

Staples Police see increase in social media investigations

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Tracking down fake online profiles, finding erased threats and tracking how illegal pornography was spread are becoming common investigations for local police departments.

"Social media issues are across the board, from kids to adults," said Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz. "People have become desensitized and they don't realize what their words and threats mean to other people. They say things much worse than they would say in person."

With increased communication through facebook, instagram, snapchat and other social media platforms, those forums now have to be included in restraining orders and harassment cases.

There is also an increase in fake online accounts and people using a false name or the name of someone they know to harass and make threats. Birkholtz said they have run into cases where a person has four different facebook pages, and they have to figure out which is real and which was used for harassment.

"It's easier to put things out there if you think you are anonymous," said Birkholtz. But there are ways of tracking down the fake account.

Online trickery can also lead to an unsafe environment for kids.

"It's easy for people to manipulate kids," said Birkholtz. "Some people blame the school, the police, or an online

Digital Daze

**Abuses of social media
Tuesday, Sept. 26**

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bully, but parents are putting that technology in the hands of kids and they have to know the responsibilities that go along with that."

She said the best solution is for parents to monitor their child's online activity and talk to them about the appropriate

way to behave online. "A good rule is to never be friends with someone you don't know," said Birkholtz. "Parents should be proactive and make sure their kids are safe."

Online bullying often rises to the level of a police investigation. Birkholtz said it can be traumatic and affect kids for years. "It is hard to break out of it, they become labeled and might turn to chemicals or suffer from depression," said Birkholtz. "Kids are not ready to deal with all of the things that go with the technology."

Birkholtz said sometimes the parents contribute to the bullying atmosphere. For example, there are times where there is an incident at school and parents go on facebook to talk about it and end up arguing and threatening other parents, all there for everyone to see. "If the kids see that, how do you think they are going to act?" said Birkholtz. "We need to set a better example."

Pornography is also becoming more prevalent, as minors become less aware of the dangers of nude photos. In many cases, the line is erased between a victim and pornographer, because the person is sending their own photo. "Kids are

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Bullying having more impact on local kids

Especially with use of social media

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Bullying is often a problem among adolescents, but in the new age of social media, bullying has been raised to another level, according to Dr. Shawna Nymeyer, Executive Director of Behavioral Health at Lakewood Health System.

"Kids think bullying is fun, and they are getting attention for it," said Nymeyer. "They act like it's a game, but it's a bid for popularity and they often are getting positive encouragement from other kids."

Nymeyer will be one of the panelists at Digital Daze, a community forum about the abuses of social media on Tues., Sept. 26, at Central Lakes College in Staples. The event is coordinated by Staples-Motley Beyond Poverty.

Nymeyer has learned a lot about the methods the bullies use. "The goal of the bully is to isolate one kid online and then shun or ostracize the same kid when they get to school," she said.

Social media allows anyone in the school to be the bully. Nymeyer said some of the bullies in Staples are charming, popular role models in the school, who will say cruel things online or when no adults are around. She said those students often don't



Dr. Shawna Nymeyer

receive any punishment because of their image in the school. They then feel they are allowed to keep bullying because of the special treatment they get. "It is a pattern of behavior; it is not going to stop if you keep letting them off," said Nymeyer.

An example is the bullies will coordinate an effort for everyone to get up and walk away when the victim sits at their table. It even spills over to the classroom, where the ostracized student doesn't get picked for partner projects or small group projects. It also occurs during extra-curricular activities and sports, where the victim still is not accepted by other members of the team. Even at Staples-Motley sporting events, the bullies will actively ostracize fellow student fans, and tell them not to wear the school

colors or emblems.

The bullying also can include pushing students towards higher levels of sexual promiscuity and shaming, even among those who have no interest in it.

Nymeyer said it is hard for the victim to get out of the cycle, because if anyone tries to help them, or the victim complains to school officials, parents or police, the retaliation from the bullies becomes worse. "Witnesses don't want to get involved or they will become the victim," she said.

