonders of Nature. Rebekka Paskewitz said “being on top of this mountain gave us this beautiful view and personally made me step back and realize the blessings we are given: not only for the land, sea and sky, but for the adventures God brings us on which change our lives.” (Submitted photo)

culture of Africa is different than U.S. agriculture, but is also compatible in some ways. They also had taken an eight week course about the the history of South Africa, which for centuries had been dominated by Dutch and British colonists and their apartheid government that prevented native South Africans from power.

Through the training, Paskewitz knew that the culture would not be stereotypical shantytowns of Africa, even though those places do exist.

Paskewitz said the agriculture in South Africa is about 30 years behind the U.S. in machinery and technology. A mango farmer told the group that they are still a third world country but they are farming like a first world country. He said the country has a problem creating enough jobs for the population so he is helping politicians realize that farms create a lot of jobs. He believes agriculture is going to grow in South Africa because they need the food and the jobs.

Paskewitz said she appreciated the hard work that was done on this farm and others, such as banana, macademia nut and avocado farms they visited, especially where they pick

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Hello, Readers,
At 11:38 a.m. EST, on Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Christa McAuliffe is on her way to becoming the first ordinary U.S. civilian to travel into space. McAuliffe, a 37-year-old high school social studies teacher from New Hampshire, won a competition that earned her a place among the seven-member crew of the Challenger. She underwent months of shuttle training but then, beginning Jan. 23, was forced to wait six long days as the Challenger’s launch countdown was repeatedly delayed because of weather and technical problems. Finally, on Jan. 28, the shuttle lifted off. Seventy-three seconds later, hundreds on the ground, including Christa’s family, stared in disbelief as the shuttle broke up in a forking plume of smoke and fire. Millions more watched the wrenching tragedy unfold on live television. There were no survivors.

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Technology critical for success, teachers tell SM school board

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Teachers want more technology in the classroom and they presented their case at the Staples-Motley School Board meeting Jan. 23.

John Regan teaches 8th grade math, robotics and computer-aided design. Lorna Bendson teaches high school science, including advanced College in School biology and chemistry classes. Allison Vangsness teaches 7th grade social

studies.

Each of the teachers shared how they use technology devices in their classrooms and how it “enhances learning, it’s not just entertainment.”

Regan said that in his CAD and robotics classes, the applications are obvious. However, he was surprised at the effect in his 8th grade math classes.

“The students move from paper and pencil problems to deeper thinking, to analysis of problems, a skill that relates to real life,”

Regan said. “This will help them become better people in the future.”

Bendson said her students have access to devices in her classroom, but “I don’t know if they have that access to devices outside of class.”

She uses Google Classroom and Google Docs to share notes with her students as well as flash cards that she’s developed and video clips.

Bendson also teaches advanced college-level classes where students can earn credits through Central Lakes College. She noted

that CLC is increasing their use of e-textbooks rather than printed textbooks.

As a specific example she told the board of one of her students, an “A” student, who was struggling with a formal lab report because the only device he had access to outside of the classroom was a smart phone.

Vangsness said her students can research the life of a 14 year old slave during the Civil War or a 14 year old immigrant at Ellis Island

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Gildow provides some insight on the future

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

With wearable technology and driverless cars, robots replacing workers and 3D printers, the future could be very different than the present.

At the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner held at Ted & Gen’s, in Aldrich on Jan. 19, speaker Ray Gildow said there are ways to cope with coming changes.

He said one of the best ways to begin is to develop healthy communities, with leadership at the local level. “We must not rely on governments, but instead rely on local leadership in solving problems,” said Gildow.

He also said diversity will be a big issue in the

future.

“We must embrace diversity,” said Gildow, “research shows that communities that embrace diversity have better economic growth and fewer problems.”



Making sense of the future

Ray Gildow talks to the crowd at the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on Jan. 19. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Todd County denies DNR land acquisition

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

After hearing discussion from Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) personnel and Hartford Township members at their Jan. 17 meeting, the Todd County Board of Commissioners unanimously denied the land acquisition by the DNR of a property located about a mile and a half from Browerville.

Beau Liddell, the area wildlife manager, along with Rick Walsh and Susan Makki, also from the DNR, presented the DNR’s desire to purchase this landlocked parcel.

The parcel is located on County Road 14 and is 9.87 acres.

Liddell said they’ve been working over the past year to acquire the parcel as an addition to the 132 acre Sheets Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

As background, Liddell explained that “WMAs are acquired and developed for purposes of protecting wildlife populations, as well as to provide compatible public recreation, such as hunting, trapping, wildlife-watching and hiking. Other activities such as horse, ATV and OHV riding are prohibited on WMAs.”

The DNR Section of Wildlife

“presently manages 30 WMAs in Todd County encompassing about 7,526 acres, or 1.2 percent of the county land base, and has several interests in purchasing this tract as an addition to the Sheets Lake WMA,” wrote Liddell in a letter to the county.

Liddell further said that “the parcel, currently owned by JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A., entered foreclosure and has been vacant since 2012.”

It was argued that the property does not have any legal access, and is bordered on two sides by the WMA.

“...access to the north end of the

WMA has always been poor, acquiring this parcel would enhance public access for recreational purposes, and significantly improve (the) capacity to manage wildlife habitat on that part of the WMA,” wrote Liddell.

It was said that the previous owner was unsuccessful in selling the property prior to foreclosure and that the bank is not currently working with any other buyers.

“Due to the lack of legal access and the overall poor condition of the buildings, it’s highly likely that the property will remain vacant and continue to deteriorate. If the

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2016 Annual Gold Chapter award

JCI Staples (Staples Jaycees) received the 2016 Annual Gold Chapter award at the JCI Minnesota convention held nJan. 20-22. Members attending included; from left, Melissa Radermacher, Amanda Jans, Megan Haber, Zachariah Johnson, Robin Rothstein and Scott Lenk. (Submitted photo)

Staples Jaycees bring home state awards

JCI Staples won a number of awards, including the 2016 Annual Gold Chapter award, at the JCI Minnesota annual convention in Plymouth Jan. 20-22.

Megan Haber was president of local chapter, JCI Staples, since 2014. She's also served as state secretary in 2016 and is now the Region 2 Director for the state JCI Minnesota. Haber was awarded the 2016 Silver Chapter President and won a Charles Kulp, Jr., Memorial Award.

The Charles Kulp, Jr. award is presented annually to outstanding local

presidents in the nation. It's named in honor of Charles Kulp, Jr. from Delaware, who served as the local chapter president for the Wilmington Junior Chamber and as a state president for Delaware. He died of cancer in 1979.

The award is based on: leadership, motivation, inspiration of members; community impact; impact on local organization; participation in state, USJC and JCI events; and exemplification of USJC values.

Amanda Jans was awarded a First Timer Program participation award.

Samantha Fischer received her first degree and Megan Haber her second degree in the Passport to Civic Leadership program.

JCI Staples has upcoming events planned locally like the Pub N' Putt and Pitch, Hit, Run. The club has adopted the Lincoln Park in Staples, with plans to revitalize and create a fun place for community children to play.

Anyone interested in becoming a part of the organization can contact President Zachariah Johnson; 218-820-6003.



2016 Silver Chapter President awards

Megan Haber, JCI Staples, received the 2016 Silver Chapter President award and the Charles Kulp, Jr., Memoria Award, which honors presidents at the national level. Above; receiving their awards are; from left, Twila Bolte, Dean Carstensen, Kaylee Wilkee, Gwen Labovitch, Megan Haber and 2016 JCI MN President Josh Regan. (Submitted photo)

Workshop offered for dairy producers on robots, parlors

University of Minnesota Extension will be hosting a workshop titled, "Robots vs. Parlors: Economics & Options."

This workshop is for area dairy producers who may find themselves at a crossroads between putting in robots for automatic milking or building a parlor.

One session will be Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Browerville Community Center. A second workshop will be Friday, Feb. 10, at Dino's Eden Lakeside Club in Eden Valley. Both workshops will cover the same content and will run from 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., with registration starting at 10 a.m. The registration fee includes lunch and speaker handouts.

Speakers and topics include:

- David Kammel with the University of Wisconsin-Madison on design and layout for low-cost parlors.
- Jim Salfer with U of M Extension on options and considerations for robotic milking systems.
- Kevin Janni with the University of Minnesota on dairy housing and ventilation options.
- Discussion on the economic comparisons of a parlor versus a robotic milking system.

• Panel of local dairy producers sharing their own experiences of deciding between robots and parlors.

Producers from all size farms and stages of life are welcome to attend. It is also encouraged that agribusinesses who work with producers in this position attend.

The Browerville Community Center is located at 653 Main St. S, Browerville. Dino's Eden Lakeside Club is located at 15445 Cty Rd 9, Eden Valley.

RVSPs are requested by Friday, Feb. 3, to help with the meal count. For the Browerville location, RSVP to Brenda at nels4220@umn.edu or 320-533-4655. For the Eden Valley location, RSVP to Emily at krek0033@umn.edu or 320-255-6169, extension 3.

If you have any questions about the workshop or would like to be a sponsor for the event contact Emily Wilmes at the Stearns County Extension Office at 320-255-6169, extension 3 or Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office at 320-533-4655.

Friendly Rider reports ridership increase

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

As part of a request for approval to write a grant, Friendly Rider Director Ryan Damlo told Wadena commissioners at the Jan. 17 board meeting that the Wadena transit program of Friendly Rider buses served 20 percent more riders in 2016 than they had in 2015. By their count, Friendly Rider provided 5,403 rides in 2016.

The ridership increase and the addition of two routes, the State of Minnesota has provided a sixth bus for Friendly Rider to use. Two additional part-time drivers have been hired to help cover the expanded program.

According to a private email received from Damlo, the new bus will be placed

in service in mid-February and will run primarily Monday through Friday in the City of Wadena. It will also be used to add Friendly Rider service to New York Mills, Bluffton, and Deer Creek by early March.

The Friendly Rider bus transportation program now extends from Browerville in Todd County, up Hwy 71 through Wadena County to Sebeka and Menasha, east on Hwy. 10 to Motley, and west on Hwy 10 to New York Mills. Hundreds of people ride the buses each week for work, medical appointments, shopping, and other destinations.

The grant that Damlo is working on will be written in cooperation with Region 5 and directed to NJPA for three-years, \$100,000 Inno-

vation Funding to add wi-fi service on six transit buses and three school buses. Commissioners approved Damlo's request to submit the grant application.

In other business, the board

- Heard monthly reports from Social Services
- Approved an agreement with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to allow Social Services to perform background checks on clients using BCA systems and tools.
- Discussed what the next step should be for the environmental scan process, now that the report has been received from consultant Michelle Soldo.
- Heard Chair Dave Hilukka's recommendations for committee and liaison assignments for 2017.

