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Lt. Col. Ferdon honored by Minnesota Wild

By Dawn Timbs Staples World reporter

Lt. Col. Keith Ferdon of Motley, along with his military team, was honored during a recent Minnesota



Sawyer Ferdon was one of the military kids invited out on the ice as part of the opening lineup at the Minnesota Wild game.

Xcel Center in St. Paul.

As part of the Wild's Military Appreciation Night, one of Ferdon's soldier's, CPT Ryan Derner, was saluted on the ice during the performance of the national anthem. In addition, six military kids, including Ferdon's son, Sawyer, were invited out on the ice as part of the opening lineup.

"The recognition was awesome," Ferdon said, adding that the soldiers received a standing ovation from the entire arena, which was "powerful."

A member of the Army National Guard for the past 17 years, Lt. Col. Ferdon has had four years of active service. He currently serves as commander of the Minnesota Army National Guard's 682nd Engineer Battalion located in the St. Cloud/ Willmar areas.

This past August, he and his battalion returned after a nine-month deployment to Kuwait, serving under the title of Task Force Wild in honor of the Minnesota hockev team.

According to a press release, the mission of the

task force was to provide horizontal and vertical engineer construction in support of coalition forces in the region. The soldiers oversaw the planning and execution of 285 construction projects with an approximate total value of \$20.2 million in seven countries: Afghanistan, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon and the United Arab Emirates. The peak strength of Task Force Wild was 1,100 soldiers.

In addition, the unit's forward support company was responsible for distribution support and maintenance of equipment that increased the battalion's operational readiness from 59 percent to 91 percent.

"I am proud of what we did on this last deployment and the ways we helped in the fight against Da'esh (ISIS)," Ferdon said recently.

He's been passionate about the United States of America for as long as he can remember. Ferdon went on; and knew at a very young age that he would like to serve in the military.

Lt. Col. Ferdon grew up in Larson, Wisc., which is



At Minnesota Wild game

The Minnesota Army National Guard's 682nd Engineer Battalion, of Willmar/St. Cloud, was honored at a recent Minnesota Wild hockey game at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. In attendance were Lt. Col Keith Ferdon of Motley, Commander of the battalion; his wife, Debbie and children Brooke and Sawyer; and other members of the battalion. (Submitted photos)

near Oshkosh. After high school he attended the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Pt., where he majored in biology. He was also a part of the ROTC program (Reserved Officers Training Corps), which helped pay for his tuition.

The day after he graduated from college in 1995,

Ferdon reported to active duty. He was initially stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., followed by continued training at U.S. Army Ranger School in Ft. Benning, Ga. Later, he was stationed at Ft. Irwin, Calif., where Ferdon says, "I was lucky enough to find my bride.

He and Debbie eventually moved to Minnesota, settling in the Motley area. Debbie is a teacher at Motley-Staples Middle School; and Keith works at Camp Ripley as a state employee, in addition to serving as a battalion commander. The

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Hello, Readers,

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiégne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives In addition at least five million civilians died

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from disease, starvation, or exposure.

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Murder suspect held in Wadena shooting

The Wadena Police Department is investigating a possible homicide in the 300 block of Bryant Ave. SW, Wadena. At approximately 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 7. the Wadena County Sheriff's Dispatch Center received a 911 call of an adult male with a gun.

An officer responded to the location and observed an adult male fleeing the residence, which resulted in pursuit of the suspect in his vehicle in Wadena, heading west on Hwy. 29. The adult male was pursued west into Otter Tail County, ending just past the intersection of Hwy. 29 and Otter Tail County Rd. 75, when the subject's vehicle crashed into another vehicle.

Officers located an adult female inside a home at the Bryant Ave. SW residence who was identified as Margaret St. Marie, age 27, Wadena, who was deceased from apparent gun shot wounds.

The adult male, Antonio St. Marie, Wadena, is in custody at this time.

Wadena Police Department is being assisted by Wadena County Sheriff's Office, West Central Task Force, Minnesota BCA and the Otter Tail County Sheriff's Office. This is currently an on-going investi-

Guns, depression lead to suicide concerns

By Mark Anderson **News Editor**

Firearms are by far the number one mode of suicide in the United States and Minnesota. Although there is no single cause for suicide, a dangerous time is when a person is is coming out of a deep depression, according to Maggie Freiberg, Mental Health Therapist at Lake-

Freiberg gave those tips and more at a breakout session during the Community Connect resource fair on Oct. 26 at Staples-Motley High School. "When they start to come

wood Health System.

out of a deep depression, they have more energy to engage in suicidal activities," said Freiberg.

But she said mental health problems are treatable and also had suggestions to deal with the firearm problem.

Freiberg said depres-

sion is often undiagnosed or untreated. She said most people who actively manage their mental health conditions lead fulfilling lives.

Besides depression, warning signs for suicide include loss of interest, rage, irritability, humiliation or anxiety, especially if it is out of character for the person.

People contemplating suicide often talk about: being a burden to others, feeling trapped, experiencing unbearable pain, having no reason to live, or killing themselves.

Behaviors associated with suicide include: giving away prized possessions, increased use of alcohol or drugs, searching for a way to kill themselves, acting recklessly, withdrawing from activities,

See **SUICIDE** on page 11a

Veterans Day programs Nov.

All area veterans are invited to three Veterans Day programs to be held Friday, Nov. 11, in Staples and Motley. Motley-Staples Middle School will have a program at 9:30 a.m.; Sacred Heart Area School in Staples will have their program at 10 a.m. and Staples-Motley High

School's program will begin at 1:30 p.m. The high school program will feature Charlie Poulton as the main speaker and will include paver dedications for the Staples Veterans Park.

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Business Barn Quilt Trail to be developed



Finishing touches

Ashley Smith, senior at Staples-Motley High School, adds some final touches to a barn quilt that will be placed near the Northern Pacific Depot in Staples. Smith is a student in art teacher Jill Schneider's class; and Schneider helped with the "Railroad Crossing" pattern of the barn quilt. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota now have 19 quilts on display on their trail. More are being added each month.

The organizers are now seeking to develop a Business Barn Quilt Trail. This would feature smaller versions of a barn quilt, 2 ft. by 2 ft. or 4 ft. by 4 ft., mounted on a building owned by a business.

Local businesses have the opportunity to participate. Art students at Staples-Motley High School are willing to paint the quilts.

The Early Bird Deadline to reserve a spot is Dec. 1. An application form was included in the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce November newsletter. The fee does not include mounting the barn quilt.

For more information contact Lisa Kajer at 218-

894-2906. The website is barnquiltsmn.org

Barn quilts are quilt squares painted on medium density overlay board and then mounted on a barn or other structure. Generally they are 8 ft. by 8 ft., but some are 4 ft. by 4 ft.

The pattern may be chosen to tell a story or simply because the owner/creator likes the colors or image.

Dave Noska at Don and Dave's Store south of Staples chose "Churn Dash" as his theme because of the dairy products his store sells. The design features include an ice cream cone.

"It's been fun having a barn quilt on my business." Noska said.

Participating businesses will be listed on the Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota's website on a downloadable map. Brochures will also be printed and distributed to travel information stops and chamber offices in a 70 mile radius of the Staples and Motley area.

There is a business barn quilt trail between Chisago City, Lindstrom, Shafer, Center City and Taylor's Falls. This "Swedish Barn Quilt Trail" on Hwy. 8 now has over 75 barn quilts. It is bringing more tourists to the area and foot traffic to local businesses.



Peterson and Klouchar visit Ernie's

U.S Senator Amy Klobuchar, center front, and U.S. Representative Collin Peterson, center left, tour Ernie's Food Market in Staples on Nov. 2, a long with store owners Al and Barb Erbe and USDA Rural Development State Director Colleen Landkamer, left. The visit was to see the results of a \$19,693 Rural Development Rural Energy for America Program grant, which the Erbe's used to purchase energy efficient coolers, like the new coolers (above) in the convenience store and produce coolers (below) in the grocery store. Erbe also installed LED lighting throughout the store, also with the grant money. Erbe told his visitors that the new lighting requires half the wattage as the old lights, eliminating the need for a transformer. He said the grant will help him remain competitive with big box stores out of town.

Klobuchar said the visit was part of a rural needs tour which included attending an Alzheimer's conference in Wadena and learning about the market tax credit in Park Rapids.

Below, Staples Mayor Chris Etzler also met with the contingent. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





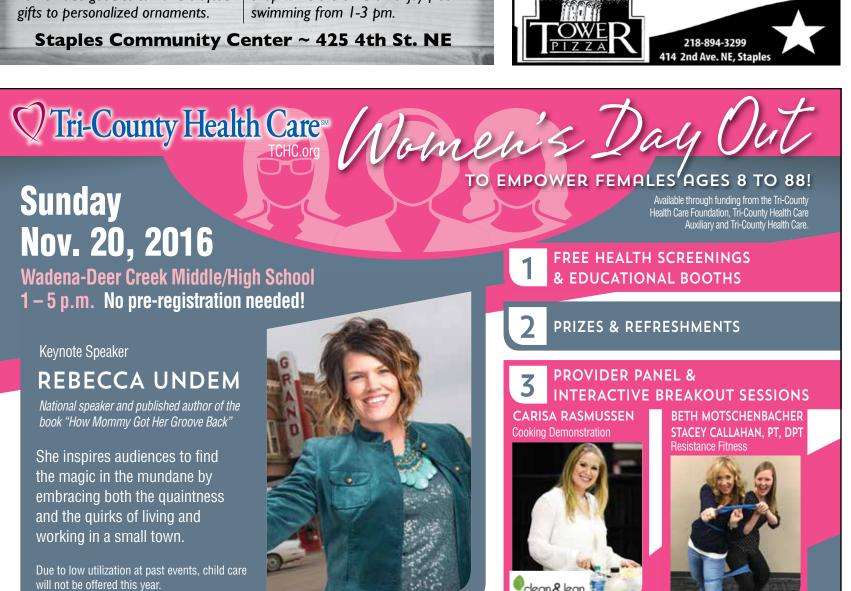




Students meet politicians

Staples-Motley High School students Norah Anderson and Taylor Heldman visited with U.S. Representative Collin Peterson and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar during their tour of Ernie's Food Market. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)





Staples Police report

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

Nov. 2, Staples Police responded to Staples-Motley Elementary School for a student that ran away from the school. The student was returned.

Nov. 2, Staples Police put three abandoned bikes from the community center in the bicycle impound. The bikes are a blue Triathlon Pro Ironman, a black Eagle River Murray and a blue/silver MTN Sport SX Road Master. If these bikes belong to you contact the police 218-894-1841.

Nov. 2, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Cleveland Ave. SW for a report of suspicious activity, someone attempting to kick a door in of a residence. A party at the residence stated they were aware of who was at the door and stated he was fine and didn't need assistance.

Nov. 3, Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 7th St. SE for a report of a domestic. When police arrived the suspect had left the residence, police spoke to the victim. After an investigation, police determined the suspect would be arrested for domestic assault. The following day Albert Garza turned himself into police and was arrested for domestic assault and interfering with an emergency phone

Nov. 4, Staples Police took a report of two juvenile females pouring water from the overpass on to Hwy 10. Police located the juveniles and advised them of the consequences.

Nov. 5, Staples Police took a report via text message stating a subject high on meth wanted to harm a Brainerd Police officer. Police assisted the reporting party with contacting Crow Wing County dispatch.

Nov. 5, Staples Police conducted a welfare check on an individual on the 400 block of 8th St NE. When police contacted the individual he gave police a false name. Upon investigation police found the true identity of the subject, who was arrested for giving a false name to a police officer and for a warrant on a probation volation.

Nov. 6, Staples Police took a report of a possible domestic assault at a residence on Ravilla St. NE. The report will be forwarded to the Wadena County Attorney's Office.



Constellation observation . . .

Staples-Motley High School astronomy students Austyn Ploshnick and Kyle Huepenbecker show their 3D constellation model, part of a class project, to third grader Kaden Speckhard. Instructor Dawn Paurus' high school astronomy class, is made up of students in grades 8-12. Students in Donnalee Butler's third grade elementary class were invited to learn about their constellation unit. Near the end of the unit, high school students will make books to bring to the third grade classroom. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Stories in the stars

Hallie Wood talks to Emmalee Dobson and Makana Juergens about mythological stories behind constellations, how patterns in the night sky were named after Greek gods, heroes, princesses, kings and queens.



Constellation station

Edilia Chinbaeva and Kaitlyn Smith quiz Mason Albertson and Gabe Kroll on constellations using marshallow models and paper drawings.



Eye towards the sky

Third grader Joe Knosalla learns to use a telescope during a class visit to the astronomy class.

