



November rainbow

A double rainbow graced the sky of Staples around 8 a.m. Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving. In addition to this multi-colored reminder of summer, the area enjoyed unseasonably warm temperatures throughout the holiday weekend, reaching nearly 60 degrees Nov. 27. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

On December 1, 1955, after a long day of work Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. She took her seat in the 'colored' section, but as she rode the Cleveland Avenue bus home, the bus began to fill. The Montgomery city ordinance allowed bus drivers to assign seating. However, it did not permit them to demand a passenger give up their seat. Despite this, bus drivers had customarily required black passengers to give up their seats to white passengers when the public transportation became full. When Rosa Parks was asked to give up her seat, she refused. She was arrested and what followed is Civil Rights history. She was found guilty on December 5, 1955, of violating the city ordinance and fined \$10 plus a court fee. African American leaders, including E.D. Nixon and Martin Luther King, Jr. organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott for the day of Rosa Park's trial. The boycott was a success and lasted several months, devastating the transportation system in Montgomery.

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Extension offered to superintendent

Board asking interim superintendent Ron Bratlie to expand, extend contract

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Will interim superintendent Ron Bratlie agree to extend his contract for two more years? And expand it to four days a week?

The Staples-Motley school board agreed by consensus at their Nov. 20 meeting to ask Bratlie those questions during their discussion regarding a search for a new superintendent. Bratlie's strengths and experience in school finance

and in school facilities construction and renovation were cited as the main reasons as well as the time and expense of a superintendent search. The district hired Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc., Feb. 6 to conduct a facilities assessment to develop a long range plan. The process slowed down temporarily when former superintendent Mary Klamm resigned in April. Activi-

ties began again when Bratlie was hired as interim superintendent for three days a week. He started July 1.

At the Nov. 20 meeting concern was expressed by board members that they did not want to slow down the progress made on the facilities plan.

"Facilities are his strong suit,"

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Faster internet coming to Todd, Wadena counties

West Central Telephone Association (WCTA) was awarded two grants from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Border-to-Border Broadband Grant Program.

WCTA was awarded \$902,695 for a project that will expand their fiber optic infrastructure into portions of northern Todd County, and \$874,581 for a project that will expand their fiber optic infrastructure into portions of Wadena and Otter Tail counties.

In northern Todd County this last mile project will serve 209 unserved households and six unserved businesses within portions of Staples Township and Villard Township.

In the Wadena and Otter Tail counties this last mile project will serve 189 unserved households and 13 unserved businesses within Compton Township in Otter Tail County as well as portions of Wadena Township in Wadena

County and in Stowe Prairie Township in Todd County.

The total amount of grants awarded was \$26 million to 39 broadband projects across Greater Minnesota.

Building a fiber to the home network capable of Gigabit broadband service will finally provide residents and business owners the reliable connectivity they've asked for and need. Students and instructors will be able to complete their work from home; healthcare professionals will have access to medical records and the ability to provide telehealth services; businesses and farmers will have access to applications and online tools to boost their efficiency.

This funding partnership between WCTA and the State of Minnesota will bring fiber into these unserved areas up to 1,000 Mbps (1 Gigabit) surpassing the 2026 state speed

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Drawing lines on the Staples map

Staples Parks and Recreation acting director Tricia Jasmer points out the city's trail plans to Britney Bursch, Amy Winkels and Tad Erickson at the Nov. 20 meeting. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples comprehensive plan goals examined

The Staples Comprehensive Plan committee hosted a visioning session Nov. 20 at Timbers Restaurant & Event Center in Staples. Attendees discussed the goals the group had formed, gave a thumbs up or down on those goals and drew on maps identifying new ideas for the Staples

community.

Most of the goals received overall approval from the attendees, with only a few thumbs down votes. The goals are:

Housing

1. Provide a range of housing types designed to meet all income levels, household sizes and age

groups.

2. Plan for physical, economic and environmental improvements of distressed and disadvantaged neighborhoods.

3. Enhance existing neighborhoods, construct new neighborhoods that encourage interaction and

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'The power of community' builds a kitchen

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

"The level of commitment and dedication of those involved made this happen. Their perseverance - they didn't give up when setbacks came - they worked together to make this work. That's the power of community," said South Country Health Alliance CEO Leota Lind of the grand event of the ribbon cutting/open house of the long awaited Hilltop Regional Kitchen located in what once housed the shop area of the former Eagle Valley High School in Eagle Bend.

Lind was one of several speakers at the event held Nov. 15, with a standing room only crowd in attendance.



Cutting the ribbon on the new kitchen

A ribbon cutting ceremony and open house were held Nov. 15 at the Hilltop Regional Kitchen (HRK) in Eagle Bend. Along with several speakers, there were also plenty of goodies to eat and tours through the new facility. From left are National Joint Powers Alliance Representative Paul Drange, HRK Head Cook Carol Winkler, Lutheran Social Services Representative Terri Weyer, South Country Health Alliance CEO Leota Lind (cutting the ribbon), Todd County Commissioner Gary Kneisl and District 9A State Representative John Poston. (Photo by Karin Nauber)

Rick Hest, president of the Eagle Bend Senior Citizen Center and the Master of Ceremonies for the event said that this kitchen was years in the planning and that it was a "long and sometimes very challenging" path to get to this point.

In the 1970s counties around the country began developing what would become the Meals on Wheels program which would deliver hot meals five days a week to those in need.

"During the past 40 years a lot of the kitchens that were doing this couldn't stay open for a variety of reasons, but the needs were still there," said Hest.

When the Eagle Bend

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Hoemberg selected to conduct State Honor Choir Concert



Steve Hoemberg

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Steve Hoemberg of Staples served as Guest Conductor at the American Choral Directors Association of Minnesota (ACDA-MN) State Honor Choir Concert in Mahtomedi on Nov. 18.

Held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, the event featured seventh and eighth grade singers from across the state. The 150-member boys choir was directed by Hoemberg. Serving as guest conductor for the girls choir was nationally-renowned composer, conductor and music educator Andrea Ramsey. "This is essentially All-State Choir for middle school singers," Hoemberg said of the two-day ACDA event which included workshops, symposiums, rehearsals and the concert, which was attended by at least 1,500 people.

Hoemberg, who served as the Director of Choral Activities grades 7 - 12 at Staples-Motley Public Schools from 2001 - 2016, was joined at the event by his long-time accompanist Sandy Paskewitz of Browerville.

After learning he had been selected as guest conductor, Hoemberg said he asked if it would be possible to have Paskewitz serve as the boys choir accompanist. "You can't split up the team," Hoemberg laughed, going on to share that he and Paskewitz had worked together during the 15 years he taught at SMHS, his alma mater. In addition, she accompanied him when he was in choir at Staples-Motley from eighth grade on (he graduated

in 1997); and at his senior recital at St. John's University in Collegeville.

"Sandy is so good," Hoemberg said of the piano player's skills, adding that it was important to him to have her there. "I think the state knows it's a 'Steve and Sandy' show," he laughed.

He had been approached to conduct at the State 7-8 Honor Choir in the winter of 2016, Hoemberg recalled. "I said, 'Sure, it would be an honor.'"

However, a few months later Hoemberg resigned from his teaching position at Staples-Motley and he wasn't quite sure what to do about conducting at the ACDA-MN event in the fall of 2017. He wasn't sure if they would want to keep him on the roster if he wasn't actively teaching.

Hoemberg explained the situation to Bruce Becker, ACDA-MN Executive Director, who proceeded to speak with the board. "They decided you are our guy," Becker told him.

When reading through Hoemberg's impressive resume, it's no wonder he was pursued by the American Choral Directors Association of MN.

In addition to teaching at Staples-Motley, he also served as an adjunct faculty member at St. Cloud State University where he directed the SCSU "Husky Men's Chorus." From 2010 - 2016, he directed the Staples Area Men's Chorus; and has also worked as Director of the Staples Area Women's Chorus and Director/Founder of the Colla Voce Girl's Choir. In 2014, Hoemberg was honored with the Community Arts Leadership Award by the Five Wings Arts Council.

His high school choirs have performed at the MMEA Mid-Winter Clinic and the ACDA of MN State Conference. Under Hoemberg's leadership, SMHS singers and the Staples Area Men's Chorus enjoyed collaborative performances with such well-known groups as The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists, The Great Northern Union and Cantus.

For Sandy Paskewitz, having the opportunity to work with Hoemberg again was a lot of fun. She went on to say that Hoemberg is so good with junior high students and that he has a gift for relating to them. "I really enjoyed it," she said of the Honor Choir event.

For Hoemberg, the ACDA-MN State Honor Choir Concert "was one of those mountain top experiences in a career."

Under his direction, the boys sang five songs, including "Hallelujah for the Day," composed by Guest Conductor Andrea Ramsey; and "Ballad of the Cross-Eyed Sailor," which he had sung when he was a middle-school student under the direction of Stan Carlson.

Hoemberg credits both Carlson and his college music director Axel Theimer as being "two great teachers" in his life.

As he reflects on the recent choral event in Mahtomedi, Hoemberg says, "Stan was there." Not



Concert connections

Steve Hoemberg of Staples had the opportunity to connect with a few former colleagues and friends while serving as Guest Conductor at the State Honor Concert in Mahtomedi Nov. 18. Pictured above from left, in a "selfie" are Sandy Paskewitz, Browerville, accompanist at Staples-Motley Public Schools since 1991; Garrett Lathe, Staples-Motley 7-12 Choir director from 1999 - 2001; and Hoemberg. Below, Hoemberg catches up with his college classmate Kara (Schultz) Rysavy and her son. (Submitted photos)



physically, perhaps, but in "the look" that Hoemberg gave the boys when needed, or the way he would wait a few seconds to begin the next measure...these were all things learned from Carlson. In Hoemberg's heart, he and Stan were there directing together.

It was an honor and privilege to have been a part of the ACDA State Honor Choir event, Hoemberg said. "I owe it to Sandy and Stan and all of the students I ever had who helped me grow on the journey."

Since resigning from teaching at Staples-Motley, Hoemberg decided to shift his career path. He has been working full-time as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for J.L. Trucking, Excavating and Grading in Staples; and additionally, he worked as an adjunct instructor for Central Lakes College in Staples in the Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance Department. "I love what I'm doing," Hoemberg said, adding that his bosses, Jim and Sue are great to work with.

Although there's not a lot of music involved

with his present work situation, Hoemberg says there are definite similarities between the trucking industry and directing choirs.

Both require attention to detail; taking care of customers; doing the best you can; and communication, Hoemberg said.

Sure, he misses teaching music and helping students the way dedicated teachers helped him when he was still a teen. He's comforted, however, to see that there are excellent teachers carrying on the musical tradition at Staples-Motley High School. And, he's proud to have been a part of it.

Some people teach 30 or 40 years and never experience even one of the great aspects that are a part of the Staples-Motley music program, Hoemberg said. In those 15 years he was there, working alongside accompanist Sandy Paskewitz, "We experienced so much."

As he reflected on the ACDA-MN State 7-8 Honor Choir Concert, Hoemberg said, "It was so fulfilling to be there with Sandy...to be a part of something special like that."

Hoemberg hopes his own daughters, Molly and Meredith, will experience what he did as a student at District #2170. "It is a joy to watch the work ethic and class that Nathan (Thelen) is running the (music) program with. Also, it is so gratifying that he and Sandy are such a great team. Nothing would make me more happy than for the two of them to enjoy great success."