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Opinions differed on whether the parcel was landlocked with no access

state is allowed to acquire the property, the DNR will pay all costs related to demolishing the buildings and sealing the well. Therefore, we believe that acquiring this property as an addition to the WMA would be the best solution to this situation," said Liddell.

The DNR requires county approval to purchase the land.

Commissioner David Kircher said members of the Hartford Town Board were present and they were opposed to this sale.

He held discussions with Liddell and the town board on whether or not this was a landlocked property.

Liddell said that the legal description shows the property is landlocked. He said there would be no vehicle access, only on foot.

He added if the property were sold to another buyer, there would be no guaranteed vehicle access to it.

Also, the state was not in a position to provide vehicle access.

Eugene Irsfeld said the road that goes to the property off County Road 14 was kept open to the hay shed.

"We put gravel on it in 2010 because the DNR had torn it up," said Irsfeld.

Liddell contended the access was never verified. Walsh said they would have to show that the access existed since at least 1940 which would be difficult for the bank or the previous owner to prove.

Wayne Carstensen said that the road in question had been used as a bus turn around for years and he had been in the area his whole life.

Liddell said that the WMA areas around this parcel had been purchased in 1963 and 1964.

"It's still a road. You can't take it from us just to take it," said Carstensen.

Liddell said that it may be different if the land was public land or private land.

Carstensen said that they may own the land, but not the road.

"If it was your own road you could tear it up, plow it up, plant it, do whatever you wanted to with it, but that wasn't done," said Carstensen.

Makki said the "underlying fee owner would own the road." The owner could grant easements.

"But there is no legal easement," said Walsh.

"The intent is not to damage the township. Having legal access to the property would only increase the value of the

property," said Makki.

Commissioner Randy Neumann reminded the DNR members about the county's 2005 No Net Gain policy.

Liddell said it was not legally binding according to the county attorney's opinion at the time.

There was some discussion on the taxes that would or would not be paid on the property if the DNR had ownership.

County Assessor Chris Odden said the DNR would pay three quarters of one percent of the assessed value.

Liddell said there is no access easement to the other end of the property either.

"It (our access) has been solely at the discretion of the landowner on that end. We don't have access at certain times depending on the time of the year or other factors," said Liddell.

One of the supervisors for Hartford said he hardly ever saw anyone use the property at any time of the year and he went past it every day. He added he felt it would be a waste of an opportunity for someone to live on the property.

Carstensen said he was "totally against them buying this land. Totally."

Terry Rickbeil said in the Hartford meeting records, the township was in full support of the No Net Gain Policy and that was the position they were still taking.

Neumann commented to the DNR representatives, "At least you didn't use Pheasants Forever to back door us on it."

Neumann made a motion to deny the acquisition and to show support of the township which is against it.

Kircher made the second.

"I usually don't oppose these kinds of things, but I will respect the wishes of the town board," said Kircher.

A denial at this point would result in the DNR notifying the bank that they had not been successful.

Makki said the property had been listed since 2010. She said they did not know what the bank would do.

Liddell said in his letter that, "According to the bank's attorney, it is not uncommon for large, national lenders to allow foreclosed properties such as this to go tax forfeit. If this acquisition isn't approved and if the property enters tax forfeit status, not only might illegal activity on

the tract increase, but the county would only receive an annual administrative PILT payment of \$1.50 per acre, or \$15 total for the parcel (based on 2016 rates). It's important to note that if the DNR assumes control of property after going tax forfeit, only the lower administrative PILT would be received in the future as opposed to the higher hunting PILT."

To this point, the bank has been paying the annual taxes.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that the county has had many calls on this parcel by people interested in purchasing it, but haven't had clear direction on who to contact.

Kircher said that the big question remained on whether the parcel was landlocked or not. This will likely come before the board again, he added.

By roll call vote, all five commissioners voted to deny the acquisition.

In other business:

• Approved an agreement with Ward Township concerning the project administration, project engineering, construction management, cost participation and future maintenance of the proposed 2017 Ward Township road projects located on 340th St., 275th Ave. and 281st Ave.

• Approved the sale of two county parcels to Long Prairie Packing for \$277,185 for two county owned parcels that contain the Sheriff's Impound Lot, Veteran's Service Garage and the Sentence to Serve Wood Sale Lot. The county will be leasing the parcels back from Long Prairie Packing until they have their new building(s) in place.

• Directly related to the previous approval of the sale of the lots, the board approved the construction of a building in the Long Prairie Industrial Park. The Todd Wadena Community Corrections Department will relocate the Sentence to Serve Wood Lot to an area located at the Todd County Transfer Station.

County Engineer Loren Fellbaum was appointed the County's Project Manager with purchasing authority up to \$25,000. He said he will use local contractors and suppliers as much as possible.

• Upon the recommendation of the Personnel and Coordinator Hiring Committees the commissioners approved the hire of Joseph Hatch for the County Coordinator position. His start date will be Feb. 27.

• During her report, Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida showed a \$2.6 million increase in the general fund from the end of 2015 to the end of 2016. The cash balance on Dec. 31, 2016 was \$17,132,872.01

Kircher commended the departments for their work on keeping their budgets down to manageable amounts.

"The county isn't bankrupt. We are working at a good pace and getting our reserves up," he said.

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Two arrested after meth found in auto

On Jan. 19, Staples Police stopped a vehicle on Hwy 10 for speeding. Police could see signs of drug use and possession from the occupants inside the vehicle.

Also included in the Staples police report:

Jan. 17; Staples Police were notified of threats being made on social media between Staples-Motley students and Pillager students about fighting at the basketball game.

Jan. 20; Staples Police observed an individual walking a long Hwy 10, just west of the city limits. The subject was found to be intoxicated and was given a ride home.

Jan. 22; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept with a vehicle rollover on Cty Rd 7 near Songbird Loop. Police arrived first on scene and discovered foot prints in the snow heading north-bound. Two individuals were located on Hwy 210 near 490th St. The Todd County Sheriff's Office is investigating this incident.

After getting consent to search the vehicle, police located a total of 16 grams of methamphetamines, .5 grams of ecstasy, six hypodermic needles, 75 small individual baggies, a digital scale, a meth pipe and a large amount of cash.

Police arrested Kurt Zetah, of Browerville, and charged him with 2nd degree sales of a controlled substance and 3rd degree possession of a controlled substance. Police also arrested Nicole Rahn, of Cushing, and charged her with two counts of 5th degree possession of a controlled substance.

The vehicle they were driving was forfeited. Both parties were transported to the Todd County Detention Center.



Clean and paint radiators

Gene Floistad of Staples, above and Tom Kajer were among those Staples Historical Society volunteers who scraped and blew debris from 107 years of accumulation on the radiators at the Staples Northern Pacific Depot. The radiators were given a fresh coat of silver paint. The project was part of the restoration and rehabilitation of the depot. So far heating, plumbing and electrical systems have been updated. On the main floor, bathrooms are being completed, some doors will be replaced, floors cleaned and refinished and lobby walls and ceiling painted. (Submitted photo by Tom Crawford)

Accountability class offered at CLC-Staples

Central Lakes College in Staples is offering a new class, "The Accountability Experience," beginning Feb 2, enrollment is open to the public. The instructor for the class is Eric Budrow

According to the class description, individuals who go through accountability training are better able to develop positive relationships, feel a sense of accomplishment and improve personal productivity, all with less stress. They will also develop skills to hold others accountable for agreements in a way that minimizes conflict and encourages improved results. Leadership accountability leads to organizations in which there is crystal-clear clarity about what's expected to happen, how, and when. Managers and supervisors learn to encourage employee accountability at all levels, leading to increased engagement and a decrease in the gap between expectation and delivery.

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Staples Motley Area Chamber holds ribbon cutting

The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce honored Derek and Kim Johnson (front, center left) at a ribbon cutting at Ted & Gen's Bar-B-Q during the chamber's annual dinner held at the restaurant Jan. 19. They purchased the business from Don and Cheri Ludovissie (front, third from right). The chamber director Barb Cline, front, center right, helped Kim Johnson with the scissors. Chamber board members in the photo are, front, from left, Chuck Mayer, the Johnsons, Cline, the Ludovissies, Melissa Radermacher and Sandy Knosalla. In the back, from left, are Bruce Brotherton, Steve Gertken, Megan Haber, Jodi Reeck, Stephanie Jordahl and Dan Orth. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

New owners learning traditions at Ted & Gen's Bar-B-Q, Aldrich

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Derek and Kim Johnson completely changed their lives when they recently purchased Ted and Gen's Bar-B-Q in Aldrich. Since taking over in January, they're enjoying the excitement of the restaurant business.

"I always wanted to own my own business," Derek said, "but if you had said that business was going to be a restaurant, I would've said you're crazy."

Still, the idea started to grow on him after his father talked to owner Don Ludovissie at the restaurant and found out that they were looking to sell.

Derek and Kim started slowly, working since July to learn the business, and purchased it in January.

They said they're still learning every day but have had a lot of help from Don Ludovissie. "Ted's means a lot to him, it's his family's business," said Derek.

One thing they've learned is that customers like the traditions at Ted & Gen's. They're keeping the name and the same cooks and waitstaff. "We'll make some small changes to become

more efficient," said Kim, "The staff sure notices the changes."

But customers should have the same experience. They told one longtime customer about their plan to keep things the same, but that customer caught on as soon as they took the spoons out of the pre-wrapped silverware package. "I thought you said you weren't going to change," the customer said to them while holding up her knife and fork, as they all had a laugh about it.

A couple of outdoor changes will be a new lighted handicapped entrance and lighting on the building.

The couple, originally from Browerville, were living in Sauk Centre, where they recently moved from. They're bringing a long a few new customers in their friends and neighbors. Some of them hadn't heard of Ted & Gen's, but others were regulars.

They're also learning the catering side of the business. Kim found the trick to catering is getting everything ready at the right time and keeping it hot until it's time to serve. "You work on it, then when the time comes it's go, go, go," she said. "It looks like

chaos but it is organized."

For catering and other big events, they rely on the experience of the staff. "The people here are amazing," said Derek.

Since starting their adventure, they haven't had a lot of free time to reflect on it. One day they took a trip to Brainerd to purchase some equipment and stopped at a restaurant there. "We started getting ideas of what we can do with our restaurant, we have fun, there's a lot of exciting ideas," said Derek.

They're ready for busy weekends but are still trying to figure out what other days might be busy. Derek said the weather probably has a lot to do with it, people want to go out and eat after being stuck inside during a cold spell.

