



The eagle has landed near Motley

Six years after the United States of America declared its independence in 1776, the American bald eagle was adopted as the country's national bird symbol. According to www.statesymbolsusa.org, "The bald eagle was chosen for its majestic beauty, great strength, long life, and because it's native to North America." This photo, of an eagle landing near an American flag along the Long Prairie River, was captured recently by Doug Wonders of rural Motley with his trail camera.

NJPA named as a 2017 Top Workplace

National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA) has been named one of the Top Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune.

This is the second-consecutive workplace recognition received by NJPA. The organization was honored as a Top 150 Work-

place for 2016.

The award recognizes the most progressive companies in Minnesota based on employee opinions measuring engagement, organizational health and satisfaction. Over 2,000 workplaces were invited to participate, and over 69,000 employees shared their views. Rankings were composite scores calculated purely on the basis of employee responses.

"It's an honor to be recognized as one of the top workplaces in Minnesota for the second year in a row, and it's especially meaningful because it was our employees who responded

to the survey and provided the opinions," said NJPA CEO/Executive Director Dr. Chad Coquette. "As an organization, we've taken steps and have been very intentional about building a culture of curiosity and service. We're fortunate to have a great team of people backed by an extremely supportive Board of Directors."

NJPA holds quarterly all-staff training on topics ranging from customer service, communication styles and safety. Employees also engage in monthly small-group leadership

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Todd County draws school district lines

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

At their June 20 meeting the Todd County Commissioners designated the lines along which the soon-to-be-defunct Eagle Valley School District will be split.

In a slight change from their discussion at a June 9 work session, the commissioners approved the option which moves the Wykeham and Burleene townships to the Bertha-Hewitt School District and assigned Iona township to the Browerville School District.

Sections 19-36 of Eagle Valley Township will go to Browerville while sections 1-18 will go to Bertha-Hewitt. This is similar to the lines of the former Clarissa and Eagle Bend districts.

The need for the action was created when the Eagle Valley School District approved a resolution at an April 10 meeting for involuntary dissolution because of financial issues. In these cases state law says the county decides how the district borders are split as well as disposition of assets and liabilities.

The commissioners held a public hearing May 23 and a special work session June 9 dedicated to discussion of what actions to take.

The order dissolves the district as of July 1, 2017, outlines the facts supporting the dissolution; includes a description of how the territory of the district will be attached;

assigns the outstanding debt, capital and energy loans; assigns the legislative bonding authority for reorganization operating debt and the reorganization debt levy; designates properties including the buildings in Clarissa and Eagle Bend, and baseball fields; designates the teachers, assets and liabilities; and assigns a trustee.

The geographic lines to split the district will affect the school portion of taxes paid by taxpayers living in the former Eagle Valley district as well as the districts that absorb the territory.

During the open forum, Pat Lunemann said that he and others for whom he was speaking felt that the splitting of Eagle Valley Township, as proposed at the June 9 work session, would split the community of Clarissa.

He said their goal was to keep the community of Clarissa (including the outlying areas) included in whatever direction the city would be going.

Lunemann said it would make more sense for the lines to be drawn where the students would typically go, even with open enrollment.

"We believe that they would be headed to Browerville," said Lunemann of the Eagle Valley Township student residents.

He added that down the road, he foresaw the students even going to Long

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Staples Area Farmers Market going strong

Britney Bursch, new market manager

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Summer is officially here, which means the Staples Area Farmers Market (SAFM) is in full swing, offering a wide variety of products from local vendors.

Located at Lakewood Health System's main campus in Staples, just off County Rd 83, the SAFM is held every Thursday, from 2 - 5:30 p.m. Beginning July 1, it will also be held on Saturdays at the All Veterans Park in Staples, from 10 a.m. - noon.

As of mid-June, there were 14 vendors on the roster and that number was increasing each week, according to Britney Bursch of Staples, who serves as market manager.

She went on to say that there are a "great variety" of vendor products offered at the market. These include meats (goose, duck, chicken, rabbit, pork), vegetables, fruits, baked and canned goods, handmade soaps and salves, garden plants, farm-fresh eggs, local honey, pure maple syrup and many more.

Bursch is the owner of 'Innovation Consulting, LLC, Helping Companies and Communities Build for the Future.' The Staples Area Farmers Market, one of her clients, is supported with contributions from Lakewood Health System.

She has been working with them since March. Bursch said of the SAFM. As part of her position, Bursch's role is to help build and organize the farmers market. She manages market materials (records, applications, by-laws, fees, etc.), helps new vendors get set up with



Market manager

Britney Bursch is the market manager of the Staples Area Farmers Market, which is supported with contributions from Lakewood Health System (LHS). The farmers market is held at the main campus of LHS in Staples on Thursdays, from 2 - 5:30 p.m. and beginning July 1, will be held at the Staples All Veterans Park on Saturdays, from 10 a.m. - noon. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

the Staples market, helps with training for various health programs related to the farmers market, is in charge of marketing and promotional materials (including their website and social media), and manages the machine that takes credit/debit cards and EBT/SNAP cards.

Some of the programs that she helps provide training for include the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)/EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer), market bucks, and local business health programs.

Bursch went on to explain that the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) is associated with the Special Supple-

mental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, popularly known as WIC. It is also available to qualifying seniors.

The 'Market Buck' program matches SNAP/EBT customers, spending dollar-for-dollar up to \$10, helping them afford more local, fresh, healthy food. The 'Spend \$10, Get \$10' match for SNAP users makes it easier for them to afford healthy foods to feed their families.

Bursch noted that Lakewood has applied for a grant which will allow children to purchase healthy food at the market after they have signed in and received a token to spend toward these purchases.

Alicia Bauman is the See **FARMERS MARKET** on page 2a

Hello, Readers,

On June 29, 1995, the American space shuttle Atlantis docks with the Russian space station Mir to form the largest man-made satellite ever to orbit the Earth. To make the docking, the shuttle's commander, Robert "Hoot" Gibson, had to steer the 100-ton shuttle to within three inches of Mir at a closing rate of no more than one foot every 10 seconds. The docking went perfectly and was completed at 8 a.m., just two seconds off the targeted arrival time and using 200 pounds less fuel than had been anticipated. A formal exchange of gifts followed, with the Atlantis crew bringing chocolate, fruit and flowers and the Mir cosmonauts offering traditional Russian welcoming gifts of bread and salt. Atlantis remained docked with Mir for five days before returning to Earth.

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Speaker for paver dedication

Retired U.S. Air Force Major Jack Wilson, right, will be the keynote speaker at the paver dedication at Staples All Veterans Park on July 4. This photo is from 1964 during Wilson's tour in Vietnam. He is speaking with General Paul Harkins, left, and Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge. (Submitted photo)

Paver dedication set at Veterans Park July 4

The Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association will hold a paver dedication ceremony beginning at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 4, at the park on Hwy. 10 east of the stplight.

Retired U.S. Air Force Major Jack Wilson will be the keynote speaker on "God Bless Our Flag." Wilson served from 1951 to 1971. In 1963 he volunteered to served a one year tour in Vietnam.

Granite pavers will be dedicated for the following veterans:

- George A. Sciolli, U.S. Army, 1941-1945;
- Joy Adams Sciolli, U.S. Army, 1943-1946;
- Dennis Hoemberg, U.S. Army, 1970-1971;
- Kevin Jenkins, U.S. Army 1970-1971;

- Harry Walker, U.S. Air Force, 1941-1961;
 - Benjamin F. Tepley, Jr., U.S. Army, 1950-1953;
 - Michael E. Scribner, U.S. Navy, 1972-1976 and 1982-1988;
 - Jordan Sams, U.S. Army, 2003-present;
 - Frank L. Williams, U.S. Air Force, 1966-1971;
 - David P. Schmitz, U.S. Army NG, 1964-1970;
 - Frank Leidenfrost, U.S. Army NG, 1954-1962;
 - David Anglin, U.S. Navy, 1972-1976.
- Seating is limited so the public is invited to bring a lawn chair. Ice cream treats will be available following the program.



Rotary program on oil pipeline

Standing, Angela Packer and Adam Fischer of Koch Pipeline share a laugh with the Rotary group. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Fish Trap Lake project to boost oil pipeline

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Koch Pipeline is constructing a pump station near Fish Trap Lake, south of Motley, to service Line 4, the pipeline that was built in 2008 through the Staples and Motley area.

At the June 21 Rotary meeting in Staples, Koch Pipeline representatives Angela Packer and Adam Fischer were invited to talk about the pipeline industry and the new pump station.

Packer said the Koch Pipeline is “completely unrelated” to the Enbridge pipeline proposal, which was discussed at a meeting in Staples earlier in the month. One of the alternate routes of the Enbridge proposal would use the same right-of-way as the Koch Pipeline, but the companies are not related.

The Line 4 system was designed to have seven pump stations between the Clearbrook terminal and refineries in the Twin Cities. But only one of those stations was built, near Albany. Koch Pipeline is now constructing or making plans to construct the rest of the pump stations. Fischer said the new pump stations will help the line approach its carrying capacity and improve reliability. It will also divert some of the oil from other segments of the pipeline system.

Fischer said there are three to four lines running through the Staples area, depending on where the lines have been split or rejoined to improve pressure issues.

Packer and Fischer addressed pipeline safety and possible pipeline spills. They handed out materi-

als that said most pipeline spills are caused by unauthorized excavation in the pipeline zone. Packer said anyone living near a pipeline should always call 811 before digging.

Fischer said there is an immediate shutdown of the pipeline any time pressure is lost due to spills. He also explained the process of sending a PIG tool through the pipeline every week to check for anomalies and small cracks. He said a pilot flies along the pipeline every other week to check for anomalies.

Packer said the company plans to complete the Fish Trap pump station this summer. Other stations will be in Laporte, Sebeka, Forest City, Plato and St. Patrick, Minn. The total project of six new pump stations is expected to cost \$15 million.

Theft of statues, wallet reported

On June 19, Staples Police responded to the 500 block of 8th Street NE for a report of a theft of lawn ornaments. It was reported that a deer and bear statue were stolen sometime during the evening hours of June 18, and the early morning hours of June 19.

Staples-Motley Elementary School staff later reported to police that they found a bear statue at the very top of a piece of playground equipment. There was no sign of the deer.

On June 20, Staples Police received a report of a theft from a vehicle. The reporting party stated that a wallet was stolen out of a purse and inside the wallet was bank cards and approximately \$180 in cash.

On June 22, at 1:50 a.m., Staples Police located an intoxicated male subject on the ground in front of a business on the 100 block of 4th St NE. Police later

cited the subject with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a small amount of marijuana and alerted his probation officer of his intoxication level. The subject was released to his spouse.

On June 22, Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriff’s Office with a report of a male who stopped and was asking a female to get into a car with him. It was later learned that the suspect in the incident was an elderly man who has memory issues.

On June 23, Staples Police observed a very large campfire at Dower Lake Campground. Police advised the campers to reduce the size of the fire.

On June 24, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff’s Office and Minnesota State Patrol with a two vehicle accident at the intersection of State

Hwy 210 and County Road 21. Both vehicles sustained heavy damage but no injuries were reported. Police were also assisted by the Staples Fire Department and the Lakewood Ambulance.

On June 24, Staples Police assisted Minnesota State Patrol and Staples Fire Department with a report of a vehicle fire on Highway 10. It appeared some cardboard was caught under the vehicle and started on fire.

On June 25, at 12:50 a.m., Staples Police responded to a noise complaint at Dower Lake Park. Police advised multiple camp sites to quiet down for the remainder of the night.

On June 25, Staples Police responded to the 700 block of Oak Ave. SE for a report of a snake on the complainants sidewalk. Police removed the snake and cleared from the scene.



Farmers Market shoppers

Claire and Sharon Rice of Long Prairie (at right) enjoyed shopping at the Farmers Market in Staples recently, including a stop at Burt Scripture’s booth (at left) to inquire about the natural honey he and his wife, Carla, harvest in Motley. The Rice’s said they discovered the farmers market “by accident” after missing a turn-off on their journey from Long Prairie. Sharon Rice said she was glad they did. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Something for everyone

Ellianna Turcotte, left, had fun browsing through the variety of items for sale at Robin Bragstad’s booth at the Staples Farmers Market, including romaine lettuce and goat milk soy candles. Bragstad, from Pequot Lakes, said she is taking over Chuck Tangen’s booth, a former manager of the market. “I learned from an expert,” she said of the Motley-based farmer. Turcotte’s family, with Patchwork Farms of Nisswa, had a booth there that day as well. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Sebeka woman escapes injury in shooting incident

On Monday, June 26, 2017, at 12:17 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office received a call from a female party who stated she had been shot at by a male at a residence in the city of Sebeka. The caller was able to leave the house and go to the neighbor’s house to call for help.

Law enforcement arrived on scene and met with the female party who indicated her ex-boyfriend was intoxicated and became upset with her. She reported he had a firearm and shot at her but missed. There were several more rounds shot into the ground before the caller was able to leave.

Law enforcement was able to make contact with the suspect, identified as William Saarala, 37, of Sebeka. Saarala surrendered to law enforcement without incident and was taken to the Wadena County Jail where he is being held pending a formal complaint from the Wadena County Attorney’s Office.

The Sebeka Police Department was assisted by the Wadena County Sheriff’s Office, Menahga Police Department, Ottertail County Sheriff’s Office, Minnesota State Patrol and the Wadena/Hubbard SWAT Team.

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Bursch encourages public to take advantage of this resource

Community Health Manager at Lakewood, and does a lot of work with these farmers market-related programs.

An avid gardener herself (she lives on a farm with her husband Josh and their children Ahna and Brandon), Britney Bursch is passionate about her work with the Staples Area Farmers Market and encourages the public to visit them on Thursdays and Saturdays.