Changes proposed to zoning ordinance

At the Oct. 18, Todd County Board of Commissioners work session, Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber reviewed seven areas of the current zoning ordinance proposed to be revised. The revisions will be presented at the Dec. 1 and Jan. 5 planning commission meetings and be made available online and at the planning office for public review. Comments can be submitted to the office or at the meetings listed above through the end of January, 2017.

Proposed revisions include a number of administrative changes designed to allow smoother and quicker office processing of land use applications and to land use board appointments. None of the proposed changes are more restrictive than current standards and several will provide more opportunity to landowners for use their land.

A new standard is proposed for ag-forestry zones that would allow permits to be issued if "legal access" can be demonstrated. Legal access will be defined to be either a land connection or perpetual access easement recorded at the recorders office. Many rural parcels in ag-forestry zones do not meet the road frontage requirements and therefore cannot currently be issued building permits.

A new set of standards allowing small numbers of animals to be housed in shoreland zones are proposed based on parcel size and at the discretion of the feedlot officer. This would allow small one to two acre parcels to obtain a permit for a chicken coop and even larger animals if the parcel has more than five acres of fenced pasture that are outside the shoreland setbacks and has no steep slopes.

Look for more as these changes are presented to the public and these proposals are refined.

For more information contact Todd County Planning and Zoning at 320-732-4420.

Todd County Board deals with routine agenda

The first regular meeting of November on Nov. 1 for the Todd County Board of Commissioners was short. Including the closed session, the meeting was 50 minutes in length.

The closed session was for the purpose of 2018 labor negotiation strategy. No report was given.

Open Forum

District 9A Democratic House of Representatives candidate Meg Litts addressed the board.

Commissioner Randy Neumann asked Litts how she would plan to fund the increasing costs of insurance and child protection in the county.

She replied that they needed to find a way to hold the pharmaceutical companies and insurance companies accountable for the skyrocketing costs and look at how to bring costs

Consent Agenda

• Established the date of Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. in the county board room for the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

• Rescheduled the Dec. 6 board meeting to Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. due to the commissioners attending the AMC Conference.

• Reappointed Jeff Rinde, representing District 4, to a three year term on the County Extension Committee effective Jan. 1, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2019.

Commissioner David Kircher said that in the past the commissioner for the district that's up for reappointment had been notified. He had received no notification, felt the commissioners were being left out of communication.

"I have no problem with Jeff at all," he said

• Approved the Election Day Registration Capture Agreement.

The Auditor/Treasurer's office has been looking at ways to increase efficiencies of data processing within the office.

SeaChange, their regular election support vendor, has presented a new program called Election Day Registration (EDR) Capture to facilitate in automating the entry of Election Day Voter Registration Applications.

The board action read, "Due to the expected increased volume in Election Day Registrants for the General Election on Nov. 8, 2016, the Auditor/Treasurer's office is eager to set-up this process to ease overtime needs to meet Minnesota Statute time frames for processing EDR Applications. This agreement

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The first regular meetage of November on Nov. 1 county attorney."

The EDR Capture Agreement with SeaChange will be effective Aug. 1, 2016 through Dec. 31, 2018.

The cost is approximately \$1 per registration.
The board set a cap at \$2,000 for the use of the

program.

• Approved Budget Amendment for Special One-Time Retiree Severance payment to Community Corrections in Fiscal Year 2016, to aid in reducing the levy request for Fiscal Year 2017, per recommendation of the Todd County Finance Committee.

The amount of the request was \$83,273.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Langer (not present at the meeting) had reported at the finance committee that several retirements would be coming up.

The motion to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Community Corrections Fund was also approved.

Reports

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that her office has been quite busy with election duties already. They have had 1,003 requests for absentee ballots and 764 of those have been accepted already.

County Coordinator Lisa Herges also gave a brief report. Her last day with the county is Nov. 15.

Neumann also thanked the staff who participated in the Halloween dress up day on Monday. He dressed as a rooster.



Governor's visit

Al Kolling, left, president of the Staples Rotary Club, welcomed Rotary District 5580 Governor Herbert Schmidt and his wife Bonnie to a recent club meeting. The Schmidts currently live in Fargo, N. Dak., but originally are from Dickinson, N. Dak., same as Kolling. The theme for Rotary International this year is "Rotary Serving Humanity" and Schmidt reminded the club of the many regional, national and international projects and opportunities supported by individual clubs and their members. Schmidt's vision focused on improving educational opportunities for children around the world, but also specifically in this district on improving literacy among the Native Americans. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)







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pinion



Better attendance leads to a better student

As we enter into the winter months of the 2016-17 school year, attendance concerns seem to follow right along with weather.

At ISD 2170, we expect our students to be here. Research shows, time and again, that attendance is the largest factor in a student's success in school. There's a phrase that reads: "The world is run by those who show up.' We couldn't agree more. Their grades, activities and athletics all stay the course when attendance isn't a concern.

We owe it to our students and families to maintain our attendance expectations. They're real and very relevant to the workforce awaiting them after they graduate. Here at the high school, "habits" mean as much to us as academics. As a staff, we feel assisting our students in strong habits, both school and life related, is part of our obligation to their education. With all of us working to keep their expectations in good standing, success isn't far behind.

As an effort to better serve our families, we'll be activating our "Attendance Calls" via Skyward Family Access. If your student is marked absent in any of their classes, you'll be getting an email, voicemail and/or text message based on the ing and learning.

Staples- portant we're all in the loop with Motley



Schmidt Staples-Motley and Connections High Schools Principal

From kindergarten to graduation, we feel consistent attendance matters. As a parent, you can excuse up to five days per semester. After that, professional services documentation is required for any other absences. You can reference our handbooks for more detailed information.

information we have in Skyward

Family Access. We feel it's im-

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your student's attendance.

As always, we're here to work with you. By keeping us informed as to situations you've encountered, we can better serve you and your

student(s). Simply put, our classrooms and build-

ings are better when we're all here. The consistencies lend themselves to reaching higher and digging deeper with our teach-

Keeping our promises honors all veterans

By U.S. Senator Al Franken

Each year on Veterans Day, I think about the military men and women I had the honor to meet when I took part in several overseas USO tours before I became a U.S. Senator.

Those tours not only gave me the chance to help entertain our troops stationed in places like Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan, but they also allowed me to sit down with many of them and understand the sacrifices that they make to defend our nation, and more importantly, the toll it can take on them and their families.

As Senator, when I've visited Walter Reed Medical Center near Washington, D.C., I've met brave service men and women who have made unimaginable physical and psychological sacrifices to ensure our freedoms. These are the troops whose battles did not end when they came home.

What's most striking is that when I meet them, they often tell me that despite their own suffering, they think more about their fellow service members, especially those who didn't make it home.

Keeping promises to veterans

What do our veterans in Minnesota and across the country ask in return for their service? Usually, they want nothing more than the benefits they were told would be there for them when they leave military service.

I recently met with Veterans Secretary Robert McDonald and urged him to continue to make the changes necessary to address the VA's recent benefits backlog that had forced far too many returning veterans to wait far too long to receive the medical care they need to treat both the visible and invisible scars of war.

I told him I'm going to continue my fight to ensure that veterans not only get timely and quality care at our VA medical facilities, but also receive the education, training and housing benefits they were promised to help ease their transition back into civilian life.

When I talk to Minnesota veterans and meet with the leaders of our state's veterans groups, they tell me that ensuring access to these important benefits must continue to be a top priority.

During the current Congress, I, along with Minnesota Congressman Tim Walz, have pushed our "Quicker Veterans Benefits Delivery Act," to get benefits into the hands of veterans with service-related disabilities as quickly as possible. A key feature of the bill is to allow veterans to receive a disability diagnosis from doctors outside the VA system so that they can access their disability benefits more quickly.

This year, I've also pressed to ensure that Minnesota National Guard and Reserve members who were called to active duty can access their hardearned veterans benefits. Unfortunately, some Minnesota Guard and Reserve members who were deployed to the hostile Sinai Peninsula in Egypt had their GI Bill applications rejected after returning home.

I've worked with Senator Amy Klobuchar to fix this problem by pushing to ensure that Guard and Reserve men and women who were called to active duty including the Minnesotans deployed to the Sinai - are no longer denied these important benefits.

Helping atomic veterans

I'm also working to help thousands of service members who in the late 1970s were unwittingly exposed

to high levels of radiation when they helped clean up nuclear testing sites in the Marshall Islands without proper protection. Today these "atomic veterans, suffer from high rates of cancer, heart disease, and respiratory issues and are not being adequately compensated for their medical

To correct this injustice, I, along with Republican Senator Thom Tillis of North Carolina, have pushed a bipartisan bill to extend key medical benefits to these veterans so they can get the care they should have gotten long

Honoring veterans' sacrifice

I'll continue to listen to Minnesota veterans and fight on their behalf in the U.S. Senate to ensure they have access to the VA benefits they were promised in return for the sacrifice and service. Perhaps President Reagan said it best on Veterans Day in 1985, when he spoke of those who laid down their lives for our country. "Most of them were boys when they died," he said, "and they gave up two lives - the one they were living and the one they would have lived.'

Today, for us to honor our veterans' "second life," we must do more than thank them for their service. We must ensure that we keep our promises to get them the medical care they need, and deliver the education, training and housing benefits they've earned in a timely manner. Keeping our promises will not only help ease a veteran's transition back into civilian life, but it will reflect the true meaning of Veterans Day.

Sen. Al Franken can be reached at 309 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-5641, http://franken.senate.gov

Freshwater to celebrate **American Education Week**

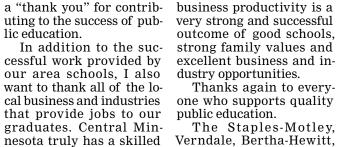
By Jerry Nesland

Hats off to all public educators as everyone recognizes American Education Week, Nov. 14-18. The theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and

Our Responsibility.' As director of the 13 member Freshwater Educational District of Central Minnesota, I am daily reminded of the huge impact

quality education has on workforce and ample job children. Everyone who opportunities. The qualworks at a school deserves a "thank you" for contributing to the success of pub-

cessful work provided by our area schools, I also want to thank all of the local business and industries that provide jobs to our graduates. Central Minnesota truly has a skilled



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jointly sponsor.

Jerry Nesland is the director of the Freshwater Education District based in Staples.

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Letter to the Editor

Trade deal

Our Minnesota Congressional delegation should vote no on the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal, which could come up for a vote any time before the end of the year.

The TPP does more to advance the interests of multi-national corporations than it does to improve trade relations or benefit everyday Ameri-

In addition to transferring US jobs overseas, increasing extreme energy extraction and raising basic healthcare costs, the deal would give foreign corporations the power to sue governments - at the national, state or local level - for any laws they see as "impeding expected future profits." That means if a foreign corporation thinks one of our township's laws is an obstacle to their "expected profit," they could sue for millions of dollars.

The same goes for long-

standing federal laws and basic regulations like food safety protections. In fact, our government was already sued by a Canadian corporation under this provision in NAFTA, when TransCanada sued the U.S. for over \$15 billion for rejecting the KeyStone XL Pipeline.

TPP would expand this power to over 9,000 new foreign corporations in 11 other countries. This provision in the TPP violates our fundamental sovereignty as a country as well as people's right to have a say over what goes on in their communities locally - all to protect and expand corporate profit.

I am disappointed that Senator Klobuchar has yet to take a stance on the TPP. I urge the Senator to stand with the interests of citizens, not corporations, and publicly commit to voting no on TPP.

Don Twaddle Staples, Minn.

Vietnam-era veterans

era veterans living in the

Brainerd Lakes Area is the

first item on the agenda

at the Veterans Town Hall

meeting Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at

American Legion Post 255.

located at 708 Front Street,

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The town hall meeting

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The St. Cloud VA Health

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Traveling exhibit to explore the 1960s

"Coming of Age, The 1968 Generation" is on display through Dec. 30 at the Wadena County Museum.

This traveling exhibit from the Minnesota History Center explores the self-expression, upheaval. change and sounds of the 60s and the Vietnam War.

Growing up amidst political turmoil and revolutionary social change had a lasting impact on teens in the late 1960s. The exhibit looks at the pivotal events, both far away and close to home, that forever shaped the lives of this generation.

In "Coming of Age: The

1968 Generation," visitors will glimpse into the lives of Minnesotans who grew up in and around 1968. The exhibit features six graphic panels, a computer game show activity about the songs of that era, and a kiosk displaying video clips featuring famous people and events.

The Wadena County Museum is located at 603 Jefferson St. N., Wadena and is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to book group tours call 218 631-9079 or email 603wchs@ arvig.net.



