



Northern lights near Staples

Photographer Matthew Breiter of Long Prairie captured this shot of Northern Lights a few miles southeast of Staples March 27, at 9:55 p.m. This photo was published in an online article by National Geographic and has been featured on numerous TV stations, including the Weather Channel and Fox 9. For more online information about his work, visit www.matthewbreiterphotography.com.

Batcher Building considered for possible placemaking site

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

At the March 28, Staples Economic Development Authority meeting, Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the Batcher Building in Staples is one of the sites being considered for a placemaking grant through Region Five Development Commission.

In December Region Five was approved as one of 29 projects

chosen from almost 1,400 applications to receive a National Creative Placemaking grant from ArtPlace America. That grant is focused on the Sprout Growers and Makers Marketplace in Little Falls, but Radermacher said they're also looking for a building to become a Creative Placemaking hub.

In a quote from a Region Five press release, "Creative placemaking seeks the full and robust integration of arts,

culture and community-engaged design into the decisions that define the ebb and flow of community life. These grant recipients embody what this looks like at its most effective best," said Rip Rapson, president and CEO of The Kresge Foundation and Chair of the ArtPlace President's Council. "The sheer volume of applications for these grants suggests the

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Dower Lake job downsized, but is moving forward

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Bids for a proposed construction project at the Dower Lake Recreation Area campground owned by the City of Staples came in higher than expected. The project would include additional camping sites, water, sewer and electric lines running to the sites.

After much discussion at their March 28 meeting, the Staples City Council agreed to award the bid to the lowest bidder, but cut back on the project to the original budget. The lowest bid was from DeChantal Excavating of Brainerd for \$223,264. The proposed changes would drop the project from 18 sites to 14, reducing the price to \$151,000.

Council member Doug Case said that if the project changes, then they should allow the other bidders to re-bid. A representative from the engineering firm Widseth Smith Nolting told him that the project will still be the same price that was bid for each portion of

the project, so they didn't need to rebid the project. Case voted against the motion to approve the bid, but was the only one to do so.

Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Grondahl said they are planning to charge about \$1,800 for each site, where campers would be parked from May to September. He said if the seasonal sites are filled, they should recoup their expenses in eight to ten years.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said if the sites fill up, they'll have the capacity to add more.

Council member Mary Theurer said she was in favor of approving the project because the money is in the budget. She also said the Dower Lake site is much better than other seasonal campgrounds she has seen. Council member Roy Miles said he was in favor since the money coming in goes back into the city's funds. Mayor Chris Etzler said there's a

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Hello, Readers,

On April 6, 1917, two days after the U.S. Senate votes 82 to 6 to declare war against Germany, the U.S. House of Representatives endorses the decision by a vote of 373 to 50, and the United States formally enters the First World War. When World War I erupted in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson pledged neutrality for the United States, a position favored by the vast majority of Americans. Britain, however, was one of America's closest trading partners, and tension soon arose between the United States and Germany over the latter's attempted quarantine of the British Isles. Several U.S. ships traveling to Britain were damaged or sunk by German mines, and, in February 1915, Germany announced unrestricted warfare against all ships that entered the war zone around Britain.

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Obituaries

Gladys "Peggy" Bredemeier
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School board quizzed on vocal music job

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board met in a very short special meeting April 3 to act on personnel items. A work session to review the draft of a technology handbook and to discuss some policies followed the board meeting.

However, the time between the two meetings was taken by a parent questioning why Caleb Horn, the temporary vocal music teacher, was not given the permanent position. Another parent and several students spoke in support of Horn.

Horn was hired as a temporary vocal music teacher when Steve Hoemberg, the former teacher, requested and was granted a one-year leave of absence to further his education. Hoemberg subsequently resigned leaving the position open.

Because Horn's contract was temporary for just the one year, the school administration posted the position. Approval of a contract

for someone else for that job was one of the personnel items on the agenda of the special meeting.

However, that action item was pulled from the agenda because of what Superintendent Mary Klamm described as "a procedural error."

In a later conversation with Klamm, she explained that in the posting, instead of noting that the position was open until filled, it read that the posting was open until a specific date. The administration recommended a person to fill the job and requested board action before the closing date. During that time, one application was received.

Klamm said the administration will re-interview for the job and bring a recommendation to the next regular board meeting on April 17.

When asked, Klamm said Horn did apply but "we did not move him forward as a candidate to hire," adding that she could not say anything more.

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Adding color to Motley

Students in Amanda Olson's art class at Motley-Staples Middle School decorated 10 power line poles in Motley March 30, part of their "Project Plastic Power Poles." Pictured above, from left, Joe Tyrrell, Tristan Zetah, Easton Ecker, Dalton Wells. Pictured in lower photo, Zetah and Wells are at work nailing their artwork to the power line pole. See more photos on page 1b (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



School facilities priorities voiced at listening session in Motley

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Approximately 14 community members attended a listening session at Motley-Staples Middle School April 3, regarding the school district's facilities.

The event, led by Glenn Chiodo, Education Consultant with Foster, Jacobs & Johnson (FJJ), provided an opportunity for the public to verbalize what they believed to be the strengths and challenges of the school district, as well as their wish-list ideas for the future.

Assisting Chiodo (a retired superintendent from the Park Rapids School District) were FJJ staff members Lynn Dyer, a 1974 Staples High School graduate who currently teaches business at a school in Thief River Falls; and Lori Christensen, whose back-

Second session set for 7 p.m., April 10 at the SMHS cafeteria

ground is in mechanical engineering and commercial design.

Chiodo noted that no members of the Staples-Motley School Board or administration were present at the listening session. This was intentional, with hopes that people would feel free to share their thoughts. "We want your honest feedback," Chiodo said.

In addition to the one in Motley, previous listening sessions were held with students, the board and other school employees; and another community one will be held in Staples Monday, April 10. The collected data will then be brought to the school board and the goal is that it will help them

with long-range plans for the district.

Chiodo had the group members consider the following questions:

- What great things are happening in the Staples-Motley Schools?
- Answers included the school's music/arts program; coaches/athletics; Connections High School; technology/robotics programs; early childhood; college credit courses; Parent Teacher Connection.

- What are our biggest challenges facing the Staples Motley Schools?

Answers included too many buildings; open enrollment and loss of students; lack of parental

support for student accountability; updating technology; poverty; age of buildings; long bus rides; lack of teachers that want to coach; sports fees; kitchen facilities; connecting grades four - seven; communications.

- How has education changed in the last 10 years?

Answers included less structure; cost of sports; less respect; less parent involvement; less structure; more technology/reliance on technology; more rules and regulations; test driven.

- If you won the lottery and were required to spend it on your school, how would you spend it?

Answers included building a new centrally-located school; building more gymnasiums; better teacher pay and training;

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‘Fond Farewell’ cast

Cast members for Lamplighter Community Theatre’s production of “Fond Farewell,” a murder mystery dinner theater, are: front, from left, Emili Lane, Lauren Crabtree, Tiffany Hulin-

sky, Nitasha Sanders and Michelle Waldoch; back, from left, Justin Edin, Paul Mathieu and Connor Nichols. Athena Specker was unavailable for the photo. (Submitted photo)

Murder mystery dinner theater set in Staples

The cast is set and rehearsals are in full swing for Lamplighter Community Theatre’s production of “Fond Farewell,” an interactive murder mystery dinner theater.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 27, 28 and 29 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 30, at 1 p.m. at Central Lakes College-Staples.

“Fond Farewell” begins as a solemn memorial service for the wealthy and famous bachelor Benjamin Fullman. However, the service dissolves into chaos when a daughter, a son and three wives arrive to claim the estate. Unexpected reversals, interaction with audience members and mistaken identities all lead to comedy and mystery.

Cast members include: Justin Edin, Staples, as Phillip, claims to be Ben Fullman’s son; Paul Mathieu, Baxter,

as Roger, Ben’s long time assistant;

Nitasha Sanders, Brainerd, as Rachel, claims to be Ben Fullman’s daughter;

Emili Lane, Aitkin, as Victoria, claims to be Ben Fullman’s wife;

Tiffany Hulin, Brainerd, as Margaret, claims to be Ben Fullman’s wife;

Athena Specker, Little Falls, as Dawn, claims to be Ben Fullman’s wife;

Lauren Crabtree, Iron- ton, as Samantha, the sher- iff;

Michelle Waldoch, Little Falls, as Deits, the sheriff’s deputy;

Connor Nichols, Brainerd, as Rex, Ben’s attorney; and

Ben’s dead body, which is missing, somewhere in Staples.

Paul Mathieu brings over 20 years of theatre performance experience and over 15 years of experience as a choreographer to

his debut role as a director of “Fond Farewell.”

He has performed or provided choreography to shows across the Mid- west, including multiple dancing performances and well known shows such as “Annie get your Gun,” “Showboat,” and “Guys and Dolls.” His more recent shows include “The Sound of Music” in 2010, “7 Brides for 7 Brothers” in 2011, “White Christmas” in 2012, “Mary Poppins” in 2014 and “Spamalot” in 2015.

Tickets are available at Unity Bank in Staples and Motley and at the Staples World and must be purchased by April 24. The dinner, which is catered by Ted & Gen’s, will be served following Act ONE at all performances.

For will call tickets call 218-894-3576.

Burning restrictions in effect

With warm tempera- tures, little to no snow and dry vegetation, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

imposed spring burning restrictions in parts of the state. As conditions for wildfires increase, exposed dead grass and

brush can light easily and burn quickly, especially in windy conditions.

To find burning restric- tions for different areas, go to the fire danger page or call a local DNR Forestry office. Fire conditions can change quickly, so, be sure to check before burning.

During spring restric- tions, the state will not give out burning permits for brush or yard waste. Debris burning is espe- cially dangerous in April and May, when most wild- fires occur in Minnesota. Residents are encouraged to use alternatives to burn- ing; composting or hauling brush to a collection site.

“Burning restrictions for Southern and Central Minnesota began March 31,” and the restrictrons for north-central Minnesota began April 3, with the rest of the state to follow,” said Linda Gormanson, DNR burning permit coordina- tor.

Restrictions usually last four to six weeks until green growth occurs. These spring restrictions have resulted in a dramatic decrease in the number and size of fires the DNR responds to each year.

Burning restrictions do not apply to campfires, which are still allowed. Clear an area around the campfire, watch it continu- ously and make sure it’s out cold to the touch before leaving.

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New look unveiled for City of Staples’ website

Updates focus on ease of use and new content

The City of Staples launched its redesigned city website, www.staples.govoffice.com, March 31. The new layout creates a more modern, user-friendly website for residents, businesses and visitors.

The site design now includes quick links to frequently sought information, calendar of city meetings and events, news updates on the home page and updated content throughout the website. The updates are all aimed at making it easier for users to access government services and information.

This website project was funded in part by grants received by the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) from Staples Motley Area Community Foundation and

NJPA Small Partnership Funding.

The grants are also being used to update the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce website. The chamber’s website redesign launch date will be announced in the next few weeks.

“A consistent web presence helps serve our city residents along with attracting visitors and prospective business owners. The redesigned website will provide a better picture of what the City of Staples can and does offer new and existing businesses and residents,” said Melissa Radermacher, SEDA Director.

The city’s website redesign is also one piece of a larger project currently being completed to identify future services and

resources needed to better serve current and potential residents along with the business community.

SEDA is working with area business partners to create a long-range Comprehensive Plan for Staples. This Comp Plan will outline future growth strategy, priorities, services and development for the city. Information on the Comp Plan will be released to the public on the city’s website as it is defined in the next few months.

Updates to the website will continue over the next several months as the city looks to build upon the information presented. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Melissa Radermacher, SEDA Director, at 218-894-2550.



SM Special Olympics BB state champs

The Staples-Motley Special Olympics unified basketball team 37-35, over White Bear Lake in the championship game to win the state tournament title March 24 at the University of St. Thomas.

Team members include, front from left, Lissa Pierce, Logan Paklonsky, Gaven Christensen, Jorden Bohne, Maykayla Lambert, Krystal Yoder and Michael Ballantine; back Corey Ekholm, Colton Fraley, Braden Losh, Trey Skeesick and Lukas Schmieg.

Unified basketball allows Special

Olympic participants to pair with their classmates to be members of the team. Staples-Motley also won their first game against Columbia Academy 32-7.

Coach Shawna Poncelet said “As usual, our students shined, really played team ball and were selfless in their play and teamwork and it paid off. It was a pleasure to experience this with them.” Poncelet, along with the team would like to thank their supervisors, coaches and supporters, including; Julie Richgels, Kristie Johnson, Kathy Robben and Jim Klamm. (Submitted photo)

What should you do with old military uniforms?

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

You might cherish your old military uniforms given all the memories they hold. Or maybe you or your spouse are tired of them taking up space in the closet. When the time comes to unclutter, what should you do with those uniforms?

Dispose

The easiest way to get rid of any uniforms is to dispose of them and there’s a handful of ways to do this. First simply throw them in the trash. It’s cautioned that if you decide to trash the uniforms, you should remove any insignia and names on them. Some individuals go as far as cutting or ripping the uniforms to avoid any reuse.

Others have found it best to burn their old uniforms to avoid any possible stolen valor. Another option is to check with a local base, as some military installations have shredding programs for old uniforms.

Donate

If you aren’t comfortable with trashing a uniform, consider donating

it. As with disposal, you should also remember to remove any insignia and names before donating.

A convenient place to donate uniforms is at a thrift store. Though thousands of uniforms end up in thrift stores every year, it might be best to donate them to a military thrift store or one close to a base.

If you’re looking for your donation to go a little further, you can give your uniforms to organizations that help veterans, such as Bands4Courage or your local Airman’s Attic. Other options include school drama departments, local museums or VFW or American Legion posts.

Repurpose

Maybe you’ll want to put the old uniforms to use. Some individuals prefer to keep their uniforms intact and put them on display in a shadow box along with their awards. Others repurpose their uniforms to craft a wide array of projects, including turning the uniforms into bags, aprons, and even wreaths for the holidays.

Others choose to get an active use out of them. You can wear them when

doing household work such as working on the car or cleaning out the attic or when going paintballing, mudding or hunting.

Be aware some services have stringent restrictions on when you should and should not wear a uniform, so even if your service is in your past, it might be best to consider those rules. [Source: MOAA News Exchange Joseph Eisenmann November 23, 2016 ++]

As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

Work Zone Awareness

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will observe National Work Zone Awareness Week April 3-7 to encourage safe driving through highway work zones.