Derek, a licensed plumber, has also worked at buying and selling homes along with rental homes. Kim worked in the medical field.

"We never thought we'd be here, it's a change," said Kim. "But it's rewarding to do something for yourself, and figure things out."

"It's longer hours but easier to wake up for work," she said.

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Hoemberg questions resignation letters; closed meeting lasts over two hours

using the devices available in her classroom.

She also gave the example of a student who had to be out of school because of illness. The student was able to log into the classroom from home so she could collaborate with her group on a project.

Vangness noted that the skills she was teaching could not be supported by the other teachers because they did not have the same technology available.

"Our students are behind," she said, adding that some don't know how to use email or a search engine. "We have to increase the use of technology so students and teachers have the tools to be successful."

In a video developed by Vangness and other teachers, Kasey Odden, 6th grade science teacher, said technology gives the teachers and students a much larger variety of resources to reach the diverse learning style. As an example she said she can use videos of science lab experiments that aren't possible in her classroom and programs that help students learn scientific methods.

Odden was also concerned that technology was not available in all areas. The video noted that the five teachers in the 6th grade team shared 30 notebooks which were in various states of deterioration.

The video showed examples of elementary and middle school students using devices with applications suitable to their grade level.

A survey showed that 85 percent of 7th grade students believed technology was important to their education, but not all of them have access during the school day.

The teachers noted that technology upgrades are needed if the school district wants to become the "District of Choice" as stated in the 2021 Vision.

Later in the meeting Bryan Winkels observed that, while students were in the school building, they had access to the internet, but asked how the school could fit in with "affordable, reliable internet access at home?"

Superintendent Mary Klamm replied that there were ways students could work at home without internet access, but it had to be part of the plan. She added another part of the plan had to recognize that some parents didn't want that technology in their homes. The technology committee was researching options.

Klamm also said they had to realize there were other things they couldn't get if they pursued the "one-to-one" technology goal. She was working on budget numbers and researching where the dollars could come from, which she'll present at a future meeting. Her rough estimate was \$200,000 to \$220,000.

In other business the board:

- Accepted resignations from Lisa Givans and Robert Meszaros with Dave Hoemberg voting against

both. Hoemberg's objection was that the resignation letters were not included in the board packet as they have been in the past and he wanted to know why. Board chair Mary Freeman replied that they were available in the district office if anyone wanted to view them. When pressed, she said it was a decision she and Supt. Klamm made. Retirement requests would be included in the board packet because they had to state the severance package they chose which had an effect on financial issues.

"Does just the chair and superintendent decide?" Hoemberg asked.

"Yes, we made that decision," Freeman responded.

Hoemberg said he didn't see why the resignation letters couldn't be emailed like the rest of the board packet.

- Accepted the retirement request from Bob Toews.
- Approved contracts for Annie Johnson, elementary media center; and MacKenzie Holst, Crystal McGrunder and Robert Meszaros as elementary paraprofessionals.
- Accepted the amended 2017-18 school calendar with the two early dismissal days noted. Hoemberg asked about activities days and Klamm said none were scheduled at this time.

- Heard in Klamm's report that administration will begin working on implementing the ALICE training to supplement lockdown emergency procedures in the school buildings. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. Klamm also reported on education budget proposals at the legislature.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The board then held a closed meeting "for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority." That meeting continued until around 10:30 p.m.



Lamplighter Community Theatre

is seeking a director for 'Fond Farewell' to be presented April 27-30. This mystery comedy encourages audience participation and will be staged as a dinner theater.

Questions?
Sheila at 218-894-3576
Respond by Feb. 2

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President, presidency: Sharing a few thoughts

By Rev. Robin Collins

I'd like to share a few thoughts regarding Donald Trump as the new president of the United States. I want to start by saying that I could not in good conscience support either Mr. Trump or Mrs. Clinton. Secondly, to all those saying that President Trump is not the "legitimate president", the Constitution of the United States of America says differently.

I know that everyone wears slightly different glasses as they look at history and though I'm not technically a "historian" I believe I'm a reasonably good student of history. So I'd like to offer a few observations.

- I was born during the Eisenhower administration, and I do remember the election of President Kennedy. These observations are based only on those presidents then that I remember.

- With every new administration there is always a bit of a "Chicken Little" effect. "The sky is falling, the sky is falling." This year seems to be worse than any that I recall. At any rate, the doomsdayers and naysayers have yet to be right – the sky has not fallen, I don't think President Trump will make it fall.

- As I said, I remember President Kennedy's election, as well as LBJ, Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and of course President Obama. Looking at these men it's clear that none were all that their supporters longed for nor what their critics feared. Some were more effective than others overall, some had strengths in some areas and weaknesses in others. Some were extremely moral and upright men – Jimmy Carter and George H. W. Bush come to mind. Others, not so much. One certainly could be called "a crook", but in many ways was still an effective president. But none were perfect.

The point is that their presidencies can only be judged when we're looking back at what we know historically rather than trying to predict the unknown future.

- To be certain President Trump is far from perfect. Of course our founding father, the framers of the constitution were not perfect either. I think they understood this and so intentionally framed the constitution so that the federal government does have a system of check and balances. Unlike the private sector the President cannot simply say to a federal judge, "You're fired." Nor simply decree, "because I said so." Furthermore, even within his own party, President Trump is far from having the "universal support" that previous presidents have enjoyed.

- Finally there is the job itself. Remember what Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and President Obama looked like when they took office? Think of how they looked eight years later. The presidency ages people. It is draining. They are on call 24/7/365; there really is no such thing as a day off. A president is under constant scrutiny with countless people ready to tell them what a lousy job they're doing, with little to no understanding of what the job really entails.

The point I wish to make is this: It's not time to panic. We do need to give the new president a chance. Do I have misgivings about President Trump? Certainly. Just as I did with President Obama, President George W. Bush, President Clinton.

And just as I did for those men, as well as the presidents preceding them, I plan to pray for President Trump, as well as Vice President Pence and other leaders as well. I would urge you to do the same, whether you voted for him or not, whether you support his ideas or not, because he needs, we all need, all the help we can get.

Rev. Robin Collins is the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples.

Responding to the unexpected life lessons

We now mark the beginning of the second semester here at the high school. Calendars seem to move faster and faster, year after year.

Last week we were faced with some difficult situations amongst our students and staff. We had a car accident, which involved some our students; and a house fire that took the life of a recent graduate. Our site felt the very real ripple effects of the emotions that accompany such happenings.

The students of Staples-Motley and Connections High School have demonstrated dignity, respect and genuine care for not only their classmates, but the faculty and families of those connected to it all.

For this - we, as a faculty, couldn't be more proud of them.

Staples-Motley Schools



By Mike Schmidt
Staples-Motley and Connections High Schools Principal

It's deserving of compliments and recognition. They've intuitively responded to all that's happened around them with poise. Collectively, it's quite impressive.

Life has a way of providing un-written curriculums for us to work with and through. This past week has provided us with many lessons. We, as a site, take tremendous pride in what we do and how we do it.

Our thoughts, prayers, and hopes for better days go out to all affiliated with what's taken place.

As for the students and staff here at the high school site: You're a fine ensemble of people who, this past week, were there for each other...day after day, as the events unfolded. Well done.

You're inspiring to one another... I simply had to share.

There's more to the story of 'trash' house



Gathering in the yard

Betty Cline DeVaudruil, left, and Marge Cline Ervin, join their mother Dorothy to enjoy the yard. Behind them is the screened room where Dorothy enjoyed her antiques. (Submitted photos)

By Barb Cline

I just want to comment on the excitement surrounding the house at 823 1st Ave., now Hwy 10, in Staples that was knocked down and turned into a pile of rubble.

I drove around the block and shed some tears. I found it hard to join in the excitement of many that it was gone. You might ask why. Let me share the reason for my sadness.

When does a house stop being a home and turn into a pile of rubbish? Ernie Weber, a former pillar of Staples, built that house, used wonderful wood on the floors and woodwork, put a lot of his person into that house.

He later sold the home to another businessman from Staples, the owner of the lumber yard that was located where the Thread Shed is now. They took advantage of all of the space upstairs, basement and main floor and provide housing for vocational students, single mothers and their children. It was a home to many.

My husband's parents, Roy and Dorothy Cline, bought the house from them. That's the house we came to when we came home from California in October of 1968. I was pregnant with my daughter, got really sick and she was born seven weeks early. When we brought her home from the hospital, we had to feed her every half hour; a quarter of an ounce and keep hot water bottles on her feet to keep her warm. We all worked together taking turns to take care of her. We lived with them for about six months.

A couple of years later my husband Dave and I bought a house just north of that house on 9th St. We lived in their yard almost. It was a gathering place for aunts, uncles and friends all of the time. The laughter rang through that house when they all came to visit. Christmas eve was always at Grandma's, everyone came home.

Both of our boys were born when we lived near her. We helped rent the basement and upstairs to students and a couple of young adults. We would

clean rooms every week and when she traveled, we'd watch the house and make sure everything was going well.

My father-in-law Roy, an engineer on the railroad, took very sick in January 1979. We were called over to help with him. He was taken to the hospital and never returned home, three days later he died. Everyone gathered in that home to share their grief and wonderful memories of our loved one.

My mother-in-law had a small flower garden a long side of the garage where she worked many hours, her feet dirty from the garden as she weeded and tended to that garden she loved. The only plants I remember were irises, rose bushes, pansies, but one I remember most was the cluster of the hen and chick plants. She had a couple of other flower beds with pansies, moss roses and many more plants. When she passed away, I took some of them to try and grow, but I don't have a green thumb.

She loved antiques so they built a little screened room by the back door that she filled with antiques. She would sit there in the evening just enjoying all of her things.

She had an old antique coffee grinder which she hung on the wall in the kitchen. Each and every child who came in the door would get lifted up, to crank the handle, "just

one time." I still have that coffee grinder, but didn't carry on that tradition.

We could always depend on a place for the children to stay if we had to be away. She loved having all the grandkids at the same time. She would take them camping, swimming at Dower Lake. They loved to go to Grandma's house.

In 1992, my mother-in-law, who had been a widow for many years, was killed in a car accident and we were charged with the challenge of cleaning out the house to sell to the next owner. Oh, the memories of the grand times we had in that house with family and friends. It was our home.

We sold it and walked away. Many of us have said, if we would've had the money we would've saved it, restored it and filled it with people to share in the beauty of the home.

How did it get to be a place that everyone who passed by it would say, why don't they do something with that place? My family felt such sadness each and time they went by and saw the deterioration. How did it get to that condition and why wasn't it saved?