Carr, Birkholtz on public tv

Ray Gildow, right, host of Lakeland Currents, will welcome Melissa Birkholtz, Staples Chief of Police, and Mike Carr, Wadena County Sheriff, to discuss drug enforcement issues in the region. They will examine the current amount of illegal drug use in the area and the cooperation among local law enforcement agencies to combat drug trafficking in the communities. The show will be aired on Lakeland Public Television Friday, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m. (Submitted photo)

Free class offered in online library research

The internet offers a wealth of information. Curious about an event or a person? Just enter it into a search engine and you'll get pages and pages of websites to visit.

But can you trust what you find on those websites? How can you be sure you are getting the best, most current, most accurate information?

The Staples Public Library and Central Minnesota-North Adult Basic Education can help you become confident in your research. They are collaborating to offer a class for the public from 10 a.m.noon, Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Staples Library at 122 6th St. NE, Staples.

Space is limited so registration is requested by Dec. 1 by calling Amy at 218-894-5315. Laptops will be provided. Participants of all ages 16 years and older are

welcome to attend.

As the volume of information grows in databases, libraries and on the internet, information literacy skills are key to being able to find and manage information effectively in a complex society.

Information literacy is about recognizing when information is needed, and locating, critically evaluating, using and presenting the information to suit a specific purpose.

These skills are increasingly in demand by individuals and employers alike.

Technicians from the Great River Regional Library system, of which the Staples Library is a member, will teach this free, two-hour module. You will be introduced to information literacy via the many various resources available to you through navigating the GRRL online.

Donations

ples Public Library is seeking donations for their annual used book sale. Clean, gently used paperback and hardcover books can be brought to the library anytime during regular li-

The sale will be Friday, Nov. 18, from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the library building in the city council chambers.

needed to assist during the sale hours, prior to the sale to help set up and immediately following the sale to box the remaining books. Anyone interested can sign up at the library's circulation desk.

The Staples Public Library is located at 1226th St NE Staples and the library hours are; Mon., 10 a.m.-6 nm Tue 2-8 nm Weds 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs., 2-8 p.m., Fri., 1-5 p.m., Sat., 10

Proceeds from the sale are used to support library activities and reading programs for children, teens and adults. The funds also may be used to purchase furniture and equipment needed by the library staff.

recognition planned Recognizing Vietnam- vide information on the full range of Veterans benefit programs.

About the Vietnam War Commemoration

Authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense and launched by the President in May 2012, the Vietnam War Commemoration recognizes all men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. Nine million Americans, approximately seven million living today, served during that period, and the commemoration makes no distinction between veterans who served in-county, in-theater or who were stationed elsewhere during those 20 years. All answered the call of duty.

By presidential proclamation issued on May 25, 2012, the commemoration extends from its inaugural event on Memorial Day 2012 through Veterans Day

To learn more about the Vietnam War Commemoration, go to www.vietnamwar50th.com.

sought for book sale

The Friends of the Stabrary hours.

Volunteers are also

a.m.-1 p.m.

9 **Mark Your** Calendar

November 16

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wed., Nov. 16, 5:30 p.m., lower level of Twisted Sisters in Staples. Public invited.



'Book Ends' is new event series at An Open Book

"Book Ends", a new pro- winners, Booker Prize wingram connecting readers and writers, opens Saturday, November 12, at The Uptown in Wadena. According to An Open Book owner/operator Gillette

Kempf, Minnesota authors are invited to talk about the writing process, discuss, read from their current publication and take questions from the audience. Books will also be for sale. The events are

free and will be held on the second Saturday of each month, beginning

November 12, at 11 a.m.. Midwest Book Award winner Faith Sullivan will be discussing her novel "Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse".

'Faith has a large fan club in northern Minnesota," said Kempf. "She visits often and loves the people and the place".

'We're blessed to have a large cadre of Minnesota authors to choose from," said Jerry Mevissen, events coordinator. "We have Pulitzer Prize winners, National Book Award ners, Newberry Award, Edgar Award - every award seems to have been won by a Minnesotan.

Each monthly event is sponsored by a local busi-

ness or organization. Faith is sponsored by Jackpine Writers' Bloc of Park Rapids. Saturday December 10, will feature Betsy Nelson author of 'Tasting Minnesota" and is sponsored by Mason Faith Sullivan, Brothers, of Wadeguest author na. "Tasting Minnesota" is the De-

cember/Christmas event that will also feature local chef Amy Thielen and Prairie Bay Restaurant in Baxter, among others," said Kempf.

Other authors who've been invited include Mary Casanova (Frozen and Ice-Out), William Kent Kruger (Ordinary Grace), Kate DiCamillo (Raymie Nightengale), Candace Simar (Shelterbelts) and Will Weaver (The Survivors).

For information, contact Gillette Kempf at 218-

School board special meeting and work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:45 a.m. at the district office.

Agenda items include:

• canvassing the returnes of the Nov. 8 school board elections and authorizing certificates of elec-

> • personnel items including permission to post for an accounts receivable position up to half time; approve resignation of Marci Lord with new effective date and approve a contract for Patricia Vacek as the school business manager effective Nov. 21.

The board has also set a work session for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the high school media center to review data relevant to a facility study.

Student entrepreneurs

Students in the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program gathered recently for a breakfast with program investors and business hosts. After viewing a video about the origins of the programs and its growth to date, local students shared their observations about the businesses they had toured so far. Fourteen students from Staples-Motley and Wadena-Deer Creek school districts are enrolled. They meet from 7:30-9 a.m. every school day. This semester they have been meeting at Stern Rubber, Staples. Next semester they will meet at a Wadena business. They tour various businesses to hear about the challenges and the career opportunities. Each student will start their own business before the end of the school year and will showcase them at a business fair. Standing is Rachel Fisher, Staples, sharing her observations. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)









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Life Currents



Hey, DJ! Missing a class ring?

A Staples High School class ring from 1964 has been found and the finder is trying to find the owner. The initials on the ring are "D" and "J."

Robert Somers found this ring, which is in good condition, in the late 1970s or early 1980s while hiking along the Mississippi River between St. Paul and Hastings. He thinks it might have been in the area of Nininger. It was found on the west side of the river

He also noted that it was not found on a trail. He usually hikes off the

To claim the ring email Somers at rmjsomers@ gmail.com.

9 **Care Center**

NOVEMBER SPECIAL ACTIVI-TIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH System Care Center:

Thurs., Nov. 17, 10 a.m. Bible study; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6 p.m. Games



Smile with Savhannah Benefit

for the Savhannah Springer Family

SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 5 - 9 p.m.

BLUFFTON COMMUNITY CENTER

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sliced ham, veggies,

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VADENA STATE BANK LOCATION

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN-

Born to Mary Monnier and Russell Powell of Cushing, a baby boy, Jake Allen weighing seven pounds, six ounces on October 28, 2016.

Born to Daniel and Staci Stoerzinger of Cushing, a baby boy, Beau Douglas weighing nine pounds, one ounce on October 29, 2016.

Born to Whitney Peterson and Zach Zeise of Wadena, a baby boy, Zayden James weighing nine pounds on November 1, 2016.

Born to Josh and Kelsey Kern of Wadena, a baby girl, Jaidyn Rae weighing seven pounds, four ounces on No-

vember 1, 2016. Born to Kyle and Rishona Ashman of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Avery Ruth weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces

on November 1, 2016. Born to Terry and Jessica Senn of Motley, a baby boy, Austin Douglas weighing six pounds, six ounces on No-

vember 1, 2016. Born to Randy and Ashley Mumm of Wadena, a baby boy, Collin Gary weighing seven pounds on November 2,

2016.Born to Candace Fear and Brenden Foley of Brainerd, a baby girl, Haven Claire Pauline weighing eight pounds,

six ounces on November 3, 2016. Born to Nick and Amanda Lengyel of Brainerd, a baby boy, Wyatt Eugene weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on November 3, 2016.

Born to Drew and Megan and Drew Benzer of Pine River, a baby girl, Camilla Aurora weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on November 4, 2016.

Born to Brittany Cheney and Tim McKenna of New York Mills, a boy, Maverick James McKenna weighing eight pounds, six ounces on October 29, 2016 at Tri-County Hospital, Wadena.

Siblings are David, Grayson, Austin and Jadalynn. Grandparents are Kari McKenna and Rhonda Karnes.

Born to Michael and Kelly DeGeest, Cushing, a boy, Elias Neil weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on October 10, 2016 at Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center, Brainerd.

Grandparents are Donald and Joan DeGeest, Motley and Roger and Linda Feist, Browerville.

Help improve mental health needs for Minnesota veterans

ment of Veterans Affairs a long with Wilder Research are working to assess the mental health needs of veterans in Minnesota. Feedback will help improve services for veterans throughout the state.

The survey is completely confidential and no responses can in any way be traced back to participants; this is only to help service providers and the state provide better services.

The survey is available online at https://nazse. voxco.com/se/1145/MDVA-

There's also a paper version of the survey. Stop by the Todd County Veterans Office at 347 Central Ave #5, Long Prairie for a copy or

The Minnesota Depart- call 651-280-2748, or to complete the survey over the phone, call 651-280-2748.

Complete the survey by Dec. 4. For questions regarding the survey, call 651-280-2748.

As a way to thank survey participants a \$10 gift card to; Target, Walmart or Cenex will be given to each one completing the survey.

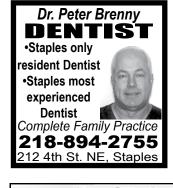
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Many events

We would like to thank all of our volunteers and families for all of our fabulous PTC events trhat were held in October. We had a busy month which include Display My Art Night, Supper for the Teachers during conferences, Book Fair and Fall Festival.

It's been amazing to have all the helpers and donations. We could not have had such a successful list of events without you all. Thank you, thank you.

Staples-Motley Elementary Parent Teacher Connection



featuring author

Faith Sullivan



Soup, sandwich and 'swan' song

Staples Area Women's Chorus under the direction of Rob Freelove at the Soup, Sandwich and Song concert held Oct. 29 at Staples Alliance Church. This was Freelove's last performance with the SAWC, as he will be the director

of the Staples Area Men's Chorus. At the event, chorus members honored Freelove for his dedication to the group and welcomed the SAWC's new director, Joan Batcher Rhymers. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)







Breakout singing stars

Members of the Staples Area Women's Chorus sang breakout songs during their Soup, Sandwich and Song event, including the group of Judy Wolak, Judy

Jenkins, Barb Cline and Anne Freelove performing "I Enjoy Being a Girl" and Macy Judd singing "The Way I Am."









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Heritage House of Pequot Lakes

Home Instead Senior Care

Horizon Health/Harmony House

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Crosby

St. Croix Hospice

Faith Sullivan, sponsored by Jackpine Writers "Good Night, Call An Open Book 218-632-2665 or go to www.anopenbookmn.com for details. Mr. Wodehouse" Retirement Party. Together let us honor and celebrate the retirement of our beloved pastor Steve Sveom Sunday, November 20 Faith Lutheran Church 430 12th St. NE, Staples

Questions, call 218-894-1546 or email faithfuthernstaples@gmail.com

*Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.

followed by a program celebrating

Pastor Steve and Toni, approx. 11:15 a.m.

*Lunch to follow in the Community Room.

Connecting Writers with Readers

A monthly Literary Event at

Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m.

The Uptown, 224 Jefferson St. S., Wadena

Bratfest and polka music

The Staples-Motley High School music department hosted their annual Bratfest event Oct. 14 at the school cafeteria. The festive polka band had people up dancing.....both experienced and newcomer polka dancers. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Student Achievements

Ashley Smith, Staples, has been accepted to and has chosen to attend the University of Minnesota, Morris. Smith will graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 2017 and plans to attend Morris beginning Fall 2017. She is the recipient of an Achieve-

ment Scholarship. Lynnea Iverson, Staples, will perform her senior vocal and instrumental recitals at Bemidji State University on Nov. 12. Iverson is a double major at BSU in K-12 instrumental and vocal music education. Her recital will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Thompson Recital Hall of BSU's Bangsberg Fine Arts Complex. Lynnea is the daughter of Jeff and Kathy Iverson, Staples.

Obituaries

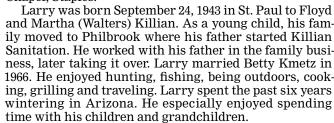
Larry Killian

Larry Killian, 73, of Staples, passed away peacefully at his home November 2, 2016, after a two week battle with an infection which he had been hospitalized at the St. Cloud Hospital for.

Services were held Nov. 5 at the Church of Christ in Staples, with Pastor Barry Klein officiating.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.