The week is an annual spring campaign to coincide with the start of road construction season. MnDOT will officially kick off the construction season April 13, although many construction projects are already under way.

Theme for the week is “Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands,” reinforcing the message that motorists constantly should be alert and prepared for unexpected changes in and around work zones. A work zone is defined as any area where highway construction, maintenance or utility work is being done.



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

Minnesota remembers Staples native Bob Goff

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Staples native Bob Goff was the focus of Minnesota’s business and political scene after his death on March 29. Goff served in the administrations of Minnesota Governors Rudy Perpich and Karl Rolvaag. He remained politically active through his public relations firm, Goff Public. He was 80 years old when he died.

Nick Woltman of the Twin Cities Pioneer Press said “Goff’s nearly 50-year career in state government and public relations found him advising mayors, governors and countless cor-

porate clients.”

A story by Nicole Norfleet of the Star-Tribune said Goff “shaped public opinion and policy for a half century on matters as diverse as tribal sovereignty and the construction of the Metrodome.”

All the stories stressed Goff’s ability to work across the aisle with his Republican colleagues to come to a consensus on many issues.

Goff Public is collecting stories about Goff’s life. They can be sent to Bob-GoffStories@gmail.com.

Goff’s obituary can be found on page 6A of this week’s Staples World



Mass choir at The Big Sing 2010

The Big Sing was last held in Staples in 2010. This year nine male choruses from three states will be joined by two boys choirs for the final concert at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 22, at the Staples-Motley High School gym. (Photo courtesy of Rex McDonald Studio)

Nine male choruses coming for The Big Sing 2017 concert

Mark your calendars now for The Big Sing 2017 coming to the Staples-Motley High School Gym Saturday, April 22.

This event was last held in Staples in 2010. The annual music festival has travelled back to its roots and promises to be a full day of music education, connections and entertainment. Nine choirs will participate including the host Staples Area Men’s Chorus, the Cold Spring Maennerchor, Southwest Minnesota Men’s Chorus from Marshall, and Jamestown Choralaires who all sang together at Carnegie Hall in New York City in February. Over 275 male singers will be attending this year’s festival and will be hosted at Cragun’s Resort.

Events open to the public start with the boys’

concert at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Church, Staples. The Central Minnesota Boys Choir, Staples, and Land of Lakes Choirboys, Elk River, will perform. Both choirs will join the adults later.

The Staples Lions will host a spaghetti feed from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Staples-Motley High School cafeteria.

The Big Sing concert starts at 7 p.m. at the SMHS gym with doors opening at 6 p.m. Advance ticket sales are encouraged and available at Kevin Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples, 218-895-5046; and online at www.staplesmen.org. Limited floor seating and stadium seating are available.

The Big Sing guest director is Christopher Aspaas who returns to Staples from Texas Christian Uni-

versity (TCU). Dr. Aspaas was the Real Men Sing guest director in October 2015. He is the Director of Choral Activities and Associate Professor of Music at TCU and most recently served as the Robert Scholz Endowed Chair in Music and Associate Professor of Choral/Vocal Music at St. Olaf College.

Dr. Aspaas earned his Ph.D. in Choral Music Education at The Florida State University in Tallahassee, his M.M. in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University in East Lansing and his B.M. in Voice Performance from St. Olaf. His professional experience includes serving on the faculties of Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington and Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mas-

sachusetts.

Dr. Aspaas may be most known in Minnesota for his experience at St. Olaf where he conducted the Viking Chorus, a 90-voice ensemble of first-year student men, as well as the St. Olaf Chapel Choir, a 100-voice ensemble specializing in the performance of oratorio and larger multi-movement works.

Dr. Aspaas has produced more than forty arrangements and compositions for mixed, men’s and women’s choirs. The final concert selection planned for The Big Sing 2017 is “What Will We Promise.” The Staples Area Men’s Chorus previously commissioned Dr. Aspaas to write the score. The words were written by Dave Bengtson, a member of SAMC from Long Prairie.

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Support shown for Caleb Horn and quality of music program

“We are doing what’s best for the future of the vocal music program,” Klamm said. “There is a lot of passion around the program. Our goal is to continue the integrity and quality of the program.”

Not everyone agrees with that assessment, as was evident when Eric Wallace, Staples, asked to address the board between the meetings. He said he didn’t think things with Caleb Horn “were handled very well. Horn was not given a fair chance.”

Wallace asked what “a kid just out of college” has over Horn, suggesting that he would be “moldable to the old boys system.”

“The community thinks he’s doing a great job,” Wallace added. “It’s time to rethink this.”

Kathryn Edwards spoke in support of Horn and his interactions with her children Noah Han and Rose Han. She was quite emotional as she noted that, although Rose is good at a lot of things, she can be overshadowed by her older siblings. Edwards told how Rose said it was her choir teacher who encouraged her to want to be in music.

Edwards used the example of the recent Pops Concert and the number of solos that were part of it.

“Who is encouraging them?” she asked.

She also was impressed with the effort Horn made to help Noah with his college music auditions.

“He’s a really kind person,” Edwards said, using the example of how he supported an orchestra student whose parents could not be with him at a state competition.

Several students shared their opinions of Horn as their teacher.

Senior Brian Sterriker said he’s worked with Horn and that Horn “helps me grow as a person.” He said Horn inspired him to continue singing, encouraging him as a choreographer.

“I think he should have a second chance,” Sterriker said.

“As a future music educator, I know I need to inspire students to grow a program,” said Noah Han, senior, adding that Horn has done that here. “I think Mr. Horn has been a really good teacher.”

Junior Delaney Larson said she was amazed at the size and quality of the choir under Hoemberg when she moved to the area from another state. At the beginning of this school year she said the students were “scared we weren’t

going to be as good as last year. We are as good or better. The music has been hard but it is so worth it. Mr. Horn makes us do our best.”

Anna Bloomquist, also a junior, said Horn helped her channel her energy in more positive ways into her music.

Wallace ended that comment time by saying “Not having him (Horn) back next year is a disservice to the school and the community and the program.”

During the special meeting the board accepted the resignations of Trevor Kruse, Information Technology, effective April 7, and Brian Schornack, agriculture/natural resources, effective June 2.

During the work session the board reviewed the report by Bruce Lund on the superintendent’s mid-year evaluation. Board members had been asked to evaluate the superintendent on five goals. Those are:

- Strategically plan to revitalize, build and maintain facilities;
- Provide staff time and professional development to meet the needs of students;
- Develop a clear and concise framework for communications;
- Align technology support and infrastructure to provide students with 21st century opportunities; and
- Create a robust, adoptable STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) curriculum for each grade level.

Lund reported that communication was the area board members felt needed improvement. He recommended that the board meet with the superintendent in the June work session to develop a comprehensive communications plan.

Also in the work session the board:

- Discussed the draft of the technology handbook outlining the procedures for the Chromebooks to be distributed to next year’s students.
- Agreed that an allergy policy should be researched and implemented.
- Reviewed the fund balance policy and agreed they should strive to have two months operating expenditures, increasing it from the one month as stated in the current policy.
- Briefly reviewed two other policies and agreed that they should reinstate a policy committee. This will be added to the agenda of the April 17 meeting.

Regional SBDC receives award Center serves 11 counties in North Central Region

The North Central Regional Small Business Development Center at Central Lakes College (SBDC) in Brainerd was chosen as Minnesota’s SBDC Excellence and Innovation Center of the Year. In 2016, the Center helped 24 new businesses open and assisted businesses in the northcentral part of Minnesota in raising nearly \$24 million in start-up and expansion financing.

The current director, Greg Bergman, came to the SBDC in 2001 with an extensive background in business and economic development. He manages the SBDC’s consulting programs, which provide one-on-one services to business start-ups and existing businesses focusing on a large variety of topics. In addition to their main location, Bergman also manages four satellite centers to provide accessibility throughout the 11-county north Central Minnesota region.

“The quality of the consultants that work with our clients has been key to our success,” says Bergman,

“they’ve experience and knowledge to share that’s some the best in the state.”

One of the experienced consultants at the SBDC is Julie Anderholm. Since 1992 she has provided over 20,000 hours of consultation to help local businesses succeed. Anderholm is known for her ability to work with clients to identify and obtain funding to start or expand their small business.

In the last 15 years, she has helped clients raise over \$157 million in financing for their businesses. One business that knows firsthand the value of her advice is Danlure, LLC.

Danlure, LLC, a fishing jig manufacturer in Wadena was founded by Lee (Ivan) Lorentz and his late father Dan Lorentz in 2011. Dan designed and developed a fishing jig with a swivel hook, which gave the bait a more natural presentation to the fish. Dan passed away in 2012 after a four year battle with cancer. Since then, Ivan has made it his mission to ensure the success of the Danlure fishing jig.

To do that, Lorentz turned to the SBDC for assistance with business planning, financial analysis and more. Anderholm worked with Lorentz on his business plans and financial projections to help ensure his finances would not get overextended.

“Julie was great to work with,” says Lorentz. “Her down-to-earth advice was really valuable to our business.”

While the company continued to grow through sales at a variety of small retail outlets and its online store, a huge break came in early 2015 when a major sporting goods retailer decided to feature Danlure products in select stores throughout the Midwest.

The help Ivan received from the SBDC truly helped him to land the big fish.

Each year the SBDC in Brainerd provides approximately 3,500 consulting hours to more than 400 clients in 11 counties. To promote growth in their area, they help small businesses access SBA loan products, microloans, local incentive

programs, investor groups and more.

The SBA, along with the SCORE Association and the Minnesota State Small Business Development Center, will honor all the 2017 winners at the Minnesota Small Business Week Awards Luncheon on Thursday, May 4 at the Marriott Minneapolis Northwest in Brooklyn Park.

Registration is open until April 30 at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07edz9pid7c2438b74&lr=atpeqtcab&showPage=true>

For more information on Small Business Week, please visit www.sba.gov/NSBW.

Clarification

In the news story about Spandl Chiropractic in the March 30 issue of the Staples World, a comment was made about people not having to travel out of town for chiropractic service. It should be noted that Dr. Jon Theurer has operated a chiropractic clinic in Staples for over 45 years.

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Five-year strategic plan developed

growing updraft of creative placemaking efforts throughout the nation.”

In other news, the SEDA

- Discussed results of their strategic planning meeting. Radermacher has developed a five year plan that focuses on a thriving economy, residential growth and social vibrancy, with goals, strategies and success measures for each category.
- Approved \$500 to support the Paint the Town project.

- Discussed possible economic impacts of the school facility assessment. Board member Mary Klamm, the Staples-Motley Superintendent, said having three buildings makes it inconvenient for some families and compared it to other nearby cities that only have one building for all students.

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Home Run Derby Night

Shaping our future – parents and educators together

The staff at Staples-Motley Elementary will host a Home Run Derby Night Thursday, April 27, from 4-6 p.m. at the school.

Parents and students are invited for a night of fun and learning. Starting at 4 p.m., we will send you around the in-field. First Base is a Book Giveaway, where you can stop and choose a gently recycled book to enjoy. If you have children's books you would like to donate, feel free to pack up a box and drop it off at the school office before the event.

Second Base is a Readers Theater performance by a few of our very own Staples-Motley Elementary students. When you round the corner and stop by Third Base, you'll find some fun baseball-themed math games. If technol-

Staples-Motley Schools



By Kathy Johnson
Staples-Motley Elementary Principal

ogy is something you'd like to learn more about, stop by Home Plate for some great learning opportunities to play with your kids at home.

At 5 p.m. we'll ask all parents to join us in the gym for a 15-minute informational learning session. Kids can head out to the supervised playground, where parents will join them for a free dinner of hot dogs and chips.

We hope to have a lot of families join us in the fun, and we look forward to a fun filled evening where parents and teachers can come together in shaping our future.

We certainly have plenty of home runs in our future. Go Cardinals!

State parks, trails need a boost

By Tom Landwehr
Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources is asking for modest fee and general fund increases for Minnesota's state parks and trails system during the 2017 legislative session, and I want you to know why it's important to make an investment in these special places.

For more than 125 years, Minnesota's state parks, trails and public water accesses have served as an outstanding asset to Minnesotans and visitors to our state, providing recreational access; activities and programs; support to local economies; and the ability to simply take a break from everyday life during all four seasons.

They are also core pillars of the state's \$13.6 billion tourism industry, playing host to some 10.3 million park visitors and 1.8 million summer trail users. Local spending in Greater Minnesota communities from park visitors is approximately \$25.50 per person, per day, totaling \$246 million each year.

In our 75 parks and along thousands of miles of trails, Minnesotans can experience the peace and well-being associated with fresh air, exercise, and the sights and sounds of our natural resources. In my humble opinion, a day on the lake - canoeing, recreational boating, or fishing - is nature's best form of stress management.

But even natural beauty requires maintenance. Without careful management and upkeep, the woods, prairies and waterways would fill with invasive species, while time and the elements would reclaim the buildings, trails, boat access ramps, and roads in our parks.

Maintaining state parks and trails is a huge job for the DNR, with 75 state parks and recreation areas;

60 state multi-purpose and water trails; thousands of miles of user-supported snowmobile and off-highway vehicle trails; and more than 2,000 boat ramps and fishing piers. Managing these assets is like running 75 small cities and thousands of miles of narrow roadways.

Throughout our long and proud history, these facilities and services have been funded through a combination of tax dollars and modest user fees. A core value of Minnesota's system has been to provide open or low-cost access to these recreational resources so ALL people could enjoy them.

While the popularity of the state parks has been increasing annually - for example, demand for single-day vehicle entrance permits has increased 34 percent since 2012 - the majority of user fees have remained stagnant for more than a decade. To help bridge the funding gap, we have had to shorten camping seasons, decrease office hours, and reduce the frequency of trail maintenance and grooming.

These stop-gaps need a sustainable fix, especially at a time when visitor numbers and expectations are rising. Warmer weather prompts more - not fewer - visits to state parks, trails and boat accesses. Customers want DNR to extend seasons, not shorten them. At current funding levels, we simply do not have the resources to meet that demand.

What we can do is this: seek a permanent general fund (tax dollars) adjustment to replace the previous one-time fixes to the Parks and Trails budget and ask users to pay a little more in fees. About 85 percent of DNR funding comes from user fees, sales of licenses and permits, and dedicated funds from the Legacy Amendment and the State Lottery.