Stolen trailer

On Thursday, Nov. 23, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a theft complaint on Todd Line Road south of Wadena. A 2015 Haulmark 16' enclosed trailer was stolen from a residence and inside the work trailer was construction tools. Evidence was collected and will be processed. Anyone with any information regarding this case is asked to call the Wadena County Sheriff's Office at 218-631-7600 or submit a tip to Minnesota Crime Stoppers at <http://crimestoppersmn.org> (Submitted photo)

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'Intimidation' cited as primary issue

work policy, creating a hostile work environment, improperly attempting to fire an employee and not letting requested items go on the board agenda.

Ebert told the board they do not have the authority to discipline Taves, but they do have the right to place provisions to protect employees, which is what they had done Sept. 12. Ebert also said the board could issue an admonishment, which she said would be appropriate in this situation.

Ebert said the investigation also looked into the provisions and recommended changing a few of them. She said Taves had indicated that the no contact provision was hurting her ability to carry out her duties as auditor/treasurer. The recommendation was to allow Taves to enter the commons area with employees, but she still could not have conversations with an employee unless a third party was present.

The board tried to determine if allowing contact with employees was necessary. Commissioner Sheldon Monson said he heard Taves talk about the situation at a meeting in Todd County, where she said the restrictions were hampering her ability to carry out her duties, but Monson did not remember her giving any details about it.

Wadena County Attorney Kyra Ladd said Taves has always had access to her workspace, but the restrictions on sharing a common workspace with employees was restricted both for the protection of employees and for the protection of Taves, so she wouldn't be accused of something else.

The board took a 15 minute break to consider the recommendations, but when they got back, Board Chair Dave Hilluka said employees of the auditor/treasurer's office wanted to speak.

Stacy Smagacz said she would feel uncomfortable to let Taves in and out of the commons area as she pleases, and said the current system of communicating through emails is working well for her. "After the lies she told everybody, something else needs to be done other than letting her back in to have contact with us," said Smagacz.

Missy Lund said "I fear it will go back to how it was," and Tammy Lupkes

made a similar statement. Lund also asked the board how they could limit access with the staff if she was allowed in their common space.

Joy Weyer said she worked with Taves for a short time, but learned quickly that "she works with intimidation very well," said Weyer. "I would be concerned about the intimidation if she came back," she said.

Other county employees said the office has a much better attitude since Taves has been restricted. Smagacz agreed, saying "so many people came in and said it has been so nice to talk to you and get help, because it wasn't something they could do a lot before."

Odden said the staff knows their jobs well, but he thought some of the tasks may not be getting done because the staff hasn't done them before. "The staff do a good job but I feel we are just keeping the lights on," said Odden.

Monson said he thought there is enough structure for Taves to interact as needed, and said much of the work can be done through technology.

Commissioner Jim Hofer commended the employees on the courage it took to share their stories when the issue first came up and again to speak to the board at the meeting. "I appreciate that, we need to take to heart what we heard today," said Hofer.

Commissioner Chuck Horsager agreed, saying he would prefer to keep the office structure the same, with limits on Taves' interaction.

The board voted to keep the restrictive provisions in place, with Commissioner Bill Stearns voting against that motion. Stearns said he would rather take the recommendations of the labor attorneys. He made a motion to that effect but did not get a second.

The board also approved a motion to look for a permanent office manager with Odden to continue in that role on an interim basis.

The board approved a motion so that Taves will continue to be the clerk for the county board, but Weyer will coordinate the agenda.

Finally, the board approved a motion to write a letter of admonishment about Taves based on the results of the investigation.

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Spring construction possible

goal of 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload. The project will bridge the digital divide for government, businesses, residents and students in the area.


Chad Bullock, CEO of WCTA said, "We are thrilled to learn that both of our grant requests were approved. The Wadena Rural Phase III project builds on our previous expansions into rural Wadena and Otter Tail counties, while the Northern Todd project will finally bring reliable Internet service to the area for the first time. The state's grant program will provide forty-eight percent of the Wadena Rural Phase III \$1.8 million project costs and fifty percent of the Northern Todd County \$1.8 million project costs. We're committed to \$1,850,158 in local matches to make gigabit broadband a reality."

WCTA submitted the grant application in partnership with the National Joint Powers Alliance, the West Central Economic Development Alliance and Region Five Development Commission. They've also had extensive community support.

Construction could begin as early as spring of 2018, although the specific details have not been finalized.

Have You HEARD?

Presented by Steve Trebil, BC-HIS



HURRICANE FORCE

If you stifle a sneeze, you run the real risk of damaging your eardrums or sinuses or even getting an ear infection. The exhaled air from a sneeze exits through the nose and mouth at speeds of about 100 miles per hour. When these exits are closed, a sneeze has nowhere else to go but into the "Eustachian" tube (which connects the nasal passages to the middle ear) and on to the eardrum. Consequently, it is possible that a very strong sneeze could propel air into the eardrum forcefully enough to rupture it. Fortunately, it is more difficult to pinch the nose closed and shut the mouth during a sneeze than one might imagine. Still, it pays to be careful.


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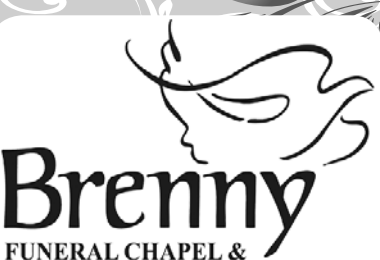


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Highway bear encounter

On Nov. 17, Alexis Newman of Staples was driving on Highway 10 east of Staples when her vehicle hit a large bear crossing the road. Newman was driving with two young children in the vehicle and also her dog, but none of them were hurt in the collision. “I believe we had a guardian angel with us and I’m thankful for it,” said Newman. Her vehicle was totaled. The bear was field dressed and was weighed at 460 pounds, which translates to well over 500 pounds for the actual weight of the bear. (Submitted photos)



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Partnerships formed to build new kitchen

kitchen located in the Eagle Bend Senior Center began, they were producing about 20 meals per day. That number steadily rose until in 2016 there were 60,000 meals made in the humble kitchen there. That included the daily delivered meals, bundled meals and the congregate dining meals.

Hest said the senior citizen center building is 107 years old and while the very talented kitchen staff made it work, they really did need more space and definitely more storage.

The new kitchen is designed to produce up to 100,000 meals per year which are delivered by volunteer drivers to 10 communities so far, which includes: Eagle Bend, Bertha, Hewitt, Wadena, Staples, Verndale, Clarissa, Long Prairie and soon the city of Motley.

“Now we feel we have a facility that will handle the needs well into the future,” said Hest.

This all began with a group that he likes to call “the catalyst.” The group included people like Todd County Commissioner Gary Kneisl who heard about a grant offered by South Country Health Alliance (SCHA).

Also SCHA CEO Leota Lind. She said that when Kneisl told her about the kitchen idea she thought it fit perfectly with SCHA’s mission.

“We received 31 grant requests that year. We had \$3 million. The kitchen was the largest grant we gave, but it was absolutely one of the favorites,” she said.

The grant was for \$465,400. Some of the values for the quality of life that SCHA views are in the aspects of nutrition, social interaction and bringing back and keeping a part of Eagle Bend’s history - which was sitting empty - back to vitality. “It’s so light and bright in here now. It was a dark shell before,” said Lind.

Hest commented on the generosity and patience of SCHA as setbacks came and forced the timeline back for the construction of the kitchen. State Representative John Poston was at the event and congratulated the community for “coming together to make this kitchen happen.”

“You should be extremely proud of what you’ve here. I’ll be there to support what you’re doing here,” he added. Poston also introduced the Kids Against Hunger program he supports and that they would like their food supplies to go to the senior citizens also.

When introducing Todd County Health and Human Services Community Health Manager Katherine Mackedanz, Hest became emotional

as he said she was his “rock, biggest cheerleader and partner in crime ‘in a good way.’”

Mackedanz was the primary grant writer and several grants were received for this project including a Live Well At Home grant and the Innovation Funding from National Joint Powers Alliance.

Mackedanz said the project has given her great insight.

“Through a lot of sweat, tears and a lot of money, we were able to do this. There was \$200,000 raised locally,” said Mackedanz.

NJPA has been a big help in not only funding resources, but also helping direct the kitchen to other companies that can assist with the building of the vestibule and other parts of the ongoing project.

Hest thanked Lutheran Social Services greatly for all that they provide to the meal program.

“Without them, it wouldn’t of been possible. Period. This is only a tiny part of what their organization does, but it’s a big part for us,” said Hest as he introduced LSS Assistant Director and Dietician Terri Weyer who’s worked with the staff at Eagle Bend and writes the menus.

“I was not always sure I would see the kitchen come to fruition, but here we are.” Hest said.

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Extended contract will help facilities planning, execution

said Bryan Winkels of Bratlie. “Finances are his strong suit. Let’s see if he will come back and keep the momentum going.”

At the Oct. 23 board meeting the board decided to begin the search for a new superintendent and Bruce Lund had agreed to take the lead.

Lund reported on Nov. 20 that he had spoken with the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) about assistance with the search. He said the cost would be \$7,000 to \$10,000 and that was in the range of other firms that provide that service.

Mary Freeman was also concerned about the time and energy commitment to a superintendent search at the same time as additional meetings for major decisions about facilities.

“I want to be sure that everyone on the board is fully committed to that (superintendent search) at the same time we are looking at facilities,” she said.

She noted that the financials are “back on the right path,” but that the business office was “young” and “need another year of tutelage.”

She also said she noticed principals and teachers growing into more leadership roles.

“I thought we decided

to look to hire,” said Dave Hoemberg.

Lund agreed but said he wanted to bring it back to the board after he spoke to MSBA.

Lund also was concerned that three days a week wasn’t enough, that he would prefer four days a week.

Greg Frisk agreed that Bratlie has the skills the board was looking for in the business office and facilities.

“How do we know there’s not a gem out there if we don’t search?” he asked. “It’s a Catch 22.”

Chad Longbella and Freeman both suggested that, if they decided to pursue the superintendent search, perhaps Bratlie could be hired as a consultant or construction manager for facilities.

“Either path we take is not a wrong path,” Longbella said, adding that he’d like to see a two year commitment from Bratlie because with facilities the planning would take a year and implementation a second year.

Lund recommended that Winkels and Longbella meet with Bratlie to begin discussion on these options because they conducted the original negotiations when he was hired.

“If anyone has objec-

tions, I want to hear it now,” Freeman said, reiterating that they would be asking Bratlie for a two year commitment for four days a week at the same rate of pay.

Winkels and Longbella will report to the board at their Dec. 4 work session.

“Is everybody 100 percent on board with that?” she asked again.

Hearing no objections she moved on with the meeting.

In other business the board:

- Approved a reduction

in John Koopmann’s contract to accommodate his Minnesota Opera commitments and approved a contract for Cindy Koopmann as ancillary orchestra instructor to fill in those times.

- Hired Heather Sams as head speech coach.

- Accepted the resignation for medical reasons of Arthur Lordbock, high school math teacher. High school principal Mike Schmidt said they were covering the classes internally until they could finalize a plan.

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Goals focus on quality of life factors

prioritize walkability and bicycling.

Economic development

1. Develop strategic initiatives and coordinated efforts that support job creation and economic growth.

2. Promote skill development for residents of all ages through training efforts and education.

3. Consider a full suite of economic development tools to support local businesses, help them grow and attract new businesses that will serve the community’s needs.

Infrastructure

1. Provide quality water and wastewater systems that support existing development, redevelopment and is environmentally responsible.