Our country has many people who are homeless, live in terrible places of disrepair, old mobile homes that aren't fit to live in and we can't do anything about these beautiful homes and turn them into good, sound places for people to live. There are many places in that area that are starting to look the same and it's very sad there isn't some way to preserve and fix these houses up to keep them as homes.

Now our home is nothing more than a pile of rubbish, the house is gone and people are celebrating the empty lot. To quote my children, "It's bittersweet to see it gone. We hate the way it has looked the last few years, but we miss the home that it once was, our place to go home to."

Barb Cline has lived in the Staples and Motley area for most of her life. She currently is the executive director of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. She can be reached at 218-330-3830 or dbcline@msm.com



Christmas

Jonathan Cline relaxes on the couch with Grandma Dorothy one Christmas. See the Christmas cards on the wooden door frames.

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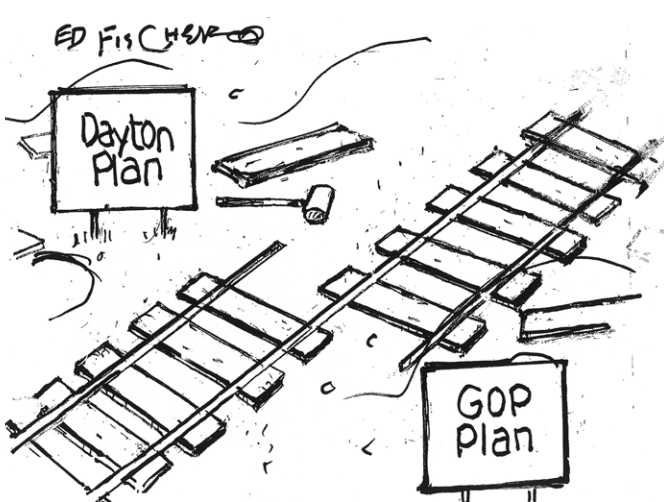
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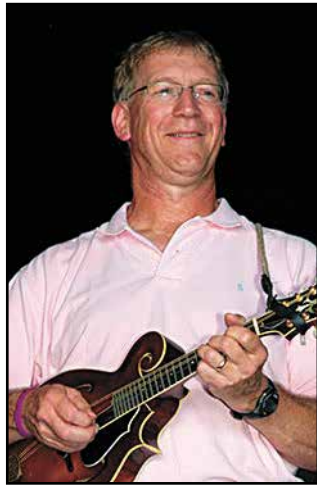
Ted Feyder, Dawn and Gary Timbs to perform

Singer/songwriters Ted Feyder, Gary Timbs and Dawn Timbs will perform at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m., as part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular season.

Expect to hear a variety of folk, country and gospel music from these three musicians, including original songs and a few crowd favorites. The show's format will include short sets featuring each of the individual singers, followed by a few group numbers. Motley native Sarah Koopmann, on violin, will join in on some of the selections.

Folk artist Ted Feyder, Lakeshore, grew up north of Hibbing in the Side Lake community. His family lived on Big Sturgeon Lake; and it was there that Ted first was introduced to music and the outdoors, both of which would become passions of his. "I did a lot of music with my mom growing up," Ted said, adding that his entire family performed at various events over the years. At age 10, Ted started learning guitar; and he continued studying music and performing throughout high school and college.

Ted studied biology at St. Cloud State University and over the years has



Three singers, one concert

Singer/songwriters Dawn Timbs, Ted Feyder and Gary Timbs (pictured above) will perform at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, Feb. 3, at 7:30 p.m. This concert is underwritten by Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Wadena/Long Prairie/Staples.

worked as a biologist and a teacher; but music has always been a major part of his life. During the 1980s, he lived in Alaska, which inspired a number of self-penned tunes featuring nature and family topics. In 1989, he moved back to Minnesota and for 10 years was part of the esteemed folk-rock duo, Feyder and Everhart, which he formed with college-friend Glen Everhart. During that time, the duo performed full-time, entertaining at colleges, corporate events, resorts,

etc. They also recorded four CD's, including "Goin' Up North," which has become a favorite of Minnesota outdoors enthusiasts; and been featured on radio and television stations throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Since 2007, Ted has worked as the worship pastor at Lakewood Evangelical Free Church in Baxter. It's a job he loves, Ted said, mentioning that he has the opportunity to lead a talented worship band every week at an in-

spiring church. He and his wife, Micky, have two grown sons and one grandchild. The family enjoys spending time outdoors, canoeing, hunting and skiing. Occasionally, Ted still performs some of his earlier music. During the summers, he's had a Tuesday evening gig at a Brainerd Lakes Area resort; and he's looking forward to the show at Centennial Auditorium.

Gary and Dawn Timbs, Staples, have been making music, together and indi-

vidually, for many years.

Atlanta born and Tennessee raised, Gary's "Southern-fried" piano playing and rich baritone voice have been nominated for both Grammy and Dove awards. He has performed and recorded as a solo artist; and with various country and gospel groups, including the legendary Statesmen Quartet and Country Music Hall of Fame's Sonny James. A self-taught musician, Gary's been playing the piano and B3 organ since he was a kid; and continues to entertain audiences with his one-of-a-kind musical style which he considers to be a gift from God. Gary's CD, "By Request," includes a compilation of songs from his time in both gospel and country music, as well as a few self-penned tunes.

Dawn (Schimpp) Timbs is a Staples native who has sung for years with her family's gospel group, The Schimpps; and is the founder of the folk group

Ruby Boots, featured on Minnesota Public Radio in years past. She is also a songwriter and has been a top 10 finalist at the Big Top Chautauqua singer-songwriter contest in Bayfield, Wisc. She looks forward to debuting a new song or two at the upcoming concert in Staples. In addition to her love of music, Dawn enjoys working as a reporter for the Staples World and accompanist at Motley United Methodist Church.

Still to come on this year's SM Area Arts Council season are Mikko & Friends, a traditional Irish Pub Band.

For more information, check out the arts council's website at www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Tickets for The Feyder/Timbs concert are available online at the arts council's website; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World, located at 224 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-894-1112.

Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those age 60 and older, at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from noon - 3:30 p.m., Feb. 1 - April 12.

No appointments needed.

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The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-5772.

Book Fair at Staples-Motley Elementary

A book fair, hosted by the Staples-Motley Parent Teacher Connection (PTC), will be held at Staples-Motley Elementary School Library Feb. 2, 3, 6, 7.

Dates and times for the book fair are listed below:

- Thursday, Feb. 2, 3 - 6 p.m.

- Friday, Feb. 3, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. (grand event from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

- Monday, Feb. 6, 3 - 7 p.m.

- Tuesday, Feb. 7, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Come to the book fair in person, or shop online at www.scholastic.com/bf/staplesmotleyelemsch.

Community dance for Catholic Schools Week

Sacred Heart Area School, Staples

A community dance will be held at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 6 p.m. This is one of several activities scheduled during Catholic Schools Week (CSW) which will be celebrated around the nation Jan. 29 - Feb. 4.

During CSW, Catholic schools will celebrate who and what they are in the form of worship, community service, activities and fun-themed days.

In addition to the community dance, which is open to the public, a number of other special activities are planned at Sacred Heart Area School for CSW. These include:

- Jan. 28 - Students will host the CSW kick-off mass at Sacred Heart Church in Staples, followed by a spaghetti dinner

- Jan. 29 - A kick-off mass will be held at St. Michael's in Motley, followed by a pancake breakfast

- Jan. 30 - Dress up 'Wacky Day' at school and craft activity

- Jan. 31 - 'Spirit Day'
- Feb. 1 - 'Color Day'
- Feb. 2 - 'Hat Day'
- Feb. 3 - 'Pajama and Movie Day'

Students and staff will also be reaching out to various community members during CSW, expressing gratitude and providing a service to them.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED

LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

info., 218-639-0544.

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

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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

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

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

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

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

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL

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

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

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

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

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

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

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

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

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

January 30

BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MTG Mon., Jan. 30, Lakewood Health System Care Ctr., 4:30 p.m., dinner at cafeteria; 5 p.m., mtg in activities rm. All breast cancer survivors invited. For info., 218-894-2627.

Lakewood to hold PEP talk support group

Lakewood Health System will be hold the PEP (Parents Empowering Parents) Talk support group on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the lower level classrooms at Lakewood's main campus in Staples.

The purpose of the PEP Talk support group is for parents and caregivers of children with special healthcare needs to have the opportunity to connect with one another, share information and ideas, receive ongoing support; and learn how to navigate available resources within the area. At this month's meeting, they will be discussing available community resources, hear LuAnn Gammon, LICSW, talk about the importance of self-care; and have an open group discussion.

Refreshments, childcare and activities will be provided. For more information, or to register, call

218-894-8311. Lakewood's main campus is located at 49725 Cty 83 in Staples.

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Obituaries

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Wanda Cestnik

Wanda L. (Poynter) Cestnik, 68, of Motley, passed away with her family by her side, January 22, 2017 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10:30 a.m. at the Staples Church of Christ with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and on Saturday one hour prior to the services at the church. Interment will be at the Motley Public Cemetery. Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples. Wanda was born April 1, 1948 in Little Falls to Theodore and Hazel (Tinkham) Poynter. She graduated from Motley High School. Wanda was known for her giving nature, her strong work ethic and passion for serving others. She enjoyed coming up with new gadgets; feeding people and trying out new recipes. She worked at Tri County Livestock, Motley where she managed the kitchen. She enjoyed crossword



puzzles, reading, current events, Sudoku and never turned down a lively political discussion. Wanda enjoyed playing the guitar, singing with her family and spending time with her grandchildren. Wanda is survived by two daughters, Veronica (Jim) Schulz and Natasha (Brent Beimert) Cestnik; three sons, Joshua Cestnik, Dustin (Christina) Cestnik and Jacob (Amanda) Cestnik; twin brother, Wesley (Sharon) Poynter and brothers, Gary and Marvin Poynter; 16 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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Oscar Deiss

Oscar Deiss, 94, resident of the Lakewood Health Care Center in Staples and formerly of Verndale and South Dakota, died January 21, 2017. Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at St. John Lutheran Church in Wadena with Pastor Stephen Meltzer presiding. Visitation will be held from 4:30 p.m. until the time of services at the church. Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena. Oscar was born Nov. 2, 1922, to George and Paulina (Stoebner) Deiss, in Tripp, SD. He was baptized into his Christian faith on Dec. 17, 1922. He attended rural school through the eighth grade. He farmed with his father and brothers until entering the U.S. Navy on Jan. 19, 1945. He served on the USS Culebra Island reaching the rank of Seaman First Class. Upon his discharge, in 1946, Oscar returned to Reliance, SD to continue ranching. He married Phyllis Irene Cross on Feb. 16, 1949 in Fort Pierre, SD. In 1976, they moved to Verndale where Oscar actively farmed until 2000 when they moved into Wadena. Oscar loved animals, enjoyed his registered quarter horses, spending time in the out of doors, garden-



ing, fishing and pheasant hunting. Oscar and Phyllis were longtime members of the Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Club. Oscar was a member of the VFW Post #3922 in Wadena and the Legion Post #0179 of Kennebec, SD. He is survived by two daughters, Karen (Kenneth) Carpenter of Verndale, Cathy (James) Christensen of Rochester and one son, George (Julie) Deiss of Wadena; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Oscar was preceded in death by his wife; parents; three sisters, Martha Rank, Madalina Peters and Rosie Peterson; three brothers, Robert, Herbert and Edwin Deiss. Memorials may be directed to the Minnesota North Dakota Chapter Alzheimer's (Alz.orgmnnd).