If the governor's proposals to increase out-

door recreation user fees and general fund support aren't approved by the Legislature, Minnesotans and out-of-state visitors will see further reductions in the amenities and services the state parks and trails system can provide.

In practical terms, this means state park campgrounds open for significantly fewer days; diminished outdoor recreation grant funding for local governments; substantial cuts to trail grooming and repairs; and noticeably longer wait-times for dock maintenance and water level adjustments at boating access sites.

Here is our proposal:

- A year's worth of family fun in our state parks would increase by about the cost of a bag of cooler ice (\$5/annually; \$1/daily).
- Registration fee increases for ATVs (\$5/year), snowmobiles (\$10/year), and boats (\$1-15/year depending on watercraft size) would increase by less than the cost of a few gallons of gas.
- The cross-country ski pass would increase less than the cost of a block of ski wax (\$5/annually; \$2/daily).

Even with these increases, Minnesota's state parks and trails will continue to be a great value. Compared to the price of taking a family of four to a movie (\$35 or more, not including popcorn) or an amusement park (\$100 plus), our state parks and trails will remain an accessible option for family fun all across the state.

Minnesota has a strong tradition of publicly supporting outdoor recreation. I hope you will share your support for the outdoors - and these modest fee increases - with your family, friends and those who represent you in the state Legislature.

For more information, visit mndnr.gov/supportoutdoors.

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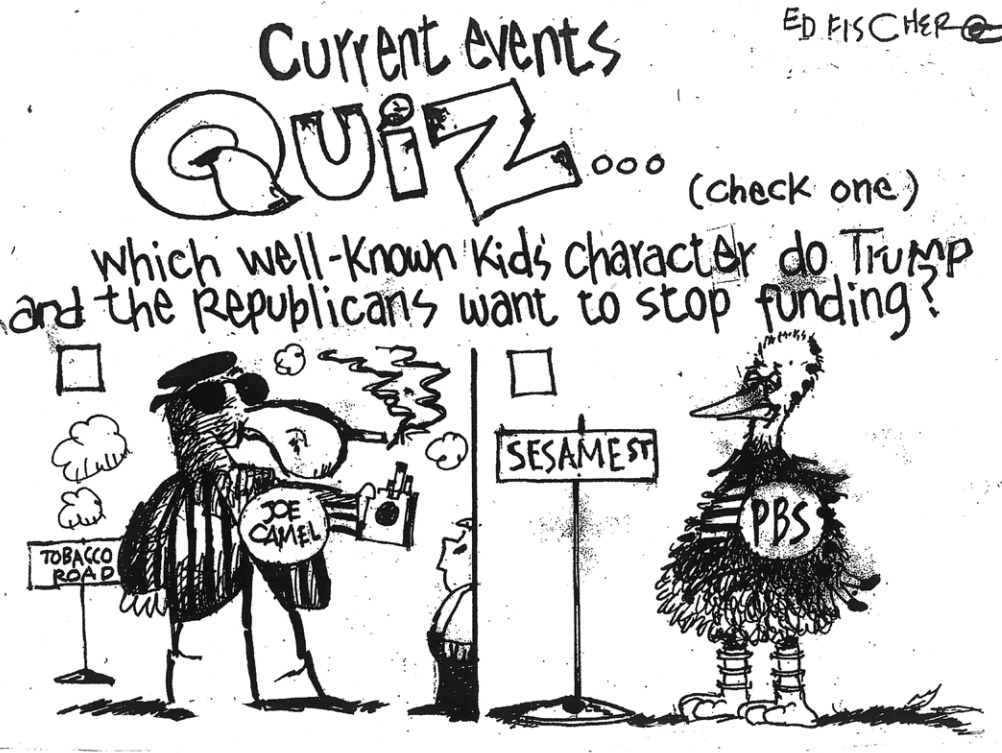
Letter to the Editor

Sadly disappointed

Monday of this week I learned that Caleb Horn, the choir director at Staples-Motley Schools, will not be hired back. I'm very disappointed. Mr. Horn has done a lot of good for the choir program and the kids. Was he not reassigned because he was a non-conformist? Did he even get a fair shake at his interview? I think it's all of it. Why on earth do we get rid of teachers who actually invest in our children? I seriously think this is an administration problem. I think it's time to clean house.

Eric Wallace
Staples, Minn.

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Bob Gatts and Judy Richer to be featured on Lakeland Public TV

Two area residents, Bob Gatts and Judy Richer, will be featured on Lakeland Public Television in the near future.

• Bob Gatts of the Obligato Violin & Guitar Shop in Cushing will be featured on a segment of "Common Ground," Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m.

According to online information at LP-TV's website, Gatts will demonstrate his hands-on process to rehair a treasured violin for a regular customer. Check the website for additional times to see this episode.

• Judy Richer of Staples, the coordinator of Bridges Career Academies in the Brainerd area, will be featured on Lakeland Currents Friday, April 7, at 8 p.m.

Host Bethany Wesley will interview Richer along with Jen Voge, the coordinator of Bemidji Career Academies at Bemidji High School.

Together, Richer and Voge will discuss how high schools throughout the region are helping their students explore potential career paths through Career Academies. Career Academies provide coursework and real-world workplace experiences for students who want to learn more about, observe and, in many cases, actually acquire, the foundational skills necessary to obtain employment and thrive within a specific industry.

Pitch, Hit & Run contest April 23

JCI Staples, also known as the Staples Jaycees will host a free Scotts® Major League Baseball® Pitch Hit & Run™ Competition for area youth April 23 at Pine Grove Park, Staples. Registration opens at 1:30 p.m. The competition will begin at 2 p.m.

Pitch Hit & Run™ is the official skills competition of Major League Baseball®. This grassroots program is designed to provide youngsters with an opportunity to compete, free of charge, in a competition that recognizes individual excellence in core baseball/softball skills.

Boys and girls are divided into four age divisions: seven and eight year olds, nine and ten year olds, 11 and 12 year olds and 13 and 14 year olds. They have the

opportunity to advance through four levels of competition, including Team Championships at Major League ballparks and the National Finals during the 2017 MLB™ All-Star Week®.

The individual Pitching, Hitting and Running Champions, along with the All-Around Champion in each division age group at the local competition will advance to the sectional level.

All participants must bring a copy of their birth certificate and have their parent/guardian fill out a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. For questions or more info, contact local coordinators Megan Haber at 218-330-9341 or Scott Lenk at 218-296-1102.

Unfilled jobs issue is topic of forum

The Gordon Rosenmeier Center for State and Local Government presents "Help Wanted: Brainerd Lakes" 7 to 9 pm, Thursday, April 13, at the Chalberg Theater at Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

Area unemployment is over six percent, yet help wanted signs hang in many doors. One local major manufacturer says they could hire 25 people on any given day with the workload they're experiencing.

There's over 2,000 unfilled jobs within 60 miles of Brainerd. Lack of workers and qualified workers is a major issue for employers in our area and statewide. Demographers tell us it's only going to get worse. Why? What can we do? What are the facts?

Be part of the discussion with panelists Karl Samp Executive Director of the Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation; Janelle Riley, CEO of Syvantis Technologies; and Mike Bjerkness, Workforce Director at Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corporation.

Samp said, "This is an opportunity for business owners and managers to understand the challenges they're facing, now and into the future and to hear how our community and at least one employer is approaching the challenge.

"Nonprofits and educators working with children and youth can also learn the importance of their role in developing our future workforce."

The Gordon Rosenmeier Center for State and Local Government is a non-partisan organization which strives to educate and encourage participation of citizens in effective government and the political process.

Nathan Jorgenson to speak at Book Ends

Nathan Jorgenson, Minnesota author/dentist is the April guest at Book Ends, the monthly meet-the-author event at The Uptown in Wadena.

Jorgenson has published three novels: "Waiting for White Horses," "The Mulligan" and "A Crooked Number." When not writing, he practices dentistry at Reuter Family Dentistry in Wadena.

Jorgenson's stories combine pathos and humor in topical plots set in Minnesota. His latest, "A Crooked Number," weaves themes of young love, grad school and amateur baseball into a rich and tender coming-of-age story. The story is set in a Minnesota town that could be Wadena. Jorgenson was the 2004 winner

of the Benjamin Franklin Award for Best New Voice in Fiction.

Book Ends begins at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at The Uptown. One hour of conversation is followed by Q&A, book sales and autographs and lunch. The event is free. Lunch is on the attendee.

"Nate Jorgenson is witty and approachable," says event moderator Jerry Mevissen. "Here's an opportunity for his readers on the inside scoop of his stories, and for writers to learn his secrets of telling, and selling, a good yarn."

Book Ends is hosted by An Open Book. For more information, call Gillette Kempf at 218/632-2665 or www.anopenbookmn.com.

Mark Your Calendar

April 8

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT hosted by Central Lakes College, Sat., April 8, beginning at 1 p.m., CLC Staples campus. For children 10 years and younger. Free pictures with the bunny.

April 12

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, noon - 3:30 p.m., through April 12, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For people 60 and older, low-moderate income. For info., 218-894-5772.

April 18, 19

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., April 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340 ext. 246.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., April 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., April 19, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m.; Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 1-866-632-9992.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider change order on Dower Lake Park Seasonal Camping Project.
- Consider resolution establishing administrative penalties for certain violations of the city code.
- Consider proposed 2016 year end adjustments.
- Consider approving Federal Airport Funding Repayment Agreement between the City of Staples and the City of Wadena for the transfer of \$150,000 in FAA grant funds from the City of Staples to the City of Wadena for repayment in 2018 and authorize the city administrator to execute the documents, as recommended by the Airport Advisory Board.

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- Hear reports from the Public Works Commission and the Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.



Derek Brown



Ancia Quartet

SaxoSummit brings renown sax artists

Staples is known in the area as the "city that sings" but truth-be-told it has a rich tradition in all of its music programs. Staples-Motley Band Director Jon Crust is bringing a SaxoSummit to Staples Tuesday, April 11.

This day-long event features the saxophone and will conclude with a public concert featuring the Symphonic Band and Jazz Band at 7 p.m. at the Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

Area students will host Twin Cities-based Ancia Quartet and Chicago artist Derek Brown who will also perform at the concert. A finale act will be performed by the "Director Big Band" which features music directors from the surrounding area and professional musicians from Bemidji State University and North Dakota State University, with Derek Brown and Ancia joining the group as the saxophone section.

This unique day of saxophone music will involve Staples-Motley students and other saxophone players from area schools.

Derek Brown will be at the 7 a.m. jazz band practice. Ancia will work with SMHS students midmorning. Area school students in grades 6-12 will arrive after lunch to begin a series of specialized clinic sessions including smaller saxophone groups working with the guest artists.

Approximately 45 saxophone players had registered at press time. No fee was charged for this event.

"This event is made possible in part by a grant provided by Five Wings Arts Council, Vandoren and

Eckroth Music with volunteer and assistance by the Staples-Motley Music Boosters," said Jon Crust.

For the concert at Centennial Auditorium at 7 p.m., "We are expecting a packed house. This will be a free-will offering," Crust said "Donations made will help to defray the costs for the next planned event, the 'Low Brass Summit,' scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18."

Saxophone innovator Derek Brown lives and performs in Chicago, and is most known for his unique solo performances throughout the world. Crossing genres from jazz to funk to classical, Derek's unique playing style, using creative new "beatbox-like" techniques, is wowing audiences in festivals and venues across the globe.

Brown is currently involved with the up-and-coming Chicago funk/fusion supergroup Low Spark, as well as his signature solo show, "BEATBoX SAX."

Derek began to write original tunes and experiment with the saxophone while in college. By the time he left grad school at the University of Cincinnati, College-Conservatory of Music he was well on his way to creating his own unique approach to playing.

For the next six years, Derek was the Director of Jazz Studies at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Tex. While there he challenged himself to see how full a sound he

could get out of one horn with no electronic help. Using some established techniques like slap-tonguing and double-tonguing, as well as some not-so-established techniques like various new percussive sounds and striking the sax with rings, he found something truly fresh. For more information, visit derekbrown-sax.com.

Ancia is a Twin-Cities based quartet of Angela Wyatt, baritone sax; Matthew Sintchak, soprano sax; David Milne, tenor sax; and Joan Hutton, alto sax. They have extensive expertise in performing in concerts and at master class events both nationally and internationally.

The quartet has performed at regional, national, and international saxophone conferences in Montreal, Iowa City, Chicago, Winnipeg, Florida, and Minneapolis. They have collaborated with the Berlin Saxophone Quartet, including quartet and octet performances at "Klang-fenster '95" in Berlin, Germany.

This past season, Ancia performed with the Wayzata Symphony Orchestra playing Philip Glass' Concerto for Saxophone Quartet and Orchestra; Sunday Afternoon from the Chazen, a live radio concert from Madison, Wisc.; the Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis; and Studio Z, Minneapolis. For more information about Ancia visit anciaquartet.com.

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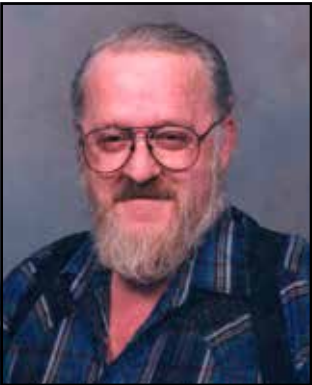
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Obituaries



George Martin

George Martin, 74, of Staples, passed away March 29, 2017.

Funeral services for George will be held Friday, April 7, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church in Staples with Pastor Roy Miles officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

George was born November 10, 1942, in Staples to Fred and Blanche (Sarff) Martin. He married Janet Haidle on April 6, 1963 in Staples. George was a truck driver and heavy equipment operator for many years and also worked construction. He was a good story teller, enjoyed hunting, fishing and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was member of the Staples Assembly of God Church.

George is survived by his wife; three sons, Bruce and Edward (Terri) both of Staples and Gerald (Lori) of Long Prairie; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmothers, Margaret and Harriet and three brothers Richard, David and Tom.

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Lance Plattner

Lance Plattner, 39, of Motley, passed away unexpectedly March 29, 2017 at his home from a dissecting aorta hemorrhage.