Larry is survived by three daughters, Debbie (Harold Shequen) Killian and Darlene Hoemberg both of Staples and Carrie Killian of Bullhead City, AZ; one brother, Harlan (Myrna) Killian of Staples; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife and one brother, Jerry Killian. w45c A00006B2016NV10

Pearl Hoemberg

Mass of Christian Burial for Pearl Hoemberg, 95, will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Joe Korf as celebrant. Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 11, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 6:00 and prayers at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church.

Pearl passed away November 6, 2016, one day after her 95th birthday at the Fair Oaks Lodge, in Wadena. A full obituary will be in next week's issue of the Staples World. Arrangements are with Schuller Family Funeral

Homes, Wadena.

MMFCU starts mittens drive

Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union (MMFCU) is once again leading an effort to warm the hands of those in the Staples community this winter.

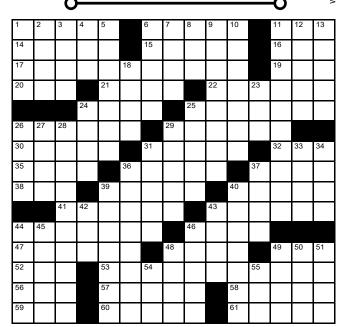
MMFCU Staples branch will host a "Mittens and More Drive" throughout the month of November. The goal is to collect as

many new mittens, hats and scarves as possible. The items collected are given to Staples '93 Lions for distribution to families in need.

Donations will be accepted through Dec. 2 and hung on a "mitten tree" in the Staples branch location.

0-0 Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile



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Last Week's Answers

"Costume Party"

'Christmas For Kids' still going strong

The Staples '93 Lions are once again preparing for the annual Christmas for Kids program.

Their goal is to assist where there is a need and to provide holiday joy to children in the Staples-Motley School District that otherwise may not have a Christmas.

The Staples '93 Lions ask that, "If

a little help with Christmas gifts this year, you may pick up an application at Staples-Motley Elementary or Motley-Staples Middle School." The ages served are birth - age 15.

The application deadline is Nov. 23; and parents or guardians are asked to pick up the gifts on Saturday,

you or someone you know could use Dec. 10, at the Staples Community Center.

> To make a donation to the Christmas for Kids program, mail your check to Dena Iverson, 523 4th St. NE, Staples, MN, 56479. For more information, call Lion Dena Iverson at 218-296-1312 or Lion Janet Opheim at 218-397-2376.



Disney celebrated at FIB on Halloween

The entire "cast" at First International Bank & Trust in Staples enjoyed a day with "Disney" as they dressed up as some of their favorite Disney characters for Halloween Oct. 31. An ice castle was also featured. (Submitted photo)

Staples Area Church Directory

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Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891 Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.	Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service Sunday School & Bible Cla
Sunday Worship	United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples Pastor Bob Ford
Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles	Sunday Worship(Nursery Available for Sun
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Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein	Balsamlund Luthe

WFDNFSDAY. Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Congregational Church, UCC 204 5th St. NE, Staples. Pastor Tony Romaine

Worship ..9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran 218-894-1546 Pastor Stephen Sveom .8:30 a.m. First Service Second Service .10:45 a.m. Sunday School .9:35 a.m. Sacred Heart Church

310 4th St. NE, Staples .218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf Youth and Young Adult Ministry Monica J. Simmons......218-414-0081 cell/text Thursday and Friday. 8:30 a.m. Saturday .. .5:00 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Jeff Scoggins, Pastor Saturday Worship Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.......218-894-3923 Pastor Nathan Hillman Sunday School

Sunday Worship.

WEDNESDAY.

(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Aldrich Congregational, UCC One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich Pastor Dave Seator ..218-445-5831 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship, ..1st Sunday of Month **Balsamlund Lutheran** 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.701-261-2394 (cell) Eric Clapp.. Sunday Worship ..8:15 a.m. Sunday School Cushing **Bethany Lutheran** 320-749-2140 www.bethanylutherancushing.com. Rev. Jean M. Megorden

Lay Pastor Bob Mueller .9:00 a.m Sunday Worship.. Lincoln Evangelical Free .218-575-2449 1354 320th St., Cushing. www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday Office Closed Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion 1354 Café Coffee Fellowship... 9:13 a.m. Worship Gatherina . 10:00 a.m. .6:00 p.m. Kids' Club. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study6:00 p.m. Praise & Praver ..4:30 p.m

Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushina www.cushingbaptistchurch.org Pastor Dan Holmes..... .320-749-2583 Sunday School9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY .7:30 p.m. Bible study

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. #218-837-5690 Open by arrangement

Leader ..218-894-2372 **Swan Valley Lutheran** .218-397-2470 .9:00 a.m. Pastor David Stevens Sunday School & Bible Class...... 10:15 a.m. .. 11:00 a.m. **Maple Hill Lutheran** ..218-894-2248 Pastor David Stevens Leader218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) 10:30 a.m. Worship and Sunday School *Motley* **Motley Free Methodist** 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466 Pastor Jim Johnson

.218-352-6888 **Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg** 9.00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship. Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m. WFDNFSDAY AWANA ..6:00 p.m. St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley..... Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler .218-352-6399 unday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship. St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley218-894-2296 MASS: Tuesday Wednesday. .7:00 p.m. Saturday .. 10:30 a.m. **United Methodist** 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466

Pastor Bob Ford www.motleyumc.org .8:00 p.m. Monday AA meeting. **Oylen Alliance**

Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Pillager **First Lutheran Church** 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN

Pastor Hector Merced Sunday Worship .9:30 a.m. Sunday School **Casino Assembly of God** N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. .218-746-3839 Phone .. Sunday School . Worship.. .10:30 a.m unday Worship..

Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 56453 Pastor Wayne Hoffert ..9:30 a.m Sunday School . 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY ..7:00 p.m Prayer Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship.. ...9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses ...11-11:45 a.m. **Hope Chapel Alliance** 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship .9:00 a.m Sunday School . 10:30 a.m. Family Night .5:30 p.m Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com 218-371-7189 Pastor Amos Self Prayer & Praise .6:00 p.m WEDNESDAY Family fellowship meal Bible Study groups, all ages 6:30 p.m. **Verndale United Methodist** 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndal 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship. .9:00 a.m. **Central United Methodist** 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor Chuck Horsager 218-639-4225 Sunday Worship . 9:00 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. wk45

First Baptist

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Praying for the new president

By Pastor Greg Ciesluk, Staples and Motley United Methodist Churches

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity." -1 Timothy 2:1-2

As you read this, Election Day 2016 will have come and gone, though the outcome is unknown as I write this piece. I can hear many of you saying, "Thank God it's over." It's been a tough campaign, all right. It's been bitter and rancorous with accusations, smear tactics, suspicions and scandal swirling all around. Many of us were not thrilled with our choice of candidates. Polls said that most of our fellow Americans were voting more against instead of voting for their preferred candidate. But now, regardless of who has been elected, we must go on.

.11:00 a.m.

Depending on where you sit, you may be tempted to throw up your hands in discouragement, but Christians are called to be bearers of hope. God is at work in the world. Seldom, if ever, do we have perfect candidates. Inspite of this, we can affirm that God is sovereign and express this belief by uniting together to pray for our new president.

No matter which candidate has won, he or she will need God's help and our prayers. The staggering challenges facing the nation will be before the newly elected leader. The Word of God instructs us to devote ourselves to prayer for our leaders, which of course, would include our President. For some of us, this will feel right because we voted for said candidate in the election and are in sympathy with that point of view. For others, this will be difficult because we did not vote for said candidate or have great consternation about said candidate's policies and/ or character. In this instance, praying may feel too much like agreeing. But, it would seem that if we struggle with the person in the office, doubling our efforts to pray rather than not praying for him or her at all would make more sense.

Whatever one's politics may be, I think it makes sense that all wise and fair-minded people desire for the next president to succeed. Furthermore, it is most appropriate that all people of faith unite to devote themselves to fervent, faithful prayer on our new president's behalf.

To assist you with this task, let me offer the following prayer O Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe,

we unite our hearts in prayer for our newly elected president. We dare to believe, by the mystery of the working of Your will, You have elevated (our president) to serve our nation for such a time as this by divine appointment and for such a time as this.

We commend (our president) to Your love and grace. Let Your favor rest upon him/ her. Shower him/ her with wisdom and compassion. Make him/ her attentive to enduring principles, tempered by discipline,

and focused on the well-being of the nation, in the short as well as the long run. Guard their heart and guide their steps that they may lead with humility, integrity and vision. May this presidency bring unity to our divided nation

and usher in an era of justice and peace

creative solutions to the difficult challenges we face,

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Central Building Supply Bob Reeck, Manager

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Staples World our community newspaper since 1890 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Staples Veterinary Clinic

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

Savings Bank Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERI-FICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PRO-VIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS AC-TION.

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

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

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

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

ORIGINAL PRINCI-PAL AMOUNT OF MORT-GAGE: \$212,500.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 7, 2009

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

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

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

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 28453 OTTA-WA DR, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems. Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Summit Mortgage Corporation, a Minnesota corporation

RESIDENTIAL SER-VICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTI-FICATION NUMBER: 26-

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUM-BER: 100061907000094672

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

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

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

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMP-TION BY THE MORT-GAGOR, THE MORT-GAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR

ASSIGNS, MAY BE RE-DUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MIN-NESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETER-MINING, AMONG OTH-ER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELL-ING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROP-ERTY USED IN AGRICUL-TURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RE-LEASED FROM FINAN-CIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: November 4, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A. By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building

St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-0983-FC01) THIS IS A COMMUNI-**CATION FROM A DEBT**

25 North Dale Street

COLLECTOR. 45-50pnc

PUBLIC NOTICE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 215 First Ave. South Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday**, **Novem**ber 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1) Linda Gilmore: Sec -14 Twp-127 Rng-34 Part of NW4 of SE4 AND Sec-14 Twp-127 Rng-34 Part of GOV Lot 2. Site Address: 12261 Alcott Dr. Sauk Centre, MN 56378

PIN: 03-0031400

Variance request 1.To reduce the structural set back to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 50 feet to construct a lake home. 2. To reduce the setback for the home from the drainfield the required 20 feet to 15 feet 3. To build a deck within the shore impact zone of 50 feet from the lake.

2) Larry and Rose Welle: Sec-29 Twp-127 Rng-32 Nestlebush Subdivision Lot 18. Site Address: 30522 Aspen Dr. Grey Eagle, MN 56336

PIN: 11-0061900

Variance request to reduce the setback from 20 feet to 8 feet from the road right of way for construction of detached shed.

3) Ross and Tamara Niebur: Set-7 Twp-130 Rng-32 GAARE'S Subdivision Lot -10 BLK -1. Site Address: 29174 King Road Browerville, MN 56438

PIN: 16-0037200 Variance request 1) To reduce the setback for after the fact water oriented accessory structure from 75 feet to 38 feet. 2) To increase the size of water orientated accessory structure from 250 sq ft to 450 sq

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these mat-

Todd County Board of Adjustment Bill Berscheit, Chair 45pnc

NOTICE **TODD-WADENA** COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS **MEETING**

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board Meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016, at the Meeting Room, Eagle Bend City Hall, Eagle Bend, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell Administrative Assistant 45pnc

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 2, 2016

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 2nd day of August, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with the removal of 9.1 Acknowledge Receipt-CD33 HHA-Private Crossing and addition of 5.2 Hartford Historic Bridge Project Contract Award.

Routine Business

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Auditor Warrants number 227674 through 227866 in the amount of \$3,183,662,69.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 43957 through 44043 in the amount of \$66,254.10.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 68919 through 69078 in the amount of \$175,315.15 and number 511432 through 511463 in the amount of \$69.913.24.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement between Minnesota Counties Computer Coop-

which provides maintenance of data processing software and systems for our financial programs.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopt-

ed by unanimous vote: **DECLARING TODD** COUNTY'S INTENT TO RETAIN A CPA FIRM TO PERFORM ITS ANNUAL FINANCIAL

AUDIT WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 6.481, subdivision 2 requires counties to have an annual financial audit, and:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 6.481, subdivision 2 permits counties to "choose to have the audit performed by the state auditor, or may choose to have the audit performed by a CPA firm"

NOW, THEREFORE **BE IT RESOLVED,** that Todd County chooses to retain the services of a CPA firm that meets the requirements established in Minnesota Statutes, section 326A.05, for its annual financial audit.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Annual Purchase Agreement with the West Central Regional Juvenile Center.