For more information, or to receive help in starting up a local business health program for your employees, contact Bursch by calling 218-397-2370 or emailing InnovationConsultingLLC@gmail.com. Or, check the Staples Area Farmers Market’s Facebook page.

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to July 4th Holiday the deadline for the July 6 Staples World is

Friday, June 30 at 5 p.m.



County coalition meeting

June 21st County Wide CAD Meeting Attendees include from left to right: Steve Commerford, Jerry Reck, Jana Timm, Mary Theurer, Linda Michurski, Sev Blenkush and Alicia Bauman. (Submitted photo)

CAD Coalition attends training sessions

Members of the Todd County Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) Coalition attended various meetings and trainings recently across the state of Minnesota.

SAPST Training

A professionally trained coalition is extremely important to the continuing improvement of substance abuse prevention services in Minnesota. The Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training (SAPST) training is designed to provide up-to-date, evidence-based information to coalition members in the prevention field.

This training covered an introduction, history and overview of drugs and prevention; prevention research; prevention program planning; evaluation; cultural context of prevention; using human development in prevention; prevention and the media; and designing a prevention program based on information learned in the SAPST.

Todd County Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) members Mary Theurer and

Linda Michurski from Staples, and Taylor Sorenson from Long Prairie/Grey Eagle, attended the four day training.

Connections Matter

Besides the recent SAPST training, CAD coalition members Marge Lelwica and Gail Honek attended the Connections Matter ACEs training in Staples on June 9. Connections Matter is designed to engage community members in building caring connections to improve well-being.

Research shows that communities connected through caring relationships have better physical and mental health outcomes, increased workplace productivity, school success, less crime and homelessness. The framework was developed in response to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) data that reveals child abuse and household dysfunction is common and a major indicator of higher rates of chronic disease, mental illness, risky behaviors and reduced life expectancy among adults.

County Wide Meetings in June

CAD members met for the first time as a county wide coalition in Clarissa, during the month of June. Those attending meetings on June 7 or 21 included Gail Honek, Barb Becker, Jerry Reck, Jana Timm, Mary Theurer, Linda Michurski, Alicia Bauman (all from Staples); Steve Commerford, Teresa Sorenson, Pete Bersheit and Verna Toenyan (all from Long Prairie); and Sev Blenkush of Browerville.

Youth Leadership Retreat

Eighteen Todd County youth and four CAD youth leaders attended the Youth Leadership Training June 5-7 at Wolf Ridge Environmental Center near Finland, Minn. Youth involved in the annual leadership retreat return home and provide guidance to younger youth to promote sustainability and continual youth involvement in the coalition's work. Students from Long Prairie, Browerville, and Bertha/Hewitt attended the retreat.

Staples Food Shelf joins July hunger challenge

The Staples Food Shelf is joining in the Open Your Heart for the Hungry and Homeless program, sponsored by Hunger Solutions, Minnesota. The challenge, for the month of July, aims to boost food shelves when families need them the most.

Many families that rely on free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs have more meals to provide for in the summer, while food shelf donations are traditionally highest around the winter holidays.

Donations to participating food shelves in July will be proportionately matched by Open Your Heart to the Hungry and

Homeless. Last year, food shelves raised \$1.5 million in food and funding to help end hunger in their communities.

In the summer of 2016, the Staples Food Shelf served 692 individuals and have reported an increase so far in 2017.

Hunger Solutions works to increase state funding. Over 15,000 Minnesotans will be homeless tonight. Over 9,000 Minnesotans visit a food shelf every day.

To help the Staples Food Shelf with their Open Your Heart for the Hungry and Homeless campaign, send contributions to Staples Food Shelf, PO Box 82, Staples, MN, 56479.

VA disability compensation: Who is eligible and who isn't

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

If you believe the internet, or what the guy sitting across from you at your appointment at the VA hospital said - which is what he heard from some guy who was sitting next to him at his last appointment - then the answer to the questions "Who is eligible for VA compensation?" "and How do you get it? is No one, and You don't." First, though, let's bust those myths. VA is still compiling FY16 data, but in FY15, VA paid more money to compensate more veterans with more claimed medical conditions rated at higher average percentages than ever before. As you can see, someone's getting paid, and that someone is (as of FY15) 4.56 million someones and those someones are veterans who took home \$4 billion dollars in FY15 for their service-connected disabilities.

So, who are these people getting approved, and how do they do it? VA disability compensation is taxpayer money; there's a legal process to claim that money. This means that VA disability compensation is guarded by the laws that your elected lawmakers wrote. The laws explain who is eligible, those who have separated from active military service with any discharge except dishonorable, as well as those still serving in the Reserves/National Guard. That's the first part.

Veterans have new tool for appointments

The St. Cloud VA Health Care System now has a new tool for veterans to try called, Veteran Appointment Request (VAR). The Department of Veterans Affairs developed this web-based app to make it possible for veterans enrolled in VA health care to:

- Self-schedule primary care appointments for your assigned primary care provider

- View or Cancel existing clinic appointments

- Make requests for help scheduling primary care and mental health appointments at facilities where you receive care

VAR works on any compatible web browser, whether on your desktop or mobile device. To access VAR, visit the VA App Store at <https://mobile.va.gov/app/veteran-appointment-request> to view the user manual, quick start guide and answers to frequently asked questions. You may simply download the app

at: <https://mobile.va.gov/appstore/>. Since the Veterans Appointment Request app allows access to your medical information, you will need to create a DOD and VA secure logon through the DS Logon System. For VAR access you will need a DS Logon Level 2 Premium Account. For more information on the logon process, please visit <https://mobile.va.gov/dslogon>. For help getting a DS Logon, please do one of the following:

- Call the VA Mobile Solutions Help Desk at 1-877-470-5947

- Call eBenefits support at 1-800-983-0937

- For personal assistance establishing an account, stop by the St. Cloud VA Health Hub in Bldg. 29, Room 20, during your next visit.

You can use VAR to view or cancel your primary care and mental health appointments any time of day.

records and statements from your spouse, your commander, your platoon sergeant, your roommate, any witness who was there or knew you or was affected by your injury/medical conditions.

The last thing you need is actually two things: a current medical diagnosis from a medical professional (VA or civilian), and for that doctor to give the professional opinion that after reviewing your military medical records your current diagnosis the injury or condition you suffer from right now is because of what happened to you in active service. Yes. Have the doc review your records. [Source: Vantage Point | Jason Davis | February 17, 2017 ++]

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.

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Commissioners learn decision could be appealed in court

Prairie-Grey Eagle down the road as enrollment numbers continue to show a decline.

"We believe all of Eagle Valley Township should go to Browerville due to the proximity to Browerville," said Lunemann.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked why they had not brought this up at the last meeting.

Commissioner David Kircher said that the board had listened to a lot of input on where to draw the lines.

"We asked the superintendents where they felt we could draw the line. I believe when we started drawing lines, the public wouldn't have known about this division until it came out in the newspapers (Independent News Herald and Browerville Blade). We were crunched for time which is unfortunate because we could have had more input from the public," said Kircher.

He added that input began after the map of the new option came out in the newspapers and he began receiving calls.

Lunemann said that he agreed with what Kircher had said.

"Once we saw the lines we were like 'Wow.' We really didn't know where it would be at," said Lunemann.

Bertha-Hewitt Superintendent Eric Koep and Browerville Superintendent Scott Vedbraaten spoke then.

Vedbraaten said that the change made June 9 was based strictly on market value.

Koep said that this was to get a more equal 50-50 split.

"No one ever wanted to be going in this direction, but we are and we are moving on and in a positive direction," added Vedbraaten.

The commissioners continued to discuss different options, the effect open enrollment might have and how the taxes might be affected in the different communities. They agreed that it didn't matter where they drew the line,

it wouldn't make everyone happy.

The resolution was approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

Near the end of the meeting, Kircher asked if the decision they had made today could be appealed to district court. The answer was that it could be.

In other business the board:

- Approved a two-day on sale 3.2 malt liquor license for Lefty's Bar on June 24 and 25 at the softball/baseball fields located in Staples Township.

- After discussion the board approved the request made by the Todd County Sheriff's Office to post in-house for the positions of sergeant. The sergeants would provide in-line direction for patrol deputies in the field. The union has been notified and has agreed to these positions.

- Approved the hire of Tyler Christianson and Guadalupe Botello-Becerra as temporary seasonal recreational assistants effective June 25.

- Approved the hire of Andrew Mattson as a full-time jailor/dispatcher effective June 25.

- Accepted the resignation of James Uhlman as a part-time court security officer effective June 16.

- Approved the request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a bar and restaurant on parcel 11-0087700 with conditions. This is the former Shipwreck. It will now be known as Shady's Golden Eagle of Mound Lake LLC in Burtrum.

- Approved the request for a CUP for a truck maintenance shop on parcel #06-0001002 for owners trucking without conditions for Byron Karjala.

- Approved a request from Jerry Kobliska to rezone a 40 acre parcel from R-2 to commercial zoning for a small feedlot. The request for a CUP for the feedlot was also approved with the condition that there be no more than 49 animal units.

- Approved a request to establish a 199 foot tele-

communications tower and associated ground equipment for Verizon Wireless on the Dale and Jeanette Lambrecht property in Burtrum.

- Approved a request by Planning and Zoning to replace a Chevy S10 which is need of costly repair. The intent is to purchase a used SUV in good repair for use by Planning and Zoning and part of the year by the Assessor's office. They have a price range of \$8,000-\$12,000.

- Todd County accepts authority and administrative responsibility to implement the buffer law. The compliance component for the will go into effect for protected waters on Nov. 1, 2017. Public ditches will follow on Nov. 1, 2018.

There are various ways for landowners to comply with these deadlines as outlined in the law. Todd Soil, Water Conservation District has worked to prepare landowners to reach compliance and has conducted a survey using overhead images.

BWSR has funds to support this riparian compliance work in the amount of \$112,000 for the first year and \$140,000 per year thereafter.

- Approve the hiring of Kathryn Macey as full-time GIS Technician.

- Approved the hire of Steven McCoy to fill the open eligibility worker position.



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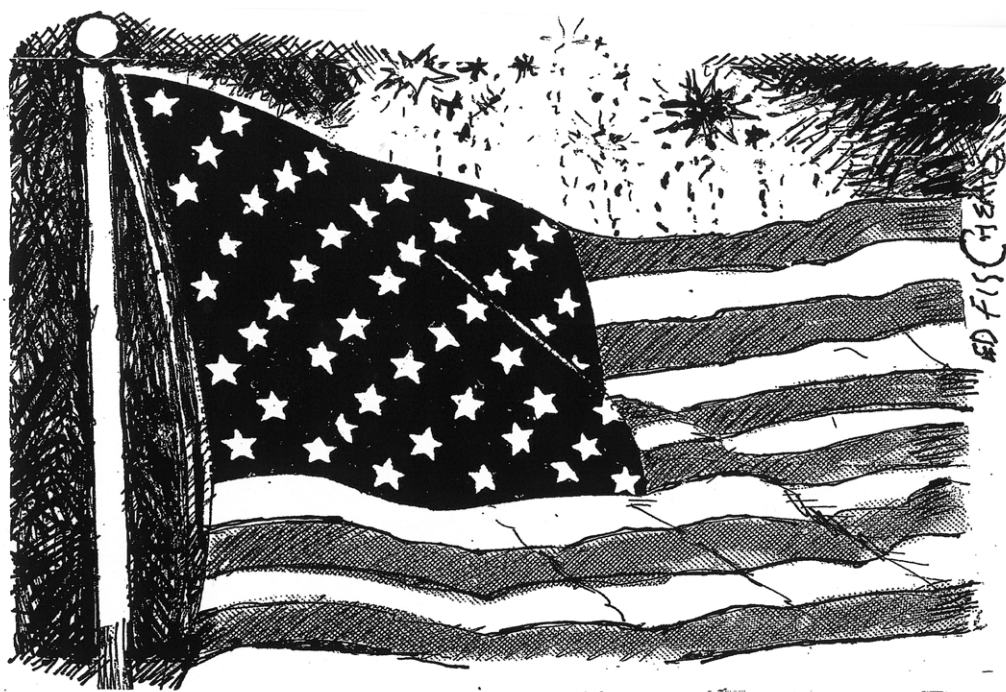
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July 4th, a day to thank your lucky stars

Health care debate affects all of us

By Al Franken, U.S. Senator

As I've traveled across Minnesota in recent months, Minnesotans have made it clear to me just how important health care is to them, their families, and their communities. They want to know that when they are sick or injured they can get the care they need.

Because health care is so important, most people in Minnesota understand what's at stake as they've watched Congressional Republicans continue push to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and replace it with a plan that will rip health coverage from 23 million people, raise health costs, gut Medicaid, and eliminate nationwide protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

I have had meetings in large and small Minnesota communities during which I've heard parents tearfully describe their struggle to get care for family members with chronic health conditions and their anxiety about the financial and emotional burden of supporting an elderly loved one in a nursing home. They are worried about what the Republican plan would mean to them.

I've also heard from health care providers, who have told me they likely won't be able to deliver many of the essential services their patients and communities need if the Republican plan is enacted.

Unfortunately, Republicans are recklessly moving forward with their destructive efforts and may hold a Senate vote on their bill in just a few weeks, despite the fact that this bill remains at its core a giant tax break for the wealthy at the expense of care for the poor and vulnerable. If this bill passes, millionaires would receive an average tax break of more than \$50,000 apiece each year and the 400 highest-income taxpayers, with annual incomes above \$300 million, will do even better, with an average annual tax break of \$7 million each annually.

Nearly all major doc-

tor, hospital, nursing, patient and consumer groups strongly oppose the plan because of the harm it will do to so many Americans. Now is the time to speak up and fight to oppose this bill so that all Minnesotans can maintain access to the high quality care we are known for.