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Staples High School Class of 1967

The Staples High School Class of 1967 will hold their 50 year class reunion Friday, Aug. 25, at the Timber-Lake Hotel and banquet facility in Staples. For more information call Margie Etzler at 218-894-3842 or email Kevin Jenkins at tmax95@charter.net or check their Facebook page at Staples High School friends 1967.

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Hello World

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Stacy Fellegay and Justin Crimmins of Pillager, a baby girl, Mallory Marie weighing seven pounds, five ounces on January 16, 2017. Born to Stephanie Lenk and Matthew Craig of Staples, a baby boy, Finlay Lee weighing six pounds, five ounces on January 16, 2017. Born to Thomas and Jessica Mudgett of Lakeshore, a baby boy, Lawson Benjamin weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on January 16, 2017. Born to Courtney Dumpprope and Ryan Schrupp of Pine River, a baby boy, Rylan Raymond weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on January 18, 2017. Born to Kendra Brown of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Lucas Scott weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on January 18, 2017. Born to Lance and Vanessa Perius of Staples, a baby boy, Paul David weighing nine pounds, eight ounces on January 18, 2017. Born to Toni Carlson and Troy Tipp of St. Cloud, a baby boy, Alexander John weighing eight pounds, six ounces on January 19, 2017. Born to Nathan and Megan Warmbold of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Milly Maple weighing nine pounds, two ounces on January 19, 2017.

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Student Achievements

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ASHTON KAPPAHN, Staples, has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time and earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. **MARK KOSSAN**, Motley, has been named to the Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Mary in Bismarck, N.D. To be eligible, students must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or better while carrying at least 12 credit hours. **JOSHUA WARREN**, Cushing, recently graduated from North Dakota State University, Fargo, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering degree. **ETHAN BAKKEN**, Staples, recently graduated from North Dakota State University, Fargo, with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree. **REBEKKA PASKIEWITZ**, Staples, has been named to the 2016 Fall Semester Dean's List at South Dakota State University. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better.



Top readers

The Staples-Motley High School top AR (Accelerated Reading Program) readers for second quarter are, front, from left, Abbigail DiGiovanni, Elizabeth Noble, Kassidy White and Macy Judd; back row, from left, Gabe Van-

Vickle, Zachary Strickland, Mackenzie Zetah and Shaine Guggenberger. Jeremy Stultz and Jennie Kuebelbeck were unavailable for the photo. (Submitted photo)

Webster joins Urgent Care Team

Staples native Marko Webster has joined the Urgent Care Team at the Es-sentia Health St. Joseph's Baxter Clinic in Baxter. Having grown up in the area, Webster is happy to be practicing in Baxter. "I like the close-knit feel of this community," he said. "Caring for patients in a rural setting really allows me to get to know my patients and their families and I enjoy that."

Webster earned a master's degree in physician assistant studies from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks, N.D. He is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. "I like the variety that comes with working in Urgent Care - no two days are ever the same," Webster said.



Marko Webster



Rose Parade floats

Rotary - The 2017 float, above, promoted and celebrated 100 years of The Rotary Foundation. The foundation empowers Rotarians to travel throughout the world and create and complete projects which serve people in need, in the six areas of focus which are: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. The colorful dragon was a world traveler carrying luggage decorated with the six symbols of the areas of focus. **Lions** - The float below depicts the 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas serving the world in humanitarian efforts, which make a positive impact on many lives through vision screenings, feeding the hungry, serving youth and many environmental projects. The Centennial Theme is: "Where There is a Need, There is a Lion" with the Centennial goal of serving 200 million people by July 2018. The lion with a gold mane is adorned with a Lions International medal attached with a blue ribbon. The base of the float is adorned with books detailing the commitment to youth, environment, vision and solving hunger issues. The broad back of the Lion is holding up the globe which represents the World's Largest Humanitarian Association.



Eligible voters can register when they electronically file taxes

The Minnesota Department of Revenue and Secretary of State Steve Simon announced since income tax season opened Jan. 23, Minnesota taxpayers who need to register to vote or update their voter registration can do so when filing their income taxes electronically. This year, all taxpayers using Minnesota-certified electronic filing software will see a new message prompting them to register to vote online at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website mnvotes.org. To see a list of certified electronic filing vendors, visit Revenue's website and type in the key word "free file". "Minnesota law requires that individual income tax return forms and instruction booklets include voter registration forms," said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly. "This year, we worked with tax software providers to get voter regis-

tration information integrated into their products to reach the large segment of taxpayers who file electronically." "The voter registration process in Minnesota is easier and more convenient than ever before, and this provides another critical step in that direction," said Secretary Simon. "While Minnesota has over 3.2 million registered voters, an additional 700,000 citizens are eligible, but haven't registered to vote. I encourage all Minnesotans filing their taxes electronically to take advantage of this resource and make sure their voter registration is up to date." Eligible voters must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a Minnesota resident and finished with any felony sentence. Electronic filing and direct deposit is the most secure way to get a refund. Last year, over two million Minnesota taxpayers used electronic software to file.



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Sacred Heart Area School Annual Carnival Sun., Feb. 5

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

50¢ tickets

Raffle drawing 1 p.m. at SHAS, Staples

Half pot bingo, games, cake walk, concessions, prizes, more!

For a list of prizes or to purchase raffle tickets (\$2 each) contact SHAS at 218-894-2077

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Discussion offered on pain management

Lakeland Currents host Ray Gildow welcomes Dr. Joshua Horowitz, Pain Specialist at the Cuyuna Regional Medical Center on the Lakeland Public Television show to be broadcast at 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 27.

Together, they will discuss pain management and examine various treatment options. Treating pain can be challenging for many patients because it is a very subjective issue, but Dr. Horowitz explains how different symptoms are put into context, hopefully leading to more successful treatments.

This episode of "Lakeland Currents" will also be available from the same time and on an ongoing basis at lptv.org

NOTICE
CITY OF MOTLEY
PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Motley City Council will meet on Monday, February 13, at 6:15 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and consider public input regarding the vacation of the 20 ft. alley lying between Lots 1-6 and Lots 7-12 of Block 10, Lawrences Addition to Motley, Morrison County, Minnesota. Please note that the Regular Council meeting will be held following the public hearing.

Lacey Smieja,
City Clerk

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NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY
HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary

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NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF AUDIT

The Annual Audit of Becker Township will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall the regular monthly meeting will follow.

Mary Fitcher,
Becker Township Clerk

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NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP

The February 2017 board meeting for Meadowbrook Township will be held on February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leader Town Hall. In addition to the regular meeting the Board of Audit will also be held.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

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SECTION 00 1113
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
TODD COUNTY DITCH NO. 18 REPAIRS
TODD COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
IONA & REYNOLDS TOWNSHIPS, MINNESOTA
ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 16-19782

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repairs project will be received by Todd County Drainage Authority, at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 16, 2017 at which time the Bids received will be read aloud. The Project consists of constructing the following major quantities of Work:

Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repair Quantities					
Item No.	Construction Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Bid Price	Amount
2002.501	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$	\$
2105.603	DITCH CLEANING	LF	76,582	\$	\$
2105.603	HEAVILY VEGETATED CLEARING (NUMEROUS LARGER TREES)	LF	14,175	\$	\$
2105.603	OPPOSITE SIDE HEAVILY VEGETATED CLEARING (TREES HANGING OVER)	LF	665	\$	\$
2575.601	LIGHT VEGETATED CLEARING (CHIPPING SMALLER TREES & BRUSH)	LF	36,235	\$	\$
Total of All Unit Bid Items					\$

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available for download online at Quest Construction Data Network, www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00 or in person for the same fee. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is **4809453**. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

By: Nancy Uhlenkamp
Title: Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector
Owner: Todd County Drainage Authority

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Crossword Puzzle

Week 4

CLUES ACROSS

1. Newts
5. Taxis
9. Ski down these
11. Solace
13. Thieves of the sea
15. Diacritical mark
16. Frost
17. Enmities
19. Furnace for baking
21. Founder of female institute
22. Eight
23. Earl Grey and chamomile are two
25. Messenger ribonucleic acid
26. Dull, unproductive pattern of behavior
27. A large and hurried swallow
29. Large nests
31. A way to choose

CLUES DOWN

1. Call forth
2. Front legs
3. Third-party access
4. Hairlike structure
5. Ghanaian money
6. Settled down
7. Ill-natured
8. Choose
9. Mountain in the Slovenian Alps
10. Samsung laptops

Answers

Staples Area Church Directory

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 Service 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Jeff Scaggins, 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 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
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Forgiveness

Paul Johnson, Associate Pastor, Staples Alliance Church

"Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." –Colossians 3:13

A while back I read a book by Timothy Keller. In one of the chapters he illustrates forgiveness in a wonderfully interesting way.

He speaks of forgiveness as a debt. For example, if someone breaks something valuable of yours (say a \$100 lamp), you can respond in one of two ways. You can either make him pay the \$100, or you can say, "I forgive you, that's okay." But if you do this, you will have to either pay for a new lamp yourself, or you "lose \$100 worth of light and get used to a darker room. Either way, someone pays."

This works on a deeper level as well. Keller writes:

When someone robs you of happiness, of reputation, or takes away something else that you'll never get back, that creates a sense of debt. Justice has been violated - this person owes you. Once you sense that debt...there are only two things you can do.

One thing you can do is try to make that person pay: you can try to destroy their opportunities or ruin their reputation; you can hope they suffer, or you can actually see to it. But...as you're making them pay off the debt, as you're making them suffer...you're becoming like them. You're becoming harder, colder; you're becoming like the perpetrator. Evil wins. What else can you do? The alternative is to forgive. But...when you forgive, it's agony. Why? Instead of making the other person suffer, you're absorbing the cost yourself...You are forgiving them and it's costing you. That's what forgiveness is. –King's Cross, pp. 100-101.