Public Works

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous

REQUEST TO ADVANCE **TOWNBRIDGE FUNDS** FOR SAP 077-599-064 (HARTFORD HISTORIC **BRIDGE PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on July 26, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-599-064, said historic bridge rehabilitation project on 290th Street in Hartford Township, and;

WHEREAS, Robert R. Schroeder Construction Inc. of Glenwood, Minnesota submitted the low bid of \$619,423.00, and;

WHEREAS, funding for erative and Todd County this project was previous- LLC, Mora, Minnesota:

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ly approved for \$582,794, which included \$80,000 for associated engineering costs, and:

WHEREAS, construction plans for this project have already been approved by MnDOT and permitted by all the regulating agencies including the Minnesota State Historical Society, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County is prepared to proceed with the construction of said project by providing county funds to supplement the available funds in the County's Townbridge Account, and:

WHEREAS, repayment of the funds so advanced by Todd County is desired in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 162.08. Subdivision 5 & 7 and Minnesota Rules 8820.1500, Subpart 9a.

NOW, THEREFORE **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby request that the Commissioner of Transportation approve this basis for financing said construction project and authorize repayments from subsequent accruals to said Account, in the amount of \$130,000 (\$109,000 from the estimated 2017 Townbridge allotment and \$21,000 from the estimated 2018 Townbridge allotment).

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous

AWARD OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION **CONTRACT FOR** SAP 077-599-064 (HARTFORD HISTORIC **BRIDGE PROJECT)**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on July 26, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-599-064, said historic bridge rehabilitation project on 290th Street in Hartford Township, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received: Robert R. Schroeder

Construction Inc., Glenwood, Minnesota: \$619,423. Redstone Construction,

\$624,807.50

NOW. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Robert R. Schroeder Construction Inc. of Glenwood, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$619,423.

Assessor's Office

On motion by Kircher, the Abatement Policy action was tabled.

Human Resources On motion by Erickson

and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the temporary hire of Lisa Herges as County Coordinator/Human Resources starting with an effective date of Monday, August 22, 2016 working 3/5 time in this position (Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays) with a 3/5 prorated salary based on the full-time Springsted placement. Benefits will not be accrued during this temporary three month period. After three months in this part-time position, Lisa Herges will meet with the County Board to verify the continued interest of both parties to make the relationship permanent. If there is mutual interest. Lisa Herges and the County Board of Commissioners would then negotiate an agreement for permanent full-time status.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Patricia Pechan to fill the open position of Property Tax Specialist position at Grade 7, Step B, \$18.41 per hour; effective August 8, 2016.

Great River Regional Library

Great River Regional Library gave their 2017 Budget presentation to the County Board.

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On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of Douglas Thom as full-time GIS Technician, Grade 7, Step B, \$18.41 per hour, with a start date to be determined.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the retirement of Sharon Willie effective immediately.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for TCHHS to recruit and hire a Seasonal Energy Assistance Program Worker, to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Sharon Willie.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the intent of Kathy Davis to retire effective November 30, 2016.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for TCHHS to recruit and hire an Eligibility Worker, to fill the position that will be left vacant by the retirement of Kathy Davis.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Home and Community Based Waiver Services Contract between Thomas Allen, Inc and Todd County Health & Human Services.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Thomas Allen Consulting, Inc. and Todd County

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Public Notices NOTICE NOTICE

TODD COUNTY IMPORTANT HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX NOTICE

This will affect your 2017 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the last year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2016.

What is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's

For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply? You must apply on or before December 15, 2016.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 15, 2016 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

Todd County Assessor's Office

215 1st Ave. South, Suite 202 Long Prairie, MN 56347 (320)732-4431

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MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP

Meadowbrook Town Board will hold their board of canvas on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk Meadowbrook Township 45pnc

LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the south shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 15 and into early months of 2017. For inquiries call 763-535-1079. 45-46pnc

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TODD COUNTY DITCH NO. 18 REPAIRS TODD COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY IONA & REYNOLDS TOWNSHIPS, MINNESOTA ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 16-19782

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repairs project will be received by Todd County Drainage Authority, at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, in person only until 2:00 p.m. local time on December 2, 2016 at which time the Bids received will be read aloud. The Project consists of constructing the following major quantities of Work:

Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repairs

			Estimated
Item No.	item	Unit	Quantity
2021.501	MOBLEATION	LS	1
2105.603	DITCH CLEANING	LF	76,582
2105,603	HEAVILY MEGETATED CLEARING (NUMEROUS LARGER TREES)	LF	14,176
2575.601	LIGHT VEGETATED CLEARING (SMALLER ERJSH)	LF	36,235

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

Bidding Documents are available for download online at Quest Construction Data Network, www.questcdn. com for a fee of \$20.00 or in person for the same fee. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 4728378. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

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

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

> **PUBLIC NOTICES:** Your Right to Know

#14203..

\$2,000.....

#14480 Payments less than

2.690.80

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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Health & Human Services. On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the layoff of Monica Hansen, WIC Coordinator, effective September 30, 2016 with payment of severance in accordance with AFSCME Public Health

Agreement. On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the layoff of Maria Ruiz, Office Support Specialist I, effective August 16, 2016, with payment of severance in accordance with AFSCME Public Health Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Collective Bargaining

Auditor-Treasurer Report

Primary Election will be held on August 9, 2016 with the Auditor's Office to be open on Saturday, August 6 for Absentee Voting. Canvassing Board will meet on August 12.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Adjourn

Commissioner Becker recessed the meeting until August 16, 2016.

AUDITOR WARRANTS		
Vendor Name	\$ Amount	
LONG PRAIRIE OI	L	
COMPANY	\$14,566.69	
PETERS &		
CHURCHWELL	3,842.00	
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PETERS &	
CHURCHWELL	3,842.00
REGENTS OF THE UofM	I 31,664.46
RESOURCE TRAINING	
AND SOLUTIONS	236,653.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	15,817.00
US BANK	68,534.38
VERIZON	2,422.10
Payments less than	
\$2,000	8,239.10
AMERICAN HERITAGE	

......31,679.42 BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION..... CENTERPOINT ..20,762.00 ENERGY... PROFESSIONALS14,417.00 LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION

MN DEPT OF FINANCE... 7,393.00 MORRISON COUNTY.....22,226.10 PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AUTH ...64,397.03 RESOURCE TRAINING

AND SOLUTIONS......217,367.00 TRAFFIC MARKING 3,014.52 Payments less than

...17,711.03 CAPKO BROTHERS ...51,695.70 FARMS..... EPIPHANY COM. SERV ... 2,125.00 FLEET SERVICES/WEX

GOULD/RHONDA M 2,412.00 MINNESOTA POWER & Payments less than ...13.186.00 \$2,000.. ALLIANCE BUILDING CORPORATION......18,050.00 AMERICAN HERITAGE... 8,059.62

BIG BIRCH LAKE CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC......629,495.31

GENE-O'S COUNTRYSIDE . 7,270.65 MINNESOTA UI 7,004.00 PETERS & CHURCHWELL..... SCHOOL DISTRICT 213 8,896.92 SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753 .. 7,052.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT 787.... 5,519.72 TOWN OF GORDON 5,813.60 TOWN OF STAPLES 2,798.77 TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK. 3,232.23 TOWN OF WARD ...

TOWN OF WEST UNION . 2,129.82 VOYANT COMM. LLC 3,494.50 Payments less than ...33,082.06

Total	\$ 3,183,662.69
COMMISSIONER	S WARRANTS
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CENTRAL SPECIA	LTIES
INC	14,326.76
DIGITAL ALLEY	3,120.00
HILLYARD	2,001.65
MCCC, MI33	
MORRIS ELECTRO	NICS 3,223.47
MORRISON CO PU	BLIC

HEALTH SERV RELIANCE TELEPHONE .. 6.000.00 INC. TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET..... 6,646.80 Payments less than \$2,000..... ...19,322.13

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

.....\$66,254.10

WARRANTS			
Vendor Name	\$ Amount		
V #4123 COST EFF.			
HEALTH INS	2,654.50		
BRENNY FUNERAL			
CHADEL DECITOR			

3,500.00 ST CLOUD, MN 3,500.00

DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM. 6,192.00 RURAL MN CEP INC16,747.41 TODD CTY AUDITOR/ TREASURER.....

153 Payments less than .42,286.65 Total: \$ 175,315.15

Vendor Name COMMUNITY AND \$ Amount FAMILY SRVS LLC. 4,656.30 HEARTLAND GIRLS KINDERCARE ED. LLC.... 3,100.00 NORTH HOMES INC14,290.06 NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR 7,723.22

VILLAGE RANCH INC 18,083.79

WEST CENTRAL REG

JUV CTR.... .. 3,312.50 Payments Less than

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 2. 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 18, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd Cty. Auditor-Treasurer

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MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 16, 2016

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 16th day of August, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as pre-

Routine Business

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 44044 through 44139 in the amount of \$60,308.30.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 511464 through 511548 in the amount of \$138,369,96.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the renewal of the annual contribution by al-10cating \$5,500 to the Initiative Foundation for the 2017 budget year.

Introduction of Lisa Herges, County Coordina-

tor/Human Resources. On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was adopted by roll call vote with Erickson abstaining:

REPURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED **PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, Wayne L. Minke and Luanne R Minke has submitted an application for repurchase of the following described tax forfeited lands: North 62 feet of West 180 feet of Lot 4 and West 180 feet of South 94 feet of Lot 3, Block 5, Lee's Addition to the City of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the application for repurchase of tax forfeited lands submitted by Wayne L. Minke and Luanne R. Min-

Public Works

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

MnDOT Agreement 1026177 - Trunk **Highway 27 Detour**

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) plans on conducting a bridge redecking project on Trunk Highway 27 over Interstate 94 under SP 2180-108 in the summer of 2016, and;

WHEREAS, MnDOT requires a detour to carry Trunk Highway 27 traffic to County State Aid Highway 46 and 51 during the bridge re-decking project , and:

WHEREAS, MnDOT is willing to reimburse the County \$10.456.99 for the road life consumed by the detour as hereinafter set forth, and:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute §471.59 subdivision 10, §161.25, and §161.20 subdivision 2(b) authorizes MnDOT and Todd County to enter into this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County enter into MnDOT Agreement 1026177 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of Todd County State Aid Highway 46 and Todd County State Aid Highway 51 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway 94 at the junction of Trunk Highway 27 under State Project No. 2180-108 (T.H. 94=003)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Todd County Engineer are authorized to execute Agreement 1026177 and any amendments to the Agreement.

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

FINAL PAYMENT **AUTHORIZATION -**2016 HSIP PAVEMENT STRIPING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC for the 2016 HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) Pavement Striping Contract known as SP 077-070-007 located along various Todd County Highways, has in all things been completed, and:

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2016 with the value of the total work certified being \$118,217.56, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$112,306.68 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$5,910.88 still remains to be paid to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

Todd County Economic Development

Rick Utech presented the 2016 Todd County Development Corporation first Half Report.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to post in-house and advertise for part-time jailor dispatchers and to establish a pool for future employment needs.

Planning & Zoning / Soil & Water

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher. the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Zone Change Request by Roger Hendricks Parcel #25-0011000. Sec 12 Twp 133 Range 32 Gov't Lot 4 Ex n 660 ft & Ex Beg at SW Cor of Gov't Lot 4, N 557.13 ft, E 109 ft, Se'erly 561 ft along Ctrline of Rd, W 56 ft to Beg in Villard Township. Granted Zoning Amendment request to rezone said parcel from R-10 to AF-2 zoning with no con-

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit for Tim Kasper and Kelli Karst Site Address: 16988 341st Ave., Burtrum, MN. Parcel #06-0035600. Sec.-25 Township-128 Rng-32 NW4 NW4 in Burnhamville Township. Granted CUP to have a second single family home on one parcel with the following conditions: 1) Taking down of signage and no business advertising. 2) Septic design for address 16988. This system failed the compliance inspection. 3) Septic inspection for 16972 submitted prior to home permit being issued. 4) Land

Use Permit for home at

16972.

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

RESOLUTION OPTING-OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF MINNESOTA STATUTES,

SECTION 394.307 WHEREAS, on May 12, 2016, the Governor of Minnesota signed into law Chapter 111 of the 89th Legislature of the State of Minnesota establishing definitions and requirements for the Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings, which was introduced during the 2016 legislature session as Senate File 2555

and House File 2497; and WHEREAS, Chapter 111 amends Minnesota Statute 394 which regulates county permitting and zoning processes by establishing new rules for the placement of Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings on residential property; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators, the professional association for county planning and zoning staff in Minnesota, supports the concept of Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings; and

WHEREAS Chapter 111 erodes local control of the permitting process; limiting a county's ability to foster and guide development, and placing undue burden on the county staff to forego standard permitting practices; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Todd County Board of Commissioners to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the County residents and the environment of the County; and

WHEREAS, subdivision 9 of Minnesota Statue 394.307 allows a county to "opt-out" of the regulations through the passage of a county board resolu-

tion; now therefore, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Todd County elects to regulate Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings though already existing permitting standards of the Todd County Zoning Ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RE-SOLVED. Pursuant to authority granted by Minnesota Statue, Section 394.307, Subdivision 9, the County of Todd opts- out of the requirements of Minnesota Statue 394.307 which defines and regulates Temporary Family Health Care Dwellings.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of WCA Coordinator (Matt Danzl) effective August 19, 2016.