Republican Medicaid Cuts are 'Personal'

Minnesotans understand that this bill will harm the health and well-being of millions of people in our state and across the country.

The proposed Medicaid cuts offer a clear example. The Republican bill would cut \$834 billion from Medicaid, which covers more than half of all nursing home residents, half of all births, and is the primary source of coverage for people with disabilities.

The program is jointly funded by states and the federal government, which means that under the Republican plan, Minnesota stands to lose \$2.5 billion in Medicaid funding in the first 18 months alone, and those losses would climb to \$5 billion per year over the coming years.

Make no mistake, people in Todd County will be hit hard. The state estimates that 5,759 Todd County residents who have health care coverage through Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare would be at risk.

The Minnesotans I've met with have described what these losses would mean to their loved ones, neighbors and communities. Angela, a full-time health care worker at the hospital in Perham told me that for her, the Medicaid cuts "are personal." Through tears, she told me that her mother needs round-the-clock care, but if the Republican Medicaid cuts are enacted, her mother will have no place to turn to get the care she needs.

Later, at a Moorhead nursing home, I heard from Mari, who was able to care for her mother, Chrysann, at her home until declining health and complications required her mom to move

to a nursing home. Mari said that without Medicaid, she, her husband, and their kids would not have had any other options. Chrysann is now worried about her own future, telling me that it seems like the Republican plan is not about taking care of people, but about "survival of the fittest." This reform bill will take us in the wrong direction.

Need to Work Together

While the ACA has not been without challenges, most Americans want Congressional Republicans to end their divisive effort to repeal it and instead do what we should have been doing all along: working together to improve it and build on its progress.

I have urged my Republican colleagues to join me in an effort to bring down health care costs. For example by addressing skyrocketing prescription drug prices that are driving up premiums and forcing too many Americans to choose between buying need medications and paying for basic necessities like food or rent.

We also need to increase competition in the health insurance exchanges. We should increase subsidies for middle class families, support a public option and provide support to offset the costs of the sickest and most costly patients.

This important health care debate will impact people in Todd County and across our state in profound ways. As millions of Americans struggle to keep their heads above water - pay their bills, raise their kids, care for their parents, and cope with health problems - they need our help, not a plan that undercuts those efforts. That's why I oppose the Republican plan, and will fight to make health care better for all Americans.

Al Franken represents Minnesota in the U.S. Senate. He can be reached at, 302 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-5641, <http://franken.senate.gov>.

Americans share a common purpose

By Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator

Grilling hot dogs and corn on the cob, marching in parades, staying up late to watch fireworks light up the night sky – the Fourth of July always reminds us how united we are. We are united in independence. We are united in freedom. We are united in patriotism, our unwavering love of this nation and the people in it.

That's something to celebrate, even if sometimes it's easy to forget - with all the partisanship and division we see in this nation we love.

Our founders faced divisions in 1776 - different colonies, different backgrounds, different religions, even different visions for our democracy. But despite those differences, 241 years ago, they came together, signed a declaration and changed the course of history.

They knew that there was more that united them than divided them. They were driven by a common purpose and that purpose was freedom. And they worked hard for it, so that they're children and grandchildren would be better off.

We're still doing that today. Just look out across Minnesota and around the country and we see it happening everywhere.

We see innovators and business owners thinking up new ways to take on big challenges - like preparing workers for the 21st century economy and fixing roads and bridges. We see men and women in the military risking their lives overseas to protect all of us here at home. We see parents and grandparents doing everything

they can to give their kids and grandkids a brighter future. We see people who really care - teachers and nurses and engineers and firefighters and law enforcement officers who work hard every day to strengthen their communities.

We see that common purpose. We see America.

So, this Independence Day, let's make our own declaration: To respect one another and always remember that there is more that unites us than divides us. We are one nation - with self-evident truths, with inalienable rights, with liberty, with justice for all.

I'll end with this: I was at the Congressional baseball game a few weeks ago, which took place just the day after the terrible shooting at the Republican team's practice in Virginia.

At the game, with nearly 25,000 people in the stands, we saw that spirit of unity. Everyone stood and applauded when David Bailey, one of the Capitol Police officers injured in the shooting, took to the mound to throw out the first pitch. And at the end of the game, the winning team - the Democratic team - handed their trophy to the Republican team. They said, "Put it in Representative Scalise's office."

Instead of two teams, they showed that we are one team. We are America.

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July.

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Letters to the Editor

Meet your neighbors

On Friday, June 16, we had the privilege of attending the first block party in the Lakewood Park near the care center.

These parties are a great way to meet your neighbors and we thought that it is good for our small

town to have such an occasion. Those who came had a good experience and altogether some community spirit was established.

There are going to be two more block parties this summer. Everyone should consider attending one and enjoying the time at the community picnic.

Thanks to the LEAP committee and the Park

and Recreation Board for sponsoring this nice event.

John and Sally Gorton
Staples, Minn.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The next Block Party will be at 5 p.m., Sunday, July 9, at Northern Pacific Park prior to the first concert in the Music in the Park series.

Death date of July 4, 1826: a remarkable coincidence

By Tom Emery

Few dates in American history have been so profound.

On July 4, 1826, as the nation celebrated the 50th anniversary of its independence, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died. The loss of two of the first three Presidents, as well as two of its founding fathers, is one of the most remarkable coincidences in the history of the nation.

The two men are inextricably linked to the Revolution. Both were among the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, and Adams and Jefferson were on the Continental Congress' Committee of Five to compose the document.

Both debated who should take the lead, and Adams finally persuaded Jefferson, claiming that a Virginian "ought to appear at the head of this business." Adams also assessed himself as "obnoxious, suspected, and unpopular,"

while adding that Jefferson "can write ten times better than I can." Jefferson then drafted the document.

Despite their mutual efforts for independence, Adams and Jefferson later became political rivals. The short-tempered, prickly Adams clashed with Jefferson's laid-back approach, and Adams' Federalist devotion was also at odds with Jefferson, who believed the states should have more power.

The two former friends met in the 1796 Presidential election, which became a mud-slinging affair of polarizing political views, largely on foreign affairs. The outcome, however, was razor-thin, as Adams edged Jefferson in electoral votes, 71-68.

As was custom in the day, the loser became the Vice-President, and Jefferson soon opposed Adams on a host of issues. Among them was the controversial Alien and Sedition Act of 1798, which induced Jefferson to forego Washington in favor of his Monticello home.

They again squared off in the 1800 Presidential election, and this time, Federalism vs. states' rights was the dominant theme. The rematch was even more bitter than the 1796 campaign, and is considered one of the dirtiest elections in American history. Jefferson tied Aaron Burr with 73 electoral votes, while Adams, with 65, went down in defeat.

Adams, stung by the loss, proceeded to reel off a succession of "midnight appointments" of Federalists to judicial offices and in his last hours in office, designed to leave his mark against Jefferson. He then slipped out of town early in the morning of the inauguration, choosing not to welcome the incoming President, as is tradition.

The relationship remained frigid for many years until intervention by a mutual friend, Benjamin Rush, a Philadelphia doctor who had also signed the Declaration. Though Adams was noncommittal

to Rush's efforts, he took the initiative, and on Jan. 1, 1812, wrote a note with well-wishes to Jefferson. On January 21, Jefferson responded in kind, recalling when "we were fellow laborers in the same cause" of independence and extending "my sincere esteem for you...I salute you with unchanged affections and respect."

Thus renewed a friendship of decades past, and Adams and Jefferson continued to send respectful, thoughtful letters to each other, a source of great mutual satisfaction.

Jefferson, who suffered from rheumatism and an enlarged prostate, was forced to decline an offer to attend the 50th anniversary celebrations that July 4 in Washington. By July 2, he was barely lucid, and died at Monticello around 12:50 on the Fourth.

At his Quincy, Mass. home, Adams had also declined an invitation to a 50th anniversary extravaganza in Boston due to poor health. Early on July 4, he lost consciousness. He recovered slightly near mid-day, and according to most accounts, his final words were some form of the words "Thomas Jefferson still survives."

The irony is that Jefferson had just died, though modern researchers cite no proof that Adams made such an utterance. He died around 6 p.m. that evening.

Incredibly, Adams and Jefferson were not the only early Presidents to die on July 4. Five years later in 1831, James Monroe passed away at age 73, marking the third of the first five chief executives to die on the date of the nation's birth.

One President, Calvin Coolidge, was born on the Fourth of July holiday in 1872, though most historians rate him among the weakest of chief executives, unlike Adams and Jefferson.

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Reading Roundhouse

Grace Hanson made a turtle at the June 14 Reading Roundhouse at the Staples Public Library. Children pre-K through grade 2 read stories, do crafts and have a snack. The next story time will be July 12 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration is required. Call 218-894-1401 for this event sponsored by the Friends of the Staples Public Library. Registration is still open for the summer reading program "Reading By Design" for a chance to win some awesome prizes. The summer reading program runs until Aug. 12. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monthly events

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

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

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

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

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

The deadline is Friday, July 15, for nominations to be accepted for the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation's Community Awards.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) seeks to honor those who have contributed to the community at a Community Awards Celebration Thursday, Oct. 12.

Nominations will be accepted in six categories. Those categories are:

- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Group or Organization
- Outstanding Business
- Outstanding Youth
- The Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Chairman's Award

The Chairman's Award can be suggested by the person submitting the nomination. Possibilities might include: Volunteer

of Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Educator, Police Officer, Firefighter, Medical Person, Farmer, Child Care Provider, etc., anything that does not fit into the other five categories.

"The nomination for Outstanding Youth is open to anyone age 18 or younger who has enhanced the quality of life for people in our communities, whether through membership in organizations such as FFA or Scouting or through specific events during the past year," said Curt McIlravy, co-chair of the event.

Both McIlravy and co-chair Mary Jo Hofer emphasized that people can submit a nomination a second or third time if that nominee was not chosen for an award in the first year it was received.

"Because we have so many women and men who merit these awards,

we cannot recognize them all in one year," Hofer said. "We encourage you to submit the nomination again."

"The more information you can give us, the better," added McIlravy. "It is very helpful to the selection committee if you can give specific details and examples of why you feel your nominee is worthy of the award."

Nomination letters should include the following:

- Contact information (name, address, phone number and email address) of the individual or organization making the nomination.
- Contact information of the individual, group, business or organization being nominated.
- A response to the following question: How has the individual or group contributed to the well-be-

ing of the Staples and Motley community?

Nomination letters should be sent to the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation; P.O. Box 101; Staples, MN 56479.

Additional information and nomination forms can be found on the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation website: www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org.

Nomination forms can also be picked up in Staples at Staples City Hall, Staples World, Staples Public Library, Mayer, Porter & Nelson and the Staples-Motley High School principal's office. In Motley they can be picked up at Motley City Hall and Markus Hair Design.

For more information about the nomination process contact Mary Jo Hofer, 218-894-1152; or Curt McIlravy, 218-352-2325.

Even sparklers cause eye injuries

Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology wants people to know the facts about fireworks so everyone has a fun and safe Fourth of July.

Fireworks injuries cause approximately 10,000 visits to the emergency department each year, most of them involve children who suffer thousands of eye injuries. Though the most disabling injuries occur with illegal firecrackers, most injuries are caused by legal fireworks parents buy for their children, such as sparklers, firecrackers, bottle rockets, and Roman candles.

Every year, ophthalmologists - physicians who specialize in medical and surgical eye care - treat

thousands of patients who suffer a range of fireworks-related injuries, from cuts and bruises to damaged corneas and ruptured eyeballs.

Here are five fireworks myths, debunked:

- Sparklers are safe for young children. Sparklers burn at 1,800 degrees, hot enough to melt some metals. Sparklers were responsible for most of the injuries to children age five and younger.
- It's safer to view fireworks than it is to light or throw them. Bystanders are injured by fireworks as

often as the operators.

- Consumer fireworks are safe. Sparklers and firecrackers each account for 1,400 injuries to the eyes.
- It's safe to pick up a firework after it has been lit. Even though it looks like a dud, it may not act like one.

It's not the Fourth of July without consumer fireworks. The Fourth can be complete without using consumer fireworks. MAO advises that the safest way to view fireworks is to watch a professional show.

If you experience a fireworks injury, ophthalmolo-

gists urge you to minimize the damage to the eye:

- Seek medical attention immediately.
- Do not rub the eye. Rubbing may make the injury worse.
- Do not attempt to rinse the eye.
- Do not apply pressure to the eye.
- Do not remove objects from the eye.
- Do not apply ointments or take pain medications before seeking medical help.

Visit the Academy's EyeSmart website for more information.

MPCA says 'Learn Not To Burn'

By Todd County Planning and Zoning

Historically rural landowners were great at reusing and recycling - items were often re-purposed such as milk cartons for starting tomatoes and tin cans for protecting a newly planted tree from mouse girdling.

In more recent times the amount and type of packaging that comes along with products we purchase has grown. According to the MPCA the average Minnesotan produces 2,129 pounds of trash a year.

Unfortunately, some of this waste is being burned in backyard burn barrels rather than being disposed of properly. Estimates as high as 45 percent of rural Minnesotans dispose of their household waste in burn barrels, fire pits, or similar devices based on a 2005 survey.

What does this mean to you?

Unlike high temperature waste incinerators, these "devices" burn at a much lower temperature releasing toxic chemicals, some of which are known to be powerful carcinogens, into the atmosphere where they can cause harm to people who inhale the toxins or consume plants or animals

that have been contaminated. Burning plastics and Styrofoam often yields a bad smell that can cause a negative reaction from your neighbors and creates a public nuisance.

For most Minnesotans, it is against the law to burn or bury household wastes - it's been illegal since the 1980s. State statutes regulate open burning and on-site disposal of municipal solid waste in Minnesota (Minn. Stat. 88.171). This statute addresses prohibited materials that cannot be burned, including industrial waste, garbage, and hazardous wastes, rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials, or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke.