Since reading this, I have begun looking at forgiveness differently. This view agrees nicely with the verse above.

"Bear with each other" - there is a weight that comes with any wound. I can choose to try to push it back onto the one who wounded me (and add more weight - that's called revenge), or I can bear it. But how, you may be asking, do I do that? More to the point, why would I ever choose that?

For two reasons; first as Keller says, if I refuse to forgive I become a wounded myself - I become like the one who wounded me - cold hard, bitter, and dead.

The second reason is this: "Forgive as the Lord forgave you". I remember that I'm the one who broke the "lamp", I have wounded the Lord with my rebellion, my sin nailed Him to a cross. And in the face of that He absorbed the cost. He bore the weight, He took the wounds and carried them all.

In short He forgave me. He calls me to look at the awful weight of my sin placed on the back of the Son, and the awesome willingness of Him to bear it - gladly.

What does He ask in return? Simply to follow His lead and do the same.

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Agriculture can help people around the world

their produce by hand. White corn maize and soybeans are also commercial crops in South Africa. The country is a world leader in wine making and in goat genetics, through their Boer goat breeding.

Most of the food grown in South Africa is eaten locally, so they are way behind in marketing exports, said Paskewitz.

"In the United States, the main focus of agriculture is to become more sustainable and more efficient. In South Africa their main concern is 'how do we get on the market and get crops to where we need them?'" said Paskewitz.

While the FFA students realized the U.S. is ahead in technology and marketing, they still found things they learned from South African farmers. One of the first questions asked, that kept coming up on the trip was "What are we doing wrong?" said Paskewitz.

The answer often times came back in the form of the African attitude towards life.

Every morning, no matter where they went, they were greeted with a big buffet breakfast. "Things like this don't always happen in the U.S.," said Paskewitz.

One example of the African attitude came from a woman from Ghana who talked to Paskewitz on the airplane. When the woman first came to the U.S. she was surprised by the standoffish nature of the citizens here. In contrast, any time she met someone in Africa, their attitude was "so happy to see you."

"In the U.S. we are always



Friends forever

Paskewitz is holding a child who befriended her at the school in Kayamandi, South Africa. Children at the school sang for the FFA visitors. (Submitted photos)

thinking about what to do next, while we are still doing something else," said Paskewitz. A saying she learned in Africa is "live where your feet are."

She saw that play out any time they went to a new place. "They would all come out to greet us," she said. In the U.S. people might have small things they do first before welcoming the crowd.

"We take things for

granted, we pick apart the small things. In South Africa, they have big problems, and don't pay as much attention to small problems. It helped me see that bigger picture," said Paskewitz.

One reason for the positive attitude could be that South Africa is a very young country, as their current form of government started in 1994. "The country is as old as I am," said Paskewitz.

She learned how much the country reveres Nelson Mandela. She visited the Nelson Mandela Political Center, with his statue out-

side and visited Robben Island, where Mandela was held for most of his time as a political prisoner. Having that personal connection to the country's founding father leads the country to believe they can continue to make positive changes.

The fresh political scene does have roots in traditional African culture. Paskewitz visited Kayamandi, a small town of 49,000 people that did have the shanties and tin extensions on houses. They were welcomed by a woman called Mama. "She gave each one of us a hug and gave us some ginger beer. She made great food for all 83 of us," said Paskewitz.

The traditional culture was easy to connect to. After the meal "the tour guide sat at our table and talked to us for a full hour," said Paskewitz.

People tend to shy away from traditional cultures like this because they only see the poverty, but Paskewitz found it to be a place to learn about life. They visited a Kayamandi school, where a three year old child came up to Paskewitz and called her "teacher" before giving her a hug and asking to take a picture with her. "The kids wanted to connect. It was a sweet moment," said Paskewitz.

A community like that is even farther behind in agriculture and Paskewitz said she could see herself coming back to teach agriculture there one day. She is currently attending South Dakota State University, studying agriculture and communications. Her South Africa trip helped her realize how agriculture can help people around the world, and how cultural values can shape attitudes towards life.

"I'm ready to share," she said.



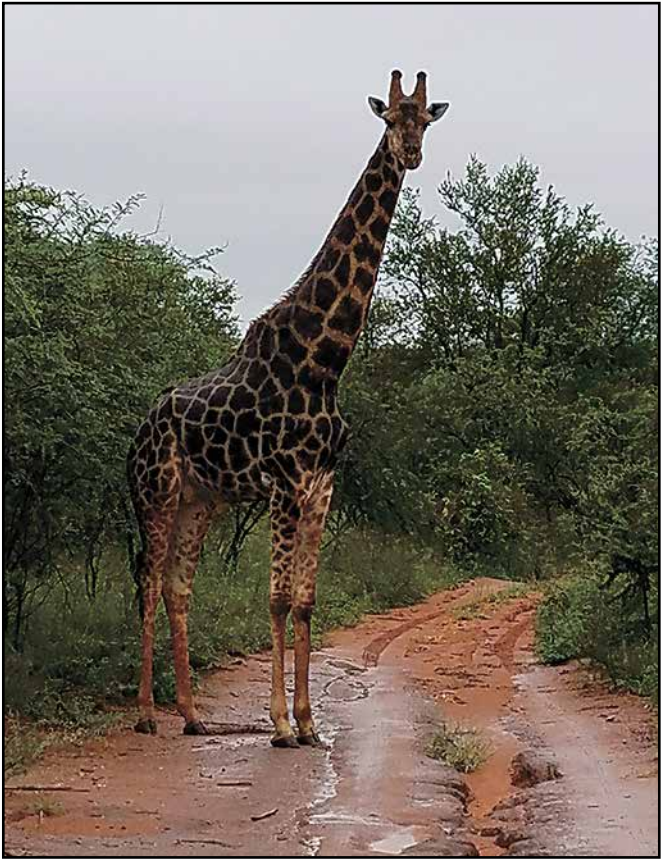
Emerging farmer

The FFA tour listened to a farmer who is renting land from the South African government, growing pears and apples to get a start in the farming business. The group's tour guide, Roel, is at right.



African crops

An avocado field nestled in the mountains of South Africa. Paskewitz said the diverse landscape provides many options for agriculture "as well as indescribable beauty."



Jerome the giraffe

Paskewitz took this photo of Jerome the giraffe while on a two day safari game drive at the Chisomo Safari Camp. From their 4x4 Land Rovers, the group saw rhinos, elephants, water buffalo, impalas, springbok, eland, monkeys, hippos and zebras.



South African landmark

Minnesota state FFA officers at Bourke's Luck Potholes are, from left, Rebekka Paskewitz, Joe Ramstad, Clay Newton, Mariah Daninger, Spencer Wolter and Katie Rogers.

Nominations open for inaugural Minnesota Job Honor Awards

The Minnesota Job Honor Awards is accepting nominations for its first awards event set for May 10 in the Twin Cities. The

awards will celebrate "A New Kind of Hero" – Minnesotans who have overcome significant barriers to employment and the

employers who hire them. Deadline for nominations is Feb. 15.

The awards will be presented in partnership

with the Minnesota Chamber's workforce conference, "The Hidden Labor Pool: Are you looking in the right places?" This pro-

gram will examine Minnesota's workforce shortage and introduce employers to frequently-overlooked talent pools. Speakers and panelists will challenge participants to think differently about where they look for employees, sharing "best practices."

"Minnesota employers continue to seek new solutions to our state's workforce shortage," said Doug Loon, Minnesota Chamber president. "Finding qualified workers is a persistent challenge among companies of all types and sizes. The Minnesota Job Honor Awards is one way to engage our state's untapped workforce by shining a spotlight on success stories."

America's Job Honor Awards was founded in Iowa in 2014 and is spreading nationwide. Previous honorees have overcome physical and mental disabilities, criminal convictions, limited English proficiency and long-term unemployment in their struggle for employment. For additional information, and to submit a nomination, visit www.JobHonor.org.

Input sought for deer plan

People interested in deer will have an opportunity to discuss goals and values that could define Minnesota's first-ever deer management plan at public engagement meetings hosted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in Alexandria on Thursday, Feb. 2, at Broadway Ballroom, 115 30th Ave. E.

Another meeting in Brainerd, Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Central Lakes College cafeteria, 501 W. College Dr.

"When people think about deer management, hunting often comes to mind," said Adam Murkowski, DNR big game program leader. "Although hunting opportunities are an important aspect of the plan, it must also balance a wide variety of perspectives and define collaborative ways to enhance deer management and the habitats that sustain deer."

There will be 12 public meetings held throughout the state designed to help the DNR and its Deer Management Plan Advisory Committee accomplish that, Murkowski said.

Using input collected from a wide range of stakeholders this summer and fall, committee members are helping the DNR develop an draft outline of deer management goals that will be discussed at the meetings. Meeting participants will be asked for their feedback on the draft goals, including identifying any goals that may have been missed, and suggesting how the department could best achieve each goal.

More information about the planning process and the committee is available on the DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/deerplan.

The DNR strives to maintain a healthy wild deer population that offers recreational and economic opportunities, while addressing conflicts between deer, people and other natural resources. Habitat management, hunting, research and monitoring are several primary tools used to manage the Minnesota deer population.



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Wrestlers tested in dual meets

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team had a busy week, defeating Wadena-Deer Creek 54-16 on Jan. 17, then wrestling in a triangular meet at Pelican Rapids on Jan. 19, where they lost to Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie 35-36 and won against Pelican Rapids 48-9. The Cardinals hosted the Don Dravis Duals on Jan. 21, winning two matches before falling to the state's top ranked team, Frazee.

Coach Dave Anglin said the team is wrestling well against tough competition. The Cardinals may have learned the most from the losses. "We had some guys who didn't do well but we still only lost by one point," Anglin said about the Bertha-Hewitt loss.

Frazee brought seven ranked wrestlers to the meet. The Cardinals wrestled well in some of the matches but only came out with four wins overall.

"Overall we're happy where we're at, we are coming together as a team," said Anglin. "It is a tough

time of the year, they are fighting through it and good things will happen as a result."

Several wrestlers got their first varsity action during the week, including Conner Dobson, Charles Woodwick and Alex Ross-Bahn.