Health & Human

Services On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Angela Jern effective August 2,

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Health & Human Services to recruit and hire a Support Enforcement Aide to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Angela Jern as recommended by the Todd County Personnel Committee.

Auditor-Treasurer Report

Finance Committee will meet again today to work on final levy numbers.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Adjourn

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the meeting was adjourned

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

for the month of August,

Vendor Name \$ Amount AMERICAN COMMUNI-

CENTRAL APPLICATORS WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.

Payments less than \$2,000..... Total \$ 60,308.30

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#14471	\$2,074.21
ANU FAMILY SERVIO	CES
INC	4,500.00
#4453	2,635.00
GREATER MN FAMII	
SERVICES INC	\$5,806.30
HEARTLAND GIRLS	
RANCH	6,801.09
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
ED. SRVS	2.187.12
LONG PRAIRIE GREY	
EAGLE SCHOOLS	2,570.95
#10746	3.164.79
NEXUS INC-MILLE L	
ACADEMY-SHIP	4,954.42

NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR 5,030.50 #14051 #14162 . 2,272.92 PETRANGELO MS ED

FAMILY SRVS INC

Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 18, 2016.

VILLAGE RANCH INC19,099.59

Total \$138,369.96

mann and seconded by

Kircher, the preceding

minutes of the County

Board meeting held August

16, 2016 were duly approved

by unanimous vote at the

On a motion by Neu-

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Todd County TAX REMINDER

The Second Half of the AGRICULTURAL REAL ESTATE TAXES and MOBILE HOME TAXES

are due on or before **November 15, 2016.**State law requires that the penalty be applied to the unpaid balance on November 16, 2016.
These taxes are payable at the **Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office**,

rodd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, or by mailing to: 215 1st Ave. S., Suite 201, Long Prairie, MN 56347 with the envelope being postmarked November 15, 2016. Call our office at 320-732-4469 for details on internet payment or paying by credit card through Official Payment Service at 1-800-272-9829. PLEASE BRING YOUR STATEMENTS OR STUBS WHEN PAYING YOUR TAXES.

Just a reminder - the drop off box is still located in the tunnel of the Historic Courthouse, just inside the street level doors across from the bank.

This box is only accessible during business hours 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and is checked daily.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer



City thanks CLC Heavy Equipment trail builders

The Central Lakes College Heavy Equipment program recentley finished the groundwork of a 2,600 foot trail connecting the Living Legacy Gardens bicycle trail with the Hwy 10 overpass bike trail. The trailis expected to be paved next year, depending on grant money availability.

On Oct. 27, the Staples Parks and Rec Dept. a long with city officials thanked the students with a pizza party at CLC campus. Pictured, front; left, Mitchell Kopp, Spencer Tiboni, Bryce Urbaniak, Andrew Ives, Cody Learman, Justin Getschel, Sam Erickson; back row, Mike Sams, Anthony Koll, Damian Jensen, Alex Sorenson, Roy Wigton, Thomas Loewen, Evan Doty, Kolton Opelt, Trisha Jasmer, Eric Cambronne, Kevin

Grondahl and Mary Theurer.

Students were in charge of the entire project, including the Gopher State One calls, making sure they knew where the buried utilities were. The students back-scheduled the build from their completion date and hit every time target. During the project, students were able to practice using a variety of equipment, with approximately 30 different machines being used.

Instructor Mike Sams said the project, which included 1,632 man hours and 1,351 machine hours, if priced at traditional costs, saved the city \$84,794, including a reduction in man-hour costs because this was the first live project for the students. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

STUDENT RECOGNITION



Motley-Staples Middle School

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

Corinne Olson, Hayden Rutherford,
Jessica Lundquist, Andrea DiGiovanni,
Logan Zimmerman, Caroline Perez,
Brian Vorbeck, Adam Nienow,
Amy Rollins, Brooklyn Huwe,
Ellie DiGiovanni, Amanda Carter,
Topanga Braith, Nevaeh Fratzke,
Grace Jennissen, Malaya Reem,
Brookelyn Huisenga, Corey Hansen,
Evelyn Gonzalez, Drew Berg



Sacred Heart Area School

Students receiving Student of the Month awards for September were: Front: Isaac Cole, Kana Reese. Back: Riley Reese, Ronnie Noska, Gabe Koval, Axel Mertens.



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Students receiving the Bucket List award included:
Left to right: Delilah Hart, Connor Cusey, Logan Serich,
Zachory Harvey, Kalee Winter, Bryson Dumpprope,
Collin Hall, Scarlett Stracek.

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

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Students connect at Community Connect

The Staples Motley Community Connect held Oct. 26 invited high school seniors to check out the stations before the event was open to the public. Above, Alex Miller has blood drawn so she can measure her blood sugar levels. The SM Community Connect was sponsored by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty. At the public portion of Community Connect, more than 75 people met with 32 agencies and vendors, shared a meal and received services. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Road test

Part of the Community Connect event for Staples-Motley seniors included a presentation on underage drinking. Above, Staples Police officer Jake Maros demonstrates the procedures when a driver is suspected of drinking. The alcohol seminar was sponsored by Staples Citizens Against Drugs.

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Reach out to friends and family, for help with depression and mental health issues

isolating from family and friends, sleeping too much or too little, visiting and calling people to say goodbye, or aggression.

Freiberg said there is always hope to actively manage mental health. Some ways to avoid mental health problems includs having healthy social support, engage in activities that give your life meaning, be physically active, eat healthy foods, avoid alcohol and drugs, get regular sleep, and take medica-

tions as prescribed. She said the best way to et help for mental health problems is to reach out to family, friends and mental health professionals.

"You have to accept help when you need it," she said. Freiberg gave some resources for people considering suicide or dealing with mental health issues: Crisis Line & Referral Service - call 218-828-4357



speaker

Maggie Freiberg talks about suicide from a mental health perspective at the Oct. 26 Community Connect.

(HELP) or 1-800-262-5525. Other options are to call 911 or go to the nearest emergency department.

Firearms

Guns play a big role in suicides. Nationally, they were involved in 21,334 suicides, compared to 10,945 used for homicides, said Freiberg. The other top two methods of suicide, suffocation and poisoning, don't even reach that level com-

For that reason, Freiberg recommended that anyone who owns a firearm keep ther ammunition and weapon in separate areas, as that gives a person considering suicide more time to think about what they are doing, between the time they get the gun, get the ammunition and start

Other firearm safety recommendations include trigger locks and a locked gun safe. Freiberg said it is a good idea to remove all firearms from the home of someone who is showing signs of being suicidal.

Seventh Judicial District candidates announced

The Commission on Judicial Selection is recommending three candidates to Governor Mark Dayton for consideration to fill the current vacancy in Minnesota's Seventh Judicial District. This vacancy was created by the retirement of the Honorable David R. Battey and will be chambered at Alexandria in Douglas County.

Minnesota's Seventh Judicial District consists of; Becker, Benton, Clay, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Otter Tail, Stearns, Todd, and Wadena coun-

An announcement of the appointment will be made following the interview process over the next few weeks.

Nominees

• Judge Amy Chantry: The Honorable Amy Chantry is a contract Administrative Law Judge in the Minnesota Office of Administrative Hearings, a solo practitioner at the Law Office of Amy Jo Chantry, and an attorney at St. Cloud State University Student Legal Services.

Previously, she was an associate at Eller Law Office, an Assistant Public Defender in Benton and Stearns counties and a judicial law clerk to the Honorable David R. Battey. Judge Chantry volunteers at high school mock trial tournaments and for various student activities at Sauk Rapids Rice Middle School and High School.

• Timothy Churchwell is a shareholder at Peters & Churchwell, P.A. and is also an Assistant Seventh District Judicial District Public Defender. Previously, Churchwell was an attorney at the law firms Brown & Sellnow and Curott & Jesse and a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Lawrence T. Collins.

Churchwell serves on the Minnesota Lawyers

Professional Responsibility Board. He is also a member of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Board. Swanville Lion's Club and past chair of the Todd County Law

Library Board of Trustees. • Michelle Clark is an **Assistant Douglas County** Attorney, where she handles misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and felony cases. Previously, she was an attorney at Tillit McCarten Johnson & Haseman Ltd., and a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Thomas M. Stringer.

Clark serves on the Domestic Abuse Taskforce, the Douglas County Coalition on Mental Health and the Legal Office Advisory Committee at Alexandria Technical and Community College. She is also a member of the St. John Lutheran Church Pastoral Call Committee and President of the Douglas County Law Library Board.



someone we love becomes a memory; that memory becomes a treasure.



The CARE coats of many colors

Volunteers at the Great Coat Giveaway held Oct. 26 included, from left, Carolyn Lohman, Sue Flaten, Valerie Nanik and Dottie Call. The event was sponsored by Care Ministries at the Staples Community Center and provided hundreds of coats for area children as well as some adult coats. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Philanthropy award given to Initiative Foundation

of Nonprofits presented its Responsive Philanthropy Award to the Initiative Foundation and its five Minnesota Initiative Foundation's sister organizations during its Oct. 7 annual conference. A video also was produced to highlight the collective responsive philanthropy work of the six foundations.

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits is an association with more than 2,000 nonprofits whose members vote to determine which foundations and corporate giving programs in Minnesota should receive special annual conference recognition. Award criteria includes:

• Being responsive to citizen initiatives.

• Recognizing public policy issues and longterm strategies to fight problems.

· Committing substantial resources to disadvantaged people and Minnesota communities through a process of dialogue and partnership.

The Minnesota Initiative Foundations have demonstrated responsive philanthropy since Minnesota to support

The Minnesota Council their inception, said Neal Cuthbert, vice president of program for The McKnight Foundation. "After 30 years, the Minnesota Initiative Foundations are more than a grantor, lender or partner. They are a voice for rural communities and a champion for all those who make Minnesota a great place, including our future generations of leaders, entrepreneurs, volunteers, employees, donors and families.'

Designed to empower and organize local people to address local issues, each Minnesota Initiative Foundation has developed uniquely over the years in response to key issues in their respective regions. Their determination and prudent use of assets helps to ensure that the people in their regions have more opportunity and the best possible start in life.

Individually and collectively, they share a culture of collaboration with the citizens of their regions, with nonprofit and business partners and with each other. An example of this includes the recent award from the State of

to Grade 3 alignment, recognizing their key role in improving early learning outcomes in rural Minne-

Another example; small business and nonprofit emergency grant programs that were set up to quickly provide financial support to stabilize organizations dealing with extreme weather events that devastate small towns.

"It's an honor to be recognized for the work we have accomplished together," said Kathy Gaalswyk, president of the Initiative Foundation. "With the investment and support of The McKnight Foundation, the Minnesota Initiative Foundations have strengthened the economies and communities of Greater Minnesota through grants, business loans, programs, donor services and collaborative statewide initiatives.'

Together, the Minnesota Initiative Foundations have awarded more than 34,000 grants totaling \$203 million, \$68.5 million in business loans and have combined assets totaling

CLC budget cuts in line with statewide student shortage

Central Lakes College, along with many colleges throughout the state and nation, is facing a budget shortfall.

Rather than simply dealing with the current year, college leaders have committed to taking a long-term approach to position CLC for the future. Considering tuition revenue, state allocation changes and estimated inflationary costs, CLC is facing a two-year budget shortfall of about \$2.2 million.

The shortfall is largely caused by declining enrollment in recent years, a trend shared across the state and the nation. According to the 30-day Fall 2016 $\,$ enrollment report, CLC enrollment has declined by 3.7 percent compared to last year, which is consistent with the Minnesota State system average decline of 3.5 percent.

To address these challenges, college leaders approached this repositioning by focusing on serving students and preserving faculty and staff positions. To this end, the college offered an optional retirement incentive program resulting in 15 voluntary full and partial retirements and three full-time employee reductions including faculty, staff, and administration.

Other cost savings implemented include

- · Elimination of vacant positions in nine academic and non-academic depart-
- Reduction of operational budgets by five percent in the 2017-2018 year, and
- Evaluation of academic programs resulting in efficiencies in course offerings and strategies to enhance enrollment.

Although the changes will impact the entire college, core services and academic programs will not be adversely affected.

"CLC's commitment to students and our community has not been compromised in any way. These efforts will allow us to focus on the important work of serving students and investing in strategies for future growth through program enhancement, marketing, recruitment, retention and innovation," said CLC President Dr. Hara Charlier.