Flagrant burning of prohibited materials could lead to a landowner complaint to MN DNR that enforces the state burning statute and may result in a fine. Instead of burning your garbage, check the yellow pages for local garbage and recycling services. Reduce the amount of waste you generate by composting, shopping for items that have less packaging or are made from recyclable materials.

Lamplighter Community Theatre annual meeting

Lamplighter Community Theatre will hold its annual meeting Thursday, July 13, at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

New members are welcome to attend.

Agenda items include elections to the board, a review of the financial statement and planning events and productions for the coming year.

For more information call 218-839-0455.

Wadena Cty Public Health services offered

Wadena County Public Health offers family and child health services, including WIC, child health screenings, dental varnish, lead screenings, prenatal and family home visiting.

For information and to schedule appointments, call Wadena County Public Health at 218-631-7629 or 888-883-0351.

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Six Sundays at 7 p.m., in the NP Park, 625 6th St. NE, Staples. Turn north on 6th St. at the junction of Highways 10 & 210 and go six blocks. Bring a chair or a blanket.

July 9 **Caleigh** (folk)

July 16 **Menten & Nye** (jazz, folk, swing)

July 23 **Downtown Sound** (rock)

July 30 **Geoff Elvee** (country)

Aug. 6 **Ted Feyder** (folk, rock)

Aug. 13 **Meire Grove Band** (community band)

Inclement weather?
Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples.

The Series is made possible by a gift from the Staples Host Lions Club and is being organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council with the support of the Staples-Motley Public Schools and the City of Staples.

Staples Motley Area Arts Council

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDE:

Born to Tawni and Andrew Lathe of Verndale, a baby boy, Brayden Andrew weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on June 16, 2017.

Born to Lindsay Morrison and Steven Fraundorfer of Staples, a baby boy, Wyatt Thomas weighing six pounds, nine ounces on June 16, 2017.

Born to Jamie and Ty Adams of Verndale, a baby girl, Charlee Genevieve weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on June 19, 2017.

Born to Jessica and Jesse Strege of Pillager, a baby boy, Ryder William weighing six pounds, five ounces on June 21, 2017.

Born to Tanisha Gervin and Bret Elifrits of Staples, a baby girl, Breella Noelle weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on June 22, 2017.

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Care Center

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July Birthdays
Betty Wiese, July 9; Lee Denny, July 9; Florence McKenzie, July 14; Edna Guenther, July 15; Angeline Burrows, July 25

JULY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Sat., July 1, 1:45 p.m. - 7th Day Adventist Singers
Sun., July 2, 1:30 p.m. Word game, 2 p.m. Social time

Weds., July 5, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., July 6, 10 a.m. Bible study/Pastor Floistad, 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by Motley United Methodist, 6:30 p.m. Cards and games

Fri., July 7, 10 a.m. Cappuccino, 2:15 p.m. Care Center choir sings

Sat., July 8, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., July 9, 1:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., July 10, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., July 11, 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Church of Christ, 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., July 12, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Have You HEARD?
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SURFER'S EAR

Anyone who regularly swims in cold ocean water or other chilly natural bodies of water may be surprised to learn about "external auditory exotosis" (otherwise known as "surfer's ear"). This condition, which is essentially a buildup of bone in the ear caused by repeated exposure to cold water and wind, can be induced by any cold water activity. The closure of the ear canal associated with surfer's ear is six times more likely to be found among people who surf in cold water. The problem develops because the ear is the only place in the body where skin is directly on top of bone. Without insulation, cold water stimulates bone growth, increasing the likelihood of ear infections and hearing loss.

Some exostoses do not require surgical treatment, but once these have been diagnosed, it may be wise to protect the ears from cold water exposure using ear plugs or a neoprene headband or hood. To schedule an appointment or to learn more about this condition, please call **PREFERRED HEARING** at 1-800-458-0895. You will find us at 17274 STATE HWY 371, BRAINERD. We will help find the solution that best suits your individual hearing needs, lifestyle, and budget.

P.S. Surfer's ear can occur in any activity with cold, wet, windy conditions, including windsurfing, kayaking, sailing, jet skiing, kitesurfing, and diving.

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Employees on the move

Over 40 National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) employees and their families participated in the NJPA employee 5K event held June 21. The event was hosted by the NJPA Wellness Committee. The top three women to finish were Chelsea Ornelas 22:35, Charitie Herbst 24:45 and Katie Alba 27:57. The top three men to finish were Chad Coauette 22:54, Paul Drange 23:08 and Jerry Barrett 24:09.

Online ADHD directory of services available

If you or someone in your family is struggling with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), you can now access a list of valuable resources on-line. This new directory, developed by Attention Deficit Awareness of Minnesota, Inc. (A-D-A-MSM), will include information on physicians, mental health care professionals, and other support service providers that have a special interest in working with children and adults with ADHD. The information covers Benton, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties.

A-D-A-MSM has served Central Minnesota since 1995 and is a 501 (c) (3).

The on-line directory is designed to empower individuals to find the services

that fit their unique needs. It provides a consolidated, accessible database 24/7. It saves time and frustration by including detailed information about treatment services, insurance access, and provider location. It is updated regularly and is free of charge.

Check out the new website at www.adaminc.org. Browse through the resources, events calendar and blog pages to find links to local, state, and national information and organizations which specifically focus on ADHD and the many related issues.

For more information, contact us at adaminc@charter.net or you may write to us at A-D-A-M, P.O. Box 6233, St. Cloud, MN 56302-6233.

Depression in Women

Todd County Health and Human Services

Being sad is a normal reaction to difficult times in life, however, the sadness usually goes away with a little time. Depression is different. Depression is a medical condition that may cause severe symptoms that can affect how you feel, think and handle daily activities like sleeping, eating or working. Depression is more common among women than men, likely due to certain biological, hormonal and social factors that are unique to women.

- Depression is a real medical condition.
- You cannot just 'snap out' of depression.
- Most people with depression need treatment to feel better.
- Depression can hurt - literally.
- Certain types of depression are unique to women.
- Depression affects each woman differently.

Symptoms of Depression

If you have been experiencing any of the following signs and symptoms for at least two weeks, you may be suffering from depression:

- Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" mood
- Feelings of hopelessness or pessimism
- Irritability
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness or helplessness
- Decreased energy or fatigue

- Difficulty sleeping, early-morning awakening or oversleeping
- Loss of interest or pleasure in hobbies and activities
- Moving or talking more slowly
- Feeling restless or having trouble sitting still
- Difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions
- Appetite and/or weight changes
- Thoughts of death or suicide, or suicide attempts
- Aches or pains, headaches, cramps or digestive problems without a clear physical cause and/or that do not ease even with treatment

Talk to your doctor if you are experiencing any of these symptoms. Be honest, clear and concise - the doctor needs to know how you feel. Your doctor may ask when your symptoms started, what time of day they happen, how long they last, how often they occur, if they seem to be getting worse or better and if they keep you from going out or doing your usual activities. It may help to take the time to make some notes about your symptoms before your doctor's visit.

Not every woman who is depressed experiences every symptom. Some women experience only a few symptoms, others have many. The severity and frequency of symptoms, and how long they last, will vary depending on the individual and her particular illness. Symptoms may also vary depending on the

stage of the illness.

Depression can be treated

Even the most severe cases of depression can be treated. Depression is commonly treated with medication, psychotherapy (where a person talks with a trained professional about his or her thoughts and feelings; sometimes called "talk therapy"), or a combination of the two. If these treatments do not reduce symptoms, electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) and other brain stimulation therapies may be options to explore.

Where to get help

Ask your doctor or call any of these numbers: Brainerd Crisis Line 1-800-462-5525, National Crisis Line: 1-800-273-TALK (8255). Todd County Health & Human Services also coordinates with Mahube-Otwa Community Action Partnership and holds a monthly reproductive health clinic to provide affordable and accessible family planning and STI prevention services in Cass, Todd and Wadena counties. Screening for depression is offered as part of their holistic approach to women's health care. For more information or for an appointment in Todd County, call 1-320-732-4447.

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Student Achievements

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CONCORDIA COLLEGE recently announced its Dean's List during the second semester of the 2016 - 2017 academic year. To qualify, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of at least 3.7 on a 4.0 scale. Local students named include:

- Megan Han, Staples, daughter of Xi (Carter) Han, Waukesha, Wisc., and Kathryn Edwards, Staples.
- Emily Ladd, Staples, daughter of Blaine and Kyra Quast, Staples.
- Daniel Spandl, Staples, son of Kristie Robinson, Staples.
- Grace Wolhowe, Staples, daughter of Craig and Michelle Wolhowe, Staples.

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Wanda Tramm

Wanda Jean Tramm, 74, of Alexandria and formerly of Staples, died June 22, 2017, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, June 29 at 3 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria with the Reverend Hans Dahl officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the church on Thursday.

Interment will be Meadow Brook Cemetery in Gilman, WI on a later date.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria.

Wanda was born on August 14, 1942, in Stanley, WI to Walter and Pearl (Nichols) Liazuk. She attended high school in Stanley, WI and worked as a waitress in her father's restaurant, Liazuk's Bar and Café. She met Fred Tramm and they were united in marriage on August 28, 1965. They lived in Tampa Bay, FL where Fred was stationed for a few years, then made their home in the Chicago, IL area later moving to Aldrich, MN. Wanda worked at Ben Franklin and also at McKechnie Tooling and Engineering. She then received her CNA certificate and began working in Motley at assisted living facilities. She also worked privately as a home health aid. Wanda became involved with the Foster Grandparent program in the Staples School District. She was a volunteer at the United Methodist Church in Staples.

In February 2015 she moved to Alexandria and worked for the Alexandria School District as a foster grandma. She enjoyed crafts, hobbies, holidays and hanging out at the lake with her family.

She is survived by one daughter, Terri (Bradley) Swenson of Carlos; one son, Shawn Tramm of Brainerd; three grandchildren; three brothers, Dean Liazuk of Eau Claire, WI, Duane (Barb) Liazuk of Fond du Lac, WI and Dale (Sue) Liazuk of Oconomowoc, WI; two sisters, Darlene (Dale) Tieman of Brookfield, WI and Dae (Dick) Jacobson of Stanley, WI and brother-in-law, Alois "Ole" Olchwie of Bloomer WI.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Marilyn Olchwie.

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Craig Dause

Craig Myron Dause, 55, of Staples, passed away June 8, 2017 at his home.

Services will be held Saturday, July 1, at 11 a.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples, with Pastor Kali Christensen officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Craig was born February 12, 1962, in Lodi, CA to Myron and Cheryl (Reutter) Dause. He attended Oak View Elementary School and Galt High School. In his junior year he moved to Staples and graduated from Staples High School. After high school Craig returned to Lodi and worked for Valley Industries. He moved back to Minnesota in 1991 and ran a lawn care business. Craig enjoyed welding, working on cars, tinkering in his garage, motorcycleing, fishing, hunting and being with his 17 grandchildren.

Craig is survived by his wife, Kia (Holsapple) Dause; parents; two sons, John Hansen and Shawn Dause; one daughter, Casey Dause-Pruitt; one brother, Mark (Laura) Dause; one sister, Tamera (Robert) Musolino; and 17 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by one daughter, Cayla Dause; grandparents, Elmer and Esther Ruetter; uncle, Rick; and niece, Katie Dause.

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John Knosalla

John Knosalla, 70, of Staples, passed away on June 21, 2017 at the Lakewood Health System hospital, Staples.

Services were held June 24 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Father Joe Korf officiating.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

John Knosalla was born on September 8, 1946, in Moran Township to Anton "Tony" and Darlene (Modrow) Knosalla. He grew up in Staples and attended school at Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Staples High School in 1964. He attended Staples Vo -Tech in machining. He was united in marriage to Catherine Ackerson on March 12, 1969, in Staples. He worked in the Cities as a machinist then returned to Staples and worked at Benson Optical. He started reloading shells for everyone in Staples, including the Police Department and DNR. John enjoyed shooting rifles and pistols, fishing, pulling pranks, cooking, taking care of others and spending time with family.

John is survived by his wife; children, Tammy (Craig) Wentworth of Staples, Jess (Tia) Knosalla of Staples and Bobbi (Darlin) Holmberg of Staples; sisters, Phylliss Foster of Staples, and Linda (Lynn Whittliff) Dukowitz of Princeton; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; Cathy's parents, Jess and Freda Ackerson; and nephew, Todd Foster.

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www.staplesworld.dotphoto.com



Jodie Hoernberg
4/27/60 - 7/3/12
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quietly remembered every day...
no longer in our life to share,
but in our hearts, you're always there.*
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Kenny, Nicky, Justin, Skye, Chloe**

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‘Alpha gal’ affects local woman bitten by tick

By Karin L. Nauber,
Todd County reporter

No pun intended, but wood ticks really suck. Not only are they disgusting little creatures, but they also carry with them a host of diseases that are also disgusting. Many of us are familiar with Lyme Disease and the devastating effects that disease can have on a person or animal.

It seems like these tiny creatures are causing a lot of problems for humans - more than ever before.

Something that you may not have heard of is the alpha gal allergy.

“Alpha gal” is a sugar found in red meat. The allergy can be triggered by a bite from the lone star tick.

The thing is, the lone star tick isn’t supposed to be in Minnesota. However, over the last couple of years at least two dozen people in Minnesota have suddenly become severely allergic to red meat.

One of those people is Katie Becker, the daughter of Dan and Barb Becker of rural Staples/Browerville.

It wasn’t that long ago that Katie didn’t have much to smile about.

“I went to the Mayo Clinic (earlier this year) because I was having asthma attacks. A good friend had suggested we try the Mayo Clinic. Nothing else was giving us results,” said Katie.

She had several tests done while there. One of the first was a skin allergy test.