2. Ensure that all households and businesses in the city have access to high-speed internet.

3. Coordinate significant infrastructure expansion projects and improvement efforts in alignment with regional plan goals.

Public safety

1. Strengthen inter-agency collaboration between local and regional response agencies.

2. Enhance proactive policies and practices that mitigate crime and adverse effects of public safety threats.

3. Continue to improve emergency services to ensure a safe community with low levels of crime and prompt effective fire and EMS responses for all residents.

Community facilities

1. Explore innovative ways to collaborate with key community partners regarding community growth and development.

2. Ensure high quality public facilities that meet the daily needs of Staples residents and visitors, promoting the spirit of the community.

3. Seek ways to integrate housing, employment centers and shopping areas, so that communities contain places to live, work and shop with a full range of facilities.

4. Focus efforts to revitalize the downtown into a vibrant town center.

Community design

1. Continue to grow events and activities that promote the sense of place, community character, health and history of the City of Staples.

2. Focus efforts to revitalize the downtown into a vibrant center of the community, with the physical elements necessary to attract visitors and residents.

3. Develop design components that create distinctive character into new development, streetscapes and public spaces.

Land use

1. Encourage develop-

ment and redevelopment that’s well-planned and sustainable.

2. Plan for mixed-use land use patterns that are walkable and bikeable.

3. Maintain orderly development, preserve the community’s small town feel, through the use of a Land Use Plan, Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

4. Encourage connecting and interrelating neighborhoods with open space, other pathways, commercial nodes or public facilities that encourage a sense of place/community and avoid blight.

Transportation

1. Continue to prioritize a well-maintained transportation system that provides adequate mobility for all modes and all users.

2. Build on the existing trail network for additional connectivity to other trail networks and destinations.

3. Increase opportunities for residents to choose alternative transportation modes.

4. Work to assure adequate funding for pedestrian and non-motorized transportation infrastructure construction and maintenance.

Park, open space and recreation

1. Provide Staples residents with the tools to make healthy and active lifestyles the easy choice.

2. Encourage adequate range of recreation opportunities for the residents and visitors to our community.

3. Maintain and improve existing parks and recreation facilities.

Sustainability

1. Consider both positive and negative financial impacts on any/all decisions regarding growth and development (i.e. Increase in tax missing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.)

2. Blend the skills and assets of the community to establish an identity through cooperative teamwork and interdependency, while reducing duplication of efforts.

Natural resources

1. Foster a healthy and attractive environment of the City of Staples.

2. Identify areas of potential open space that the city could preserve in order to maintain the pleasant park-like and small town feel for the community.

3. Support and facilitate community partnerships between natural resources stakeholders and community leaders.

Food planning

1. Preserve existing, support new opportunities for local and regional agriculture.

2. Ensure healthy food access through zoning and education.

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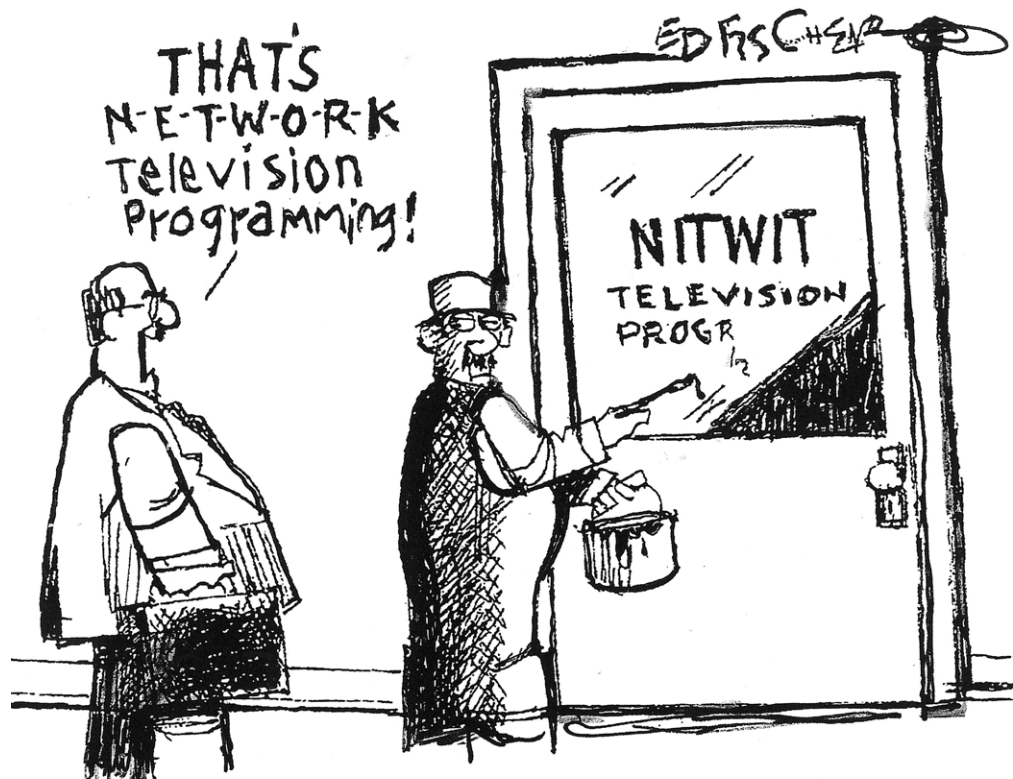
Kinship Partners is pleased to honor Dan Davis and Avery Johnson of Staples as its newest Match of the Month.

Dan and Avery seem to have fun with whatever they decide to do. They spend a lot of time outside fishing or four wheeling. Dan is excited to take Avery ice fishing as soon as the ice is ready. He has enjoyed being a part of Avery’s life. “It helps me get outside of myself and I love seeing Avery happy,” said Dan. Kinship is grateful for the matches like Dan and Avery; they demonstrate the value that mentorship brings to both of their lives.

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Why not start your own friendship journey?

For more information about Kinship Partners in the Staples-Motley area, call Kelly Johnson at 218-454-8012 Website: www.kinshippartners.org



Alcohol impaired driving is on the rise

By Jim Eberspacher
National Center
for DWI Courts

Twenty-nine years ago, Larry Mahoney drove his pickup truck down the wrong side of Kentucky's Interstate 71 hitting a church bus head on, killing 24 children and three adults. The incident which became known as the Carrolton Bus Crash remains the deadliest drunk driving incident in American history.

The crash received national media attention and resulted in a crackdown on drunk driving. Between 1982 and 2014, the number of annual drunk driving fatalities decreased by 51 percent. Then they started to rise.

A new report from The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration shows that in 2016 alcohol-impaired driving fatalities increased for the second year in a row and are at the highest level since 2009.

The opioid epidemic has rightly received significant attention, but impaired driving remains one of the single most serious threats to public safety - one that is entirely preventable. Progress has been made, but the rising number of fatalities shows more must be done.

This year, the National Center for DWI Courts and the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility embarked on a nationwide Reform & Responsibility Tour to explore solutions to immediately reduce impaired driving deaths. Here is what we have found:

We need to screen and assess all Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenders. More robust screening and assessment for DUI offenders allows them to be matched to the appropriate level of supervision and treatment.

Many DUI offenders only need one arrest to never re-offend. They're capable of changing their behavior and do so out of fear of being arrested again. For many, a DUI arrest is a huge wake up call. But

others are not capable of changing without outside intervention.

According to the Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility, repeat offenders commonly suffer from mental health disorders, in addition to substance use issues. Left untreated, repeat DUI offenders are statistically the most dangerous drivers on the road and over represented in fatal crashes. Research also shows that the earlier the screening and assessment occurs, the greater the likelihood for success.

Better screening and assessment can identify drivers likely to become repeat offenders and ensure they receive more supervision, more accountability and evidence-based treatment.

We need to expand and improve DUI Courts. For over two decades, drug courts have proven that a combination of accountability and treatment can lead people into recovery, reduce crime and save resources.

Building on the success of our nation's drug court movement, DUI courts serve repeat and/or high blood alcohol content (BAC) DUI offenders with substance use disorders. DUI court participants are under strict supervision.

They have mandated home visits, continuous alcohol monitoring, and frequent appearances in court. They undergo rigorous individual treatment and participate in group therapy. They must pass frequent and random drug tests. In addition to all of this, they're required to hold down a job, perform community service, or advance their education.

Research on this combination of accountability and treatment shows that DUI courts are the most successful way to reduce impaired driving, decreasing recidivism by as much as 60 percent, all while saving taxpayers money: an incredible \$3.19 is saved by society, for every \$1 invested in DUI court.

We need evidence-based

supervision and technology. Many states have adopted ignition interlock programs for repeat offenders, so they can't drive a car if they've been drinking. Ignition interlock has been found to reduce repeat impaired driving by about two thirds. Unfortunately, despite the passage of legislation supporting the use of these devices, this technology often remains underutilized by local communities.

Continuous alcohol monitoring (CAM) technology can be a critical tool for ensuring compliance and supervision. CAM monitors alcohol consumption and can relay data back to law enforcement. Research has found the use of CAM to improve enforcement of abstinence orders and is more effective than random testing.

Used in conjunction with assessment and appropriate treatment interventions that target individual needs, supervision and technology can play a vital role in getting DUI offenders the support they need.

We need to take action. Larry Mahoney was not a first time offender on the fateful night he took 27 lives. Several years before the crash he was arrested and charged with a DUI. If we knew then, what we know now, would tragedy have been avoided? We'll never know the answer to that question. However, life is too valuable to risk another tragedy like this. There's an urgent need now to robustly implement and strengthen solutions that will protect public safety and save resources while putting impaired drivers in treatment and holding them accountable.

We've made tremendous progress on this issue since the 1980s. Now is the time to continue our momentum and do more.

Jim Eberspacher is the director of the National Center for DWI Courts. He can be reached at 625 N. Washington, Ste. 212, Alexandria, VA 22314.

House tax bill's a gift to companies that offshore profits, jobs

By Gary Kalman

As the country begins to digest the revelations in the new offshore tax haven leak known as the "Paradise Papers," it's important to not lose sight of the fact that the Congressional tax plan is out along with promises that it will end the gaming that has allowed multinational firms to shift trillions in profits offshore. Supposedly, the plan is to bring past profits and jobs back to the U.S. and prevent the offshoring in the future.

A closer look at the text of the bill suggests that the reality does not match the rhetoric.

Let's start with the past profits. U.S. companies have approximately \$2.6 trillion booked offshore on which they owe \$752 billion in unpaid taxes. The House bill offers these companies a one-time deal to tax those profits at discounted rates of 12 percent for profits held in cash and five percent for other types of invested profits - that's well below the current 35 percent rate, the rate in place at the time they earned the profits. In fact, that is a tax break of more than \$500 billion on what they owe.

There is no economic case for discounted tax rates on profits already earned. In theory, lowering tax rates will incentivize future behavior. In this instance, the money is already earned. There is no loss of jobs or investment incentives by requiring companies to pay what they already owe before moving to a new system.

Drilling down further, findings from a 2011 U.S. Senate investigation indicate that there will be less benefit than advertised from the "return" of the profits to the U.S. The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations found that half the money booked offshore was simply routed through tax havens but reinvested in U.S. stocks, bonds, and real estate. We would be bringing much of the money "back" from Manhattan.