Staples Motley FFA receives national honors

Six members of the Staples Motley FFA Chapter had the opportunity to attend and compete at the 89th National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis Oct. 19-22.

The chapter earned the National Chapter Award and the Communications Career Development team earned a gold ranking. Brian Sterriker earned the opportunity to play with the National FFA band.

In addition, Mary Sarah Sauber, a graduate of Staples-Motley High School, earned the American FFA

Rebekka Paskewitz, Molly Lindgren and Katie Benson competed against 33 other states nationally in the National FFA Agricultural Communications Career Development Event (CDE). The top ten individuals and the national winning team members received cash awards recognizing their success in the event.

Benson earned second place individual, Lindgren earned a silver ranking and Paskewitz earned a bronze ranking with the team ranking gold overall.

The National FFA Agricultural Communications CDE is a competitive event that tests students' skills in all areas of the agricultural communications field and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. Participants attend a simulated news conference and use the information gathered to complete individual practicums in writing, electronic media and design.

Prior to the event, students compile media plans related to innovative agricultural practices, management techniques and marketing tools. Each team then creates a 15-minute presentation based on their proposal. Members also compete in an editing exercise and a general communications quiz.

"Although it was a very long and intense contest. competing and representing your state at the national level is an honor that not many FFA members get to achieve, so that makes you appreciate this special opportunity even more," said Lindgren.

Brian Sterriker also had a once in a lifetime opportunity to play with the National FFA Band. Sterriker submitted an audition tape and was one of the FFA members selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band. The band performed several times adding excite-



FFA'ers earn awards

Members of Staples Motley FFA attended their national convention in Indianapolis, IN on Oct. 19-22, earning awards for their participation. From left; advisor Kerry Lindgren, members, Brian Sterriker, Katie Benson, Rebekka Paskewitz, Molly Lindgren and Zachary Strickland. At right, Mary Sarah Sauber, a Staples-Motley High School graduate, also attended the convention to receive the American FFA Degree. (Submitted photos)

ment and motivation to the sessions through their music. The 83 National FFA Band members are chosen from a pool of more than 225 applications.

Although Mary Sarah Sauber is now graduated

from Staples-Motley High School and is attending South Dakota State University, she had the opportunity to end her FFA career by earning the highest degree that you can receive within the National FFA



Organization, the American FFA Degree.

The American FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA which is earned by less than one

percent of FFA members.

The National Chapter Award program recognizes FFA chapters that successfully completed an annual Program of Activities (POA), which includes a series of activities designed to encourage its members to grow as individuals, to work as part of a team and to serve others.

Zachary Strickland won the State Farm Bureau Discussion CDE, but there is no national competition yet.He attended the convention to represent the chapter and receive the National Chapter Award on behalf of the Staples Motley FFA Chapter. The chapter received a two-star ranking.

Besides competing, members were able to attend different sessions and hear motivational speakers like Diana Nyad and Collin Ryan. There was also a large career fair with hundreds of agricultural businesses and careers represented, along with many college booths.

"Overall, national convention is one of the best experiences that I've had in FFA. We met so many incredible people on our journey and had the chance to represent Minnesota and Staples Motley well," said Benson.

Wadena County Public Health remodeling project let out for bids

By Rin Porter, Wadena County reporter

At the Nov. 1 Wadena County Board meeting, commissioners voted to proceed with the bidding letting process for the remodeling part of the Public Health Building. Vercon, the county's construction manager, is supervising the project.

The remodel is to improve building security, enclose work areas for needed privacy and to reduce foot traffic through the building. The lobby will get new doors in the vestibule area, new windows and new insulation throughout the building as well.

Public Health Director Cindy Pederson told commissioners she hoped the project would be completed yet this year. The estimated cost of the project is \$175,000. Approximately one half of the cost will be paid through grants and the rest from the public health department's reserve

Bids are due Nov. 15 and will be reviewed at the Nov. 16 county board

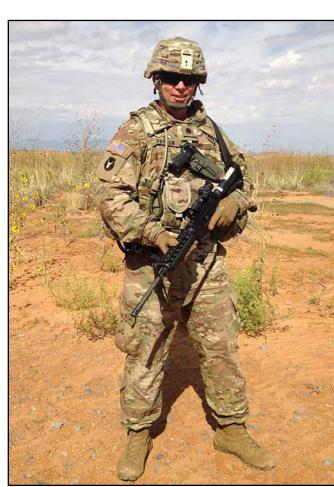
In other business, the board

• Discussed the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan with Solid Waste Director Mike Hanan and Transfer Station Supervisor Tammy Ehrmantraut. A public hearing on increased tipping fees will be held later this month.

• Approved a low income septic system replacement grant for a county resident.

• Approved the ordering of two new squad cars for the sheriff's department from budgeted funds.

• Approved the participation of County Engineer Ryan Odden in a planned railroad crossing improvement by BNSF on CR 115 to be done during the summer of 2017. The county will pay half the cost, \$51,016, from local option sales tax funds, with BNSF paying the rest of the cost.



During training

Lt. Col. Keith Ferdon is pictured during training at Ft. Bliss, Texas, prior to being deployed to Kuwait. Ferdon, who lives in the Motley area, is Commander of the Minnesota Army National Guard's 682nd Engineer Battalion in the St. Cloud/Willmar areas. (Submitted photo)

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Ferdon's battalion named Hero of the Game

couple has two children; Brooke and Sawyer.

Lt. Col. Ferdon says that being in the military has allowed him to travel quite a bit and has broadened his view of the world. He has appreciated the opportunity to serve his country, but is hoping he won't be deployed again any time soon. "I want to be home with my family...I missed a lot while I was stationed overseas."

He's glad that the entire family was able to attend the recent Minnesota Wild hockey game with him and to be there when his battalion, Task Force Wild, was proclaimed Hero of the Game.

It's a shared memory that will stay with each of them for a long time.



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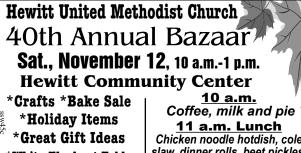
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And they're off......

Kira Sweeney, center, with lane 3 sticker and ID number 451, takes off with the mass of 176 runners at the state cross country meet held Nov. 5. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Sweeney seventh at state

Anderson finishes in top third

At the state cross country meet, held Nov. 5 at St Olaf College in Northfield, Kira Sweeney ran with top runners in the state, finishing seventh in the girls race with her 5k

In the boys race, Emmet Anderson ran well, finishing 52nd out of 176 runners, crossing the finish line in 17:09.

Sweeney started out in the front of the pack and was in fourth place at the mile mark, with a 5:54 mile split. She fell back to seventh by the mile two mark, with a 12:18 split. The final mile was crazy with runners falling back and moving up, but Sweeney stayed steady and finished in seventh place.

Anderson's first mile of 5:13 had him in 59th place, he moved into the top 40 by the two mile mark, with a 10:46 split. His final mile was slightly slower and he settled in 52nd place, outsprinting four runners chasing within a second of him.



Eyeing the finish

Kira Sweeney rounds the final corner looking straight ahead to the finishing hill at the state cross country meet. After the hill, the runners have a 100 meter sprint to the finish line.



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Setting the pace

Emmet Anderson emerges from the woods with about a half mile to go in the race.

Disappearing wilderness

By Ray Gildow

Two recent studies were published that caught my eye and really sadden me.

One, authored by Oscar Venter, a professor at the University of Northern British Columbia, has noted that the earth has now lost all but about 23 percent of its wilderness. According to his research, we have lost about 1.2 million square miles of wilderness over the past 20 years.

While we have made some strides to protect about 850,000 square miles of it-about the size of Alaska plus California, we are losing ground. The researchers used satellite and surveys over two decades to map where people paved roads, installed railroad tracks, power lines, built cities and converted land into crops and pastures. The areas without these activities are called wilderness. This study has shocked conservationist who didn't realize how fast we have been developing pristine parts of North America, North Asia, North Africa and Australia.

Another recent, and somewhat controversial study, by the World Wildlife Fund, suggests that humans have caused the wild animal populations of the world to drop by 60 percent since 1970. The data provided by the Zoological Society of London and the World Wildlife Fund, suggests that if man doesn't do something to change this trend we will have wiped out two-thirds of all wildlife by 2020. Conservation experts now agree that the earth has entered the sixth 'mass extinction event" in the last half-billion years. The last being the elimination of dinosaurs. These events are marked by species disappearing at least 1,000 times faster than the usual rate.

However, there is still an opportunity to reverse

the trend, the report said. One of the positive signs is the Paris Climate Accord recently launched, that establishes United Nation's measures for sustainable development by 2030.

One of the controversies of this study is that it assumes we know all the species that exist in the world and how many there are of each. Another controversv is the timeframes outlined in the report. Many scientist question the accuracy of such predictions, but there is little disagreement in the fact that we are losing wildlife at an alarming rate.

Factory fishing, for example, has eliminated 40 percent of sea life, and nine out of ten fisheries are either over fished or full fished globally. There has been a thirty eight percent drop in elephant populations and eighty one percent drop in freshwater species worldwide. People eating animals is one of the driving forces behind much of the decrease in populations.

Wetlands, lakes and rivers have been the hardest hit since 1970, also causing some of the biggest losses of wildlife.

Recommendations to reverse these trends include; moving from petroleum and coal based economies to cleaner fuels, preserving wetlands, protecting rivers and waterways, setting aside more areas of natural wilderness, limiting invasive species and limiting pollution.

I think we all feel a sense of helplessness when we read studies like these, but I find hope for initiatives we are undertaking in Minnesota. We are developing more parks, working on protecting our rivers and lakes, moving toward new energy sources and making real efforts to control invasive species. These are all important steps in the right direction.

The Staples-Motley/Verndale tennis team held their end of season awards banquet. Izabella Edin, Lexi Johnson and Claire Wolhowe were named to the All-Conference team and Katie Benson, Kelsie Weite and Kelsi Peterson were named All Conference Honorable Mention. Awards given were: Most improved, Sam Schimpp; Hardest Worker, Lexi Johnson; MVP, Izabella

The team received the Gold Academic Award from the Minnesota State High School League for their 3.75 grade point average as a team. Academic All State awards went to Izabella Edin and Katie Benson.

Pictured, varsity team members include, front; from left, Bryn Williams, Lexi Johnson, Ashley Smith, Kelsi Peterson; back, Izabella Edin, Kelsie Weite, Claire Wolhowe, Anna Wilgohs, Sam Schimpp and Katie Ben-



Deer camps may differ, and yet they're the same

a concept and a place. In concept, it's leaving behind day-to-day cares and surroundings for simplicity and singleness of purpose, typically in the company of friends or family. More than most other kinds of

hunting, the deer camp experience is likely to build lifelong traditions and inter-generational bonds, owing perhaps to the teamwork that often leads to deer hunting suc-



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Outdoors

cess. As a place, deer camp is a destination tangibly different from the familiar. In a pinch, it can be any headquarters where we stow our gear and return after a hard day's hunt to celebrate success, or to strategize for tomorrow's campaign. For some, this could be a motel room in a rural community, perhaps miles from where the hunt actually takes place. Most memorable,

"Deer camp" is both however, are those places hunt, but the half centurythat are distinctly different from the everyday, places that in our hunting memories will never be mistaken for any other.

I've experienced a wide spectrum of deer camp venues, beginning with the good fortune of having hunters among my high school friends, since hunting was not a tradition in my own family. These friends had generous parents who consented to my tagging along, gestures without which I would not have been introduced to deer hunting, or perhaps becoming a hunter at all.

My first deer hunting expedition came as a 10th grader, armed with a Remington semi-automatic rifle that a friend's dad was kind enough to let me use. We hunted on forested land near Brainerd, which to a young, untraveled suburban Twin City boy, was as remote as the Canadian border. My friend Kevin, his father and I "camped" in a motel room, about which I remember nothing being unique. But that hardly mattered, the important thing being this creature I'd rarely seen outside a tame "deer land" environment. I did see a deer on that first

old memory fails to disclose whether I shot and missed, or merely stood there frozen in "buck fever." I do remember a white flag of a tail waving goodbye as the deer bounded away.

A year or two later the deer hunt benefactor was a different friend and his father. We hunted near Hinckley, with a pickup camper as our cabin-on-wheels. I was fascinated by the concept of a hunter taking his camp with him wherever he went, no matter how remote, or how "minimum maintenance" the road. Unlike my first deer hunt, this opening morning was lung-searing cold, and we emerged from the camper to discover ice in the ditches of the dirt road where we had parked for the night.