Through that they found that she was extremely allergic to cat and dog dander, horses and several kinds of grasses including Kentucky Blue Grass, Orchard Grass and Timothy.

She then had a breathing test done.

“Then I met with a doctor who wanted to do blood work. Eight vials and 37 different test later, we had an answer - finally,” said Katie.

It turned out that her Galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose 1gE was high. The test that showed this result was the one that determined she had the tick disease.

“It was an experimental test which was tested against venison,” she said.

For the last three years, Katie has had issues with asthma particularly during deer hunting.

And that is really where her story begins.

From the writings in her journal, Katie related her first, nearly fatal experience with the allergy.

“Four days after starting my new job, I was at my parents for the last weekend of deer hunting. Late Sunday night, really early Monday morning on November 17 2014, I was wheezing so I took my inhaler. “

“Things got worse very fast. I went up to my parent’s bedroom telling my mom I was struggling to breath. I had my hands on my head. I remember coughing really hard and looking in the mirror and seeing my face turn a blue/purple color. “

“I remember walking to the other room to slide my shoes on and struggling to walk to the van.”

“I remember my dad getting in the driver seat and he kept saying my name when he was driving. Dad took off with me and my mom went back in the house and called 911. About nine miles away from the hospital dad said I fell off the seat and he couldn’t hear me breathing.”

“He said that I was wheezing and then it went silent. He stated he drove 90 miles an hour. He pulled up to the Emergency Room doors. They called ‘code blue’ and took me away. I was unresponsive to verbal and pain [prompts]. At this point they had no idea what was going on.”

“After opening my eyes, the first words I remember was a nurse said to me, ‘Welcome back.’ I looked at her, confused. I asked, “What do you mean?”

“I was lying in the ER with two bright lights shining at me. I remember my hands were cold, my hands and arms were a blue color. I was confused about what happened.”

“Another nurse said, ‘Quick, go get her family.’

“I had no idea what I had just gone through. My parents and one of my brothers were looking at me through the window. With the little energy I had I managed to give them a thumbs up. “

“In my mind I was thinking I should be released soon. But little did I know, I was extremely lucky I was alive.”

“My mom came into the room, I asked her what time it was? It was something like 1 a.m. and I thought it was much later than that. I ended up getting admitted to the hospital overnight.”

“In the morning, the doctor came in and shook my hand and said, ‘You are proof there is a higher [power]’. We then decided that I was truly blessed that my dad drove me in because the doctor said I was within two minutes away from not making it.”

“The doctor said that too many people come to the ER with the same vitals that I had and they don’t walk out.”

“When I arrived at the ER I was told by the doctor that my breathing was very shallow and I was not moving air. They were also unable to obtain a blood pressure. My blood oxygen level was at 40 percent which is extremely low. I also found out also my white blood count was very high. The doctor explained to me the reason why my white count was so high was because my body was basically giving everything it had left to fight to stay alive.”

“Since then I have had serval doctors appointments with the lung specialist and many different tests. I have also received phone calls telling me that the doctor would like me to come in so we can talk.”

“During that first appointment, the doctor looked at me straight in the eye saying that after all the tests nothing adds up. For how low your blood oxygen level was you shouldn’t be here today,” she said.

After the overnight stay at the hospital, Katie went to see her pulmonologist in St. Cloud.

“He was convinced it was not asthma that was causing this,” she said.

Things seemed to go along fine until the following year. It was deer hunting again.

“The same thing happened except I didn’t go code blue. We assumed it had something to do with deer hunting,” said Katie.

“We couldn’t figure out what it was,” said Barb. “She did hunt, but we were more aware of what we thought was going on,” said Dan.

Katie ended up at the ER again and was hospitalized for four days in Staples.

Then she had a follow up appointment in St. Cloud. The doctors had Katie on prednisone for several months at a time which helped keep her breathing.

“They were trying to figure it out. Could it have been



Tick problem

Katie Becker, daughter of Dan and Barb Becker of rural Browerville/Staples, has been ill with a meat allergy for several years. It has been recently determined that she has an allergy to a sugar found in red meat known as “alpha gal.” This was caused by a tick bite. (Submitted photo)

gun powder; the cold weather; deer hides?” said Dan.

This past deer hunting season, Katie again hunted and did not have a problem.

“I didn’t help with any of the processing,” said Katie. “She shot a deer again so we figured it didn’t have anything to do with the gun powder,” said Dan.

The family was very worried. They didn’t let her do anything with the deer. Not even touch it.

In addition to visiting the doctors in Staples and St. Cloud, Katie also doctored in Bagley where she lives and in Bemidji.

She works for the University of Minnesota Extension Service as a 4-H program coordinator for Clearwater County.

“Three years of not knowing what was causing me all these [breathing] problems and then our good family friend Deb Nelson talked with me and convinced me to go to the Mayo Clinic,” said Katie.

In fact, Deb even went with Katie for the first two days. The Thursday before she was to get her results, Marcia Woeste made a comment that Katie should read an article about a tick-triggered allergy surfacing in northern Minnesota.

“It was interesting, but I didn’t really process it at the time,” said Katie.

Barb read the article, though, and things made sense. Alpha gal allergy is the first food allergy to be associated with the carbs in the meat rather than the protein. It’s the sugar in the meat.

Once the cause of her problem was known, Katie had to eliminate almost all meats from her diet including beef, pork, lamb, venison, elk, bison and the like. She can have fish and poultry.

The tick-trigger allergy is also the first one to have an anaphylactic reaction and can be deadly because it blocks oxygen.

“A typical food allergy has a more immediate effect. This one has a three to eight hour reaction. You don’t put it together because of the delayed reaction,” said Katie.

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 Ray 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 Stensvåg
Emelia Engquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:05 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 8:00 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, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship 9:00 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.

It can be especially dangerous for people with asthma. The only way to diagnose it is through blood work and specifically through the galatocose-alpha-test.

It is unknown for certain how many people in Minnesota could be suffering from this allergy because the state doesn’t require it to be reported.

It is known for sure that the long star tick carries this virus, but what is not known is if other ticks carry it, too. The tick has to latch onto you or a deer or a mouse and then latch onto you to spread this disease.

For six months, Katie can’t eat any red meat. After that, she can slowly introduce it back into her diet.

“If I have any problems, though, I will have to give up red meat completely. This allergy can effect a person for six months, five years or life,” she said.

The only treatment is to not eat red meat. The allergy was first identified in 2009.

The body becomes overloaded with IGE antibodies and then on contact with red meat carbs, the body tries to fight it off because it thinks it is a foreign body.

“An Epi-pen is her best friend now if she feels something coming on,” said Dan.

“We no longer have to guess what is wrong. It doesn’t make sense that little critter can do so much harm, but it does,” added Dan.

Katie has also received a letter from the Mayo Clinic asking for permission to use her medical records for research to which Katie gladly consented.

One thing Katie is glad about is that she can still get her turkey jerky from her Uncle Jim at Konetzko’s in Browerville.

Her advice to people in regard to ticks is that people shouldn’t be afraid to go outside.

“Don’t let it stop you from living. Take proper care. I can still go hunting. I just check for ticks. I make adjustments. It is not like this is a death sentence,” said Katie.

But on a cold November night three years earlier, it almost was a death sentence and Katie and her family always remember that.

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
City 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
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hofferf
Sunday School 9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.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.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Seif 218-371-7189
Childrens’ Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 8:45 a.m.
Worship 9:10 & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Ministry Groups/Bible study

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.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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.

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God’s ever-changing canvas in the sky

Paster Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

When was the last time you looked at the sky? I’m not asking about the last time you looked up to check the weather. I’m asking when was the last time you laid in the grass like a child to watch the clouds drift overhead? Or perhaps to contemplate the colors of twilight or the flashes of distant lightning or the aurora of a meteor shower? The sky above is the largest and most ever-changing canvas visible to the human eye. It is glorious!

As I write these words, I look out my window and see clouds. This morning’s sky is filled with a unique merger of the classic, puffy marshmallow-clouds and higher, wispy cirrus clouds. They are all bright white and floating gently from west to east across a blue backdrop. Their arrangement morphs from one moment to the next. The clouds I see right now will never be exactly replicated. Never. In fact, they have already changed.

God is repainting the sky every moment of every day on His ever-changing canvas. And the sky

tells me something about God. Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.”

Take ten minutes before you go to bed tonight. Go out to gaze at the sky and marvel, like a child. Listen inwardly, because the sky above is proclaiming to you a message of glory. Pay close attention: you will perceive that the glory the heavens proclaim is not of their own beauty and limitlessness, but of the beauty and limitlessness of the God who spoke them into creation and who redraws them every moment of every day.

The One who fashioned such glory, is more glorious than the sunrise or the stars. The One who created such vastness, is more limitless than the sky itself. And He has placed the sky above because He wants to tell you of His glory. So gaze upward. Listen. Wonder. God wants you to see His glory!

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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
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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

Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 6, 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 6th day of June, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present with Commissioner Kneisl absent.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 9.3 Buffer Initiative Project - Grant Info Update.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2017 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – CHI HEALTH AT HOME

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for CHI Health at Home through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for CHI Health at Home to hold a raffle at Greystone Golf Club in Kandota Township at the address 10548 Andres Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on August 26, 2017.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the May 2017 Auditor Warrants number 229481 thru 229746 in the amount of \$10,097,147.76.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 46143 through 46269 in the amount of \$114,638.69.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512617 through 512649 in the amount of \$49,744.98 and Warrants number 700616 through 700786 in the amount of \$122,632.06.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND

WHEREAS, The 2017 Budget for Todd County's participation in the Todd-Wadena Community Cor-

rections system has been approved at \$352,873.00; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received asking for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of the funds in the amount of \$352,873 from the General Fund to Community Corrections Fund.

Facilities Committee

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge the fairgrounds repairs in response to the MCIT summary report to restore the Todd County Fairgrounds complex with-in safety compliance standards.

County Attorney

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To increase the part-time legal assistance position from 24 hours per week to full-time, 40 hours per week and begin recruiting to fill the full-time legal assistant position.

Public Works

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Charles Thieschafer effective May 16, 2017.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Public Works Department to waive the 90 day waiting period to begin the internal and external recruitment process to fill the vacant Heavy Equipment Operator position.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Cooperative Construction Agreement for the Replacement of Bridge #R0408 (Iona Township).

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Cooperative Construction Agreement for the 2019 Angler Drive Project in Grey Eagle and Birchdale Townships.

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

MnDOT AGREEMENT 1027368 –

TRUNK HIGHWAY 27/71 PROJECT IN LONG PRAIRIE

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) plans on performing a bituminous mill and overlay, ADA improvements, signal revision construction, and other associated construction upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway 71 from 650 feet south of 6th Street SE to the south end of Long Prairie River

Bridge and on Trunk Highway 27 from the north junction of Trunk Highway 27 and Trunk Highway 71 to 9th Street SE in Long Prairie, and;

WHEREAS, the State has requested the County to participate in the cost of the signal system revision construction and associated construction engineering, and;

WHEREAS, the County wishes to participate in the cost of the signal system revision construction and associated construction engineering under SAP 077-638-016, and;

WHEREAS, Agreement 1027369 between the State and the City of Long Prairie will address the City's associated cost share, and;

WHEREAS, Agreement 69320 between the State, Todd County, and the City of Long Prairie addresses operation and maintenance obligations of the traffic signal, and;

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County enter into MnDOT Agreement #1027368 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the County to the State of the County's share of the costs of the traffic signal revision construction and other associated construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway 71 from 650 feet south of 6th Street SE to the south end of Long Prairie River Bridge and on Trunk Highway 27 from the north junction of Trunk Highway 27 and Trunk Highway 71 to 9th Street SE in Long Prairie under State Project 7704-14 (TH 27=135) and 7707-24 (TH 71=004).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer are authorized to execute Agreement #1027368 and any amendments to the Agreement.

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

MnDOT MASTER PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT (AGREEMENT 1028415)

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Transportation wishes to cooperate closely with local units of government to coordinate the delivery of transportation services and maximize the efficient delivery of such services at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and local governments are authorized by Minnesota Statutes sections 471.59, 174.02, and 161.20, to undertake collaborative efforts for the design, construction, maintenance and operation of state and local roads; and

WHEREAS, MnDOT and Todd County wish to be able to respond quickly and efficiently to such opportunities for collaboration, and have determined that having the ability to write "work orders" against a master contract would provide the greatest speed and flexibility in responding to identified needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County enter into MnDOT Master Partnership Contract (Agreement 1028415) with the Minnesota Department of Transportation, a copy of which was before the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer are authorized to execute Agreement 1028415 and any amendments to the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Todd County Engineer is authorized to negotiate work order contracts pursuant to the Master Contract, which work order contracts may provide for payment to or from MnDOT, and that the County Engineer may execute such work order contracts on behalf of the Todd County without further approval by this Board.

Ditch Inspector

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement for CD33 from Pete Bosl in Reynolds Township Sections 32 and 33.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Brush Control project on County Ditch 19 to be performed by Central Applicators, Foley, MN at an estimated cost of \$15,024.90.

Soil & Water

Tim Stieber presented information on the impending implications of the new Buffer Law requirements and funding.

Administration

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the staff recommendation of hiring Gallagher Consulting to analyze our benefit plan and taking our health insurance plan out for bid.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The first half of Property Taxes have been processed and apportionments settled to taxing jurisdictions. Preparations are in the final stages for the Audit Presentation from CliftonLarsonAllen.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report
The Coordinator reported on the meetings attend-

ed and projects in-progress including updates concerning the Bonding Bill which included funding for the Eagle Bend High School Building and Debt repayment provisions extended to 6 years and are currently researching Grant Funding to repair the rock wall surrounding the Court-house block.