Services will be held Saturday, April 8, 11 a.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples. Visitation will be held Friday, April 7 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Lance was born September 27, 1977 in Little Falls to Mark and Phyllis (Etzler) Plattner. He attended school in Staples. Lance worked as a mason, a welder and a mechanic. In 2007, he married Amanda Frie. Lance enjoyed hunting, fishing, racing, machining and tinkering and modifying anything he could get his hands on.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Junior and Darline Plattner; girlfriend, Leila Cameron of Staples; two brothers, Scott (Ida Lombard) of Motley and Ryan (Sammie) of Staples; one sister, Michelle (Adam) Boyer of Motley; nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents Bud Etzler and June Etzler.

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Peggy Bredemeier

Gladys “Peggy” Bredemeier, 93, of Staples, passed away Monday, April 3, 2017 at the Lake-wood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Services for Peggy will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, April 7 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with Pastor Saul Stensvaag officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples, MN.

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James Nelson

James Andrew Nelson, 72, of Motley died March 30, 2017 as the result of a tractor accident.

Per his request, there will be no services held.

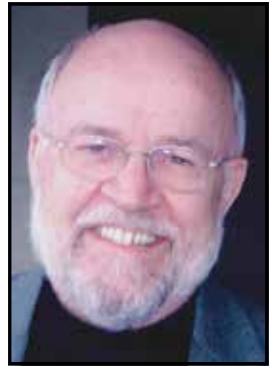
James was born April 1, 1944 to O’Neil and Eunice (Mix) Nelson in Minneapolis. He married Shirley Abbott on December 13, 1964 in Coon Rapids. The couple moved to Motley in 1971. Jim owned his own construction company building and remodeling houses and log homes. He enjoyed flying and built several of his own airplanes and ultralight crafts.

He is survived by one daughter, Laura Nelson-Janssen, Waite Park and one son, Frank (Tanya) Nelson, Motley; one sister, Sandy (Gordy) Blaha, Minneapolis; one brother, Robert (Tammy) Nelson, Spring Lake Park; two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Christine Brisbin.

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Robert Goff



Robert “Bob” Goff, age 80, died peacefully at his St. Paul home on March 29, 2017. Loved by his family as an aspiring but unconvincing curmudgeon and a devoted husband, father and grandfather; his humor and generous spirit will be missed.

The son of Lee and Frances Goff, Bob was born September 21, 1936, and raised in Staples, Minnesota. As a boy he enjoyed boarding the train to traverse the prairies with his father, a conductor for the Northern Pacific Railroad. Bob earned a degree in social studies education from St. Cloud State University in 1958 and taught history for five years at Mounds View High School before pursuing a career in politics and government. His love for politics developed while attending Democratic Farmer Labor (DFL) events with his mother during his youth.

Bob spent his early political career as a field campaigner for various DFL congressional candidates. He also served in the administrations of Governors Rolvaag and Perpich. Following the 1966 elections, then-Minnesota Senator Nick Coleman asked Bob to form an advertising firm with him. Coleman and Goff Advertising opened in St. Paul that same month. Bob quickly transitioned to pitching stories to the media rather than buying ads, making him one of Minnesota’s first public relations practitioners (“a happy accident,” per Bob).

Over the next five decades, Bob was a leading PR strategist behind projects ranging from the Metrodome to Xcel Energy Center. He was a key figure in DFL politics and state government, a steadfast advisor to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and the funniest guy in every room he entered. He served as president of several companies that evolved into the present-day Goff Public, creating great office culture before “office culture” was a thing.

Bob took particular pleasure in acting

as the “Santa Claus intermediary” for his grandkids and other children. He always told them that he went to high school with Santa and could leverage this special relationship in their favor. Another Christmas tradition included Bob announcing the destination for the next family summer vacation that included all of his seven children and their families, along with his nephew Steve Goff and his family. These trips were a perfect way for the next generation to stay connected, spend time in some of the greatest cities in North America, and learn more about historic sites.

The date of November 9, 2011, was officially proclaimed “Bob Goff Day” by the City of St. Paul Mayor’s Office to honor Bob’s significant impact in the community on the 45th anniversary of Goff Public. In 2012, Bob retired, but continued to provide advice to Goff Public, and helped celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2016. During retirement he doted on his grandkids and traveled extensively with his wife Phyllis, enjoying trips to Barcelona, Paris and Ireland, among other favorite spots in Europe. He also enjoyed monthly gatherings of the “Old Farts,” a group of St. Paul leaders who were longtime friends. Ever the special events dodger, Bob would occasionally appease Phyllis by agreeing to attend social events with her.

Perhaps one of the greatest gifts that Bob Goff possessed was his innate ability to be a great encourager to so many people; to serve as mentor to family, friends and co-workers; and to inspire others to realize their potential and follow their true passions.

Bob is survived by his wife Phyllis; children Cindy, Paul (Annette), Carolyn (Steve), Laura (Cliff), Bill (Marsha), Emily (Ricardo), and Matt (Caitlin); 12 adoring grandchildren; siblings Dick (Mary), Bill (Janis) and Sandy; and whole bunches of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life reception will be held at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul on Monday, April 10, from 2:30-4:30 p.m., with a brief program at 3 p.m. Memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Historical Society, Regions Hospital Foundation, or HealthPartners Hospice.

Please share your favorite memory of Bob with the family at BobGoffStories@gmail.com.

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Community meal, youth group servers

The Assembly of God Church in Staples hosted the Community Meal March 28, serving ham, baked potatoes and all the trimmings to over 220 people. Youth group members helped in the serving line, while several church volunteers assisted in the kitchen and with clearing plates. Pictured above, Shane Magnuson serves some ham to Margie Jones. Other servers at front table included, from left, Elizabeth DiGiovanni,

Anita Wentworth, Ethan DiGiovanni. In background are servers Nicholas Drone and Curtis Miles. The Community Meals are sponsored by CARE Ministries and are held at area churches on a monthly basis September - May. The next Community Meal will be held Tuesday, April 25, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

VA disability and SSDI eligibility for both

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

If you’re already receiving disability benefits through the Veterans Administration (VA) you may also be eligible to receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) from the Social Security Administration (SSA). SSDI is administered by the SSA to provide monthly benefits for disabled workers.

To receive SSDI, you must have worked enough to earn sufficient credits and to have paid in adequate taxes to the SSA. In general, that means you must have worked the equivalent of five years full-time out of the last 10 years, but that can vary depending on age.

While VA disability is only available to military veterans who suffer from a service-related disability, SSDI is available to any worker who suffers from any disability that meets the requirements of the medical guide to be deemed a full disability per the SSA guidelines. So, if you have a service-related disability and other medical conditions, you can combine those together to gain approval for SSDI. Unlike VA disability, to get SSDI you must be fully disabled as there are no partial disability benefits.

The differences

To receive SSDI you can combine chronic health conditions, injuries, and military-related conditions to prove your disability to receive benefits.

While the VA will give a disability rating, such as 10 percent, the SSA will not. You must show that you are completely disabled and unable to work to earn a substantial gainful income.

For SSDI benefits, you must be unable to work for at least a year or have a condition that is expected to result in your death. With VA disability, you can receive benefits based on the severity or the disability rating that you receive.

While you can apply for VA disability because of a service-related disability at any time, you need to be aware that you need to apply for SSDI as quickly as possible. Because it is based on credits earned from working, waiting too long to apply can result in your loss of benefits.

You can apply for VA disability and SSDI at the same time. Both claims are processed using a different approach through different government agencies, so be aware that different information will need to be supplied for each claim.

Expedited claims

If you’re a veteran who’s been approved for VA disability with a 100 percent

P&T disability rating, or if you were wounded in the line of duty after October 2001, you can have your SSDI claim expedited in effort to get faster approval for monthly SSDI benefits.

The additional monthly benefits from SSDI can significantly impact your financial situation and help you with your regular living costs. By supplementing your VA disability with SSDI, you can have a major impact on your family’s finances.

How to apply for SSDI

If you’re ready to apply for SSDI, you have numerous options available to you. You can either go online to the SSA website at www.ssa.gov to start the process, call the SSA’s toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213, or visit your local SSA office to start your claim in person.

To learn more, visit the Disability Benefits Help Outreach Team’s website at www.disabilitybenefitscenter.org or contact them at help@ssd-help.org. [Source: Veteran News | Donnie La Curan | November 10, 2016 ++]

As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



North Star District Troop of the Year

Boy Scout Troop 61 of Staples/Motley was selected as the North Star District Troop of the Year for 2016. The troop received the award at their recognition dinner April 2. The troop had a fantastic year in Scouting with tons of participation in troop, community, district, council and national events made for a very busy and productive year for the boys, their families and leaders. Jordon and Garrett Carlson were also recognized as two of the six scouts who received their Eagle Scout award in the North Star District for 2016. Jace Carlson was selected to receive The Silver Beaver Award, one of scouting’s highest awards given for lead-

ership. He will be receiving this award at the council recognition dinner at the end of the month. Ray Garland, Staples earned this same award many years ago. The Central Minnesota Council of the Boy Scouts of America is comprised of four districts. Troop 61 is chartered through the Staples Rotary Club. Above; from left, Eagle Scout Jordon Carlson, Eagle Scout Garrett Carlson, Board of Review Member and Charter Representative Ray Garland, Eagle Scout Zachary Carlson, Committee Chair Jace Carlson and Council Field Director Wade Bastian. (Submitted photo)



Staples-Motley Speech Team advances 20 to section meet on April 8



SM Speech Team second at sub section tournament

Above: Staples-Motley Speech Team members who competed at sub section included, front, left to right: Samantha Mrazek, Rachell Fisher, Lilly Niemi, Krystal Yoder, Bryn Williams, Mardi Opheim, Alex Brings, Cade Bestland and Toni Brings. Middle: Macy Judd, Ari Brings, Elijah Sams, Coleman Klimek, Dario Sotelo, Jonah Johnson, Sadie Thompson and Julia Trantina. Back: Andrew Bates, Delaney Larson, Kallee Abbas, Samantha Svendsen, Alex Erickson, Torii Nienow, Jeremy Stultz and Matthew Fisher. Left: Captains Coleman Klimek and Elijah Sams with the Sub Section 21A second place trophy. (Submitted photos)

The Staples-Motley Speech Team brought home the Sub Section 21A second place team trophy, taking second to a well prepared squad from Parkers Prairie on March 31. Staples-Motley registered 25 speakers, advancing 20 to the section tournament Saturday, April 8, in Underwood. Sub section champions and their categories; Cade Bestland, Creative Expression; Krystal Yoder, Drama; Elijah Sams and Coleman Klimek, Duo; Samantha Mrazek, Original Oratory; and Andrew Bates, Storytelling. Advancing to the section tournament will be: Jonah Johnson, 2nd, Creative Expression; Rachell Fisher, 3rd Drama; Delaney Larson and Kallee Abbas, 3rd, Duo; Sadie Thompson, 2nd, Extemporaneous Reading; Dario Sotelo, 4th, Extemporaneous Speaking; Ari Brings, 2nd, Great Speeches; Alex Brings, 3rd, Great Speeches; Alex Erickson, 3rd, Humor; Lilly Niemi, 5th, Informative; Samantha Svendsen, 4th, Original Oratory; Mardi Opheim, 2nd, Poetry; Macy Judd, 2nd, Prose; and Julia Trantina, 4th, Prose.

Hello World

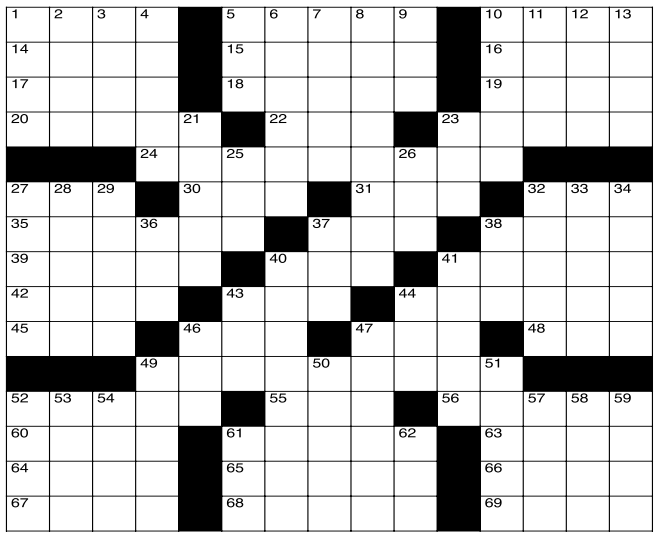
BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:
Born to Cassandra Churchill and Aaron Hayes of Clarissa, a baby girl, Paisley Mae weighing eight pounds, one ounce on March 25, 2017.
Born to Ashley Defoe and Ryan Greenwood of Clarissa, a baby girl, Brooklyn Ann weighing nine pounds, three ounces on March 27, 2017.
Born to Shantel Pint of Pillager, a baby girl, JaeLyn LaShae weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on March 29, 2017.
Born to Ryan and Kelsey Markham of Brainerd, a baby boy, Grayson Scott weighing 10 pounds, seven ounces on March 30, 2017.
Born to Derek and Stephanie Hovius of Wadena, a baby boy, Casey Lee weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on March 30, 2017.