History also provides a caution about the benefits of repatriating these profits. The last time we gave companies a break on profits booked offshore was in 2004. The companies that took advantage of the break used the money for executive bonuses and dividends. They did not use the money for creating new jobs, raising workers' wages, or investing in new factories or equipment. The top 15 companies to take advantage of the so-called 'tax holiday,' laid off 20,000 workers in the two years following the tax break. There is no reason to believe this time will be different.

The public benefit of a repatriation effort is derived from the revenue generated by the amounts

companies pay toward what they owe in deferred taxes. That money could be used for rebuilding the nation's infrastructure or meeting other public needs.

A tax holiday that forgives hundreds of billions in corporate taxes, undermines the public benefit and rewards the companies that dodged taxes for all those prior years. Indeed, JPMorgan analysts are recently reported as saying that "we expect little economic effect from firms repatriating funds to the U.S."

Going forward, gimmicks in the tax bill will give new incentives to move jobs offshore. One provision aimed at closing the offshore loopholes was recently gutted and other provisions leave several loopholes in place for favored special interests.

Currently, U.S. companies and individuals owe taxes on earnings wherever they are made - in Des Moines or Dublin. The new bill changes that longstanding parity so that companies will only owe taxes on profits they book in the U.S. or, in extraordinary circumstances, pay a lower tax on profits of offshore subsidiaries. It is safe to say that many offshore profits will go untaxed.

Under the original version of the bill, companies that moved some U.S. profits to offshore subsidiaries would have paid some taxes on those profits - that was good. But a recent amendment to the tax bill allows for deductions and other accounting games that nullify any benefit. After the amendment was adopted, the estimates on how much revenue would be raised dropped from \$155 billion to \$7 billion - this new loophole loses 95 percent of the projected tax revenue of the original proposal.

Additionally, the bill exempts ordinary overseas profits from taxes. If the profit margins are extraordinary (there is a formula to determine this) the tax rate for those profits are half that for domestic companies. Multinationals will be incentivized not just to move profits on paper to tax havens but to move actual jobs and operations to lower tax countries like Ireland and Switzerland.

The bill sponsors say they are lowering the rate to reduce the exodus of jobs, but even the new rate of 20 percent for profits booked here is higher than the zero percent rate for ordinary profits and the 10

percent rate for some extraordinary profits booked overseas.

This lower 10 percent tax rate only applies to overseas profits that are extraordinarily high. If companies move jobs overseas, then they can book those expenses overseas and keep the profit margins low to avoid even the 10 percent rate.

The bill sponsors say they are ridding the tax code of loopholes but, according to the text of the bill, oil, gas, and mining companies are exempt from even the 10 percent tax on extraordinary profits. They get a free pass. Banks and financial services are exempt as well. Apple, perhaps the most well-known and largest tax dodger, would get a free pass on its tax avoidance practices in Ireland and additionally be incentivized to move operations offshore.

In addition to complicating the tax code and incentivizing offshoring, the impact of these changes will further disadvantage small businesses and wholly domestic companies. Main street businesses do not - cannot - offshore their profits and play the games. Large businesses have built-in advantages such as bulk purchasing discounts and cheaper access to capital. They are inherent in a free market, and small business owners knew about those when they made the decision to open a business. But when government puts its thumb on the scale of big over small, that is an unfair advantage and one we should not accept.

All of this raises some basic questions: Why are we favoring foreign profits over domestic profits? And why are we incentivizing companies to move operations offshore?

The reality of the House tax bill does match the rhetoric used in selling it. We should reject this bill and work to close the offshore loopholes, stop the gaming, and ensure a fair and level playing field.

Gary Kalman, is the Executive Director at The FACT Coalition, a non-partisan alliance of more than 100 state, national, and international organizations working toward a fair tax system that addresses the challenges of a global economy.

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Letter to the Editor

Net Neutrality

The FCC is proposing to eliminate net neutrality. Net neutrality is defined as: the Internet is a public utility like the phone company. Everyone is equal in the eyes of the Internet.

How does this affect us as rural Internet users? First, a little background. I already pay for Internet access for my web servers. The more I pay, the faster the connection to send information out. Netflix, Google and the news stations already pay a lot of money for their connections.

If net neutrality is ended, the phone companies (CenturyLink, Verizon, Charter, etc.) can slow down our access to anything they want. If they favor one news outlet over another, they could slow down Fox News over MSNBC or vice versa.

Under current rules, the

Internet companies must provide Internet access to rural communities. This is partially subsidized by people in the larger population centers. Ending net neutrality would end this provision to service rural communities. That means that Internet access would be limited or cost much more in rural communities.

If you feel limited net neutrality is not in your best interest, call and/or contact your Representatives and Senators. You can also contact this secure website <https://www.battleforthenet.com>, and sign up.

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Wanted: Local business leaders, educators, and community members

Local business owners, managers, school and college personnel and community members are invited to collaborate in career and college readiness activities at the third-annual Building the 21st Century Workforce Conference, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, at National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA) in Staples.

NJPA Education Solutions Consultant and event coordinator Bart Graves says the goal of the conference is to address workforce gaps in Region Five - the area comprised of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties.

There's a deficit between skills needed and skills available, and Graves sees this conference as an opportunity for professionals on both sides of the issue to come together and develop creative solutions. This year's conference will focus on initiatives and programming for youth grades 7-12. A program for K-6 career develop-

ment will take place in the spring of 2018.

"We want to gain insight from business leaders and educators and see how we can work together to help our students make career choices that meet the labor demands in central Minnesota," Graves said.

He's particularly looking for attendees that represent the areas of high demand in our region's workforce: agriculture, energy, transportation, manufacturing, robotics, culinary arts/hospitality and healthcare. The focus of this year's conference will be bringing business to school.

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

The conference will open with a keynote address from Cheryal Lee Hills, executive director of the Region Five Develop-

ment Commission and Dr. Hara Charlier, president of Central Lakes Community College. Dan Solomon, a U.S. Senate Congressional Staffer, will also provide a legislative update for Career Programs.

Representatives from a few current regional programs will provide brief updates before participants divide into breakout sessions covering Work Ethics/Skills, Business Engagement with Schools, Job Shadowing/Work Experience, STEM Instruction, and Technology in Education.

The sessions will provide a better understanding of what's currently being done to address the workforce gap and what resources are available.

In the afternoon, attendees will divide into career cluster collaboration meetings - small groups organized by industry and comprised of educators, program directors and employers - to discuss best practices, challenges, part-

nership opportunities and future planning.

"We hope local business leaders and educators will bring ideas to help build on current programs, plus we want to provide a way for people to get more involved," Graves said. "It's our intention to help students successfully transition from high school to training and/or work. This may involve formal education, an earned industry-recognized credential that leads to a satisfying entry-level job, a short-term training program, and many other options."

Last year's conference attracted over 100 participants. NJPA hopes to build off that momentum.

For information and registration, visit njpa.co/work-conf-17, or contact Graves at 320-349-0161. The cost to attend includes lunch, Region Five Career and College Readiness Program Directory and career and college readiness books for further individual study.



Feathering the turkey

Turkeys and other fun stories were part of the November Storytime at the Staples Library. Following the stories the children put feathers on a turkey. Join the Reading Roundhouse for the next storytime, Wednesday, Dec. 13, at 10:30 a.m. Call 218-894-1401 to register. All preschool and lower elementary children are invited. Pictured with their turkeys are Grace Hanson, Amelia Anderson and Alex Wiegand. (Submitted photo)

Public library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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

D.I.Y. fun activity: Candy Cane Guess

Guess how many candy canes are in the container. Closest guess will win a prize; this is ongoing through December during library hours.

Scandinavian fabric Stars - Dec. 5

Learn how to put together fabric stars for gifts or decorations with Mary Sperley Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6-7 p.m. All supplies are provided. For teens and adults. Preregistration required. Limit 10.

Minnesota Workforce Center - Dec. 6

A Workforce Center staff person will be available the first Wednesday of each month to assist adult job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance, Wednesday, Dec.

Harpist Chris Ward - Dec. 7

Enjoy the soothing sounds of the harp with Chris Ward Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6-7 p.m. Enjoy some favorites, and maybe a holiday song or two. For all ages. A Legacy event.

Holiday Gingerbread Houses - Dec. 7

Create your own gingerbread house using frosting, candies and graham crackers Thursday, Dec. 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All supplies provided. Ages 5-10. Limit 20.

Reading Roundhouse storytime - Dec. 13

A fun storytime and activities for ages Pre K -2nd grade. Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

For more information on any of the activities contact the library at 218-894-1401.

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

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Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main cam-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WAHOV 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.

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Screen 3
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To be considered for the position, a Swift County Application, resume, and cover letter must be submitted. The application packet for the position can be downloaded from the Swift County website at <http://www.swiftcounty.com/jobs>. Application material will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on December 5, 2017 (received not postmarked), at the Swift County Administrator's Office or can be mailed to the Swift County Administrator, P O Box 207, Benson, MN 56215. Questions can be answered by calling 320-314-8399.

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First quarter top readers

The top Accelerated Reading program readers at Staples-Motley High School for the first quarter are: front, from left, Macy Judd, Marie Brings, Abbigail DiGiovanni and Robin Bourne; back from left, Andria Dolezal, Torii Nienow, Amber Deegan, Camille Florent and Anna Stejskalava. Jeremy Stultz was not available for the photo. (Submitted photo)

Staples Senior calendar

Mon., Dec. 4, 12 p.m. Cards, 500
Tues., Dec. 5, 12:15 p.m., Whist
Weds., Dec. 6, noon meal and bingo
Thurs., Dec. 7, 12 p.m., Cards, 500; 1:30-3 p.m. Free Legal Aid from St. Cloud. Call 218-894-2553 for appointment.

December birthdays

Birthdays at the Care Center in Staples include:
Vyolette Sears, Dec. 10;
William Shippee, Dec. 15;

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Kaila and Kris Flan of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Lexten Makeneth weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on November 16, 2017.

Born to Malynda Carlson and Mitchell VanAlst of Staples, a baby girl, Kinsleigh Rae weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on November 19, 2017.

Born to Shonna Eckman and Ryan Johnston of Wadena, a baby girl, Izabella Rose weighing seven pounds, two ounces on November 20, 2017.

Born to Jessica and Michael Mertens of Brainerd, a baby boy, Hudson Michael weighing eight pounds, three ounces on November 21, 2017.

Audrey Cyrus, Dec. 18; Jim Arrigoni, Dec. 19; Alma Imdieke, Dec. 20; Pauline Tyrell, Dec. 23.

Obituaries

Mary Ann Zetah

Mary Ann Zetah, 83, of Motley passed away November 21, 2017 at the Harmony House in Motley.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Sat., Nov. 25 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley with Father Joe Korf officiating.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

MaryAnn was born September 15, 1934 in South Dakota to Werner and Margaret (Kraft) Konen. She married Francis Zetah on November 14, 1955. Francis and Mary Ann farmed their entire lives near Motley. They built a 20 unit apartment building in Motley for Senior Citizens in 1979. She was active in politics, enjoyed cooking, selling sweet corn, playing cards, dancing in her younger years. She will be known for her delicious potato salad.

Mary Ann is survived by one son, Kenneth (Connie) of Motley; five daughters, Diane (Russell) Anderson of Maplewood, Janet Eischeid, Motley, Debra (Duane) Bender of Cambridge, Linda (Alan) Card of Motley and Patricia (Michael) Simonet of Brooklyn Park; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Rosemarie Zetah of Motley, Betty Weidendorf of Sauk Centre, Margaret (Ed) Doll of Golden Valley, Evelyn (Jerry) Blaine of Virginia Beach; six brothers, Jim (Villa) Konen of Mora, Ray Konen of Arizona, Werner (Judy) Konen of Arizona, Jerry (Lee) Konen of Hutchinson, Frank (Julie) Konen of Hutchinson and LeRoy (Cindy) Konen of Anoka.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one brother-in-law; two sisters-in-law and son-in-law, John Eischeid.