Recess

Chairperson Erickson recessed the meeting until June 20, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
NAT'L BANK.....	\$2,024.30
BADOURA STATE FOREST NURSERY.....	2,452.00
CLIFTON LARSONALLEN, LLP.....	32,500.00
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT.....	3,644.33
NOSKA PLUMBING & HEATING INC.....	3,847.12
SOLDO CONSULT PC.....	7,293.20
TODD TRAILS ASSOC.....	30,101.00
VERIZON.....	2,740.70
16 Payments less than \$2,000.....	6,254.62
AM. HERITAGE BANK.....	3,507.36
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	3,160.05
COMPUTER PROS.....	4,667.00
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	4,525.86
GENE-O'S COUNTRY- SIDE REST LLC.....	6,992.45
HARDRIVES INC.....	158,473.16
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	5,305.21
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC.....	3,347.29
MINNESOTA UL.....	3,220.71
MORRISON COUNTY.....	26,958.10
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH....	74,141.67
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	219,947.50
SCHUMACHER'S NURS. & BERRY FARM.....	9,815.25
STEP.....	3,743.88
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....	8,063.00
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A.....	6,936.25
28 Payments Less than \$2,000.....	14,175.87
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	28,797.91
CARD SERVICES COBORNS.....	2,564.48
FARMERS ELEVATOR CO.....	4,261.99
GOULD/RHONDA M.....	2,834.00
KEYL.....	3,225.00
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT.....	11,162.75
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	5,825.00
PETERS LAW OFFICE, PA.....	4,386.00
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	243,035.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....	8,063.00
TRI CITY PAVING INC.....	1,890,641.84
25 Payments less than \$2,000.....	10,377.64
AMERICAN HERITAGE.....	11,744.64
CLIFTON LARSONALLEN, LLP.....	3,000.00
LATIMER LAKE ASSOC.....	2,691.15
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH....	74,141.67
VOYANT COMM., LLC.....	3,443.68
66 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	14,162.38
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVE. DIST.....	8,517.00
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	2,007.22
GUSTAFSON/JEAN M.....	3,591.10
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	242,713.50
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....	8,063.00
VERIZON.....	2,723.84
WEST CENTRAL TECH SERVICE AREA.....	6,550.00
24 Payments less than \$2,000.....	12,088.50
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	965,641.41
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVE.DIST.....	8,194.52
CITY OF BERTHA.....	91,074.89
CITY OF BROWERVILLE.....	128,685.37
CITY OF BURTRUM.....	10,467.15
CITY OF CLARISSA.....	98,022.60
CITY OF EAGLE BEND.....	128,288.19
CITY OF GREY EAGLE.....	47,630.06
CITY OF HEWITT.....	32,950.96
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	428,772.53
CITY OF OSAKIS.....	72,169.49
CITY OF STAPLES.....	374,552.00
CITY OF WEST UNION.....	5,246.99
REGION V DEVELOPMT COMMISSION.....	12,593.15
SAUK RIVER WATER SHED DISTRICT.....	36,143.11
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213.....	363,699.08
SCHOOL DIST. 2170.....	368,234.54
SCHOOL DIST. 2753.....	886,856.46
SCHOOL DIST. 2759.....	73,059.08
SCHOOL DIST. 486.....	176,331.56
SCHOOL DISTRICT 487.....	3,170.98
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740.....	35,581.25
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743.....	308,554.51

SCHOOL DISTRICT 786 .. 204,073.98
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787 .. 221,195.90
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818 23,164.75
TOWN OF BARTLETT..... 41,108.75
TOWN OF BERTHA..... 35,919.66
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE..... 66,203.60
TOWN OF BRUCE..... 69,408.08
TOWN OF BURLEENE..... 40,631.88
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE..... 75,390.20
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY..... 44,799.17
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE..... 87,870.55
TOWN OF GERMANIA..... 29,628.51
TOWN OF GORDON..... 105,100.26
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE..... 93,128.62
TOWN OF HARTFORD..... 78,585.39
TOWN OF IONA..... 41,578.84
TOWN OF KANDOTA..... 41,087.00
TOWN OF LESLIE..... 87,677.00
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK..... 39,203.11
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK..... 59,558.19
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE..... 65,318.05
TOWN OF MORAN..... 51,182.15
TOWN OF REYNOLDS..... 47,336.92
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE..... 87,801.34
TOWN OF STAPLES..... 94,848.37
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE..... 44,170.81
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK..... 32,482.64
TOWN OF VILLARD..... 116,023.75
TOWN OF WARD..... 50,658.26
TOWN OF WEST UNION..... 56,344.49
TOWN OF WYKEHAM..... 47,571.59
6 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000..... 3,725.90

Total.....\$10,097,147.76

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRITZ STORE EQUIP. INC.....	9,832.50
CENTRACARE CLINIC- LONG PRAIRIE.....	7,748.60
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION.....	2,506.37
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC.....	16,452.50
ESRI.....	11,800.00
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV.....	3,551.54
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP ...	11,230.93
ROYAL TIRE.....	2,045.94
STAPLES WORLD.....	9,128.44
TURNKEY/THREE S QUARE MARKET.....	4,711.51
WIDESTH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	2,912.00
ZUERCHER TECH. LLC ...	3,038.00
115 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	29,680.36
Total.....	\$114,638.69

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL - STAPLES.....	3,500.00
DANIEL FUNERAL HOME - ST CLOUD.....	3,500.00
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROG.....	5,550.00
DHS - SWIFT.....	28,775.89
FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT.....	19,293.00
KARVONEN FUNERAL HOME - WADENA.....	3,500.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	2,213.46
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	12,800.79
163 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	43,498.92
Total.....	\$122,632.06

Vendor Name \$ Amount

COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SRVS LLC.....	6,504.54
# 12714.....	3,113.99
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SRVS OF MN-ST PAUL....	3,681.60
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC.....	3,100.00
NEXUS INC - MILLE LACS ACADEMY.....	5,513.70
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	2,792.25
NORTHWOOD CHILD. SRVS.....	8,120.40
STEP.....	6,811.48
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	10,107.02
Total.....	\$49,744.98

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held June 6, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on June 20, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #26 Monday, May 22, 2017, 7:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Frisk, Lund, Hoemberg, Winkels, Freeman and Longbella present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Klammer; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Halvorson; Business Manager Vacek; Activities Director, VanOverbeke; approx. 100 parents, staff and students; Staples World Manager Halvorson; and Recording Secretary Madson. The

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. Chair Freeman welcomed everyone

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC

Finance Items:

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Agreement of Assessment with the City of Staples. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the HS Counselor position salary at \$64,069. MC

Motion by Longbella,

seconded by Frisk, to authorize Engebretson and Thoele to electronically transfer funds through June 30, 2017 in the absence of a Business Manager. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to accept the five (5) year copier /printer quote at the corrected amount of \$50,037.44.

Personnel:

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Hoemberg, to accept the retirement of Bruce Drone, eff. July 31, 2017 with permission to post. MC Thank you, Bruce, for 33 years of dedication to the district. Best wishes for your retirement.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to accept the retirement of Sue Bettis, eff. June 30, 2017, with permission to post. MC

Thank you, Sue, for your time in MS Food Service. Best wishes in retirement.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Sarah Steinkopf, eff. June 30, 2017. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to accept the resignation of Patty Vacek. MC

22.1 Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, for permission to post for a Business Manager. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Jim Klammer with permission to post. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the one year Leave of Absence Request from Kaycia Ellingsen. MC

Motion by Winkels, sec-

onded by Lund, to approve the contract for Eden Tkalcich. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 1 year contract for Emily Hoeschen. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to approve the 17-18 contract for Mary Kempton. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve the contract for Craig Waldvogel. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the 17-18 Head Varsity FB Coach contract for Travis VanOverbeke. Voting in favor: Freeman, Longbella, Winkels and Lund. Nay: Frisk and Hoemberg. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Courtney Kerfield. MC

A 2017-18 contract was approved for Courtney, but she has accepted a position with another district.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Jackie Tyrrell; with permission to post. MC

Policies and Curriculum

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to adopt Policy #600 Parent Volunteers and Visitors. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Hoemberg, to adopt Policy #320 Student Surveys. MC

Other

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the Purchase Agreement

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on page 9a

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for the FED Building at \$70,000. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2017-18 Resolution for Membership in the MSHSL. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2017-2019 Swimming/ Tennis Cooperative Sponsorship agreement with Verndale. MC

Adjourn the Regular Meeting

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the regular meeting. MC

Reconvene in Closed Session to discuss negotiation strategy

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels to reconvene in Closed Session. MC

Adjourn the Closed Session

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the closed session. MC

Complete minutes are available at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #27 MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2017 HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER Immediately following the Special Board meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Frisk, Hoemberg, Longbella, Winkels and Lund present. Also attending were Supt. Klamm; Staples World Manager; Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

FJJ update on Facility Study

•FJJ will share survey results with the Board in August or Sept. The length of the presentation will determine if it's done at a Work Session or Regular Meeting.

•Where do we go from here?

-- Short term - FJJ suggests picking a project that we can fund from long term maintenance dollars

-- Long term - Set a long term goal

• FJJ will lead us through that discussion.

• They will be conducting a community survey soon

-- Discussion on doing a paper survey and including it in the Cardinal Chronicle, newspaper, etc. Also post on Facebook

Formation of Committees

Current committee assignments were reviewed with an update on each.

FED - Bruce: they hold 6 meetings per year

NJPA - Mary: She attends monthly meetings and sits on 3 committees

NJPA Delegate Assembly: involves an annual meeting and awards banquet

MSHSL - Dave: Hasn't received any information regarding meetings or duties. He will contact MSHSL or talk to Travis

QCOMP - Mary: New rep will be appointed in July

MSBA - Greg: Hasn't received any information regarding meetings or duties

Community Ed - Bryan: Meets quarterly with updates from ABE, GED, Early Childhood, Athletics, etc.

CHS - Greg: Monthly meetings which did not always have quorum to conduct business. As CHS moves to a program they will keep a board member on the advisory committee

Technology – Bryan: It has been hard for him to attend these meetings during his work day. The meetings involve budgets, building needs, problem solving, etc.

Meet & Confer - Mary and Bruce: Two meetings were held this year to address staff needs

Supt. Evaluation - Mary and Bruce: Conducted an evaluation which was presented to the board. Probably will not do an evaluation on the interim.

Negotiating Teams: Waiting until we have dollar amounts to work with

Policy- Chad and Bryan: They have met one time since the Committee was reinstated.

Discussion on the need

for Finance and Facility committees.

-- The Interim Supt. may not want to attend a lot of evening meetings.

-- Some feel work sessions are a better option, while others feel that committees would be better

-- Keep the committee structure in mind

Possible topics for MSBA Board Training

-- \$900 per three (3) hours of training

-- There is an on-line self evaluation model and Mary Freeman will get more information on this

-- Other ideas for training included: Committees; Committee Reports; the Board's role in hiring and employees; and trust

-- The possibility of Joe from GIANTS being available for a session will be looked into

Board Goal Setting

-- Getting an Interim Supt. in place; then conducting a search for a long term Superintendent

-- Continuing with the Facility Study

-- Personal and professional growth to become cohesive

-- Look at Open Enrollment numbers this fall (increase or decrease)

-- Develop a strong mentoring system for our administrators

-- Work on building and school culture

-- Marketing our district (identify our audience)

-- Balance the budget / stabilize the Business Office

-- Stay on the course already set

The scheduled July 3 Work Session was cancelled.

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the Work Session. MC

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #27 Monday, June 5, 2017, 7:00 p.m. High School Media Center

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Frisk, Hoemberg, Longbella, Winkels and Lund present. Also attending were Supt. Klamm; Staples World Manager; Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2017-2018 contract for Steve Jennissen; HS Counselor; MA Step 5 MC

Motion by to approve the contract for Jaime Boesen; Business Manager; GR 23P. MC MF

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to extend an offer of employment and enter into negotiations with Mr. Ron Bratlie, Interim Supt. MC

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the Special Meeting. MC

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Public Notices

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY CONCRETE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT CLOSING DATE: JULY 11, 2017

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., July 11, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director/ Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

SAP 077-601-021

Concrete Bridge Construction Project located on CSAH 1 in Leslie Township

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
Case Type:
Dissolution with Children
Court File No.
77FA-17-483**

**In Re the Marriage of
Abigail Sarah Wiese,
Petitioner**

**Kellin Dean Wiese,
Respondent**

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

WARNING: Your spouse has filed a lawsuit against you for dissolution of your marriage. A copy of the paperwork regarding the lawsuit is served on you with this summons. This summons is an official document from the court that affects your rights. Read this summons carefully. If you do not understand it, contact an attorney for legal advice.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this *Summons*. There should also be a copy of *Petitioner's Financial Affidavit* attached.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the Court a written *Answer* to the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* and your *Financial Affidavit*. You must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms and the *Financial Affidavit* form are available from the Court Administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* and *Financial Affidavit* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer* and *Financial Affidavit*, the Court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

3. This proceeding does not involve real property.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING PROVISIONS

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a non-profit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

IF YOU VIOLATE ANY OF THESE PROVISIONS, YOU WILL BE SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS BY THE COURT.

NOTICE OF PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Under Minnesota Statutes, section 518.147, in a contested proceeding in-

volving custody or parenting time of a minor child, the parties must begin participation in a parent education program that meets minimum standards promulgated by the Minnesota Supreme Court within 30 days after the first filing with the court. In some Districts, parenting education may be required in all custody or parenting proceedings. You may contact the District Court Administrator for additional information regarding this requirement and the availability of parent education programs.