Healthy students are being labeled as mentally ill or other insults. Even though it is false, it takes a toll, and makes the student feel sad, anxious, and other kids become afraid to be their friends. "It's a recipe for mental health issues, it is all negative and nothing positive," said Nymeyer. And with social media, it can go on 24 hours a day.

Community impacted

Besides mental health, bullying impacts the community socially and economically. "Kids have left the school district because they don't want to go back to the bullying," said Nymeyer. "That's a lot of money leaving the district."

Instead of looking to build a new school to See **BULLYING** on page 3a

Hello, Readers,

On September 17, 1976, NASA publicly unveils its first space shuttle, the Enterprise, during a ceremony in Palmdale, California. Development of the aircraft-like spacecraft cost almost \$10 billion and took nearly a decade. In 1977, the Enterprise became the first space shuttle to fly freely when it was lifted to a height of 25,000 feet by a Boeing 747 airplane and then released, gliding back to Edwards Air Force Base on its own accord. Regular flights of the space shuttle began on April 12, 1981, with the launching of Columbia from Cape Canaveral, Florida. Launched by two solid-rocket boosters and an external tank, only the aircraft-like shuttle entered into orbit around Earth. When the two-day mission was completed, the shuttle fired engines to reduce speed and, after descending through the atmosphere, landed like a glider at California's Edwards Air Force Base.

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Howard Kaler
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New look, flow for emergency department

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

More rooms, more space and less waiting, the Lakewood Health System emergency department's construction project is designed for patients and workers.

"It will make a big difference in patient flow, patient satisfaction and employee satisfaction," said Connie Wells, Emergency Dept. Manager at Lakewood.

It's already won over the emergency room (ER) personnel. "Everybody is in awe, we never dreamed it would look like this," said Wells.

The department moved into their new space on Aug. 30, after construction started on March 20.

The final stage will be completed by mid to late October. The construction kept two of the six original emergency rooms and added seven new rooms, for a gain of three rooms. There's also additional space at the nurses' station and there'll be an equipment room for storing things so everything doesn't have to be in a patient's room. The ambulance entrance will remain the same.

With 7,800 emergency room visits to Lakewood in 2016, often a patient would have to sit in the waiting



Emergency department accomodates many people

The new nurses station at the Lakewood Health System emergency department allows nurses to do their work, even while media interviews are being conducted, construction continues and security personnel are working on the new monitoring system. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

area before getting into an emergency room.

"Our goal is to see a patient within 30 minutes of their arrival," said Wells. "It will make a difference in the flow of traf-

fic."

Wells said Lakewood anticipates the volume of ER visits to increase.

An important change is the triage area, where nurses make an assessment

as to whether a patient needs immediate attention. In the past, they did it behind the registration desk. The special triage room is now located next to the emergency entrance.

Wells said this is mostly for busy times, since patients will be admitted directly to a room if there's one open.

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Todd County waives fees associated with depot

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

During their regular meeting held Sept. 5, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved waiving all the associated county engineering fees related to the Staples Depot restoration project.

Staples Historical Society president Tom Kajer and board member Eugene Floistad were present to answer any questions.

According to the Cooperative Construction Agreement for the Staples Depot Restoration Project, the Staples Historical Society would reimburse the county for all expenses above and beyond the basic state aid project administration tasks that were listed in the

agreement.

Unfortunately, according to County Engineer Loren Fellbaum, the actual construction project encountered a variety of issues that required extensive time and effort from the county to ensure the delivery of the project. This additional effort came at a cost of \$19,583.25 which is more than the historical society has available for reimbursement.

Fellbaum said that the Staples Historical Society does not have any major funding sources to raise that kind of money, for instance, being a taxing authority.

The historical society had approached the county about a 50 percent reduction in the current engineering and administra-

tion fees which would lower the amount due to \$9,791.63.