Team results

Staples-Motley 54, WDC 16

106 Payton Bjerga W ff, 113 Conner Dobson L fall, 120 Spencer Miller W fall, 126 Blayne Dumpprope W ff, 132 Owen Bjerga W fall, 138 Eric Lisson W fall, 145 Blake Gerard L 14-2, 152 Isaac Swensrud W 10-4, 160 Jonathan Lisson W ff, 170 ff, 182 Alex Erpelding W fall, 195 Shaine Guggenberger W 1-0, 220 Braden Tyrrell W fall, 285 double ff

Staples-Motley 35, BH-VPP 36

106 P. Bjerga L fall, 113 Miller W fall, 120 Dumpprope L 6-3, 126 O. Bjerga W 12-0, 132 E. Lisson W fall, 138 Gerard W 4-2, 145 Cade Schmidt L fall, 152 Swensrud W fall, 160 J. Lisson W fall, 170 ff, 182 ff, 195 Alex Erpelding W 14-6, 220 Braden Tyrrell L fall, 285 Kyle Serihc L 4-1

Staples-Motley 48, Pelican Rapids 9

106 P. Bjerga W fall, 113 Brayden Christensen W fall,

120 Dumpprope W 3-0, 126 O. Bjerga W ff, 132 E. Lisson W ff, 138 Gerard W fall, 145 Schmidt W ff, 152 Swensrud L 4-0, 160 J. Lisson W 5-0, 170 ff, 182 Erpelding W ff, 195-220-285 double forfeit

Don Dravis Duals

Staples-Motley 49, WDC 15
106 P Bjerga W ff, 113 Miller W fall, 120 Dumpprope W 3-2, 126 O. Bjerga W 5-1, 132 E. Lisson W fall, 138 Gerard W 14-4, 145 Schmidt L fall, 152 Swensrud L 7-2, 160 J. Lisson W ff, 170 Erpelding W fall, 182 Tyrrell L 8-4, 195 Guggenberger W 3-0, 220 Nathaniell Rodrigues L 8-2, 285 Kyle Serich W ff

Staples-Motley 42, Aitkin 30

106 P. Bjerga L fall, 113 Miller W fall, 120 Dumpprope W 4-2, 126 O. Bjerga L 7-4, 132 E. Lisson W fall, 138 Charles Woodwick L fall, 145 Gerard W fall, 152 Swensrud W 2-1, 160 J. Lisson L 4-1, 170 Erpelding W fall, 182 ff, 196 Tyrrell W fall, 220 Guggenberger L fall, 285 Serich W ff

Staples-Motley 18, Frazee 48

106 P. Bjerga L fall, 113 Miller W 3-1, 120 Dumpprope L fall, 126 O. Bjerga W fall, 132 E. Lisson L 7-3, 138 Gerard L 3-2, 145 Schmidt L fall, 152 Alex Ross-Bahn L fall, 160 Swensrud L fall, 170 J. Lisson L 1-0, 182 Erpelding W fall, 195 Tyrrell W 4-3, 220 ff, 285 Serich L 6-1



Cheering on the teams

Staples-Motley cheerleaders gave energy to the crowd for both the boys and girls basketball games during the varsity doubleheader on Jan. 17. Pictured from left, Jordan DeChaine, Hannah DeWald, Aleesha Carlson, Rachael Isenberg, Reyes Luengo, Kallee Abbas and Madeline Rutherford. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Snowmobile donated to Staples club

A 1995 Polaris Trail Indy snowmobile was donated to the Staples Sportsman's Club by Rollie and Barb Spychalla, to use for snowmobile safety training classes held at Staples and Browerville. Pictured, from left, are Dave Bartylla, in-

structor; Jim Hoemberg, instructor; Barb and Rollie Spychalla; and Randy Wilson, instructor. Not pictured is Greg Krueger of Staples who volunteers his time to maintain the snowmobile for the Staples Sportsman's Club. (Submitted photo)

Cardinals come back from 10 points down

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team had a comeback win, 60-53, against Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Jan. 17, then cruised to a 56-21 win over Hawley on Jan. 19. They played at Pequot Lakes on Jan. 21, and fell 56-37 after a close first half.

Against DGF, the Cardinals fell behind by 10 early in the second half. Sam Schimpp started the team's comeback with a three point shot. Kaitlyn Longworth made a basket and Amber Robben converted two steals into layups to tie the game. After Kelsie Weite and Chelsea Nanik scored on fast breaks, the Cardinals never lost the lead again, although DGF cut it to one point in the last three minutes.

"I am very proud of the kids and how they persevered against a very good team," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "We were on our heels a little bit in the first half. We made adjustments

at halftime and played aggressive. Robben finished with 15 points and seven steals, Weite had 11 points and five rebounds, Claire Wolhowe had 10 points and eight rebounds and Nanik had 10 points.

Against Hawley, the Cardinals defense set the tone early. Hawley made only seven field goals for the game and no three pointers. Nanik was the top scorer with 15 points, Wolhowe had 10 and eight rebounds, Weite had nine points and nine rebounds and Robben scored nine points with four assists.

Pequot Lakes is ranked in the top ten in the state. Coach Wolhowe said they have good post players and good perimeter shooting, which makes them hard to defend. The Cardinals stayed with them in the first half and were down 23-26. But a slow start to the second half allowed an 18-3 run, which became the difference in the game.

"We committed 20 turnovers and our overall play was not good enough to

overcome that," said Wolhowe. "We shot a horrid 10 percent from inside the arc. Turnovers, missed shots and giving up 18 offensive rebounds is not the right formula to beat a very good team."

Claire Wolhowe led the team with 12 points. Robben had six points with three assists. Schimpp scored six points while Nanik, Lexi Johnson and Weite each had three.

'Market forces' could bankrupt state's Game and Fish Fund

A disturbing trend for Minnesotans who fish or hunt is the downward slide in the number of us who pursue those activities. A few statistics are in order. In the late 60's and early 70's, slightly over 40 percent of Minnesotans were licensed anglers. By 2010, according to Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) records, only 29 percent were licensed anglers. Hunter numbers have always been lower than anglers, but they also have shown a recent decline. From numbers trending between 15 and 20 percent of our state population in the late 60's – including a spike of 21 percent in 1978 – they declined to about 13 percent by 2010. Neither has significantly rebounded.

One obvious consequence of these downward trends is a loss of influence, or "political clout." Politics is a numbers game, and the greater the number of stakeholders, the more likely it's that their issues and priorities will be given support by lawmakers and our governor in St. Paul. For anglers and hunters, it's issues like requiring grass or cover crop "buffers" along waterways and ditches to retard runoff of topsoil and polluting chemicals; or restricting the mowing and burning of ditches when pheasant hens are still nesting. There are other issues near and dear to the hearts of state anglers and hunters.

Sometimes it takes political will and muscle to achieve a positive outcome. The old saying "The squeaky wheel gets the grease" applies in politics and public policy. The smaller the base of citizens behind an issue, the quieter the "squeak," and the easier it is for lawmakers to turn a deaf ear. In our case, fewer Minnesotans fishing or hunting means fewer voices to speak up for issues that are important to us.

There are other consequences of declining numbers of anglers and hunters, consequences beyond diminished clout at the Capitol. Those of us who fish or hunt buy our licenses each year – file them in our wal-

lets – and probably don't think about them again until they're replaced next year; or, in the unlikely event we're checked by a state or federal warden.

Many of us have limited understanding of the role our license fees play in maintaining our fishing and hunting. Like the checks we write to a favorite charitable or service organization, few of us have any idea how those dollars are actually spent. We hope these hard-earned dollars are used wisely, but to a great extent we probably just take it on faith.

In Minnesota's funding of fisheries and wildlife management programs, the largest share comes from fishing and hunting licenses fees paid into the DNR's Game & Fish Fund. Our cash inputs pay for habitat improvement work on state wildlife management areas, fish population surveys, public water access development and maintenance, invasive species control, stream bank rehabilitation and a long list of other fisheries and wildlife management activities. Nothing in the Game & Fish Fund comes from the "general fund" that all state taxpayers contribute to.

So what happens when this very important funding source is eroded by a drop in the number of Minnesotans who buy fishing and hunting licenses? The ability to pay for programs that benefit anglers and hunters, and the many other Minnesotans who use the same spaces for non-angling, non-hunting activities, is diminished.

The news coming out of St. Paul, where the Minnesota DNR is headquartered, is that the DNR Game & Fish Fund – the "checkbook" from which so many important programs are funded – is very close to "insufficient funds" status. Because by law the Game & Fish Fund can't operate in deficit (unlike the federal budget!), there is no way that the current level of spending – about \$110 million in the most recent budget year – can be maintained beyond the current year without the additional funds. If those funds are not available, cuts in programs and staff will no doubt have to be made.

What to do? In 2013, fishing and deer hunting license fees were increased, for the first time in more than a decade. While the prices of many things in our lives were going

up over that period of time, the Minnesota Legislature, time and again, declined to raise license fees. Even in 2013, it not only required outspoken support by state anglers and hunters to convince the Legislature, but the increases authorized were not what was believed needed to meet expenses into the next decade. More is now needed.

It's not hard to see market forces at work here. The price of a product – whether it's the latest in ice fishing shelters, or a flat screen TV to watch the Super Bowl – is typically a function of how many people buy it. The more who buy, the more economies-of-scale enter the picture, and the price comes down. If fewer people buy it, the product will probably cost more. In the case of the Game & Fish Fund, if fewer people are buying angling and hunting licenses, the more each license would logically cost to generate the same dollars. That's Economics 101.

Not everyone thinks so, especially at the Capitol in St. Paul. There, increasing the cost of a license is viewed by many lawmakers as a tax increase. Saying "tax increase" to many Minnesota lawmakers is like saying "mange" to a dog owner. Many have built political careers opposing taxes, and even though a license is not a tax – but a true user fee – some are so fearful of a political backlash that they will routinely oppose license fee increases of any kind.

There is at least one logical alternative to higher license fees for making up some of the anticipated shortfall in the Game & Fish Fund. That is to tap the so-called general fund, which holds funds received by the state treasury from our Minnesota income tax returns. Many Minnesotans who neither fish nor hunt benefit from the funds generated by angler and hunter license fees. Hunters, bird watchers, skiers, and others use state wildlife management areas for their varied activities. Canoe and kayak enthusiasts benefit from stream management programs that stabilize streambanks and increase stream depth and flow. These are but two of many examples.

Why not take a small slice of the general fund pie to shore up the Game and Fish Fund, which – despite its name – benefits many who will never cast a lure or pull a trigger.

Defense leads to offense in two wins

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team used pressure defense and good shooting to win two games, 76-44 against Pillager on Jan. 17 and they hit the century mark in beating Frazee 100-59 on Jan. 19.

The team improved to 7-6 with the wins.

Against Pillager, it was a tight game for the first few minutes. Pillager took a 18-17 lead on a three point shot, but Gavin Smith, Jack Fietek and Josh Lombard all scored baskets to put the Cardinals up 25-20 and they never lost the lead again.

Smith led the Cardinals in each game, scoring 21 against Pillager and 30 against Frazee. Trey Skeesick also scored in double figures in each game, with 17 and 15. Hunter Carlson was on track against Frazee, scoring 20 points.