Memorials are preferred to Harmony House in Motley.

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Teresa Crews

Teresa Marie Crews, 53, passed away unexpectedly November 22, 2017 at her home in White Bear Township.

Viewing and visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, 515 Hwy. 96 W., Shoreview.

Teresa was born March 27, 1964 in Newport Beach, CA to Charles and Pat Crews. She called herself a "Navy brat" as her father served in the U.S. Navy. She spent tours at Marine Corp Air Station, El Toro, CA, Naval Air Station, Barbers Point, Hawaii and following her father's retirement in 1969, the family lived in Santa Ana, CA and Tustin, CA. In 1976, the family moved to New Brighton, where Teresa attended and graduated from Irondale High School. She studied Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Minnesota.

At an early age Teresa learned the skill of sewing from her grandmother, Cora Fluhary, a skill she would use and enjoy the rest of her life. She enjoyed quilting, seamstress work and crafting. She would sew large numbers of Christmas tree skirts, hot pads, bridesmaid dresses and more for people in the Twin Cities. At the time of her passing, Teresa had 28 quilt tops ready to be quilted. Her motto was, "She who dies with the most quilting fabric, wins" (her personalized license plate: SEW-N-GO).

Teresa enjoyed traveling taking one or two major trips each year. Most trips would find her visiting quilt shops in Minnesota and in other locations near and far.

Teresa worked in the Twin Cities at JoAnn's Fabrics in Customer Service; as a Programmer at Deluxe Corp. and at e-Funds Corp. She was currently employed as a Radiographer at North Memorial Health, in their radiology department.

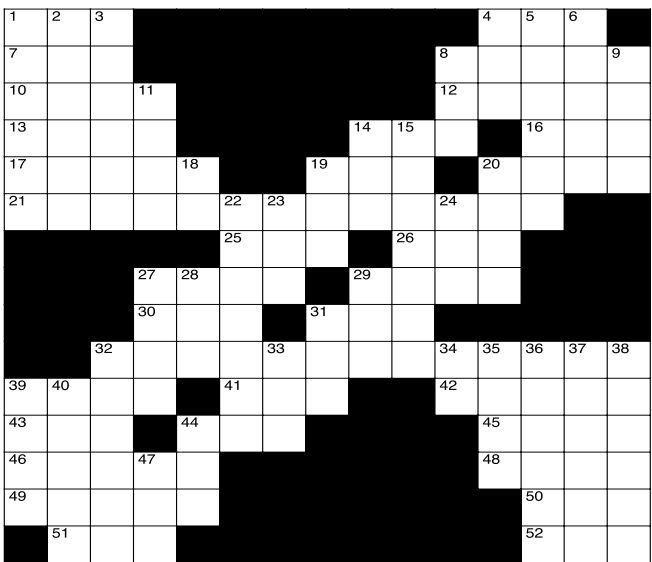
Teresa is survived by her father, Charles (Kathy) Crews of Staples; one brother, Bill (Terri) Crews of Bemidji; one niece, Chelsea Crews; one nephew, Wil Lindberg and great-niece, Rae Crews.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

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Crossword Puzzle

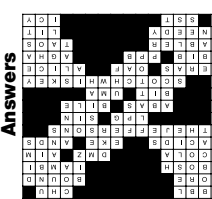


CLUES ACROSS

- "Be back later"
- Zhou dynasty state
- Mineral
- ___ and gagged
- One of Lebron's former sidekicks
- Ivory Coast village
- Caffeinated beverage
- Without armies
- Intention
- Sulfuric and citric are two
- Supplement with difficulty
- & & &
- George and Weezie
- Liquefied petroleum gas
- Immortal act
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Aids digestion

CLUES DOWN

- Comedian Goldthwait
- Worn by women
- "Naked Gun" actor Nielsen
- Processes fatty acids
- Mortals
- Not invited
- Show ___: entertainment
- Darkens
- Pilgrimage
- Danish krone
- Savior
- Midway between south and east
- Electroencephalograph
- Henry's wife Boleyn
- Hairstyle
- Frames per second (abbr.)
- Basics
- A person's life story
- Luxury automaker
- Ultrahigh frequency
- Island and antelope are two
- Taxi
- Farm state
- Fence part
- Rwandan capital
- Onomatopoeic
- In a state of turbulence
- Abba ___, Israeli politician
- Flowering plants
- Inquire too closely
- Sun up in New York



Opening Prayer - Kansas State Senate

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

When Minister Joe Wright was asked to open the new session of the Kansas Senate, everyone was expecting the usual generalities, but this is what they heard:

Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask Your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe to those who call evil good," but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We confess that:

We have exploited the poor and called it the Lottery.

We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.

We have killed our unborn and called it choice.

We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.

We have abused power and called it politics.

We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of speech.

We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will and to openly ask these things in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

This was prayed in 1996 and it needs to be prayed again by all who believe that the Bible is true and that Jesus is Lord of all. Join me in repentance for our nation.

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Motley and Pillager

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263



Motley Police, MCSO reports

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

Nov. 20 - The MPD responded to a complaint of juveniles drinking at the Country Terrace Apartments in Motley. The responding officer confiscated their beer; and, since there was a sober driver present, he allowed the parties to leave. The tenants were advised that they would be cited if it happened again.

Nov. 20 - The MPD issued

a citation to Robert Payne, 53, for failing to yield to oncoming traffic while turning east onto Hwy 210 at the spotlight in Motley.

Nov. 20 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Keith Schornack, 24; Tanaya Leskey, 39; Abdi Ali, 33; Shaundae White, 24.

Nov. 17 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Roberta Wirostek, 61.

Nov. 19 - While checking a lake access area in Motley, the MCSO located a car parked at the boat launch. The deputy began to speak with the occupants who stated they

were there checking the ice. The deputy observed an odor of marijuana coming from inside the car. He proceeded to conduct a search and located a small amount of marijuana inside, along with two glass smoking pipes. The deputy destroyed the marijuana on scene and took the pipes to be destroyed.

Nov. 10 - The MCSO assisted a motorist with a broke down vehicle on Hwy 10 in Cushing, by giving her a ride back to her residence.



Building fully engulfed

The Pillager Fire and Rescue Department, along with mutual aid from the Motley Fire Department, worked for several hours Nov. 22, battling a fire at Swede's Auto Repair in Sylvan Township. (Submitted photo)

Swede's Auto Repair in Pillager destroyed by fire

A Thanksgiving Eve fire destroyed Swede's Auto Repair in Pillager Nov. 22.

Pillager Fire Chief Randy Lee said that the fire department was paged out at approximately 11:10 p.m., after a passer-by noticed the flames and called 911.

The business, owned by Ronnie Arneson, is located at 4281 Hwy 210, in Sylvan Township.

By the time the Pillager Fire and Rescue arrived, the tin building was fully engulfed, Chief Lee said, adding that it was a "defensive firefight," with firefighters fighting from the outside. He went on to explain that because of the danger involved (much of the building had already collapsed) it was too dangerous to go inside.

Firefighters were at the scene until 4 a.m. The Motley Fire and Rescue was called for mutual aid. They provided two tanker trucks, hauling water from approximately one mile away.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire, Lee said, adding that the owner had left the premises earlier that evening at approximately 5 or 5:30 p.m. Items that succumbed to the fire included four vehicles, repair equipment, tools, old and new oil.

One of their main goals at the scene was to keep two other buildings located near Swede's from also catching fire. On the west side was a storage building and to the east was a trailer home. "Neither was harmed," Lee said.

Firefighters returned to the fire hall where they spent another one and a half hours cleaning hoses. During that time they were paged out to do a lift assist at an area assisted living home. At 7:10 a.m. they were paged back to Swede's Auto Repair to put out a couple of small spots where smoke was showing. "That took less than an hour," Chief Lee said.

The cause of the fire is not known. Although not believed to be suspicious, it is being investigated by the Minnesota State Fire Marshal Office.

When asked if he had the opportunity to rest before celebrating Thanksgiving with his family, Chief Lee said, "No, but I did rest after dinner."

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2017 at the Staples City Hall to consider the application of Casey's Retail Company for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a gasoline/fuel station at property north of U.S. Highway 10 East between 7th and 8th St. NE as part of Casey's General Store.

A Conditional Use Permit is required for commercial uses associated with the bulk storage of gasoline/fuel.

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

Dated: November 30, 2017

Diane Archer,
City Clerk

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

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1) **Emanuel Byler:** SW4 of SE4 of Section 1 in Little Sauk Township
PIN: 17-0001101 **Site Address:** 22456 200th St
Request to establish a seasonal greenhouse not meeting the standards of a home based business in a AF-2 zoning district.

2) **Benjamin Yoder:** Part of W2 SW4 of Section 31 in Bartlett Township
PIN: 01-0031701 **Site Address:** 45700 County 23
Request to establish an existing sawmill business with existing buildings in a AF-1 zoning district.

3) **Charles Anderson, Bret Anderson, Kandota Landing Inc.:** Lot-4 Block-1 Kandota Landing Section 20 and 29 in Kandota Township
PIN: 14-0058500 **Site Address:** 11112 Alex Dr
Request to establish a dock, boat and RV storage business in an existing storage building in a NE Shoreland Zoned District.

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

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, board meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1 p.m., at the Staples Community Center.

We are looking for more board members. If you are interested, attend the meeting or call Bob Reeck, 218-296-0877.

NOTICE TO OPERATE AERATION SYSTEM

An aeration system will be in operation on the SE shoreline of Lake Shamineau, Lots 10 and 11 of Deering Bay beginning December 1, 2017 through May 1, 2018. The purpose is to protect the shoreline from carnage due to ice expansion with the current high water levels.

PLEASE BEWARE OF OPEN WATER OR THIN ICE.

EXHIBIT A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE FACILITIES MAINTENANCE BONDS TO FINANCE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR FACILITY PLAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170 (STAPLES-MOTLEY) STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the School Board of Independent School District No. 2170, State of Minnesota (the "District"), adopted a resolution (the "Resolution") on November 20, 2017, stating the intention of the School Board to issue general obligation facilities maintenance bonds (the "Bonds") in the total principal amount of not to exceed \$1,500,000 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.595 and Chapter 475, as amended. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to fund the costs of the following projects as included in the District's approved ten-year facility plan and related financing costs:

- deferred maintenance health and safety projects included in the District's ten-year facilities plan approved by the Commissioner of Education including indoor air quality improvements, fire suppression improvements and asbestos removal

The total amount of District indebtedness as of October 23, 2017, is \$1,375,000. If these proposed Bonds were issued after that date, the total indebtedness of the District at that time would be \$2,875,000.

Dated: November 20, 2017

BY ORDER OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD

/s/David Hoemberg
School District Clerk
Independent School
District No. 2170
(Staples Motley)
Staples of Minnesota

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE VACATION OF AN ALLEY

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 7:20 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at the Staples City Hall to consider a request to vacate a portion of the north-south alley located north of U.S. Highway 10, between 7th and 8th St. NE. The legal description is as follows:

1. The alley located between Lots 1-4 and Lots 9-12, Block 25, Staples Mill, according to the plat of record in the Todd County Recorder's office, Todd County, MN.