"I'm okay with it (reducing the cost) because they are a volunteer organization," said Fellbaum.

Kajer said that they appreciated the county's hard work and that part of the problem with the lack of funding came because they had to spend over \$6,000 on required advertising when the project had to be bid four separate times.

There was a brief discussion on some of the new work that had taken place to restore the depot to its earlier glory.

Commissioner David Kircher asked what resources the county had into this amount other than time?

Fellbaum said it was just his

time and mileage which was in the county vehicle.

Kircher suggested and then made the motion that the county not charge the Staples Historical Society at all.

Commissioner Barb Becker seconded the motion.

It was approved unanimously.

In other business, the commissioners

• Approved the application for repurchase of tax forfeited parcel from David Van Heel.

According to Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida, Van Heel had been ill and hadn't been to the property which is on Big Swan Lake according to the legal description of the

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Rural broadband becoming a reality in Region Five

A multi-year, multi-million dollar project aimed at bringing high-speed internet access to all residents in Region Five continues with broadband expansion and exploration into the rural areas of Todd and Wadena counties.

The project is a cooperative effort involving regional telecommunications companies Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) and West Central Telephone Association (WCTA), with assistance from the Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) and National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA).

“Since 2015, NJPA has made a combined total of \$400,000 worth of investments to CTC, WCTA and others in the region for feasibility and engineering research,” said Cheryal Lee Hills, Executive Director for R5DC. “This generous investment

helped us provide the data needed to secure and leverage \$9.8 million through the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Office of Broadband and CTC/WCTA match infusion.”

WCTA’s project build-out areas for 2017-18 include approximately 200 residents and 68 miles of fiber in the rural Wadena County area and approximately 145 residents and 63 miles of fiber in the northern Todd County area. Through funding, grant money and company match 852 rural Region Five residents have gained access to broadband. CTC and WCTA plan to work with R5DC to secure additional funding for future expansion into rural Todd County.

The benefits of bringing broadband to unserved and under-served regions are many: economic development, education, healthcare, tele-

medicine, workforce development and more.

“The contributions to broadband deployment in Region Five is a dedicated commitment to enhance the economics and lives of our rural area,” said CTC’s Chief Operating Officer Kristi Westbrook.

NJPA Director of Regional Programs Paul Drange says the organization views its support of the project as a strategic reinvestment in the region.

“Bringing broadband to Region Five means providing all of our schools and students with access to excellent learning opportunities and opportunities for college and career readiness,” Drange said. “It’s also an essential tool for our small businesses and area entrepreneurs, which are important players in our communities.”



A 1,000 books reader

Joshua Winter, center, completed the “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” reading program and received his certificate, a free book and a pigeon at the Staples Public Library Sept. 7. Joshua (JJ) is the son of Joshua and Alisha Winter, Staples. This reading program is a joint effort of the Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition and the Staples Public Library, a branch of the Great River Regional Library, helping children get “literacy ready” before kindergarten. Making the presentation are Beth Fabian, SMECC representative, and Mary Sperley, Staples Public Library. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten plan

Reading can take you anywhere

Imagine going to Rome; imagine becoming a cowboy... meeting Big Bird or learning how to fly - all in the time it takes to read a book.

The “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program is a reading program designed to increase the awareness of the importance of early literacy. Becoming a member is as easy as registering at the Staples Public Library.

“Visit the library to fill out your form and we will get you, your child and family ready to read,” said Beth Fabian, Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition. “Then visit with a librarian and check out your first book.”

The goal of the program is to have parents or family members read to children from the time they are born until they begin school and beyond. This in turn will help children develop a love for reading in addition to helping children enter school ready to learn.

Upon registering at the library in Staples, each child will receive a book bag, book mark and a reading log packet to keep track of the books read. Participants are encouraged to read any books they like and enjoy. They can read books from home or visit the library for some great reading.