Rotary donates

The Staples Rotary Club recently donated a total of \$485 to area food shelves. Fifty percent of the funds, \$243, was given to the Staples Food Shelf; and the rest was divided equally between the Motley Food Shelf and the Central Lakes College Food Shelf. Rotary club members donated toward this cause, with the club matching their donations. Pictured, from left, are Rotary member Jim Hofer; Staples Food Shelf Director Fran Mertens; and Rotary member Al Kolling. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Sensitivity
 - 5. Greek island
 - 10. Up to the time of
 - 14. Wife
 - 15. Composer Ned
 - 16. Edging to street path (Brit.)
 - 17. Lose energy
 - 18. Biblical parable
 - 19. Celery (Spanish)
 - 20. Arm bones
 - 22. Japanese family emblem
 - 23. Customary practice
 - 24. Acceptance
 - 27. Very fast aircraft (abbr.)
 - 30. Cool
 - 31. Indian state
 - 32. Young boy or girl
 - 35. Astronomy unit
 - 37. Confederate soldier
 - 38. Famed German composer
 - 39. Alternate name
 - 40. Used to pave driveways
 - 41. Artery
 - 42. Type of powder
 - 43. Inquire too closely
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Very short skirt worn by ballerinas
 - 2. Angle between leaf stalk and stem
 - 3. Popular in Nebraska
 - 4. Dessert
 - 5. Cognitive retention therapy
 - 6. Wandered
 - 7. Mistake
 - 8. Adolescent
 - 9. Medical term
 - 10. Russian tsarOs edict
 - 11. Type genus of the Nepidae
 - 12. High school math class
- CLUES ACROSS
- 44. Northern Ireland
 - 45. Connects two points at right angles
 - 46. Hot drink
 - 47. A newt
 - 48. Engine additive
 - 49. Wealthy Connecticut town
 - 52. Not invited or requested
 - 55. Embrace
 - 56. Spiritual leader
 - 60. Wild or sweet cherry
 - 61. ___ Day, actress
 - 63. Daughter of Ion
 - 64. Recline
 - 65. Type of acid
 - 66. City in Utah
 - 67. Lazily
 - 68. Music term
 - 69. Divulge a secret
- CLUES DOWN
- 13. Double-reed instrument
 - 21. Painful places on the body
 - 23. Fiddler crabs
 - 25. Resinous substance
 - 26. Person of wealth (Brit.)
 - 27. Series
 - 28. North American plant
 - 29. Warble
 - 32. Pastries
 - 33. Group of eight
 - 34. Twyla __, dancer
 - 36. Pouch
 - 37. Singer Charles
 - 38. Cattle genus
 - 40. Eye infection
 - 41. Where couples go to marry
 - 43. Long bench with backs
 - 44. Unrestricted free agent
 - 46. ___ Talks
 - 47. Causal agent
 - 49. Nincompoop
 - 50. Relating to the aura
 - 51. Person of conspicuous wealth
 - 52. Type of mottled fruit
 - 53. Essential
 - 54. Fertility god
 - 57. Folk singer Ives
 - 58. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
 - 59. Foot
 - 61. Digital audiotape
 - 62. Drunk
 - 62. Sot
 - CW16B410

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sunlight & Youth.....6:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaat
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:35 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S., Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.,
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m.,
Saturday.....7:00 p.m.,
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Children's Church.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11-11:45 a.m.

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study groups, all ages

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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

On Being Humble

"Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor." —Proverbs 29:23 NIV

We all know that self-praise stinks, or to quote Jesus, "those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12 NIV) This is an astute observation, and one which has many applications to life. Jesus made this statement while pointing out how religious leaders or teachers often desire to be exalted by fancy titles and seats of honor. Little has changed in two thousand years; people still like fancy titles and "seats of honor" (e.g., the corner office). Perhaps we are hard-wired to respond to hierarchies and pecking orders, and we all know people who just can't stand it if they aren't the top dog. Jesus' statement appears to be a recommendation to humble ourselves so that others will then exalt us, and in the social realm, this frequently happens—we praise others precisely because of their humility. But the more important lesson here concerns the spiritual realm. In the kingdom of heaven, he who is least among you will be the most exalted. Pope Francis is frequently praised for his genuine humility, just as his namesake St. Francis was, earning him the nickname "il Poverello" or the little poor man. There is no better example of this than that of God becoming man, and Jesus' greatest acts were his acts which showed the most humility, for example when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13). So humble yourself, and genuinely strive to put others first, seeing them as better than yourself. — Christopher Simon

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store
"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION
(THESE PARCELS HAVE NOT FORFEITED TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA)

State of Minnesota, County of Todd
Denise Gaida, County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS
OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) July 31st, 2017, whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcels; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcels as of the date listed below:

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Legal Description	Amount Due
03-0028200 Janet Guerra 61 County Rd F W Vadnais Heights, MN 55127	Sect-13 Twp-127 Rang-34 Beg at a pt 33 ft E of NE cor of Lot 9 Diamond Springs Park Thence E 141 ft NW to N Line of Lot 1 W to a pt 33 ft E of NE cor of Lot 7	\$184.73
04-0038600 Destiny Ventures LLC 5103 S Sheredan #710 Tulsa, OK 74145		
First State Bank of Swanville P.O. Box 128 Swanville, MN 56382	Lot-4 Blk-1 Townsite of Burnhamville (35-129-32)	\$4,257.39
05-0006000 Jeffrey & Kristine Brown 13025 320th ST Eagle Bend, MN 56446		
Witt Homes LLC P.O. Box 1249 Alexandria, MN 56308	Sect-09 Twp-130 Rang-35 Beg at NE cor of NE4 NW4, W 385.24 ft, S 1101.60 ft, E 405.42 ft, N 1101.66 ft to beg	\$1,314.29
05-0011401 Glen Nack Unknown	Sect-16 Twp-130 Rang-35 N 6 Rds of W 26 Rds of SW4 NW4	\$178.22
05-0018201 Roger & Angela Berkness 15192 280th ST Eagle Bend, MN 56446		
First National Bank of Osakis 213 Central Ave Osakis, MN 56360	Sect-26 Twp-130 Rang-35 W 20 Ac of S 30 Ac of E 60 Ac of W2 SE4	\$19,221.08
06-0057700 Tonina Baker Desiree & Arron Baker 1424 Vera Ave Redwing, MN 55066		
John Baker 3504 Clinton Ave Minneapolis, MN 55408	Lot 8 Brookside (20-128-32)	\$3,724.72
06-0072600 Nancy Macken 616 5T St SE Minneapolis, MN 55414	Bauer's Subdivision 18-128-32 Lot 10 Blk 1 ex comm at the SE corn of Lot 10; W 26.61 ft to pt of beg; N 19.51 ft; W 60.46 ft; S 17.95 ft to S line of Lot 10; E 60.48 ft to beg.	\$504.33
06-0091600 Michael & Diane Brum 2519 43rd Ave S St. Cloud, MN 56301	Lot-4 Blk-1 Otter Slide Estates 22-128-32	\$4,483.43
06-0092000 Charles Sand 767 2nd ST S Sartell, MN 56377		
Richard Thull 33945 Oakshire Rd Melrose, MN 56352	Lot-8 Blk-1 Otter Slide Estates 22-128-32	\$12,554.35
06-0092500 Michael Ettel 650 8th ST Clearwater, MN 55320		
Freeport State Bank Attn:Lending Department PO 187 Freeport, MN 56331	Lot-13 Blk-1 Otter Slide Estates 22-128-32	\$5,465.52
07-0013400 Leroy & Sheila Morrow 42504 Woodview Road Freeport, MN 56331		
Minnesota Housing 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300 Saint Paul, MN 55101	Sect-14 Twp-131 Rang-34 S 400 ft of N 970 ft of E 240 ft of NW4 SW4	\$311.64
08-0030600 Jerry Rupe 73909 Middle Canyon Rd Eustis, NE 69028	Sect-30 Twp-132 Rang-32 Beg at SE cor of Lot 6, N 325 ft, W 230 ft to lake, SE to S line of Lot 6, E to Beg	\$5,007.95
08-0032500 Eugene & Brenda Rivetts 39114 County 17 Browerville, MN 56438	Sect-32 Twp-132 Rang-32 N2 S2 SW4 & S2 S2 N2 SW4	\$1,085.82
08-0052100 Edward & Delores Stewart 300 S Bryan RD Heritage SQ H-12 Mission, TX 78572	Lot-4 Blk-7 Sylvan Shores No. 1 (30-132-32)	\$134.56
08-0052200 Edward & Delores Stewart 300 Bryan RD Heritage SQ H-12 Mission, TX 78572	Lot-5 Blk-7 Sylvan Shores No. 1 (30-132-32)	\$134.56
08-0052300 Edward & Delores Stewart 300 Bryan RD Heritage SQ H-12 Mission, TX 78572	Lot-6 Blk-7 Sylvan Shores No. 1 (30-132-32)	\$134.56
08-0085700 Sergey & Nina Andreychenko 28025 S Hult RD Beavercreek, OR 97004	Lot-10 Blk-7 Fawn Lake Meadows (29, 30-132-32)	\$103.32
08-0087100 Craig & Colleen Blonigen 513 1st ST N Montrose, MN 55363		
Amber & Joseph Chrudemsky 14084 Orchid ST Andover MN 55304	Lot-24 Blk-7 Fawn Lake Meadows (29, 30-132-32)	\$184.79
08-0088200 Kenneth & Agnes Murphy 5060 Clearview Fridley, MN 55421		
Linda Limon 7714 York LN N Brooklyn Park MN 55443		
Howard Appleby 5110 Washington St NE Columbia Heights, MN 55421	Lot-35 Blk-7 Fawn Lake Meadows (29, 30-132-32)	\$229.09

08-0093800 Karen Bensen 1831 7th ST E Apt 3 St. Paul, MN 55119	Lot-91 Blk-7 Fawn Lake Meadows (29, 30-132-32)	\$184.79
08-0117800 Karen Bensen 1831 7th ST E Apt 3 St. Paul, MN 55119	Lot-22 Blk-13 Fawn Lake Meadows (29, 30-132-32)	\$220.93
08-0131300 Margaret Henshaw 7385 Bolton Way Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076	Lot-1 Blk-4 Pine Island Heights (30, 31-132-32)	\$126.40
08-0133700 Theodore & Myrtle Johnson 5754 Lakeshore Grove PL Sanford, FL 32771		
Kris & Cheryl Faulkner 1655 117th Ave NE Blaine, MN 55449	Lot-24 Blk-4 Pine Island Heights (30, 31-132-32)	\$209.63
08-0136700 Rose Wensman 30 Heritage LN Sauk Centre, MN 56378		
Robert Wensman 30 Heritage LN Sauk Centre, MN 56378	Lot-23 Blk-5 Pine Island Heights (30, 31-132-32)	\$249.17
08-0136800 Rose Wensman 30 Heritage LN Sauk Centre, MN 56378		
Robert Wensman 30 Heritage LN Sauk Centre, MN 56378	Lot-24 Blk-5 Pine Island Heights (30, 31-132-32)	\$249.17
08-0139800 Duane & Valeriya Russell 13145 Trail Dust Ave San Diego, CA 92129	Lot-17 Blk-6 Pine Island Heights (30, 31-132-32)	\$103.32
08-0141100 Vicque Amos 1067 St Paul Ave St. Paul, MN 55116	Lot-30 Blk-6 Pine Island Heights (30, 31-132-32)	\$184.79
08-0143300 Patricia Bedell 10250 99th Ave N Maple Grove, MN 55369	Lot-52 Blk-6 Pine Island Heights (30, 31-132-32)	\$209.63
11-0028200 Cynthia Montzka C/O Hannah Montzka 20 West St Apt 15F New York, NY 10004		
Hannah Barnstable (Montzka) 5232 Knox Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55419	Sect-20 Twp-127 Rang-32 Part of Govt Lot 2 Desc as comm at SE cor of SE4 NE4, W 2045.69 ft to W line of Co Rd 47, N'rly 82 ft, NE 15ft, NW 185.91 ft to pt of beg, thence NW 35.79 ft, NW 48.57 ft, SW 496 ft to shoreline, SE'rly along shoreline 71 ft, NE 450 ft to beg	\$12,633.41
15-0032800 Viva Hooker 12957 County 10 Osakis, MN 56360	Sect-28 Twp-129 Rang-35 S2 SW4	\$4,109.86
15-0038200 Viva Hooker 12957 County 10 Osakis, MN 56360	Sect-33 Twp-129 Rang-35 Govt Lots 2 & 3 lying W of Twp Rd ex Plat Hooker add & Ex Comm at NE-rly cor of Lot 5 Hooker add SE 83.36 ft to pt of beg; thence NW 133.36 ft to Ctr of Hwy #10 NE 429.04 ft S 513 ft to shoreline W-rly 300 ft...	\$9,436.24
16-0011902 Adam & Maria Abrahamson Ramon Botello 29628 County 31 Browerville, MN 56438	Sect-13 Twp-130 Rang-32 S2 SE4 Ex E 30 Ac & Ex S 660 ft of W 660 ft of E 1650 ft	\$1,773.99
17-0058100 Castle Rock Financial Corp 220 Bergamot Drive Medina, MN 55340	Sect-27 Twp-128 Rang-34 Lot-3 Blk-1 Juergens Lake South First Addition C1C #29	\$4,314.84
17-0058300 Castle Rock Financial Corp 220 Bergamot Drive Medina, MN 55340	Sect-27 Twp-128 Rang-34 Lot-5 Blk-1 Juergens Lake South First Addition C1C #29	\$4,121.45
18-0025403 Myrtle Starry Nelson Trust Bremer Trust N.A. Po Box 986 St. Cloud, MN 56302		
Bremer Trust NA 1100 W Saint Germain ST St. Cloud, MN 56301	Sect-20 Twp-129 Rang-33 Service Road that is 40 ft in Width & Comm at Twp Rd on S line of SE4 SW4 & Runs N'rly along W edge of Row of Hwy 71 316.5 ft	\$100.48
19-0000700 Marshall & Carolyn Rinkenberger 18634 Driftwood Road Clearwater, MN 55320	Sect-01 Twp-132 Rang-33 SE4 NW4 Ex N 16 Rds of W 10 Rds	\$3,437.42
19-0000800 Marshall & Carolyn Rinkenberger 18634 Driftwood Road Clearwater, MN 55320	Sect-01 Twp-132 Rang-33 E2 SW4	\$7,094.38
19-0001101 Marshall & Carolyn Rinkenberger 18634 Driftwood Road Clearwater, MN 55320	Sect-01 Twp-132 Rang-33 NW4 SE4	\$5,143.30
19-0010800 Marsha Pexsa 15380 150th ST Wadena, MN 56482		
Marie Adamietz 43692 County 21 Staples, MN 56479	Sect-11 Twp-132 Rang-33 SW4 NW4 & N2 NW4 Ex N 400 ft of W 1320 ft	\$5,513.54
19-0036900 Terry & Julianne Shaw 50270 State HWY 19 Gaylord, MN 55334	Lot-2 Blk-2 Sylvan Shores Villa (35, 36-132-33)	\$195.06
19-0037400 Jeffrey & Karen Reiger 695 US Highway 6 Coal Valley, IL 61240	Lot-7 Blk-2 Sylvan Shores Villa (35, 36-132-33)	\$130.52
19-0049600 Maria Hardy 11645 Forestview Drive Baxter, MN 56425	Lot-4 Blk-6 Sylvan Shores Villa (35, 36-132-33)	\$2,378.66
19-0053600 Dora Thomas 9003 De Bouppe L E Saint Louis, IL 62203	Lot-44 Blk-6 Sylvan Shores Villa (35, 36-132-33)	\$145.92
19-0070100 William & Marjorie Rothstein Po Box 744 Sauk Rapids, MN 56379	Lot-4 Blk-4 Prairie River Heights (35, 36-132-33)	\$164.83
19-0077500 Gary Specketer 7785 Clydsdale CR Lino Lakes, MN 55014	Lot-18 Blk-6 Prairie River Heights (35, 36-132-33)	\$150.82
19-0084900 Gary Specketer 7785 Clydsdale CR Lino Lakes, MN 55014	Lot-19 Blk-9 Prairie River Heights (35, 36-132-33)	\$156.70
19-0094600 Duane & Valeriya Russell 13145 Trail Dust Ave San Diego, CA 92129	Lot-17 Blk-2 Sylvan Shores South (36-132-33)	\$122.30
19-0095800 Kristy Pierce 1390 Lydia Ave W Roseville, MN 55113	Lot-29 Blk-2 Sylvan Shores South (36-132-33)	\$195.06
19-0128900 Justin Hanson Po Box 70 Maple Lake, MN 55358	Lot-27 Blk-2 Timber Ridge (35-132-33)	\$195.06
19-0129600 Bernard & Elizabeth Irmen 555 2nd St W Apt 36 Maple Lake, MN 55358	Lot-3 Blk-3 Timber Ridge (35-132-33)	\$195.06
20-0013600 Vera Wagner 548 E Hoffman Spokane, WA 99207	Sect-13 Twp-129 Rang-34 NW4 NW4 N of Mill Pond	\$202.74

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 7, 2017

Call to Order

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

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with the addition of welcoming the County Coordinator in Standing Reports.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2017 as presented.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the 8's Pub & Grill LLC at the address of 24148 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the American Legion 417 dba Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk

Legion) at the address of 16268 County 50, Long Prairie, MN in Little Sauk Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Rohdes Midway Gas Bar & Grill Inc dba Midway Bar & Grill at the address of 17908 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Round Prairie Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a Seasonal Off Sale & On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for the Linwood Resort at the address of 17857 Lake St E, Osakis, MN in Gordon Prairie Township effective May 1, 2017 through October 1, 2017.