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

Diane Archer, City Clerk
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
AERATION WARNING**

NOTICE - Lake Shore AERATION WARNING LAEK SHAMINEAU: Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the southwest shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting December 16, 2017 into the early months of 2018.

For inquiries call 952-975-9078.

NOTICE CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE BIDS FOR USED MOTOR GRADER

Central Lakes College is soliciting bids for a used Motor Grader 16' blade, no plow equipment, 4,800 hours or less, joy stick steering and steering wheel control, cab, air and heat. Trading in 1975 Cat 12G Motor grader and 1975 Cat 140G Motor grader. Detail specifications may be obtained by contacting John Maleski at 218-270-0283. Bids will be accepted at the Staples Campus until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Faxed bids will be accepted provided hard copies are received within 48 hours of the bid time.

All bids must be sealed and marked "BID FOR USED MOTOR GRADER".

Submit bids to:
Central Lakes College
ATTN: Debbie Sterriker
1830 Airport Rd
Staples, MN 56479
Fax #218-894-5186

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

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Lions Peace Poster Contest winners



A number of local students, ages 11, 12 and 13, participated in the annual 'Lions International Peace Poster Contest' sponsored by the Motley Lions and Staples '93 Lions.

The students were recognized at the recent Veterans Day program at Motley-Staples Middle School, with monetary prizes awarded to the first, second and third place winners.

Pictured at top are all of the participants, along with Lion Ed Jordahl, representing the Motley Lions; and Lions Kathy Johnson and Beth Gedde representing the Staples '93 Lions.

Center photo: First place winner Nicki Carter with her poster, which will advance to the next level.

Bottom photo: Destiny Dukowitz, third place; Nicki Carter, first place; Lily Albertson, second place. This is the 30th year this contest has been held. The theme of the 2017-2018 Peace Poster Contest is, "The Future of Peace."

Students from all over the world participate in this contest, with posters advancing through several judging levels. One international winner will be announced in February. (Submitted photos)

Cass Lake homicide investigation update

Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch reports that the three individuals sought in regards to an ongoing homicide investigation of a 25-year-old woman that occurred in Cass Lake on Nov. 12, have been located and are cooperating with

authorities.

The individuals located are Anthony John Larose, 28; Sara Renae Larose, 41; and Ileisha Lynee Guinn, 25, all of Cass Lake.

On Nov. 14, Brandon Joseph Roy, 24, was charged on three counts in Cass

County District Court in connection with the homicide.

The Minnesota BCA, Leech Lake Tribal Police and Cass County Sheriff's Office thanks the public for their assistance in this investigation.

A Daughter's Love provides unique care

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

For sisters Christine Tollefson and Carla Kuchinski of Staples, care is a way of life.

"We've been caregivers since we could walk," said Tollefson.

Their lifelong passion has reached a new height with the opening of their business, A Daughter's Love. It's a care facility designed to serve needs of elderly people in many stages of life. Kuchinski is the head nurse and caregiver while Tollefson leads the organizational side of the business.

Their journey started when their mother, Judy Resch, ran the Staples Hi-Rise apartments. Tollefson remembered how they went there after school and interacted with the elderly residents, doing puzzles and hanging out. "It was like we had 60 grandmas and grandpas," said Tollefson.

Their mother was also a caregiver for an elderly man who lived next door to them and the girls would help out there as well. "We grew up around elderly people, it was natural that we would want to go into this field," said Tollefson.

They've both been caregivers at nearly every level, starting in the nursing field, working at group homes, assisted living, day programs and on-site care.

Their experience coalesced when they began caring for their clients, their parents Eugene and

Judy Resch, Staples. When it became obvious they needed to change their living situation, Tollefson said they thought about starting a day program in Staples, but instead they found the townhomes on 4th St. NE, in Staples. They moved their parents into one of the three connected townhomes and began to making plans for the other two.

The idea was to turn the entire complex into a care facility. They purchased the property but it took two years of licensing and planning to come up with what they have now, a comprehensive home healthcare that offers many services.

Remodeling the townhomes and starting the care facility became their dad's passion as much as theirs.

"Dad was a hard working man and a social butterfly," said Tollefson. "We needed to give him something to do."

They converted a garage into a new bedroom, added extra trundle beds for family members who may want to spend at night. The middle townhome is the social center, with food, a place to hang out and for day services. There's a walk-in hot tub with soothing jets and lights for a form of chromotherapy. Tollefson said they can tell potential clients they're going for a spa day, not just for care.

On Nov. 17, A Daughter's Love held an open house for the public to visit the newly renovated building.



Chamber ribbon cutting at A Daughter's Love facility

The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Nov. 17, at A Daughter's Love in Staples commemorating the opening of the new business. Pictured from left, Barb Cline, Stephanie Jordahl, Dan Orth, Bruce Brotherton, Chuck Mayer, Alicia Truax, Christine Tollefson, Megan Haber, Carla Kuchinski, Dawn Hagenson and Sandy Knosalla. The photo shows the newly remodeled bedroom at the care facility. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

"Dad was so proud, he was thrilled we were opening," said Tollefson. That day of the open house, he wasn't doing well and there were thoughts about cancelling the event.

"I thought 'what would my dad do,' and the answer was he would've gotten the job done," said Tollefson.

They went ahead with the open house and their dad died the same day. "It was like he got us this far, and now he could let go," she said.

Tollefson said many things fell into place that appear to be part of God's plan for the family and

the business. Before dad's funeral, they received their Medicaid waiver, the final piece that now allows them to accept clients. They've received several phone calls from people in need of services. With all the interest being shown, "We know we're on the right path," said Tollefson.

A Daughter's Love has developed into a mixture of day services, short term and long term live-in services, people in need of care for as short as one hour allowing their caregiver to run errands or for as long as two months or more, depending on the services needed. Tollefson said it can also be temporary care after a surgery or for clients needing one on one care around the clock.

It's a unique business offering unique services. If it is successful, Tollefson and Kuchinski can see expanding the model.

The goal for this location is to have one live-in caregiver, with three or four full time residents. They'd be joined by more short term and day service clients who come for social-

ization. Tollefson envisions they'll have maybe 10 to 15 caregivers employed once the facility gets up to capacity.

Tollefson is concentrating her time on A Daughter's Love, but her husband Todd is also helping out through his business, especially in the area of technology.

A Daughter's Love is equipped with digital television screens for each client. The screens will be able to tell clients what their schedule will be each day, what caregiver is coming to help them next and remind them of calendar events, like anniversaries and family birthdays. The screens will also play photos and videos submitted by loved ones. The photos can be sent from cell phones, so the client will be able to keep up with what is going on in their family's life every day.

"It really helps people to have everything there on the big screen," said Tollefson. "I've found that dementia is such a visual thing, it especially helps people with that type of

condition."

They'll also offer intergenerational services where teenagers will work one on one, helping clients learn how to use online programs like Snapchat and Facebook, which would allow them to interact with their families. A Daughter's Love will also have a private Facebook page for families to check in with their loved ones.

The facility will be equipped with sensor systems that learns a client's daily routine and will alert caregivers if the client's not eating or is staying in bed instead of going about their routine.

A Daughter's Love will reflect the life lessons that Kuchinski and Tollefson learned from their parents and their careers. It will be a social gathering place that their dad would have loved and a place for people to feel at home while getting the care they need.

"Our expertise is giving people the love we have," said Tollefson. "I have loved my clients like they were my parents, too."



Comfy...Cozy

Sisters Christine Tollefson and Carla Kuchinski show one of the new bedrooms at A Daughter's Love, with a fireplace screen providing warmth and comfort for residents. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Police investigate assaults, threats

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. included:

Nov. 20; Staples Police responded to a fight at Staples Motley High School. The alleged victim lives in Todd County. Police forwarded the information to the Todd County Sheriff's Office and advised the victim's mother of the incident.

Nov. 20; Staples Police received a report from a resident of a threatening phone call he received regarding harassment of a woman in Staples. The man reportedly threatened to come to his home and cut his throat. Police identified the man and attempted contact with him. Police also made contact with the suspect's probation officer.

Nov. 23; Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE for a report of an assault. After investigation, police issued a citation to John Faulk, 53, for 5th degree assault and disorderly conduct. Also assisting was the Todd

County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 24; Staples Police received information of a possible sexual assault. The alleged victim lives in Todd County. Police forwarded the information to the Todd County Sheriff's Office and advised the victim's mother of the incident.

Nov. 25; Staples Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Hwy 10 that was operating with no headlights on. After investigation, the driver, Karyn Johnson, 26, of Motley, was placed under arrest on suspicion of 4th degree DUI.



Coffee cup barn quilt

How many generations does it take to put up at barn quilt? Three if you're a Hirschey... Nov. 24 saw the Hirschey family gathering at the Stomping Grounds Coffee Shop now owned by Joel and Lindsay Hirschey of Staples to hang the newly painted barn quilt. The quilt block was painted by Staples-Motley High School art students Ava Schneider and Kira Sweeney

Left to right: Joel and Lindsay Hirschey; Todd Hirschey, Brad Hirschey and Sam Hirschey. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Favorite Holiday Memories and Traditions

We all have favorite memories of holidays past, stories of traditions we want to pass on and traditions that are changing with the times.

We invite you to share them with our readers in our Dec. 21 issue.

They can be as short as one sentence or even a couple of paragraphs. Drop them at our office at 224 4th St. NE, Staples; mail them to PO Box 100, Staples, MN 56479 or email them to Dawn at dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Dec. 11.

Please include your name, city of residence and a phone number. The phone number will be used for verification or follow up questions and will not be published.

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Tyrrell, Schmidt are All-Section, District

Staples-Motley football players Braden Tyrrell and Cade Schmidt were named to the Section 6AA All Section and the All District football team. The All-Section selection is based on postseason play and the All District is based on the regular season schedule. The Cardinals were in the Midwest District Blue.

Mason Nyhus and Dalton Holmberg were given honorable mention for the All District team.

The Staples-Motley football team also announced their team awards:

Junior Varsity Player Awards - Alex-Ross Bahn, Iziah DeMars and Emmitt Winkels

Cardinal Award - Matt Miller

Lineman of the Year - Kyle Serich

Back of the Year - Cade Schmidt

Most Improved Player - Issac Kronenberg

Most Valuable Player - Braden Tyrrell

The football team received the Silver Award status for the Minnesota Football Coaches Association All Academic Team, posting a 3.2 GPA. They were in the top ten in the state in Class AA. The District All-Academic Team included Jordon Carlson, Emmitt Winkels, Ryan Wick, Matt Fisher and Ryan Gerard.

Stat leaders -

Rushing: Dalton Holmberg 480 yards, 5.4 per carry; Cade Schmidt 433 yards, 5.5 per carry

Receiving: Griffin Webster - 31 receptions for 386 yards; Jordon Carlson 8 for 147 yards; Chase Davis 10 receptions for 215 yards; Mason Nyhus 29 receptions for 307 yards; Derek Kennedy 14 for 118 yards

Passing: Josh Lombard 92-224, 1,181 yards, 11 touchdowns and nine interceptions; Chase Davis 11-26, 100 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions

Tackling: Braden Tyrrell 102 solo tackles and 49 assists for 151 total; Cade Schmidt 81, Dalton Holmberg 50. Tackles for loss: Holmberg, Schmidt, Tyrrell and Scout Strickland all had nine, Luke Schmieg 7 seven.

Is it really safe to eat venison any more?