What a pickup camper offers in convenience and portability, it gives up in elbow room. One might compare it to a spacecraft, where all necessities and conveniences are thriftily designed for a minimum space. Bunking was cozy, and then some. Meal preparation was a solo affair, the camper's tight quarters resembling the proverbial "one-butt kitchen." I still recall the smell of sausage

warming to readiness, and a fortifying breakfast before we put on down vests and slipped into bright red coats, in those days when blaze orange had not yet come over the hunting ho-

Still lacking a deer rifle of my own, I was toting a classic Winchester Model 94, a 30-30 caliber carbine belonging to my host parent; a rifle and caliber that were a mainstay of Minnesota deer hunters for generations before the proliferation of telescopic-sighted, high-powered rifles. When deer hunters say that what they remember best are things other than "the kill," there's more than a grain of truth to it. I recall the mapping out of our deer drives, the anticipation that a whitetail could come bounding toward me at any moment as a drive reached its climax, and the sharp crack of a rifle shattering the quiet at dusk. Though we harvested a deer on one of these drives, I can't recall whether it was a buck or doe, or who put his tag on it. Those details have inexplicably slipped into the mist of memory, while other recollections - the confines and camaraderie of that deer camp on wheels

Deer hunting, like other

- remain vivid to this day.

human pursuits, has its share of serendipity, the good fortune that comes unexpectedly. Some years later, one of my favorite deer hunting experiences began with an event having nothing to do with hunting. As a young writer I was assigned to interview the director of an outdoor education preserve on the St. Croix River, not far from St. Paul. The director, as it turned out, was a deer hunter. As so often happens when people discover a common interest, the interview took some unexpected turns, and I learned a lot more than what I had come for.

He told me how his former deer hunting party used to backpack into "the bush" and tent-camp in the watershed of the Baptism River, on the North Shore inland from Lake Superior, an area with few roads and little competition from other hunters. Since he no longer hunted there, the wheels in my head began to turn, and I proposed the idea to a hunting companion. We purchased and studied topographical maps of the area, and assembled

camping and hunting gear. We arrived a day early to

set up camp and scout for deer signs, leaving our car at a jumping-off point before heading into the timber. Camping in November adds a whole other dimension to the hunting routine. But we were not exactly camping greenhorns, so the extra preparation and chores added to the intrigue of the adventure. Looking back on it now I'm reminded of the poem The Explorer, by Rudyard Kipling: "Something lost beyond the ranges. Lost and waiting for you. Go!" Both Al, my hunting partner, and I shot bucks that opening weekend. His was a whitetail of truly memorable proportions, in both antlers and body weight. In my deer seasons, base

camps have included motel rooms and campers, tents and cabins. Though very different, each was important because it enabled an experience that helped shape me as a hunter. Some who don't hunt are skeptical when a hunter says "It's not so much about the kill, but the total experience." When it comes from a hunter who's regularly been to deer camp, there's no reason to doubt it.

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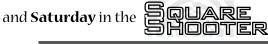
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CLC football, volleyball teams earn titles, headed to postseason

The Central Lakes College Raiders football team won the MCAC Conference title, and the volleyball team won the Region 13B title in the same weekend, Nov. 5-6. Here's a closer look at both of those games:

Raiders Volleyball (21-11)

The Raiders volleyball team used their home court advantage to sweep

tournament, not losing a single set. They defeated Mesabi Range 3-0 in the semi-finals, then defeated Rainy River 3-0.

Their next stop will be the NJCAA Division III National Tournament in Rochester on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12.

Raiders Football

(11-0)

Cloud State University, on Nov. 5 winning the MCAC State Championship. This is the second MCAC State Championship for the Raiders. The achievement also

North Dakota State Col-

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marks history being made for the team: It's the first time in school history that the football team had an undefeated season, 11-0.



Headed to nationals

The Central Lakes College volleyball team with their Region 13B championship trophy. The team will continue their season at the national tournament Nov. 11-12 in Rochester. (Submitted photo)

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Youth wrestling meeting Nov. 22

Staples-Motley youth wrestling will hold a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Staples-Motley High School cafeteria

The meeting is for Pre-K through 5th graders, who are interested in participating in the S-M youth wrestling program a long with their parents. Registration will take place at the meeting and uniforms

will be handed out.

There is no cost to participate in the youth wrestling program.

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Sgt. Joyce Wille, the only woman in the Motley American Legion, shares thoughts



Proud to be a veteran

Army veteran Joyce Wille, Motley, is a member of the Motley American Legion and will participate in the Veterans Day program in Motley Nov. 11. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs Staples World reporter

Whenever the Motley American Legion Post #124 is called to provide the color guard, you can bet on seeing army veteran Sgt. Joyce Wille in the lineup.

"It's an honor to be a part of it," Sgt. Wille said recently of the Motley American Legion, of which she has been a member since 2010. "We help at a variety of events, such as funerals, parades and Memorial Day programs. I love it all."

Joyce will join her fellow American Legion Post #124 members Nov. 11 at the Veterans Day program in Motley. She'll be dressed in the uniform attire that's been a part of her wardrobe since joining the army

Adopted at age two and a half by Donald and Ruby Wille, Joyce grew up in Cushing, where she loved being outdoors and helping her dad on mechanical projects.

"Dad could repair anything...motorcycles, cars, farm equipment," Joyce shared. "I guess I inherited that skill from him."

After graduating from Staples High School in 1977, Joyce attended technical college in Alexandria for a while, but felt that wasn't where she belonged.

"I decided I wanted to join the military," Joyce said, adding that this was something else she had in common with her father.

"Dad was in the 101st Airborne Division of the Army," Joyce said. "He served in WWII and Korea."

Her folks were okay with her helping repair engines on the family farm, but the idea of their daughter joining the military was not something they applauded.

"My parents were both really angry," Joyce recalled. "They said that women shouldn't be in the military. Period."

That wasn't something that settled well with their daughter.

"I guess I developed a bit of an attitude," Joyce said, adding that she challenged them to, "Tell me why I shouldn't join?"

Her parents were unable to dissuade their daughter; and Joyce joined the army in 1979. She first traveled to Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., where she did her basic training and Advanced Individual Training (AIT).

After meeting all requirements to become a 63B10 Light Wheel Vehicle Mechanic, Joyce was stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky, where she worked in the generator shop for a couple of years.

It was work that she enjoyed, but she did not have the full support of her company. "There were guys in the hangar who would not help me out when I first got there because I was a woman," Joyce said, adding that when it came to working on generators, she figured a lot of things out on her own. "I have to thank my dad for all of the things he taught me when I

was growing up."
She endured some "smart comments" from a few of the male soldiers during those early years. There were also some men (married and unmarried alike) who made inappropriate statements toward her. "I had to stand my ground. I knew I had the right to be there."

She ultimately gained the respect of her fellow soldiers and was even nominated for Soldier of the Year during her time there. "I missed it by one point," Joyce said. She still has that plaque, along with other certificates she received for her outstanding work

Joyce left Kentucky for Rhode Island, where she became a sergeant at the Field Artillery. She later worked at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Providence, R.I. "I was there 11 years," she said, adding that she worked as a medical clerk.

From 1988 - 1991, Joyce went into the service again. In 1991, her unit was next in line to be deployed to the Persian Gulf but the war ended shortly before their departure date. "I was terrified," Joyce recalled of that time

It was a privilege to serve fellow veterans, Joyce said. She recalled

one instance where she was able to assist in saving a person who had had a massive heart attack.

During her time in Rhode Island, Joyce was in a serious car accident which left her unable to work for a couple of years. She has also suffered lingering side effects. "I have a lot of migraine headaches," she said.

The headaches, compounded with anxiety issues stemming from her years in the military, caused Joyce to leave her job at the V.A. Hospital in 1999

"I decided to come back to Minnesota, mainly because that's where my family was," Joyce said, mentioning her parents and younger siblings, Les and Donnel. Her older brother, Ralph, had died of a brain tumor. Since becoming an adult, Joyce has also met up with her birth parents and half-siblings.

No matter where she lived geographically, however, Sgt. Wille never felt quite at home without her military family.

Upon returning to Minnesota, Joyce joined the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) in St. Cloud, serving as adjutant. She later transferred to the DAV in Little Falls. In 2010, she joined the Motley American Legion.

She was one of very few women in the DAV and the only woman in the Motley American Legion.

"This is a great group to be a part of," Joyce said of the Motley post. "These guys have all stood by me, I really appreciate it."

She looks forward to being a part of the color guard on Veterans Day. "It means a lot to me," she said



Earlier days

Joyce Wille, Motley, joined the army in 1979 and served a total of 16 years. She is pictured after completing basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. (Submitted photo)

of the upcoming holiday. "Events like that keep me going. I'm still serving my country, whether I'm in the service or not."

Joyce doesn't know how she feels about women serving on the front lines during combat but she fully supports women in the military. "If I had any advice to give, I would tell them that they need to be strong. They need to prepare themselves mentally and physically."

If she could do it all again, Joyce said she would have a stronger backbone and "not be pushed around."

One thing she wouldn't change, though, are the practical lessons she learned while growing up in rural Cushing. "I already knew how to work on engines before I joined the military and I played a lot of softball when I was a kid, so I threw a grenade well," she laughed.

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

Nov. 2 - The MPD issued a citation to Derreck Soukup, 33, for driving with a suspended license. Officer brought driver

Nov. 2 - The MPD issued a citation to Marcel Gnali, 19, for speeding and for having a revoked licence. Driver's passenger also had a revoked license and the two called someone from Wadena to give them a ride home.

Oct. 30 - The MPD issued a citation to Tammy Jackson, 37, for not having proof of insurance. Driver had been stopped for having a cracked windshield.

Oct. 29 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Braden Osmundson, 22.

Oct. 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Maria Garza-Elizerio, 37, for driving with a revoked license. Driver had been cited earlier in the day by the Staples Police.

Oct. 27 - The MPD issued a citation to Linda Haugen, 63, for going through a red light at Hwy 10 and 210 in Motley.

Nov. 1 - The MCSO received a call from a resident on the 33000 block of Cherry Ln. in Motley that someone was knocking on his door at random times of the night. Responding deputy was unable to locate anyone around.

Oct. 28 - The MCSO responded to a dispute between neighbors at the 6000 block of Azalea Rd. in Motley.



Vehicle trouble leads to traffic jam

Traffic along Hwy 10 in Motley was at a stand-still for nearly an hour the afternoon of Nov. 4, after the drive shaft of a semi-truck fell out. Motley Police Chief Ron Smith said the incident happened as the semi-truck, headed east on Hwy 10, was turning onto Hwy 210. Westbound



traffic on Hwy 10 was backed up from the intersection lights to the south end of town. Eastbound traffic was diverted around the fairgrounds. Pictured in lower photo, Chief Smith helped direct traffic at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210 while a tow-truck works at the scene. The Motley Fire Dept. also helped direct traffic. "And of all the days to break down, it was the Friday of deer hunting opener," Chief Smith said. "On a good note, everyone got where they were going safely." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Two-vehicle accident on Hwy 210

A two-vehicle accident at Hwy 210 and 37th Ave SW in Cass County Nov. 4, left one man injured and totaled both vehicles. The in-

cident occurred at 6:19 p.m.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, a Mazda van driven by Travus Faulkner, 31, of Motley was eastbound on Hwy 210 when it was struck by a Honda Accord, driven by Hannah Reynolds, 18, of Brainerd.

The report states that Reynolds' vehicle was facing south at the stop sign on Cty Rd. 1, when it started southbound, striking the driver's side of the Mazda. Faulkner was transported to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples for non-life threatening injuries. There are no reported injuries for Reynolds or her passenger, Simone Djuren, 26, of Motley. No alcohol was detected in either driver and

road conditions were dry.

Responders at the scene included the Minnesota

State Patrol, Pillager Police Department and Cass ment.



Ready for hunting opener

Danielle Dewey (right) of Motley purchased her deer hunting license at BRICKS in Motley Nov. 4, the day before the opening of firearms season in Minnesota. Dewey said she planned to hunt in the Swanville area. Also pictured is BRICKS employee Maddison Johnson of Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Voting day in Motley



Motley area residents were among the hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans who got out and voted Nov. 8. Pictured above, discussing the election over coffee at BRICKS in Motley are, from left: Doug Barnett and Mark Heinecke, both of May Township; Duane Houck, Rogers; and Al Yoder, Motley. Barnett and Yoder had already voted that morning; Heinecke planned to go later in the day; and Houck (in the area

for deer hunting), said he did not plan on voting. Pictured in lower photo, Floyd Griffith of Motley checks in at Motley City Hall with election judge Marilyn O'Regan prior to voting. Other election judges pictured include, from left, Judy Thorsett, Joe Mrazek, Sr., Chris Rosvold. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)