To approve a Seasonal Off Sale & On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for the Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 15, 2017 through October 15, 2017.

To approve a yearly Setup License for the Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

GAMBLING PERMIT FOR BIG LAKE SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Big Lake Sportsman's Club through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Gambling Permit for the Big Lake Sportsman's Club to hold a raffle at the Big Lake Sportsman's Club in Turtle Creek Township at the address 31974 County 16, Cushing, MN on August 19, 2017.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the February 2017 Auditor Warrants number 229071 through 229213 in the amount of \$1,261,962.70.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 45545 through 45618 in the amount of \$40,559.98.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 700186 through 700319 in the amount of \$84,072.60 and Warrants number 512287 through 512317 in the amount of \$52,525.25.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve acknowledgement of Benson Air Ag, Inc. of Benson, MN for spraying of tent worms in Todd County in the Calendar year 2017 along with the Public shall

be notified within 48 hours of spraying.

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

RESOLUTION FOR A PUBLIC LAND AUCTION OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS IN TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS: Tax-Forfeited Parcels in Todd County have been reappraised and classified as provided by M.S. 282.01, and will be offered for sale by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at a public auction. Said land auction will commence at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of April, 2017. The Todd County Auditor/Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a notice of the upcoming land auction as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

All property is sold for cash or check only, no payment plans will be offered and full payment is due on the date of sale.

A charge of \$25 will be made for each State Deed issued.

A charge of \$46 will be made to record the State Deed.

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected. (0.0033 x purchase price)

A \$50 fee for well certificate, if applicable, will be collected.

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$250 will be collected.

A three percent (3%) Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per M. S. 284.28, Subd. 8).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tax-Forfeited Parcels will be offered for sale subject to liens, existing roads, easements and leases, if any, and any special assessments canceled at forfeiture may be reassessed by the municipalities after the sale.

Sheriff's Office

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2017 BOAT AND WATER GRANT

WHEREAS, Todd County Sheriff Don Asmus has submitted the 2017 Boat and Water Safety Grant to the Todd County Board of Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS, in the Boat and Water Safety Grant it awards the amount of \$8,262 to Todd County to carry out Minnesota's Boat and Water Safety Rules.

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher the following was adopted by unanimous vote:

2017 BOAT AND WATER GRANT

WHEREAS, Todd County Sheriff Don Asmus has submitted the 2017 Boat and Water Safety Grant to the Todd County Board of Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS, in the Boat and Water Safety Grant it awards the amount of \$8,262 to Todd County to carry out Minnesota's Boat

and Water Safety Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the 2017 Boat and Water Safety Grant authorize Sheriff Don Asmus to carry out the conditions of the grant.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Lakes Area Coop, LAC/Eagle Valley Express 2017 tobacco license application.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Gloriann Bartels to the position of part-time intermittent homemaker contingent upon successful completion of required background check and employee physical assessment with the ability to reclassify as a home health aide/homemaker when the individual has received the appropriate certification and client needs arise.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Laura Lindner to the position of Child Support Supervisor, Grade 11, Step 1, as recommended by the Todd County Personnel Committee.

Auditor-Treasurer's

See **COMMISSIONERS** on page 10a

REDEMPTION continued from page 8a

21-0005101 Ronald Mickelson Unknown	Sect-05 Twp-128 Rang-33 Pt GL 1 Descr as; Comm 147.1 ft S of NE corner of GL 1, W 407.21 ft to pt of beg, W 240 ft, SW 72.2 ft, SE 78 ft, E 227.61 ft, N 140 ft to pt of beg	\$165.29
21-0007700 Steven & Tammy Goertz 23533 202nd ST Long Prairie, MN 56347	Sect-06 Twp-128 Rang-33 SE4 SW4 & SW4 SE4 W of Hwy ex RY & ex Hwy 71 & ex tract 260 ft N & S by 260 ft E & W lying W of Hwy 71 & S of Twp Rd #447 Row	\$8,712.88
21-0019400 John & Denitta Kircher 18801 Elderberry DR Long Prairie, MN 56347	Sect-18 Twp-128 Rang-33 Beg at SE Cor of Blk 2 Townsite of Round Prairie, thence SW 278 ft, W 142 ft, NE to SW cor of Blk 2 of Townsite of Round Prairie, SE 142 ft to beg	\$2,304.48
25-0024301 Willis & Wieland No Known Address	Sect-24 Twp-133 Rang-32 Part of Govt Lot 1 desc as: comm at N Qtr cor of Sec 24, E 961.90 ft, E 342 ft to pt of beg; thence S to Long Prairie River, NE-ly along river to N line of Govt Lot 1 W to beg ex N 44 ft for cemetery (25-4000300)	\$272.86
25-0026000 Vera Wagner 548 E Hoffman Spokane, WA 99207	Sect-25 Twp-133 Rang-32 E2 W2 W2 of Govt Lot 1	\$493.66
25-0026100 Archdiocese of Duluth St. Francis Catholic Church 1108 Willow ST Brainerd, MN 56401	Sect-25 Twp-133 Rang-32 W2 W2 E2 of Govt Lot 1	\$814.12
26-0001100 Viola Noska Po Box 269 Pequot Lakes, MN 56472		
Donna Urman 31311 Grosbeak RD Long Prairie, MN 56347	Sect-01 Twp-131 Rang-33 NW4 SW4	\$2,303.35
28-0017600 Daniel Danielson 35682 133rd Ave Eagle Bend, MN 56446		
Minnesota Housing 400 Sibley Street, Suite 300 Saint Paul, MN 55101	Sect-21 Twp-131 Rang-35 N 335 ft of S 1355 ft of W 360 ft of E2 NE4	\$1,592.82
28-0019300 Gary Hommerding 35938 145th Ave Eagle Bend, MN 56446	Sect-23 Twp-131 Rang-35 Beg at NW cor of NW4 NW4, S 398.19 ft, E 615.90 ft, N 376.84 ft, W 617.36 to pt of beg	\$2,561.88
28-0019900 Tad Eckel 15458 County Rd 82 Eagle Bend, MN 56446	Sect-23 Twp-131 Rang-35 Beg at SE cor of E2 SE4, W 500 ft, NE 1432.13 ft, E 3228.89 ft to E line, S 1424.91 ft to beg	\$2,102.47
30-0021600 Ronald Kortuem 630 Gillis Ave Browerville, MN 56438		
Patrick & Mary Kroll 117 2nd AVE NE St. Stephen, MN 56375	Lot-11 Blk-16 Original Townsite of Browerville 8-130-33	\$481.29
30-0025900 Mark & Susan Muller 94 Terrasa ST Roberts, WI 54023	Brower's First Addition 8-130-33 E 54 ft of W 129 ft of S 100 ft of Blk 4	\$2,526.52
33-0014900 Leon & Neil Thorson 1018 Davis Ave Gibbon, MN 55335	Townsite of Eagle Bend 13-131-35 N 60 ft of E 17 ft of W 48 1/2 ft of Outlot & S 20 ft of N 80 ft of E 14 ft of W 45 1/2 ft in Outlot 1	\$3,194.52
33-0016500 Duane & Stephanie Line Po Box 125 Eagle Bend, MN 56446	Lot-4 Blk-4 Abbot's 1st Addition to Eagle Bend (12)	\$289.20
33-0018400 Rachel Halbrehder 40303 County 75 Bertha, MN 56437		
Mathew Ahrendt 46389 County Rd 23 Verndale, MN 56421	Lot-6 Blk-1 E & A Abbot's Addition 13-131-35	\$1,550.23
33-0020900 Bernard & Pam Dahlvang 201 Bottemiller DR Wadena, MN 56482	Bond's First Addition 12-131-35 E 30 ft of S 94.25 ft of Lot 10 Blk 1	\$2,846.74
33-0025100 Land Trust Company LLC Po Box 2046 Portland, OR 97024	Bond's 3rd Addition 12-131-35 Lot 11 & W2 of Lot 12 Blk 1	\$695.33
36-0011100 William Peifer 515 First Ave NE Long Prairie, MN 56347	Lot-3 Blk-2 Townsite of Long Prairie (20-129-33)	\$5,451.29

36-0024100 Robert Soule 221 2nd Ave N Long Prairie, MN 56347		
American Heritage National Bank 24 2nd St S Long Prairie, MN 56347		
City of Long Prairie 615 Lake Street S Long Prairie, MN 56347	Lot-3 Blk-16 Townsite of Long Prairie (20-129-33)	\$2,929.20
36-0053600 James Larson Julie Minor 18674 County Road 10 Long Prairie, MN 56347	Tweed's Fourth Addition 20-129-33 Lots 1 to 5 Blk 20	\$1,422.43
38-0034800 Arnold Logering 23201 County 24 Staples, MN 56479		
William & Wendy Sather 830 Pleasant Ave NE Staples, MN 56479	Lot-6 Blk-8 Shellabarger's First Addition 11-133-33 S 33 1/3 ft of Lot 5 & N 8 ft 4 in Lot 6	\$158.62
38-0034900 Arnold Logering 23201 County 24 Staples, MN 56479		
William & Wendy Sather 830 Pleasant Ave NE Staples, MN 56479	Shellabarger's First Addition 11-133-33 S 41 ft 8 in of Lot 6 Blk 8	\$3,953.09
38-0037500 Donald & Louise Logering 23201 County Rd 24 Staples, MN 56479		
Arnold Logering 23201 County RD 24 Staples, MN 56479	Shellabarger's First Addition 11-133-33 Lots 10, 11 & 12 Blk 12	\$4,658.03
38-0043400 Duane Hagenson 30627 Timberlane Rd Staples, MN 56479	Drake & Bartraw Addition 7-133-33 S2 of S2 of Lots 1 & 2 Blk 10	\$609.23
38-0081900 Malcolm & Nancy Campbell 710 Spring LN Hinkley, MN 55037	Lot-10 Blk-8 Donovan's Addition to Staples 11-133-33	\$8,783.12

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or **July 31st, 2017** whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The redemption amount is shown above is figured through April 30, 2017. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid *on or after* May 1, 2017.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 24th day of March, 2017.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by Becky Jager

Becky Jager,
Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
Todd County Courthouse
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

ORDINANCE NO. 511

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF STAPLES ENACTED TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL LODGING TAX PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. §469.190.

THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF STAPLES, TODD COUNTY, MINNESOTA DOES ORDAIN:

Section 10.12 - LODGING TAX

Sec. 10.12.01 Definitions.

Unless the language or context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, for the purpose of this Section 10.12, shall have the following meanings and inclusions:

“City” means the City of Staples, Minnesota, acting by or through its duly authorized representative.

“Lodger” means the person or entity obtaining lodging from an Operator.

“Operator” means any person or entity who has charge, care, or control of a building, or part thereof, in which dwelling units or rooming units are let.

“Person” includes all firms, partnerships, associations, corporations, and natural persons.

“Rent” means the total consideration valued in money charged for lodging whether paid in money or otherwise, but shall not include any charges for services rendered in connection with furnishing lodging other than the room charge itself.

“Taxable lodging and lodging-related services” means the furnishing for a consideration of the rental of a room or rooms for a temporary place to stay or live, as further defined in the Minnesota Department of Revenue Sales Tax Fact Sheet 141, as the same may be amended or revised from time to time.

Sec. 10.12.02 - Imposition of tax.

There is hereby imposed a tax of three percent (3%) on the rent charged by an Operator for providing taxable lodging and lodging-related services to any person after June 1, 2017. The tax shall be stated and charged separately and shall be collected by the Operator from the Lodger. The tax collected by the Operator shall be a debt owed by the Operator to the City and shall be extinguished only by payment to the City. In no case shall the tax imposed by this section upon an Operator exceed the amount of tax, which the Operator is authorized and required by this article to collect from a Lodger.

Sec. 10.12.03 - Collections.

Each operator shall collect the tax imposed by this section at the time the rent is paid. The tax collections shall be deemed to be held in trust by the Operator for the City. The amount of tax

shall be separately stated from the rent charged for the lodging and those persons paying the tax shall receive a receipt of payment from the Operator.

Sec. 10.12.04 - Exemptions.

An exemption shall be granted to any person as to whom or whose occupancy it is beyond the power of the City to tax. Further, exemption may be granted for those sales and/or services as defined in Minnesota Department of Revenue Sales Tax Fact Sheet 141, as the same may be amended or revised from time to time. No exemption shall be granted except upon a claim therefore made at the time the rent is collected and such a claim shall be made in writing and under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the City. All such claims shall be forwarded to the City when the returns and collections are submitted as required by this chapter.