Dated: 5/17/2017

Abigail Wiese,
Petitioner
623 5th Street NE
Staples, Minnesota 56479
25-27pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 5, 2008; Assigned January 20, 2017

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$44,998.47

MORTGAGOR(S): Nathan George, a single person

MORTGAGEE: American Heritage National Bank; Assigned to Jason George

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Mortgage: Recorded October 1, 2008; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Document No. 459390

Assignment: Recorded February 7, 2017; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Document No. 502805

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of Government Lot Two (2) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128), Range Thirty-four (34), lying North of the Sauk River which runs through said Lot Two (2), and which lies East of Highway No. 11, also known as the "U" Trail Road.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd

Property Address: 16086 County 11, Osakis, MN 56360

Tax Parcel ID No.: 17-0030801

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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP MEETING CHANGE

The Moran Township regular July Monthly Meeting has been moved to Monday, July 10, at 7 p.m. The regular agenda will be followed.

The township will also be spraying ditches for noxious weeds after the 1st of July.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
26pnc

NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP MEETING DATE CHANGE

This serves as notice that the Byron Township monthly meeting for July has been changed from July 11 to July 13 at 7 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

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Lakes Area Bike Club check out new hotel, restaurant

The Lakes Area Bike Club gathered in Staples on June 20 for their weekly ride. Starting at the Timberlake Hotel in Staples, group members chose from a variety of routes to ride. After the ride, members gathered at the Timbers Restaurant for food and drinks. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Bike routes in Staples

Bob Hamann, a member of the Lakes Area Bike Club, gives members a preview of several different bike routes to take in Staples, ranging from a few miles to 30 miles. Hamann also pointed out a few of the highlights along the routes, including the Living Legacy Gardens and Dower Lake Recreation Area.



Summer fledgling leaving the nest at the gardens

Above, a baby robin camouflages itself in a bush at Living Legacy Gardens in Staples, while its parent, below, watches from a perch nearby. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



NJPA continued from page 1a

Professional development and volunteering are encouraged

development meetings to foster connectivity, communication and a common, objective language. The organization’s yearly metrics also call for an average of 50 hours of professional development and eight hours of volunteer time per full-time employee. “NJPA reinvests in its employees by providing many resources to use toward professional and personal growth,” said Trevor Loftis, NJPA finan-

cial analyst and employee of six years. “We’re encouraged to take initiative and show leadership in all aspects of our job, which generates innovative thinking and provides us with a sense of a bigger purpose.” A complete list of those companies and organizations named to the Top Workplaces list is available at StarTribune.com/top-workplaces2017 and was also published in the Star Tribune Top Workplaces

special section on Sunday, June 25. NJPA has 118 employees and continues to experience growth across all departments. The organization anticipates the hiring of 30 employees in fiscal year 2017-18. Visitnjpa.co/careers to see a list of current openings. National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a government agency committed to providing cooperative solutions assisting governmental, educational and

nonprofit entities as they strive for efficient public service. Created in 1978 as one of Minnesota’s nine service cooperatives, NJPA offers a variety of cooperative programs and services for members on a local, regional, statewide and national scale, including Canada. The publicly elected board of directors, and public employee staff, is committed to meeting and exceeding the expectations of there members.

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Britta & Alekzander

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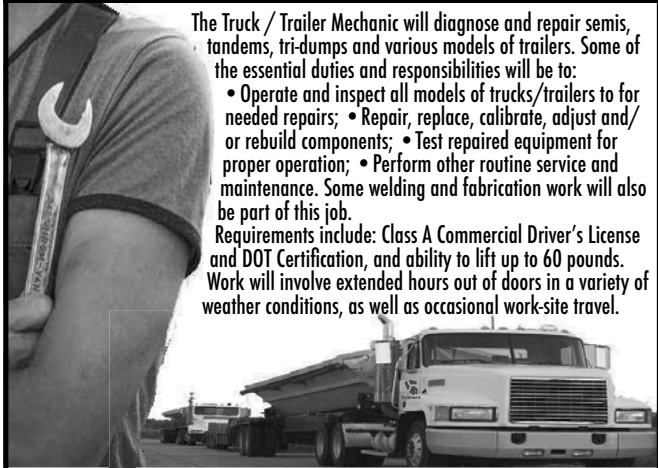
Quiet wildlife

A baby rabbit nestles into the foliage at Living Legacy Gardens. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Joy in Pine Grove Park

Staples Lumberbats players race to celebrate with Eric Kossan after his tournament-winning hit in extra innings. (Submitted photo)



T-ball fun

Staples-Motley Community Education T-ball players enjoy learning to hit, catch and throw. The T-ball league is played Wednesdays at the Staples-Motley Elementary School field.

Lumberbats win in extra innings to sweep home tournament

The Staples Lumberbats were the champions for the first time in their own tournament, winning with a walk off hit from Eric Kossan that scored Blake Petrich in the eighth inning to beat the Clear Lake Lakers 4-3.

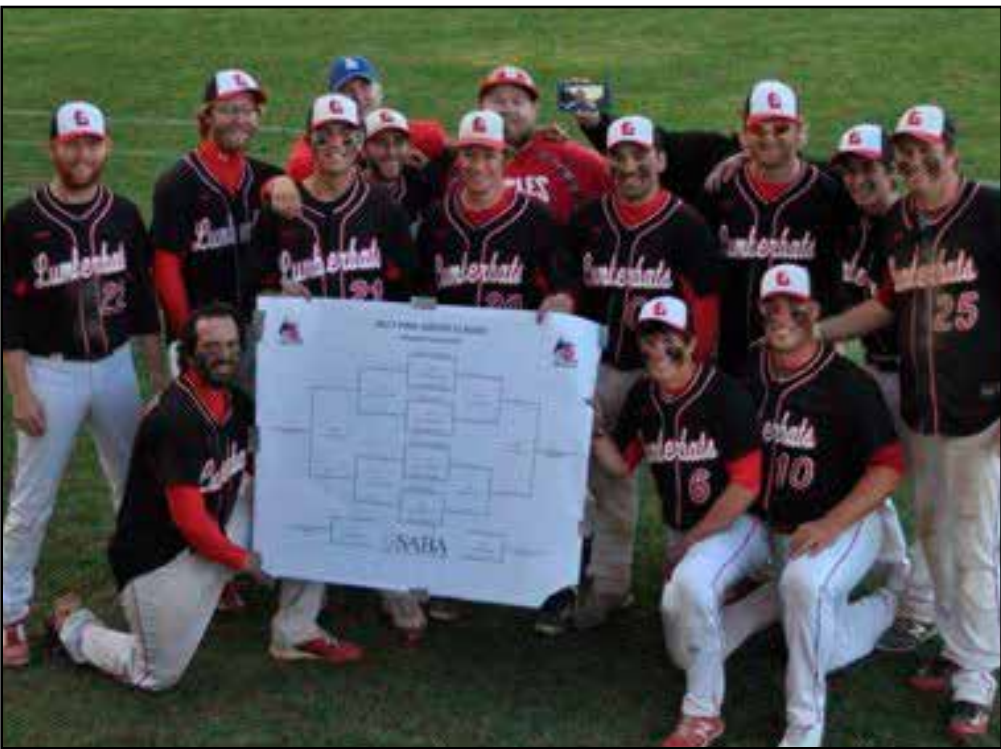
Petrich was also the winning pitcher in the game.

The path to the championship included an 8-4 win over Park Rapids and an 11-1 win over Avon where Jalen Busker had 13 strikeouts in 5 innings pitched and Austin Redemske hit a 3 run home run.

The eight team tournament started with eight games on June 24 and finished June 25 with all of

the placing games. The 7th place game saw Duluth beat Park Rapids, the 5th place game had Upsala beating Warroad and the 3rd place game was also an exciting extra-inning affair as Long Prairie beat Avon.

The next Lumberbats home game is Saturday, July 1 with Wolf Lake coming to town at 1:30 p.m.



Tournament champions

Lumberbats players with their winning tournament bracket, kneeling from left is Bobby Kempenich, Blake Gerard, Blake Petrich; standing from left, Jalen Busker, Jake Rude, Reid Busker, Rob Hazuka, Mark Kossan, Eric Kossan, Eric Hybl, Justin Kolling (on the phone) Austin Redemske, Dereck Rude, Tommy Kossan and Jason Bachmann. (Submitted photo)

Deer news is always in season

With the first day of summer more than a week behind us, and with outdoor priorities focused on fishing, camping and other warm-weather things, you might think that white-tail deer would be a backburner item. But interest in Minnesota's state mammal and its most high-profile game species is never far from the conscious-ness of its hunters and admirers. This, plus the fact that in only three short months the 2017 deer hunt will begin, for those who hunt with arrow and bow.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

CWD and Humans

Several deer-related news items have been circulating recently. The first concerns chronic wasting disease, or CWD, the highly contagious illness that weakens and kills deer, elk, and moose by turning their brains to the consistency of sponge, leading to abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions, malnutrition and eventual death. A malformed protein, called a "prion," is the agent directly responsible for CWD's effects.

Minnesota has done far better than some states at limiting the disease's spread, most often credited – blamed, more specifically – by circumstantial evidence on farming operations whose product is deer or elk, rather than cattle or crops. A number of Minnesota deer and elk farming operations have been closed down, quarantined, or had their herds liquidated to avoid contaminating nearby wild deer when the disease was detected among their animals.

Neighboring state Wisconsin, on the other hand, has CWD-infected deer in a number of its counties, in a significant percentage of its wild deer. By some

indications, Wisconsin is finding itself incapable of controlling or eradicating it, and some feel the state is not choosing to make it a management priority. For example, in four counties – Dane, Iowa, Sauk and Richland – seventeen percent of the 2,300 deer tested during the 2016 hunting season carried CWD. But only 10 percent of the deer harvested in those counties were tested. If the same rate of infection exists across the entire population in those counties, nearly 4,000 harvested deer may have been infected, but 90 percent of the hunters would not know it, since their deer were not tested.

Why does knowing it matter? One of the great unknowns that's been a sub-plot to the CWD issue all along is whether humans can contract the disease by consuming infected deer. CWD is similar to mad cow disease in cattle. In what are considered uncommon circumstances, humans can contract the fatal Creutzfeldt-Jakob degenerative brain disorder from eating certain parts of cattle infected with mad cow disease. Cattle brain or nerve tissue are believed to be the vectors in these mad cow-to-human cases.

No one would propose laboratory testing of humans to see if they can be infected by consuming CWD-infected deer. But there has been CWD testing on monkeys, some species of which bear enough anatomical similarities to humans to suggest the odds of infection. As reported recently in a popular Wisconsin and Minnesota outdoor newspaper, CWD research is being conducted by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, funded by a research institute affiliated with the Alberta provincial government.

Preliminary results from a study that began eight years ago found that five of 18 macaque monkeys exposed to the disease developed the symptoms of mad cow and CWD. Three of the five contracted it from eating CWD-infected tissue, while the other two

were injected with CWD and developed its symptoms. A second group of 13 macaque monkeys is being tested, but their results are not yet in.

Despite a lack of any direct evidence that CWD can be transmitted to humans, the general protocol for consuming venison is to avoid eating a deer's primary nervous system tissue, or meat that might have been in contact with it; just in case. This includes the brain (sorry, you head-cheese lovers) and the spinal cord.

While it's unlikely that anyone would intentionally consume parts of a whitetail's spinal column, the prized tenderloins are found right alongside the backbone. Is their proximity an issue? Who can say? It's also not uncommon for deer to be shot through the spine, either where it passes through the neck, or rearward in the body itself. In fact, the neck shot – if properly made – has long been considered a sure-fire way to harvest your deer. Could a shot through a whitetail's spine spread CWD prions to adjacent meat? Perhaps.

There have only been a small handful of wild Minnesota whitetails tested and found to have CWD. For example, in 2016 – among some 3,000 deer tested in Southeast Minnesota – only three were found to have CWD. These relatively few have been found within a whitetail's traveling distance of farms that raised captive deer or elk, which means the likelihood of your Minnesota-harvested deer having CWD is small. Then again, CWD has been found in farmed or wild deer in North and South Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Deer don't observe territorial boundaries, so there are no guarantees.

Minnesota is making an "equivalent-of-war" effort to stop CWD before we have a situation like Wisconsin's. But unlike many wars – which may have a definitive end, and the fighting stops – this is a war that may be won, but will likely never end.

Muzzleloader Scopes, Blaze Pink

Among the rules changes for 2017, deer hunters who use muzzleloaders during the special season for so-called "primitive" weapons will be able to mount and use rifle scopes on these guns. This makes a mockery of the concept of the primitive hunt. It gives retailers another piece of high-priced gear to sell to the shooter, and gives a deer hunter so-equipped an extended hunting opportunity with a weapon much more effective than what was intended when the special muzzleloader season was envisioned.

It will be possible to make a real fashion statement this coming fall now that the state legislature has approved the wearing of blaze pink as an alternative to blaze orange. I have to admit that, based on my experience with hot pink highlighters on the documents I review and edit, this color definitely shows up. Not sure I'm ready for it myself, though.

Another item, one which dovetails with the CWD issue, is a potential statewide ban on deer feeding. A special advisory committee providing input to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on its deer management plan could recommend just that. There have already been limited local deer feeding bans in areas where a special intensive deer harvest has been held – in Southeast Minnesota – to stop the spread of CWD after several wild deer were tested and found infected.

Deer feeding concentrates deer, making the spread of disease – like CWD – a higher probability. Feeding also makes deer more vulnerable to predation, and susceptible to car-deer collisions. There's also little evidence that it makes a meaningful difference in overall deer survival, even during harsh winters. The sound biological position is to let deer do what Nature intended: feed themselves.

Alumni hoops back again

The second annual Staples-Motley Cardinal Basketball Alumni Tournament will take place July 14 and 15, at the Staples-Motley High School gym.

For a registration form, email Colton Thompson at colton_jazz@hotmail.com.

Thompson said this year's tournament will be a fundraiser for Staples-Motley Booster Clubs, with a donation box set up for attendees.