Corner three

Derek Kennedy makes a three pointer against Pillager. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Classified Ad Order Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Classification # _____

Cost of Ad

First 15 words for one week \$9.70

Add for number of words over 15 _____ x 25¢ = _____

OR

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indicate which word(s) is/are to be bold or capitalized

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Card of Thanks and *In Memoriam* are 20¢ per word with no minimum. Number of words _____ x 20¢ = _____

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Please check your ad the first day.

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Your ad will be printed as you write it.

Please print clearly, one word per space.

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Thank you for your order!

Please mail completed form and payment to:

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Display ads: \$12.00 (per col. inch)

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additional 35¢ each word (one week)

Auction Directory =

\$3 per line; \$15 minimum.

Inserts = \$65 per thousand

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Heartland Market deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Reaching over 20,585 homes;

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Long Prairie Leader; Parkers Prairie Independent;

Sebek/Menahga Review Messenger; Verndale Sun.

The Fine Print

The publishers liability for errors in an advertisement or for failure to publish the ad shall be limited to publishing the ad in a subsequent issue or for the refund of any monies paid for an ad not run (and out of date for subsequent issues) providing the advertiser reports the error or omission immediately after it occurs.

All advertising copy is subject to the approval of the general manager. We will not accept ads from anyone with a past due account.

Regarding sex or age preference in help wanted advertising in accordance with the rules adopted by the Civil Rights Commission, the Staples World, Sunday Square Shooter and Heartland Market cannot accept help wanted advertising copy which in any way expresses a sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement unless the advertiser files an affidavit with the newspaper justifying the sex or age preference on the basis of a bonafide occupational requirement.

All real estate and rental advertising in these publications is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 which made it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin or any intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination. These publications will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate or rental which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

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Verndale, MN.
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Cell 218-640-2341
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"Serving you for 22 years!"
Fergus Falls Monument Company

103

Lost and Found

LOST: Jan. 14. Trailer tailgate. Wadena Cty Rd 26. REWARD. 218-397-2003, eve. 4x-5p

107

Notices

STOLEN: From trailer near Motley, antiques, vintage barrel coffee table, 2 end tables; insert glass top stove, much more. Any info call: 218-371-0128. 4p

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

201

Business Opportunities

FOR SALE: TURN-KEY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY in Wadena.

- Full occupancy
- Fully furnished
- Assisted living for 6 seniors

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205

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HELP WANTED

An adult foster care home is looking for hard working men and women to work as

Direct Support in Wadena

No experience necessary. Must be 25 or older, have valid DL and pass background study.

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- Differential Pay
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Please contact **218-632-8780** for more information. Applications available on-line at TCHC.org



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TCHC.org

CLINICS Bertha Henning Ottertail Sebek Verndale Wadena HOSPITAL Wadena

208 Storage

FOR RENT

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Mini Storage, 894-1551
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New: \$75 Renewal \$50
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FOR SALE

305 Pets

Collie cross pups; dirt bike tires (front/rear). ALSO: older Collie cross. 218-639-3509. 4-6p

309

Miscellaneous
PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE: Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties, \$27 plus tax. Staples World Office. 38tfx

WANTED TO BUY

501

Miscellaneous
FREE DROP OFF: Microwaves, Air Conditioners, Water Heaters, Gas Grills, Propane Tanks, Furnaces, Lawn Mowers, Refrigerators, Freezers, Washers, Dryers, Misc. Iron and Scrap. Christmas Tree Lights. **WE BUY CANS AND BATTERIES.** NO: TV's, Electronics, Mattress, Tires, Household trash. Call for information: 218-639-0150. Card Auto, 27593 Todd Line Rd, Staples. 36tfc

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EASTWOOD APARTMENTS in Motley MN.

is accepting applications for immediate 3 bedroom opening and future 2 bedroom apartments. Laundry facilities available on site. garage included with apartment. All utilities paid. Applications are available at: **956 Hwy 10 S., Motley** For information and qualifications contact Nicole at **218-751-6881 Ext.4**
An Equal Housing Opportunity

FREE HEAT: Staples: nicer, 2 bdrm., great location, see now 218-296-5047. 50tfc

ROOMS AVAILABLE: Nightly, weekly and monthly. Motley Motel. 218-820-0140 34tfc

STAPLES: Downtown, 1 - 2 bdrm., recently remodeled, NO pets, non smoking. 218-894-3108. 6tfc

603

Houses for Rent
STAPLES: One and three bdrm. homes with attached garages. 781-738-2656. 4-6p

606

Land for Rent
LOT for RENT: Place your manufactured home in an established community for your cost effective living in Staples. For details call 218-894-2284 or 218-894-1270. 32tfc



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Motley City Council discusses pay scale and step structure

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Motley City Council will wait to discuss making changes to the city's employee pay scale/step structure until their regular meeting in February.

This was a decision made at a special meeting Jan. 23, which had been scheduled to discuss this issue, as well as to approve the consent agenda.

After approving the consent agenda (which included payroll, paid claims and outstanding claims), Mayor Al Yoder suggested the council close the special meeting and hold a work session instead.

During the work session, the council looked over the city's current pay scale, as well as its current step structure, which has been in place since Jan. 1, 2015. They also discussed a potential two-percent raise

for 2016 as well as 2017 and reviewed the pay structure wages with the two-percent included for each year. Due to ongoing labor negotiations, no changes to the pay structure have been made since 2015.

Mayor Yoder said he had received a letter from the city attorney, Rinke Noonan, regarding this issue. The letter included correspondence from union representative Ginger Thrasher, which included the proposed step structures, as well as the two-percent increases for 2016 and 2017.

In a later conversation, Yoder indicated that the city attorney felt the numbers from the revised step scales (provided by Thrasher) are correct and that the city is very close to getting a settlement.

During their discussion, the council indicated they understood pay steps; but needed some clarification

on pay grades.

They also voiced their support for city employees being given deserved raises (and in some cases, pro-rated compensation); but, agreed with council member Amy Hutchison, that before these raises are given, "we need something in black and white" so that it is fair for all employees.

Mayor Yoder encouraged the council to take the proposals home and study the numbers. They will discuss this issue again at their next regular meeting Feb. 13.

MS Middle School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Grade 7

Morgan Becker, Drew Berg, Adriana Dickey, Abby Dukowitz, Elizabeth Dukowitz, Bo Erholtz, Evelyn Gonzalez, Corey Hansen, Brookelyn Huisenga, Kaylee Johnson, Sivert Klefsaas, Addison Lorber, Isabelle Mikel, Cassidy Radueg, Malaya Reem, Iain Sams, Joshua Schimpp, Amber Sullivan, Calob Trantina.

Grade 6

Luke Bates, Amanda Carter, Nicole Carter, Emily Case, Tahlia Craft, Riley Dabbs, William Dolezal, Nevaeh Fratzke, Grace

Jennissen, Cyril Johnson, Blake Knudson, Jayce Kobliska, Wyatt Kobliska, Seth Larson, Tyler Plattner, Ashley Robben, Aften Robinson, Isaiah Schultz, Trinity Seamann.

B Honor Roll

Grade 7

Leah Bestland, Chandler Braith, Ameara Chenoweth, Brooke Converse, Ethan DiGiovanni, Andria Dolezal, Brent Hansen, Francesca Hanson, Madysen Hull, Austin Johnson, Allison Knosalla, Ryan Larson, Mitch Lisson, Natasha Lyman, Haile Meech, Kiyrrae Olson, Jaden Stangle, William Thew, Alex

Vernon, Jadyn Vogel, Morgan Ward, Dalton Wells, Tristan Zetah.

Grade 6

Evan Allen, Grace Allen, Keegan Bestland, Jorden Bohne, Topanga Braith, Arissa Brandt, Elizabeth DiGiovanni, Camryn Ferris, Megan Franzen, Jazmyn Hall, Keegan Harvey, Dakota Hennagir, Starr Hofstedt, Sarina Huepenbecker, Corrine Japke, Caitlin Jasmer, Caleb Jasmer, Grant Johnson, Ilyse Koenig, Georgia Kruchten, Jayma Lawson, Landon Mertens, Chase Mikel, Christopher Moench, Madden Roberts, Jack Storry, Hailey Thompson, Austin Weite, Joshua White.

Motley Police Department, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

Jan. 17 - The MPD located a stalled vehicle in the left turn lane of Hwy 10, eastbound at Eledrege St. The officer helped the driver get the vehicle pushed off the highway onto Eledrege St.

Jan. 14 - The MPD assisted the Motley Fire Department with a garage fire that was rekindled from earlier in the

day.

Jan. 17 - The MCSO received a call from a business person in Cushing who said they believed someone had attempted to syphon gas from their customers' vehicles the night before.

Jan. 12 - The MCSO received a call from Nathan Seabrook that he had purchased a lot on East Jade Trl. in Cushing and that a trailer had been left on it. He has been trying to contact the owner but has not had any luck.

STUDENT RECOGNITION



Motley-Staples Middle School

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

Wyatt Berg, Shontia Rydzinski, Estalla Bock, Benet Robinson, Sabina Moe, Andrew Salcido, Jessa Schwichtenberg, Lilliana DuBois, Logan Robben, Jack Storry, Jayce Kobliska, Seth Larson, Evan Woodwick, Madysen Hull, Colby Zetah, Brent Hanson, Abby Dukowitz, Klaire Storry, Ethan DiGiovanni, William Thew



Sacred Heart Area School

Students receiving Student of the Month awards for December were:

Front row left to right: Leah Greenwaldt, Daniel Reese, Jaxon Gregerson

Back: Carter Gregerson, Eli Greenwaldt, Drake Dukowitz



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Students receiving the Bucket List award included:

Front row, left to right: Lily Cline, Isaac Vargas-DeWald, Shyla Radermacher, Jackson Alexander, Preston Hangge.

Back: Natalie Miller, Thomas Johnson, Daniel Zimmerman, Preston Pierce, Levi Larson

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

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

Staples Ace Hardware
PHB Excavating & Septic Pumping
First International Bank & Trust
Central Building Supply
Staples Dairy Queen
Motley Auto Repair & Towing
Brenny Funeral Home
Stern Rubber Company
Burrows Auto Body
Staples True Value / Just Ask Rental
Unity Bank
Giza Plumbing & Heating
BRICKS Travel Center
Dan Orth,
dba Kuhn Insurance Agency
Wayne's Electric of Staples, Inc.
SuperAmerica

Shear Contact
Staples Eye Clinic
Staples Precision Metalcraft
Ron's Auto Repair
Orton's Staples Food Mart
Nyhus Chev./Buick, Inc.
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