Sec. 10.12.05 - Prohibition Against Advertising No Tax.

It shall be unlawful for any Operator to advertise or hold out or state to the public or any customer, directly or indirectly, that the tax or any part thereof will be assumed or absorbed by the Operator, or that it will not be added to the rent or that, if added, it or any part thereof will be refunded. In computing the tax to be collected, amounts of tax less than one cent shall be considered an additional cent.

Sec. 10.12.06 - Payments and Returns.

The Operator shall pay the taxes imposed by this Section 10.12 to the City monthly not later than 20 days after the end of the month in which the taxes were collected. At the time of payment, the Operator shall submit a return upon such forms and containing such information as the City may require. The return shall contain the following minimum information:

(1) Total taxable general rate sales as reported on Operator’s state sales tax return.

(2) The total amount of rent collected for the lodging during the period covered by the return.

(3) The amount of tax required to be collected and due for the period.

(4) The signature of the person filing the return or that of his agent duly authorized in writing.

(5) The period covered by the return.

(6) The amount of uncollectible rental charges subject to the lodging tax.

(7) Lodging and/or lodging-related services not subject to tax as described in section 10.12.04.

Sec. 10.12.07 - Examination of Return, Adjustments, Notices, and Demands.

The City shall, after a return is filed, examine the same and make any investigation or examination of the records and accounts

of the person making the return deemed necessary for determining its correctness. The tax computed on the basis of such examination shall be the tax to be paid. If the tax due is found to be greater than that paid, such excess shall be paid to the City within ten days after receipt of a notice thereof given either personally or sent by registered mail to the address shown on the return. If the tax paid is greater than the tax found to be due, the excess shall be refunded to the person who paid the tax to the City within ten days after determination of such refund.

Sec. 10.12.08 - Refunds

Any person may apply to the City for a refund of taxes paid for a prescribed period in excess of the amount legally due for that period, provided that no application for refund shall be considered unless filed within one year after such tax was paid, or within one year from the filing of the return, whichever period is the longer. The City shall examine the claim and make and file written findings whereon denying or allowing the claim in whole or in part and shall mail a notice thereof by registered mail to such person at the address stated upon the return. If such claim is allowed in whole or in part, the City shall credit the amount of the allowance against any taxes due under this article from the claimant and the balance of said allowance, if any, will be paid by the City to the claimant.

Sec. 10.12.09 - Failure to File a Return.

(a) If any Operator required by this article to file a return shall fail to do so within the time prescribed or shall make, willfully or otherwise, an incorrect, false, or fraudulent return, the Operator shall, upon written notice and demand, file such return or corrected return within ten days of receipt of such written notice and shall at the same time pay any tax due on the basis thereof. If such person shall fail to file such return or corrected return, the City shall make a return or corrected return for such person based upon such knowledge and information as the City can obtain, and assess a tax on the basis thereof, which tax (less any payments thereto made on account of the tax for the taxable period covered by such return) shall be paid upon within ten days of the receipt of written notice and demand for such payment. Any such return or assessment made by the City shall be prima facie correct and valid, and the burden of proving to the contrary rests with any person in any action or proceeding in respect thereto.

(b) If any portion of a tax imposed by this article, including penalties thereon, is not paid within 30 days after it is required to be paid, the City attorney

may institute such legal action as may be necessary to recover the amount due plus interest, penalties, the costs and disbursements of any action.

(c) Upon a showing of good cause the City may grant an Operator one 30-day extension of time within which to file a return and make payment of taxes as required by this article provided that interest during such period of extension shall be added to the taxes due at the rate of eight percent per annum.

Sec. 10.12.10 - Penalties.

(a) If any tax imposed by this article is not paid within the time herein specified for the payment, or an extension thereof, there shall be added thereto a specific penalty equal to ten percent of the amount remaining unpaid.

(b) In case of any failure to make and file a return within the time prescribed by this article, unless it is shown that such failure is not due to willful neglect, there shall be added to the tax in addition to the penalty provided in subsection (a) above, a penalty of five percent for each 30-day period or fraction thereof during which such failure continues, not exceeding 25 percent in the aggregate. There shall be a minimum penalty assessed of ten dollars if penalties in the aggregate do not exceed that amount. The amount so added to any tax shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner and as part of the tax unless the tax has been paid before the discovery of the negligence, in which case the amount so added shall be collected in the same manner as the tax.

(c) If any person willfully fails to file any return or make any payment required by this article, or willfully files a false or fraudulent return or willfully attempts in any manner to evade or defeat any such tax or payment thereof, there shall also be imposed as a penalty an amount equal to 50 percent of any tax (less any amounts paid on the basis of such false or fraudulent return) found due for the period to which such return related. The penalty imposed by this section shall be collected as part of the tax, and shall be in addition to any other penalties provided by this article.

(d) All payments received shall be credited first to penalties, next to interest, and then to the tax due.

(e) The amount of tax not timely paid, together with any penalty provided by this section, shall bear interest at the rate of eight percent per annum from the time such tax should have been paid until payment is made. Any interest and penalty shall be added to the tax and be collected as part thereof.

Sec. 10.12.11 - Administration of tax.

The City shall adminis-

ter and enforce the assessment and collection of the taxes imposed by this article. The City shall cause to be prepared blank forms for the returns and other documents required by this article and shall distribute the same throughout the City and furnish them an application, but failure to receive or secure them shall not relieve any person from any obligation required of him under this article.

Sec. 10.12.12 - Contract with the State.

The City Clerk or Administrator is authorized to confer with Minnesota Commissioner of Taxation to the end that an agreement between the City and the Commissioner of Taxation may be entered into for the purpose of providing for the administration and collection of taxes imposed by this section. Such an agreement shall not become effective until presented to the City Council for its approval and when so approved the tax imposed by this section shall be collected and administered the terms of said agreement.

Sec. 10.12.13 - Examination of Records.

Persons acting on behalf of the City and authorized in writing by the City may examine the books, papers, and records of any Operator in order to verify the accuracy of any return made, or if no return was made, to ascertain the tax as provided in this article. Every such Operator is directed and required to give to the City the means, facilities, and opportunity for such examinations and investigations as are hereby authorized.

Sec. 10.12.14 - Violations.

Any person who shall willfully fail to make a return by this article, or who shall fail to pay the tax after written demand for payment, or who shall fail to remit the taxes collected or any penalty or interest imposed by this article after written demand for such payment, or who shall refuse to permit the City’s authorized agents to examine the books, records, and papers under his control, or who shall willfully make any incomplete, false, or fraudulent return shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 10.12.15 - Use of proceeds.

Ninety-five percent of the proceeds obtained from the collection of taxes pursuant to this article shall be used in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 469.190 as the same may be amended from time to time to fund a Tourism Promotion Committee for the purpose of marketing and promoting the City as a tourist center. The City may use up to five percent of the proceeds obtained hereunder to defray the costs and expenses of collection and administration of such tax. The City may contract with organization(s), as it

deems necessary and proper to achieve the desired ends.

Sec. 10.12.16 - Appeals.

(a) Any Operator aggrieved by any notice, order, or determination made by the City under this article may file a petition for review of such notice, order, or determination. The petition shall contain the name of the petitioner, the petitioner’s address, and the location of the lodging subject to the notice, order or determination.

(b) The petition for review shall be filed with the City within ten days after the notice, order, or determination for which review is sought has been mailed or served upon the person requesting review.

(c) Upon receipt of the petition, the City or its authorized agent shall set a date for a hearing and give the petitioner at least ten days prior written notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing.

(d) At the hearing, the petitioner shall be given an opportunity to show cause why the notice, order, or determination should be modified or withdrawn.

(e) The hearing shall be conducted by the City or its authorized agent, provided only that the person conducting the hearing shall not have participated in the drafting of the order, notice, or determination for which review is sought.

(f) The person conducting the hearing shall make written findings of fact and conclusions based upon the applicable section of this article and the evidence presented. The person conducting the hearing may affirm, reverse, or modify the notice, order, or determination made by the City.

(g) Any decision rendered by the City pursuant to this section may be appealed to the city council. A petitioner seeking to appeal a decision must file a written notice of appeal with the City within ten days after the decision has been mailed to the petitioner. The matter will thereupon be placed on the council agenda as soon as is practical. The council shall then review the findings of fact and conclusions to determine whether they were correct. Upon a determination by the council that the findings and conclusions were incorrect, the City may modify, reverse, or affirm the decision of the City’s authorized agent under the same standards as set forth in subsection (f) above.

Approved:
Chris Etzler, Mayor

Attest:
Phil Lindaman, City Clerk

First Reading:
March 14, 2017
Second Reading:
March 28, 2017
Adoption: March 28, 2017
Published: April 6, 2017
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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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Report

Township Elections for 21 Townships and Annual Meetings for all 28 Townships are scheduled for March 14, 2017.

Commissioner’s Report

The Commissioners extended welcome to the new County Coordinator, Joe Hatch.

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator’s Report

Joe Hatch provided a recap of activities during his first week with Todd County.

Adjourn

Commissioner Erickson recessed the meeting until March 21, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ANOKA CO GOVT	
CENTER.....	\$14,956.75
BROCK/JERRY.....	5,000.00
COMPUTER PROS.....	6,017.00
GENE-O’S CS REST LLC ...	6,992.45
LONG PRAIRIE SANI INC	3,236.14
16 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	10,592.83
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK	33,284.04
CARD SERVICES	
COBORN’S	3,148.59
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	2,530.29
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK.....	4,924.41

GOULD/RHONDA M	2,814.00
INITIATIVE FOUND	5,500.00
METRO SALES INC.....	2,061.43
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT	16,809.55
MN DEPT OF FINANCE....	5,960.00
MORRISON COUNTY	3,383.90
PFB LAW PRO	
ASSOCIATION.....	46,401.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	74,141.67
RESOURCE TRAINING	
AND SOLUTIONS	249,555.00
SHIRLEY’S GAS &	
GROCERIES	2,392.50
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	11,177.50
TOWN OF BARTLETT.....	17,574.08
TOWN OF BERTHA	19,272.70
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE	19,303.98
TOWN OF BRUCE	19,475.10
TOWN OF BURLENE	17,608.75
TOWN OF	
BURNHAMVILLE	22,084.56
TOWN OF	
EAGLE VALLEY	23,815.45
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	20,285.29
TOWN OF GERMANIA	23,022.38
TOWN OF GORDON	24,430.64
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	18,081.72
TOWN OF HARTFORD....	27,343.06
TOWN OF IONA	23,798.96
TOWN OF KANDOTA	15,032.07
TOWN OF LESLIE.....	19,692.67
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK....	15,583.49
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	22,900.59
TOWN OF	
LONG PRAIRIE	21,449.99
TOWN OF MORAN.....	22,651.82
TOWN OF REYNOLDS....	19,930.17
TOWN OF	
ROUND PRAIRIE.....	25,970.77
TOWN OF STAPLES	23,886.84
TOWN OF	
STOWE PRAIRIE	24,902.71
TOWN OF	
TURTLE CREEK.....	12,988.69
TOWN OF VILLARD	23,701.11
TOWN OF WARD	21,658.41

TOWN OF	
WEST UNION.....	13,255.47
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	21,857.53
24 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	9,584.78
ALLIANCE BUILDING	
CORPORATION	39,615.00
AMERICAN HERITAGE..	12,781.61
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	3,868.39
MITCH’S FUEL SERV	14,775.00
NOTERMANN/	
ANTHONY L.	3,794.37
PETERS &	
CHURCHWELL	3,697.50
RAINBOW RIDER.....	41,888.64
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,935.62
STEP	3,670.00
THOMSON REUTERS -	
WEST	2,251.07
VOYANT COMM., LLC.....	3,467.66
24 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	5,898.21
ABC CONSTRUCTION	
OF CENTRAL MN	7,429.56
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	5,076.50
VERIZON	2,967.82
17 PAYMENTS LESS THAN	
\$2,000	5,812.92
Total:.....	1,261,962.70

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
MN STATE AUDITOR	5,102.00
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	5,455.07
PHOENIX SUPPLY	2,243.05
71 Payments less than	
\$2,000	\$27,759.86
Total	40,559.98

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CARLSON/BARBARA	\$5,600.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL	
SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL ...	4,174.71
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL	
HLTH CTR INC	9,496.50
STEP	7,067.76
VILLAGE RANCH INC	2,685.22

WEST CENTRAL REG	
JUVENILE CTR.....	13,416.67
Payments less	
than \$2,000	10,084.39
Total	\$52,525.25

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BENSON FUNERAL	
HOME INC, ST CLOUD..	3,500.00
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX	
OFFENDER PRO.	5,735.00
DHS - SWIFT.....	9,916.94
FRESHWATER ED.	
DISTRICT	16,930.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	4,813.40
RURAL MN CEP INC	12,792.54
V#14568 - COST EFFE	
HEALTH INSURANCE ...	2,277.66
127 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	28,107.06
Total	84,072.60

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

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
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Public Notices

NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING

This may affect your 2018 property taxes. The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Bartlett Township will meet on April 18, 9:00 a.m. at the Bartlett Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor’s office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the location board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township
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NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY BOARD MEETING

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery board will meet Tuesday, April 11 at 1 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, President
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NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

The Leader Community Hall board will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. at the hall to discuss requirements and authorization to remove mold and repair water damage in the building.

Mark Strom, Secretary
14-15pnc

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP ROAD TOUR

The Becker Township annual road tour will be held on April 13, 2017. Meet at the town hall at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
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Golf balls rolling on the green

The Vintage Golf Course in Staples is now open to the public. Pictured, Staples-Motley golfers chip onto the practice green.

The Vintage gearing up for another season

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Staples area golfers will get an extra month of playing this year, as The Vintage Golf Course is now open after a warm spring. Volunteers have cleaned the course and made it ready to play. The volunteers said the course came through the winter well and it looks great as the grass is starting to green. This will be the fourth year of the lease made by a group of local golfers to keep the course open. Course owners Herb and Gert Domeno agreed to extend the original three year lease. In two out of the three years of the new arrangement, the golf course has made a profit, and it has been helped at times by volunteers. This year The Vintage will continue to offer special rates, group discounts and punch cards, including 20 percent off for

new members. All members get a discount on merchandise and will get a free lesson if they join before Memorial Day. The public is invited to play at any time and they do not need to be members to play or to join the leagues. The Ladies League meets Mondays and the Men's league meets Mondays. If a golfer doesn't want to play in the leagues every week, they can also sign up as a substitute. The clubhouse will continue to serve a full menu of dinners from 4-8 p.m., plus lunch and snack foods all day long. The Vintage also is able to host class reunions, weddings and other events in their pavilion. Kids under 13 years old play free at The Vintage, and there is a summer rec program to help kids learn the game.