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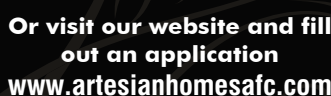
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Devils Lake area is a real walleye Mecca

By Ray Gildow

I have not fished the Devils Lake area of North Dakota since the mid 1980's when I was fishing walleye tournaments. The area has grown so much since that time that I would not be able to find my way around the lake anymore. Not only has the water area grown, so have the walleye,

perch and northern pike populations.

First a little history of the area. Devils Lake itself is the largest natural body of water in North Dakota after the artificially created Lake Sakakawea. In 2011, it reached an unofficial historical high elevation of 1454.30 feet. The lake can reach 1458.0 before naturally flowing into the Sheyenne River via the Tolna Coulee. Under normal conditions, Devils Lake is shallow, saline and hypereutrophic (very high in nutrients). During heavy rains the lake can reach depths of 60 feet. The lake, during low water levels, can become dangerously saline, posing danger to wildlife in the system. The low flat terrain around Devils Lake consists of various coulees, channels and basins which may be separated during time of low water, or connected during high water. Precipitation from 1993 to 1999 caused the lake to double in size, forcing the displacement of more than 300 homes and flooding 70,000 acres of farmland.

There is much controversy surrounding the geography of the Devils Lake area and where it is draining but for someone who has an interest in fishing,

this place is unbelievable. Anglers soon find out that they are fishing over old county roads, farmsteads and even by old mailboxes.

There is an incredible forage base of freshwater shrimp and baitfish that makes for rapid growth for all the fish in the system. Reproduction rates for walleye, northern pike, yellow perch, white bass and other species of fish are consistently good according to published DNR data. Bag limits are very generous, making one wonder if these catch rates are sustainable. For the greater Devils Lake area anglers can harvest five walleyes per day and ten in possession, five northern pike per day and ten in possession, and twenty perch per day and forty in possession. It's not just the possession limits that seem very high, but there are basically no size limits on fish either. Seeing fifty to sixty walleyes on a cleaning table is one thing, but to see that they average twenty to twenty-six inches in length is really eye popping.

A party of Minnesotans that I know recently came back from a very successful trip to the area. They brought home sixty walleyes and sixty northern pike. It was like looking at



Hefty haul at Devils Lake

Two day Devils Lake area limit of walleye and pike for six anglers.

a Minnesota photo from the 1940's. They fished a small lake near Devils Lake, caught all their fish in seven to eight feet of water casting crank baits. The fishing was unreal. We are seeing fish pho-

tos coming out of North Dakota that wouldn't even be acceptable in Minnesota, yet according to the DNR website, fish populations remain abundant and vigorous. It truly is a walleye Mecca.

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Pillager Fair and Husky Days, July 6 - 9

Exhibits, music, fireworks, food, carnival and more

The 119th Annual Pillager Fair, in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Husky Days celebration in Pillager, will be held Thursday, July 6 - Sunday, July 9.

On the agenda are contests, a dance, car show, fireworks, animal shows, a Miss Pillager Pageant and a host of other activities for people of all ages, including a medallion hunt with a \$500 prize. Events will take place at both the fairgrounds and at the Pillager School. Some of the events are listed below:

Thursday

Entry day. Commercial vendors (rides, booths, etc.) and competition exhibitors will be setting up. Clues for the medallion hunt will be posted each morning at 9 a.m. at the Community Center.

Food booths open at 10 a.m.; train rides for the kids at 2 p.m.; the Miss Pillager pageant will be held

from 6 - 7 p.m. at the Pillager School Performing Arts Center. Stop by the Community Center (at the fairgrounds) for Family Bingo, from 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Friday

It's 'Kid's Day and Dancing' on Friday.

Stop by at 8 a.m. for breakfast (food booths will be open) and visit the horse judging arena and exhibit booths as well.

At 10 a.m., the 100th anniversary of the Pillager Dam will be celebrated with a special program at the dam.

The carnival, featuring Midwest Rides, opens at 11 a.m.; and the beer garden opens at 3 p.m. The Husky Days Golf Tournament starts at 2 p.m., at Madden Pine Beach West.

A 'Kiddie Tractor Pull' will be held at 5:30 p.m. (registration begins at 5 p.m.) and listen to music presented by 'Decade 7'

from 8 p.m. - midnight.

Stop by the Pillager Baptist Church at 7 p.m. for a Family Movie Night.

Saturday

A Fun Walk, parade, Ultimate Truck Series (UTS) Mud Run, car and tractor show; and fireworks will take place on Saturday.

The parade, which travels downtown Pillager along River St., begins at 10 a.m.; and at 1 p.m., a Texas Hold'em Tourney begins in the Art Building. Don't miss the car and tractor show from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., at the school parking lot; the UTS Mud Run at 7 p.m.; or the fireworks, which begin at 10 p.m. The carnival will be open from 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Throughout the day, the food booth will be open (breakfast begins at 8 a.m.), as will the exhibition building. The Beer Garden will be open from noon - midnight.

An Alumni/Community Dinner will take place at the school commons from 5:30 - 7 p.m.; and a history presentation will be offered in the art building at 4 p.m.

Sunday

The celebration continues on Sunday with a community service from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the school commons. Music by Gary Timbs.

Stay for a broasted chicken dinner at noon, provided by Kim Gibbs of KC's Saloon. Tickets will be sold in advance and at the door.

At 1 p.m., a motorcycle and 'open top' ride will take place, with vehicles leaving from the school.

The fair closes at 3 p.m.

For a more detailed list of events, pick up a Pillager Fair Premium Book at area businesses and at the fairgrounds.



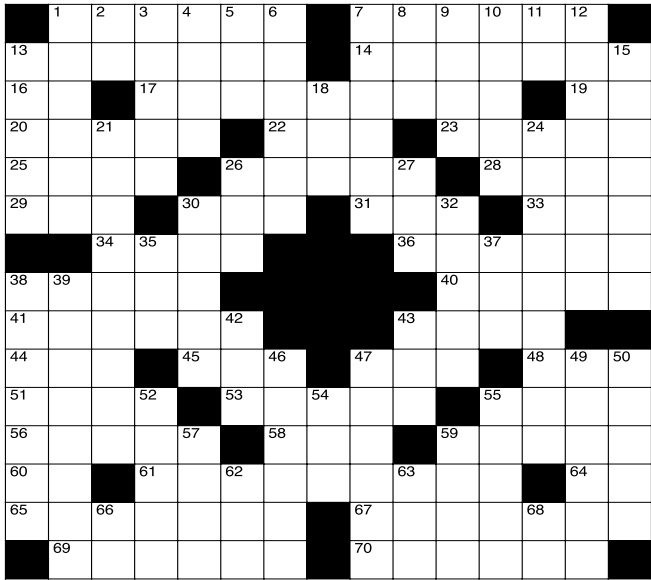
A visit to the dog park

Ruth Solie of Detroit Lakes, along with her pooch Cooper, stopped by the dog park in Motley June 15, while en route to the Twin Cities area. Solie said she has grandchildren in Eden Prairie and that the Motley Dog Park is "a really nice stop" along the way. Cooper appeared to have a fun time running through the fenced-in area and even knew right what to do when he encountered the fire hydrants, painted to look like dogs by Motley Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Crossword Puzzle

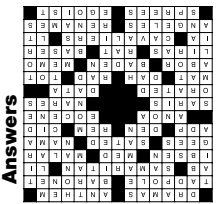
Week 26



CLUES ACROSS

- Plays
- Hymn
- Larval frog
- A member of the British order
- Stomach muscle
- Helper
- East of NYC
- Influential Norwegian playwright
- School for healing
- Of the cheekbone
- Disco rockers The Bee
- Gorged
- Khoikhoen people
- Payroll firm
- A hiding place
- Georgia rockers
- Spanish soldier El

- Deerlike water buffalo
- Second epoch of the Tertiary period
- Frocks
- Nostrils
- Spoke
- Information



Answers

- Where wrestlers work
- Dash
- Cool!
- Tiny child
- People of northern Assam
- Austrian spa town
- Written reminder
- Italian monetary units
- Tell on
- More abject
- Farm state
- Cleveland's hoopers
- Famed NY Giant's nickname
- Los __, big city
- Rechristens
- Shopping trips
- Values self-interest

CLUES DOWN

- Pressed against lightly
- Rural delivery
- Semicircular recesses
- Groan
- Donation
- Mariner
- One who accepts
- King Cole, musician
- Streetscar
- Silk fabric
- __ route
- Used to make plastics

- Swampy coniferous forest
- Angry speeches
- A way to soak
- One who divides
- Deeply cuts
- A very large body of water
- "Raisin in the Sun" actress Ruby
- Medicated
- Single unit
- Parasitic insect's egg
- House pet
- African nation
- Saddle horses
- Press lightly
- One of 12 sons of Jacob
- Cause to suffer
- Hang 'em up
- Breakfast dish
- Wrongful acts
- NASCAR driver
- Indian dish
- Type of giraffe
- Selling at specially reduced prices
- Czech city
- "Orange is the New Black" character
- Records electric currents
- Country doctor
- Chronic, progressive disease (abbr.)

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Man arrested following high-speed chase through Motley

A high-speed chase through the City of Motley the morning of June 26, resulted in the arrest of Adam Michael Inderrieden, 32.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, the Motley Police Department (MPD) responded to a report of a white Chevrolet Impala that was northbound on Hwy 10 and driving erratically. The incident took place at approximately 7:58 a.m.

The MPD located the vehicle in the City of Motley and initiated a traffic stop. After failing to stop, the vehicle left the city southbound, at a very high rate of speed. It then crossed through the center median and continued traveling south in the northbound lanes of Hwy 10.

The vehicle came to a stop when spike strips were deployed in Cushing and the driver, Inderrieden, was taken in to custody. He is being held at the Morrison County Jail pending charges.

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

Law enforcement reports

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

June 21 - The MPD arrested Patrick Case, 32, on a DOC (Department of Corrections) warrant. Case was transported to the Staples Police Department and subsequently transferred to a Todd County deputy.

June 17 - The MPD assisted state patrol with a traffic stop at Hwy 210 in Motley involving several male subjects and marijuana in the vehicle.

June 15 - The MPD received a call from the Eastwood Inn Motel in Motley, reporting that a pizza delivery person had stolen several boxes of cereal from the breakfast area at the motel. The MPD spoke with the owner of the pizza place and advised him of the situation. He proceeded to speak with his employee, who returned the cereal the next day and apologized for his actions.

June 15 - The MPD arrested Melissa Nordick-Winkelman, 50, for Driving While Intoxicated. Subject had been traveling towards Motley from Todd County in the wrong traffic lane on Hwy 10. She was transported to the Morrison County Jail.

June 21 - The MCSO was called to assist state patrol with a driver who was traveling the wrong direction on Hwy 10 near Aztec Rd.

June 19 - While patrolling the area near the 3000 block of 320th St. in Cushing, the MCSO deputy noticed a few portable restrooms had been tipped over causing minor damage. The Scandia Public Works Department will look at their cameras at the community park to see if there is a recording of the suspects.

June 16 - The MCSO received a report of theft at the 33000 block of 80th Ave. in Cushing.

June 16 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Dominic Squires, 29.

Pillager School Spring Semester Honor Roll

Superior Honor Roll

Grade 12: Emma Litke, Emily Peters. **Grade 11:** Gillian Kuehl, Elijah Uban. **Grade 10:** Cameron Gielow, Noah Jacobson, Emily Johnson, Amy Kulju, Autumn Meyer, Ashley Miller. **Grade 9:** Emily Gordon, Lauren Puhak, Grace Nagel, Ziya Pulak, Carson VanVickle, Jordyn VanVickle.

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AUCTION

Due to health reasons I am moving into assisted living and will sell the following personal property at the Motley Fairgrounds, Motley, MN (shelter if rain) on:

Saturday, July 1, 2017

SALE TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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LUNCH AVAILABLE

Lg. Yard Items ... Sporting ... Recreation

Agri-Fab Lawn Sweeper, 38" 4 hp 22" Yard Machine push mower
Lawn spreader
MinnKota Model 65, 28 lb. Fishing poles, tackle boxes, etc.

Coleman stove, lanterns
Fish locators
Elect. & battery Toro weed trimmers
Hedge trimmers
Misc. hunting knives
4x6 collapsible fish house
Old Jiffy ice auger, 8"

Single flip up house
Hose reel & hoses
Wishing well
Elect. leaf blower
Red wagon
Snow shovels

Bird bath
8" windmill
Wheelbarrow
Lawn ornaments
Snow rake

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Vice
Floor drills
Ext. cords
Belt sander
Floor dollies
Floor jacks
Paint sprayer

Sandborn Magna Force 3 hp air compressor
Battery chargers & jump start
Misc. oil & paint
Tool shop saws
Bosch hand grinder
Sm. two-wheel trailer
6x8 two-wheel lift trailer
Many hand tools, wrenches, hammers

Many long handled tools, rakes, shovels, axes, forks
Alum. ext. ladders
Vice
Pipe wrenches
Elect. & gas chain saws
Tarps, old oil cans
Skislaw
Drill press
6" bench grinder

Wood ladders
Sockets & wrenches
Gas burner
Car ramps
Log chains
Bench top
Misc. nuts & bolts

Some Older & Collectible Items

Churchill plates, cups & saucers, set of 6
Old wash tub
Old trunk
Old hand saws
Cream cans
Old hand saws
Old boat orrs

Towels & bedding
End tables and coffee tables, older
A lot of misc. dishes, pots & pans
Old floor stereo & LPs
Old silver Kirby vacuum & shampooer

Large china hutch, 54" x 6" tall, nice

Household, misc.

Matching bedroom set, 4 pcs.
3-pc. bedroom set
Coronado freezer, mid-size
Casio organ & stand
Refrigerator
Misc. Christmas

Kitchen table and chairs, w/wo leaves
Cannons and canning jars
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