By Ray Gildow

I've been a deer hunter since I was sixteen years old. One of the reasons I always hunted is that I really do enjoy eating venison. Most of the hunters I know have an affinity for eating venison, but now real concerns are being raised about the safety and wisdom of eating deer, elk, caribou and moose because of CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease).

CWD is a prion disease closely related to Mad Cow illness. A prion is an infectious agent composed entirely of protein material which is transmissible to other proteins leading to a disease that is similar to a viral infection. It eventually kills the animals that are infected, and it is highly contagious from animal to animal.

For years, scientists thought it was highly unlikely that CWD could be transferred to humans who eat venison, moose, caribou and elk but now, some long-term research being done in Canada, suggest that indeed, eating these animals may infect people.

Research done by Stefanie Csub, a researcher with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, has demonstrated that Macaque monkeys fed meat from deer infected with CDW did indeed contact the disease. This is the first study to show that primates eating infected meat got CWD. The study was started in 2009 at the University of Calgary. The study is ongoing, but the implications are that this is a disease that might be transmitted to humans.

The discovery of deer infected with CWD that were raised in captivity on farms in Crow Wing and Meeker counties mean that wild deer harvested from permit areas surrounding those farms will be tested for CWD during the first two days of the firearms deer season. Testing will also be done in permit areas surrounding the disease management zone in southeastern Minnesota and testing will continue in permit area 603 where carcass movement is restricted. The DNR has excellent information online regarding all these rules

and how to remove lymph nodes for testing purposes.

Hunters not in these zones or who harvest deer later in the deer season may still have their animals tested. The University of Minnesota provides CWD testing and it takes about two weeks to get back test results. Colorado State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Lab also does CDW testing. There is a fee for both places providing the testing.

Mandatory testing zones are identified in the 2017 Deer Hunting rules book. For hunters who are not hunting in those zones and for hunters who harvest deer later in the season the question is.... should the deer we harvest be tested before we eat them? It is a question every responsible hunter must ask themselves this hunting season. Sadly, a great Minnesota tradition is at risk and we must all do our part to make sure hunting bounties we share are indeed safe to eat. To test or not is a question every ethical hunter will now face before cooking that venison meal.

The latest may be greatest ... maybe

I saw a picture of a proud deer hunter in a newspaper recently. Nothing unusual about that at this time of year, as the main firearms deer season was winding down and we were entering Minnesota's late muzzle-loader deer hunt.

What struck me about the picture was the firearm the young man held as he posed with a nice adult buck, which he'd harvested near the Iron Range town of Tower in St. Louis County.

Having owned several deer rifles of one kind or another over a period of nearly a half century, the image immediately said "vintage." The outline under the photo identified it as a Remington Model 81. This was one of the first successful semi-automatic rifles, which – for those who don't shoot – means a firearm that reloads itself and will fire each time the trigger is pulled. It was appropriately named the Woods-master by the people who back then were making the marketing decisions for one of the country's oldest firearms makers.

"Back then" was in 1936, but the rifle was actually based on a patent dating to 1900, granted to America's most famous firearms inventor, John M. Browning. The caption also identified the caliber of the rifle as ".35 Remington," which will not mean much to those who don't deer hunt or even

to deer hunters of Generation X; much less to hunters of the Millennial generation.

Like so many products of technological development, this gun and its caliber are out-of-step with modern firearms. The old 81 may be to deer rifles what the Douglas DC-3 would be to the Boeing 767. But the fact that something works does not keep us from trying to make it better, which I suppose is why my generation found a way to go to the moon, while some earlier generations looked at the moon and wondered if it really might be made of green cheese.

The fact is, I shot my first deer with a bullet of the very same .35 Remington caliber. It was fired from a vintage rifle that I wish I still owned today. The truth is, as a late teen I was just as vulnerable to the allure of "modern" and "powerful" as the next hunter. A year or so later I had sold the vintage rifle and bought a brand-new semi-automatic in a caliber that would stop a moose or an elk, let alone a whitetail deer. I proved that the newer and more powerful weapon would kill a deer. But I certainly could not prove that the latest trophy was any more dead than the deer I harvested with the old throwback I had hunted with before.

Something else about the picture of the young man with the deer caught my attention. The old Remington 81 did not have a telescopic sight – or 'scope – mounted on it. This being the case, that young hunter had to align two sighting points on the barrel and the gun's action with his naked eye, with no light-gathering lens or magnification to make the deer's image clearer or larger.

This, too, harked back to my first buck. My Marlin 36 had no 'scope, but required that my unaided eye center a tiny bead at the end of the barrel within a small opening in a round disc just ahead of where my cheek snugged down on the rifle stock. It was called a "peep" sight because you squinted through that small hole, centered the front bead within it, and held it on the part of a deer that you hoped to hit. That I managed to pull it off, in the waning light of dusk in a long-shadowed North Shore forest, still amazes me.

Like the progress that replaced my old .35 caliber rifle soon after I killed that first buck, the semi-automatic rifle I owned next had a modern telescopic sight. Like a good camera or binocular lens, it was capable of gathering light and brightening a deer's image under dim conditions, and could make that deer seem twice as large at its lowest setting, or seven times as large at its most powerful. As I said before, the latest-and-greatest killed deer, but no more dead than the simpler rifle it replaced.

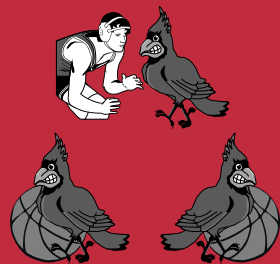
The deer hunt I remember most fondly came not long after. A friend and I backpacked and bushwhacked to a remote spot along the Baptism River inland from Lake Superior's North Shore. We slept in a tent and cooked over a wood fire, and over a long weekend managed to kill two bucks. I was shooting my latest-and-greatest, and with it harvested what would be called a "spike," a male whitetail with enough antlers to prove its gender, but not a whole lot more.

My friend Al toted his father's lever-action Model 94 Winchester; a rifle that – owing to its short barrels

Staples-Motley Winter Sports Schedules

2017-2018 School Year

GIRLS BASKETBALL			BOYS BASKETBALL			WRESTLING		
Nov. 28	W-DC	H	Dec. 5	Verndale	H	Dec. 1	Quad@NYM	A
Dec. 5	Crosby-Ironton	A	Dec. 8	Wadena-DC	A	Dec. 2	Tourney@W-DC	A
Dec. 7	Holdingford	H	Dec. 12	Breck. (6:00)	H	Dec. 8	Invite@Brainerd	A
Dec. 12	Park Rapids Area	A	Dec. 19	Pequot L.	H	Dec. 9	Invite@Brainerd	A
Dec. 15	Pequot L.	H	Dec. 22	Aitkin (7:30)	H	Dec. 15	Invite@CL - Bena	A
Dec. 19	Dilworth-G-F	A	Dec. 28	Tourney@Little F	A	Dec. 16	Invite@CL - Bena	A
Dec. 22	Aitkin (5:45)	H	Dec. 29	Tourney@Little F	A	Dec. 19	Tri@Barnesville	A
Dec. 28	Tourney@Little F	A	Jan. 4	Royalton	A	Jan 5	Quad@Cambridge-	
Dec. 29	Tourney@Little F	A	Jan 9	Crosby-Ironton	A	Isanti	A	
Jan. 4	Bemidji	A	Jan. 11	Park Rapids Area	H	Jan. 9	W-DC (7:00)	H
Jan. 9	Pequot Lakes	A	Jan. 16	LP-GE	H	Jan. 13	Invite@Parkers P	
Jan. 12	Park Rapids Area	H	Jan. 19	Pequot Lakes	A	Jan. 20	Tourney (11:00)	H
Jan. 18	Hawley	H	Jan. 23	Bemidji	A	Jan. 26	Tourney (10:00)	H
Jan. 25	Frazee (5:45)	H	Jan. 25	Crosby-Ironton	H	Jan. 30	Bertha-Hewitt	A
Jan. 29	Fergus Falls	A	Jan. 30	Detroit Lakes	A	Feb. 2	Invite@Walker-	
Feb. 3	Perham	A	Feb. 2	D-G-F	H	Hackensack-Akeley		
	(Fargo Civic Center)		Feb. 6	W-H-A	A	Feb. 8	United North Central	
Feb. 8	C-I	H	Feb. 8	Aitkin	A	Sebeka	A	
Feb. 9	Pillager	A	Feb. 10	TRF (2:30 p.m.)	H	Feb. 13	Section	TBA
Feb. 15	Aitkin	A	Feb. 13	Pillager	A	Feb. 16	Section	B-H HS
Feb. 16	Detroit Lakes	H	Feb. 16	Osakis	A	Feb. 24	Section	PR HS
Feb. 20	LP-GE	A	Feb. 22	Park Rapids Area	A	Mar. 1-	State Tourney	Xcel
Feb. 22	Barnesville	H	Feb. 27	Detroit Lakes	H	Mar. 3		St.Paul
Feb. 23	Osakis	H	Mar. 2	Barnesville	H			
Mar. 1	Section	TBA	Mar. 8	Section	TBA			
Mar. 3	Section	Concordia	Mar. 10	Section	Concordia			
Mar. 6	Section	Concordia	Mar. 13	Section	Concordia			
Mar. 9	Section	Concordia	Mar. 16	Section	Concordia			
Mar. 13-	State Tourney	TBA	Mar. 21-	State Tourney	TBA			
Mar. 17			Mar. 24					
	Home games at 7:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted.			Home games at 7:15 p.m. unless otherwise noted.				



Winter sports

Staples-Motley wrestling and boys basketball players have started practice for the winter season. The girls basketball team opened their season with a 57-49 win on Nov. 28. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Thursday Twilight League Bowling Wadena Lanes			Mason Bros	1636
			High Team Game- staples Vet. Clinic	585
Nov. 16, 2017			High Ind. Series/ High Games	
1. Mason Bros.	8-0		Tia Freitag	534 213-171
2. Ted and Gen's	7-1		Marge Harrison	511 182-172
3. Staples Vet Clinic	4-4		Deb Pundt	489 184-157
4. Spectrum Marketing	3-5		Amber Block	442 167-138-137
5. Lefty's	2-6		Betty Klingaman	172
6. Ghost Team	0-8		Lori Murdock	165
High Team Series-			Cheri Bodeen	145-134
			Lonna Watland	145

Bow hunting tips

By Steve Carney

One of the biggest hunting challenges is tagging a late season buck or doe. Late season bow hunting is a completely different ordeal as compared to hunting before the firearms season. Here are some tips for those still holding unfilled tags and still ready to bag an archery whitetail.

FIREARMS STRESS

Nothing changes the life of a whitetail like the firearms season. Being pushed by firearms hunters now has made these whitetails change to a nocturnal schedule meaning they won't leave their beds until the last bit of light. Expect the best period to

be the last half hour of legal shooting and the first 15 minutes of first light in the morning.

SNOW CRITICAL

Snowfall not only accelerates the feeding cycle of whitetails, snow also will give you a clue to where they are feeding. Fresh tracks in snow gives you a definite travel pattern. Once you determine they are entering a field by viewing the fresh tracks, expect the deer to return to that exact spot before dusk.