Extension offers services to financially distressed farmers

University of Minnesota Extension (U of M) will be offering one-to-one financial counseling to farmers in serious financial stress. "We know that due to a variety of factors, including on-going low prices, some farmers find themselves facing difficult circumstances," said Bev Durgan, extension dean. "With our new program, extension offers farmers help in understanding their financial situation and exploring options to keep their farms functioning as a viable enterprise." To set up a confidential appointment with an extension farm financial analyst, farmers can call

the Farm Information Line at 1-800-232-9077. The extension program is expected to run for two years and will be modeled after similar services offered in Kansas and Iowa. It will augment services currently available in Minnesota, including the Farmer-Lender Mediation program, which is overseen by the U of M Extension and the state Department of Agriculture's Minnesota Farm Advocates assistance. Financial analysts include retired agricultural business professionals from extension and other organizations. The program is set up to provide analysts at geographically diverse locations in Minnesota. They've under-

gone training to update their capabilities and will work closely with current Extension colleagues. "Compared to the 1980s, the magnitude of the financial stress on Minnesota farms is not as widespread. That's good news, but it may also keep many farmers in difficult circumstances from seeking the kind of help that they need," said extension agricultural economist Kevin Klair, who leads Extension's Agricultural Business Management program. "That's why we're working with a variety of agriculture interests in Minnesota, including the banking industry, to reach out and let farmers know we can help them explore their options."



Making a welcoming entrance

Tricia Jasmer and Mary Rychner were part of the City of Staples clean up crew that pulled debris from the east entrance area and Caboose Park in Staples. Other groups involved in the city-wide park clean up were the Lions Club at Dower Lake and Rotary at Northern Pacific Park.



Taking a work break

Danielle Dewey and Jessica Stafford fill a leaf bag at Wilson Park as they take part in the park clean-up with the Stern Rubber volunteer crew. The Stern Rubber group also cleaned up along the bike trail. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Kids clean up

Jocelyn Lenk and Bella Hines were part of the Jaycees clean up crew that raked and picked up leaves at Lincoln Park in Staples.



Doing the city's dirty work

Staples City Council members Ron Murray and Brian Fisher pick up sticks they trimmed and raked at Caboose Park, near Highway 10 in Staples.

Have You HEARD?

Presented by Steve Trebil, BC-HIS

ANEMIA TIED TO HEARING LOSS

Because hearing loss is so prevalent among older individuals, researchers have sought to find factors that will help identify those at increased risk. This research has recently yielded the finding that "sudden sensorineural hearing loss" (SSHL), during which hearing is severely reduced over a three-day period, is linked with "iron deficiency anemia" (IDA). This common condition is caused by a lack of iron in the body, which leads to fewer red blood cells that carry oxygen around the body. As a result, IDA reduces the amount of oxygen available to tissues. While the exact mechanism by which anemia leads to hearing loss is unknown, IDA is easy to treat. This correlation may prompt new ways to diagnose and treat SSHL.

Hearing loss has many causes such as disease or infection, ototoxic drugs, exposure to noise, tumors, trauma, and the aging process. This loss may or may not be accompanied by tinnitus, ringing in the ears. While most causes of hearing loss are well-understood, researchers are still studying all the possible causes, methods for prevention and treatment options. To schedule a hearing assessment, please call PREFERRED HEARING at 1-800-458-0895. You will find us at 17274 State Hwy 371, Brainerd.

P.S. Considered a medical emergency, "sudden sensorineural hearing loss" (SSHL), also known as "sudden deafness," usually occurs in one ear, either immediately or over several days.

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Russ Holland inducted to Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame

Russ Holland of Motley will be inducted into the 2017 Minnesota Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame at a special ceremony April 29, in Benson.

Holland, a 1966 graduate of Fridley High School (FHS), began wrestling when he was in the eighth grade. His record at FHS was 78-6-1. He placed second in the state as a junior at 127 lbs; and went on to win the state title his senior year at 133 lbs, finishing the season with a 30-0 record.

Hall of Fame coach Don Meyers called Russ “the best athlete I ever coached at Fridley High School.”

Holland continued his wrestling at the University of Northern Michigan, where he amassed a record of 92-7. He was an All-American (5th place) in the NCAA Div. II Championships at 158 lbs. in 1970.

Upon graduating from college with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Holland began coaching in Ishpeming, Mich. During the 1972-73 season, he coached his team to a 29-1-1 record. He had two state



Russ Holland

championship teams and 12 state champions. He was voted Michigan's Coach of the Year in 1973.

In 1974, Holland coached at Flint Atherton in Michigan; and in 1975, began coaching at Minneapolis Roosevelt as an assistant. He was the head coach at Park Center High School from 1976 - 1993 and from 1997 - 2007. His record there was 163-121-2. He had one state champion, nine state place winners and 67 state qualifiers.

Holland was voted Minnesota State Coach of the Year in Class AAA in 2000. He ran the first 32-man B squad tournament at Park

Center and also the first 36 team dual meet at Park Center. He was the Region 5AA Coordinator for five years; and was also a Region/Section Rep for five years. He served as the MWCA Membership Chair for five years as well.

In addition, Holland officiated for 34 years and served as the Assignment Secretary for the Metro and Skyline Wrestling Officials Association for 28 years. He assisted with the MSHSL State Wrestling Tournament for 10 years and he officiated at the state tournament for one year.

For the past seven years, Holland has been coaching junior high wrestling at Pierz High School, as well as subbing.

Russ has been married to his wife Jill for 48 years; and for the past 10 years, they have made their home on Lake Shamaineau in rural Motley. The Hollands have two grown children, Erin and Todd; and six grandchildren: Cable, Conner, Chloe, Rylie, Larysa and Cooper.

‘Project Plastic Power Poles’



Leading the way

Amanda Olson, far right, art teacher at Motley-Staples Middle School, led the way as students prepared to hang their artwork on power lines poles along Hwy 10 in Motley March 30. The project, entitled, “Project Plastic Power Poles,” entailed creating art out of plastic bottles and containers, an idea Olson had found on Pinterest. Pictured above, from left: Easton Ecker (looking in window) Klaire Storry, Briana Bendson, Bella Lane, Maddi Stiner, Ally Johnson (in far back), EmmaJean Erickson, Olson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Medical students at MSMS

Medical students from the University of Minnesota Duluth spent the day at Motley-Staples Middle School March 30, giving presentations about the brain to science students in Linda Card's classroom. The medical students are part of the RMSP (Rural Medical Scholars Program) and over a two-year period will spend five weeks working with doctors at Lakewood Health System in Staples. Pictured above, from left, are Kyle Lau, Cloquet; Shawn Stafk, Perham; David Jonason, Detroit Lakes; and Erica Swenson, Brainerd. While in the area, the medical students have been staying at the homes of Lakewood doctors. Lau with Dr. Dave Freeman; Stafk, Dr. Jordan Moe; Jonason, Drs. Chad and Katie Norris; Swenson, Dr. Julie Benson. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Connecting with her mom

Brainerd native Erica Swenson (left), medical student at the University of Minnesota Duluth, had the opportunity to connect with her mom, Cindy Swenson, at Motley-Staples Middle School recently while there to help give a presentation on the brain. Cindy Swenson is the curriculum coordinator at the middle school.

Food shelf donation

The Motley Area Food Shelf recently received a \$500 donation and dry goods from First International Bank and Trust (FIBT) and its employees. Pictured, from left, are Pat O'Regan and Florence Berndt, food shelf volunteers; Fran Kunkel, FIBT; and Fran Kokett, food shelf volunteer. (Submitted photo)



Tractor accident claims life of Motley man

A Motley man is dead following a tractor accident on March 30, at approximately 5:45 p.m. The incident occurred at a residence along Hwy 10 in Motley Township, about two miles south of Motley.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, 72-year old James Nelson was backing up his tractor when he struck a tree, which knocked him off the tractor, to the ground. Nelson was found deceased underneath the tractor, trapped under the rear tire.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the MN State Patrol and the Motley Police Department.

Pillager Fiddler's Contest April 8

The 33rd Annual Fiddler's Contest in Pillager will take place Saturday, April 8, at the Pillager High School's new gymnasium.

Sponsored by the Pillager Fair Board, proceeds from the contest go towards maintaining the fairgrounds. Tickets are available at the door.

The doors open at 5 p.m. Refreshments will be available and musician Doug Spartz will provide entertainment prior to the contest. Spartz will also serve as emcee for the evening.

In addition to the cash prizes offered to the fiddlers, a grand raffle and in-house raffle will take place during the course of the evening. For more information and to register, call Lisa Fletcher at 218-330-8383. Pillager High School is located at 323 E. 2nd St.



Adding color to Motley

Cody Carry and Jazmyn Hall, students in Amanda Olson's Recycled Art class at Motley-Staples Middle School, nailed flowers they had created out of plastic bottles to a power line pole in Motley. Ten power line poles were decorated during the recent project which Olson and her students embarked on in an effort to help bring color to the City of Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Police, Morrison Cty Sheriff's Office reports

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

March 27 - 29 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Rasheka Perry, 37; Mark Solheim, 50; Chelsea Nolden, 23; William Depetro, 54; Samuel Trinciante, 19; Claire Kantengwa, 35.

March 29 - The MPD assisted a resident who had been locked out of her house on Meadow Ave. in Motley. The resident had just returned home from Arizona, where she had been robbed and her keys stolen.

March 28 - The MPD received a report of illegal burning at a residence on 1st Ave. S., Motley.

March 27 - The MPD received a call regarding a male that was walking south on Hwy 10 in Motley. Caller stated the male appeared to be jumping in

front of semi-trucks. The MPD contacted the subject who said he was walking to Coon Rapids and had arrived in Motley that day from Detroit Lakes. The subject was clear of wants/warrants and continued on his journey.

March 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Sha teasha Miles, 36, for speeding, driving with a revoked license and not having insurance.

March 29 - The MCSO responded to an alarm in Cushing. Subsequently, Mark Verlyn Gunderson, 34; and Nicholas Lynn Rahn, 31, were both arrested on outstanding warrants at an address in Little Falls.

March 28 - The MCSO received a report of theft at a residence on the 34000 block of Hillcrest Rd. in Motley.

March 28 - The MCSO received a report of a dog that was in water in the

middle of a pond, with ice all around him. The incident occurred at 290th St. in Cushing. Scandia Valley Fire Chief was contacted and he said the fire department would respond.

March 28 - The MCSO received a call from the Cushing Post Office, reporting a trailer that was blocking their loading zone. The deputy was unable to get a plate or VIN number; and observed the electrical had been cut from the trailer and a piece of iron on the right wheel used as a lock. Trailer was towed to Always Available in Motley.

March 26 - The MCSO received a call from Todd County requesting the Motley Fire Dept. assist the Browerville Fire Dept. at a barn fire near the 31000 block of 400th St. in Cushing.

March 26 - The MCSO received a report of damage to a shed at the 30000 block of Dove Rd. in Cushing.

Staples-Motley ISD #2170 seeks FT and PT Literacy and Math tutors for the 2017-18 school year. Training, stipend, healthcare and Child Care Assistance provided through MN Reading/Math Corps.

Visit www.isd2170.k12.mn.us OR recruitment@servetogrow.org for more information.

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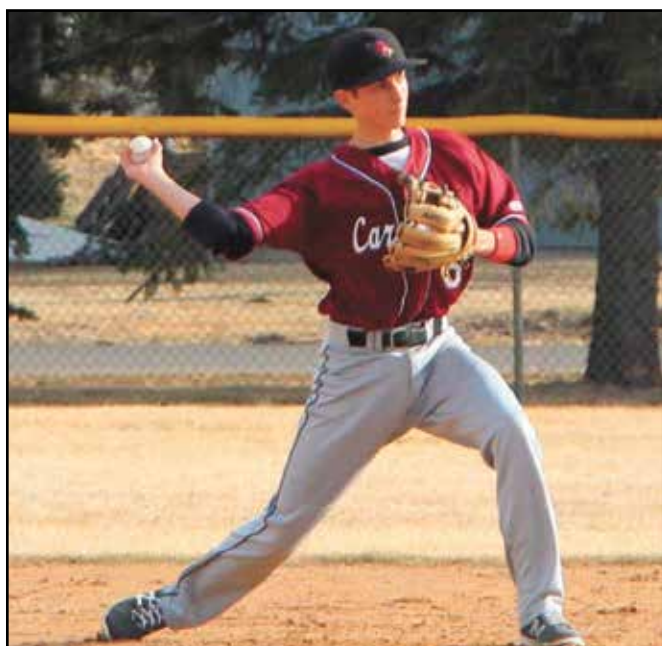
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Braden Tyrrell sends the ball deep into the outfield in the baseball scrimmage.



Baseball season preview

Staples-Motley baseball captains Reid Busker and Trey Skeesick said they will have a promising team this season, as the roster numbers have increased a lot from last year. "We have a lot of young guys willing to work hard," said Busker. Skeesick said "Our goal is to improve every day." The captains said the team's goal is to make a run deep into the playoffs. The Cardinals get their first action at the Park Rapids tournament April 7 and 8.



Turning two on day one

The Staples-Motley baseball team had a run-saving double play during their scrimmage against Brainerd on April 3, as shortstop Tom Kossan, left, tossed to Brady Holub, center, and Isaac Swensrud scooped up the relay, right. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Softball season preview

Staples-Motley softball captains Lisa Kossan, Sam Schimpp and Jenna Trantina said their goal is to "unite as a team and work as a team," said Kossan. "We plan to get together a lot more," added Trantina. The captains said they have most of their team back from last year, with a few younger players moved up to varsity.

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Golf season preview

Alex Giza, Devin Isenberg, Bo Erholtz and Alix Peterson are four of the Staples-Motley golfers at the driving range for practice this week. The girls team is struggling with lack of numbers, but should be able to field a varsity team this year. The boys have several returning varsity players and a big influx of junior high golfers, below, getting instruction from golf pro Bill Israelson.



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