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	402 Trucks/Vans	702 Flea Market/Crafts
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WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	3,223.25
119 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$ 2,000.....	41,154.04
Total.....	\$129,964.33

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HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH.....	2,685.24
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS.....	6,059.74
#1911.....	2,722.43
#12512.....	2,891.70
#14655.....	2,801.40
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NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR.....	4,939.54
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME.....	6,568.20
REVERENCE FOR LIFE AND CONCERN.....	4,170.00
STEP.....	6,963.24
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	11,475.60
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	37,514.89
Total.....	\$120,138.27

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held October 17, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on November 21, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer
48pnc

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 7th day of November, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Neumann.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 11.6-2018 Environmental Health Fee Schedule.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the October 2017 Auditor Warrants number 230442 through 230711 in the amount of \$6,864,119.38.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number

47326 through 47475 in the amount of \$136,463.38.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 701441 through 701623 in the amount of \$85,412.76 and Warrants number 513171 through 513197 in the amount of \$42,054.75.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reschedule the December 5th, 2017 Todd County Commissioners Board Meeting to the date of December 6, 2017.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher voting against:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE SALE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Todd, State of Minnesota, desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012, 92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale. [Unless otherwise stated.] The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that the Soil and Water Conservation Board (of the district in which the land is located) has reviewed the attached land sale list and identified any and all non-forested marginal land and wetland.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby requests approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Sale of six tax forfeited parcels highlighted on the attached list.

Public Works

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

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND AGREEMENT TO SPONSOR THE CITY OF EAGLE BEND'S PURSUIT OF 2017 LRIP FUNDING FOR PHASE 2 AND 3 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Eagle Bend Phase 2 and 3 Street Improvement Project includes North Street from Highway 71 east to Main Street (CSAH 22), 1st Ave W from Clark Street south to South Street, Central Ave N from North Street south to Main Street (CSAH 22), 1st Ave NE from North Street south to Main Street (CSAH 22), 2nd Ave NE from North Street to approximately 150

feet north, 2nd Ave SE from Main Street (CSAH 22) south to South Street, 3rd Ave SE from Main Street (CSAH 22) south to South Street, Main Street (CSAH 22) from Highway 71 east to 3rd Ave SE within the City of Eagle Bend, and;

WHEREAS, the city is preparing engineering plans for the reconstruction of various roads in the area of downtown Eagle Bend as part of a larger utility and street reconstruction project scheduled for FY 2018 and 2019, and;

WHEREAS, the City, as part of the larger street reconstruction project, is including the engineering and construction of North Street to the 10-ton standard capable of handling the expected level of heavy commercial vehicles, and;

WHEREAS, North Street will serve as a connection for heavy commercial vehicles between US Highway 71 and Pro-Ag Farmers Co-Op thereby creating a farm to market connection, and;

WHEREAS, the scope of the larger street reconstruction project and the reconstruction of North Street will include several enhancements to roadway safety and operation for both vehicles and pedestrians, and furthermore the project will serve to minimize heavy commercial trips along the city's Main Street (CSAH #22) in the central business district, and;

WHEREAS, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation makes available up to \$750,000 to apply towards projects on local roads that result in safety improvements, provide farm to market connections, and address transportation deficiencies, and;

WHEREAS, the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) program requires a city, such as Eagle Bend, that is not a State Aid city, to have a county sponsor and the support of the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners support the City's pursuit of Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) funds for the Phase 2 and 3 Street Improvement Project, within the City of Eagle Bend.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County agrees to sponsor the City of Eagle Bend's Local Road Improvement Program application to MnDOT and act as the City's fiscal agent for this project.

Ditch Inspector

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement for Ditch Maintenance on CD33 from Glen Mendenhoff Reynolds Twp Section 20.

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - DITCH MAINTENANCE - COUNTY DITCH 19

WHEREAS, Wayne Carstensen is requesting to maintain approximately 1,000 feet of CD19 that is located on his parcels - 12-0001800 & 12-0002402. The maintenance will be done at his own expense. A Hold

Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, an onsite inspection has been done, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Wayne Carstensen to maintain approximately 1,000 feet of CD19 that is located on his own property, at his own expense.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To allow for the purchase of the in-squad camera system.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Guadalupe Botello-Becerra as a part-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective November 12, 2017 at a Grade 6, Step A.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Mitchell Preusse as a part-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective November 12, 2017 at a Grade 6, Step A.

County Departments

A Public Hearing was held at 9:30 a.m. to solicit public input on the proposed 2018 County Fee Schedule. No public input was given.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the 2018 County Fee Schedule as presented with an effective date of January 1, 2018.

MIS

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the proposal from Spectrum Design and Marketing for website redesign and maintenance agreement.

Health & Human Services

An update from Rural MN CEP was provided by Sue Hilgart and Darla Hoemberg regarding MFIP and DWP Employment Services provided to Todd County residents.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract for Rural MN CEP to provide MFIP & DWP Employment Services for calendar year 2018.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2018-2019 MFIP Biennial Service Agreement for program administration by Todd County.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FUNERAL EXPENSE POLICY FOR TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Todd County Health & Human Services works as the collections agent for certain debts owed to the MN Department of Human Services, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County Health & Human Services collects money from the estate of persons receiving Medical Assistance, and;

WHEREAS, The MN Department of Human Services State Recovery Unit (SRU) has issued instructions requiring counties to adopt a funeral expense policy for determining the "Reasonable Funeral Expenses" allowed toward an estate of a person who was on Medical Assistance prior to their death.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners adopts the funeral expense policy provided by the MN Department of Human Services State Recovery Unit.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the request for Todd County Health & Human Services to recruit and hire one additional full-time Support Enforcement Aide.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2018 Environmental Health fee schedule with a 2% increase.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on current activities including real estate tax season and elections for ISD 487, 740, and 2155 happening on 11/7/2017.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including current recruitment statuses, union negotiations and the open enrollment meetings.

Recess

Chairperson Erickson recessed the meeting until November 21, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOC.....	9,409.25
FARMERS ST. BANK.....	60,753.00
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.....	2,400.00
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC.....	3,294.46
METRO SALES INC.....	2,357.96
MOTOROLA SOLU. CREDIT CO LLC.....	57,330.30
RIEDEL/AUGUST and MARSHA.....	7,200.00
VERIZON.....	2,962.59
24 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	5,566.70
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	3,696.00
BRUDER/JEROME.....	4,400.00
COMPUTER PROS.....	4,609.00
DITTBERNER/REBECCA and JUSTIN.....	6,020.00
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	5,271.96
MORRISON COUNTY.....	34,025.55
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	74,141.67
REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN.....	32,377.02
STEP.....	4,005.50
STREAMWORKS.....	5,550.00
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST.....	69,688.00
TRI CITY PAVING INC.....	229,292.85
WATERGUARDS, LLC.....	9,656.00
56 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	16,856.30
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	52,420.34
CARD SERVICES COBORNS.....	2,589.92
CARDMEMBER SERVICE.....	6,467.74
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	17,843.41
GENE-O'S COUNTRY- SIDE REST LLC.....	5,109.25
GOULD/RHONDA M.....	2,834.00
GUSTAFSON/JEAN M.....	6,172.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL COMPANY.....	6,403.44
LONG PRAIRIE PLG & HTG INC.....	2,122.25
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT.....	12,601.76
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	7,184.50
NORTHLAND TRUCK SALES, INC.....	119,780.00
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	229,840.75
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....	5,852.00
31 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	10,245.22
AMERICAN DOOR WORKS.....	13,862.00
AMERICAN HERITAGE.....	8,121.56
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.....	2,975.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE.....	3,147.04
STRUCTURAL SPECIAL, INC.....	202,585.13
VOYANT COMMS., LLC.....	3,484.24

WATERGUARDS, LLC.....	3,179.00
26 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	8,039.50
ANOKA CO GOV'T CENTER.....	14,956.75
GOLDEN SHOVEL AGENCY.....	5,700.00
HILLIG AUTO CENTER.....	4,600.00
HOST EXTERIOR INC.....	4,237.50
PHEASANTS FOREVER.....	4,000.00
SUMMIT COMPANIES.....	2,389.50
VERIZON.....	2,963.58
24 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	11,554.22
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	646,474.55
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVE. DIST.....	6,797.81
CITY OF BERTHA.....	94,711.44
CITY OF BROWERVILLE.....	109,650.58
CITY OF BURTRUM.....	7,563.12
CITY OF CLARISSA.....	92,648.22
CITY OF EAGLE BEND.....	120,738.84
CITY OF GREY EAGLE.....	53,511.23
CITY OF HEWITT.....	22,297.04
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	371,449.55
CITY OF OSAKIS.....	107,178.44
CITY OF STAPLES.....	315,934.76
CITY OF WEST UNION.....	4,069.55
REGION V DEV. COMMISSION.....	9,833.29
SAUK RIVER WATER SHED DISTRICT.....	32,452.78
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213.....	312,331.26
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170.....	258,326.31
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753.....	721,820.84
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2759.....	51,760.35
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486.....	146,019.41
SCHOOL DISTRICT 487.....	4,210.57
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740.....	51,896.07
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743.....	294,467.86
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786.....	165,465.07
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787.....	178,782.18
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818.....	13,010.50
TOWN OF BARTLETT.....	22,096.36
TOWN OF BERTHA.....	25,011.90
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE.....	68,540.42
TOWN OF BRUCE.....	40,227.18
TOWN OF BURLEENE.....	21,332.60
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE.....	64,303.13
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY.....	29,509.67
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE.....	44,556.84
TOWN OF GERMANIA.....	20,609.28
TOWN OF GORDON.....	90,201.29
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE.....	112,563.89
TOWN OF HARTFORD.....	49,359.30
TOWN OF IONA.....	16,060.90
TOWN OF KANDOTA.....	46,267.16
TOWN OF LESLIE.....	75,178.61
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK.....	30,669.86
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK.....	43,852.41
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	43,957.31
TOWN OF MORAN.....	39,033.18
TOWN OF REYNOLDS.....	22,903.24
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE.....	47,291.35
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	79,577.71
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE.....	33,949.40
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK.....	35,053.70
TOWN OF VILLARD.....	57,427.82
TOWN OF WARD.....	31,258.97
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	21,819.73
TOWN OF WYKEHAM.....	21,945.36
6 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	2,033.48
Total.....	6,864,119.38

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
APEXSQL LLC.....	\$2,429.00
CENTRACARE CLINIC- LONG PRAIRIE.....	16,055.66
CENTRAL APPS. INC.....	12,435.78
CENTRAL SPECIAL. INC.....	3,317.79
HELM/KEVIN.....	2,197.10
HERDERING INC.....	3,007.51
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC.....	2,214.10
MCCC, MI33.....	5,522.11
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV.....	2,227.69
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP.....	4,872.57
O'REILY AUTO PARTS.....	3,795.52
REEDSBURG HARDWARE CO.....	2,154.00
TOWMASTER.....	2,598.46
TRUENORTH STEEL.....	13,905.43
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET.....	4,437.07
VEOLIA ENVIRON. SERVICES LLC.....	2,536.00
134 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	42,757.72
Total.....	\$136,463.38

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#15191- COST EFFEC. HEALTH INS.....	\$2,172.00
DHS- SWIFT.....	12,299.11
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	11,531.62
TODD COUNTY AUD./TREASURER.....	15,096.10
179 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	44,313.93
Total.....	85,412.76

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ANU FAMILY SERV. INC.....	\$5,667.40
CENTRAL MN MENTAL HEALTH CTR.....	3,560.00
NORTH HOMES CHILD. & FAMILY SRVS.....	7,980.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR.....	3,172.00
STEP.....	8,182.12
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR.....	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	10,014.06
Total.....	42,054.75

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

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer
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