This program is a joint effort between the Great River Regional Library, Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative, Staples Motley School Readiness and the Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition and must be completed before entering kindergarten.

“The program was modeled from the Jackson County (Lakefield) Library,” said Fabian. “Since then, more Great River Regional Library branches have joined.” They include: Big Lake, Buffalo, Clearwater, Delano, Eagle Bend, Elk River, Monticello, Paynesville, Rockford St. Michael and Waite Park Public libraries.

Volunteers needed to support rapidly aging population

Today, Minnesota is aging like never before. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, the state’s 65 and older population is the fastest growing age group. This means that the number of people stepping into caregiver roles to ensure the health and well being of older adults is climbing, as well.

With financial support from AmeriCorps, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota (LSS) is training and deploying volunteers in rural Minnesota to protect these family caregivers from burnout by visiting older adults in their homes a few hours each week. This allows exhausted family members in areas with few resources to take a much-needed break – a time to rest and recharge.

But the benefits are not just for the families and older adults who receive support. LSS AmeriCorps volunteers, age 17 or older, receive a monthly, \$200 stipend. They can also qual-

ify for a \$1,500+ education award after 450 hours of service. The award can be used for a volunteer’s own education or to pay down student loans. If a volunteer is 55 years or older, the grant award may be gifted to a child, grandchild or foster child.

“Being an LSS AmeriCorps volunteer can be incredibly rewarding,” said Tara Giese, senior program manager for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. “Often, people forget that caring for the caregiver is essential to ensuring that older adults stay as healthy and happy as possible. If you have just a few hours a week to give, you can meet new people and feel really great about changing lives in your community.”

Right now, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota is seeking 20-30 additional volunteers to address the growing needs in the counties of Jackson, Sibley and Brown and in the communities of New Ulm, Brainerd, Willmar, Thief River Falls and Montevideo. Last year, volunteers dedicated more than 13,000 hours of respite care and support for 96 families serving as primary caregivers for an older loved one.

All volunteers receive training and no prior experience caregiving is required. To qualify, volunteers need to have some day-time availability, a reliable vehicle and pass a background check. To become a volunteer or learn more, contact LSS Caregiver Respite at 1.800.488.4146 or email caregiver@lssmn.org.

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County requests help from legislators for EMS support services

property.

Van Heel had another party taking care of his bills and he did not realize that the taxes on this property were so far behind. He made the repurchase agreement prior to the deadline for the tax forfeit property sale.

The total amount due was \$15,949.49 and was for delinquent taxes from 2009-2016, according to the resolution documents.

- Approved the Todd County Ditch Authority resolution for County Ditch Maintenance Assessments for Taxes Payable 2018.

Ditch Authority Nancy Uhlenkamp said that the amounts for the ditches include what was spent on beaver dams and the projected amounts going forward.

The goal of the county board is to transition from the past practice of collecting after the money has already been spent maintaining a revolving collection comparative to expense trends and to keep assessments occurring as close to real time as

possible for the potential property owners affected, according to the resolution.

- Voted to sign letters from the county for a request for action to Senator Paul Gazelka, Representative Ron Kresha, and Representative John Poston in regards to the Emergency Medical Services system funding crisis. Commissioner Barb Becker noted funding has reached a critical level.

A letter from Commissioner Jeffrey J. Jelinski, Central Minnesota EMS Region Chair, shed light on the situation.

He wrote: “...The Central Minnesota Emergency Medical Services (CMEMS) Region serves the EMS providers in Benton, Cass, Crow Wing, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright counties.

“A proposed increase to the System Support Act was included for possible inclusion to the 2017 budget bills in the house, senate and in the governor’s budget. Unfortunately, additional funds for

the EMS System Support Act were not included in the recently passed budget bill. Our current funding has reached a critical level. Without an increase this fiscal year, the board had to drastically reduce programs that directly maintain first responders. This system is already stressed.

“Aging responders and lack of new volunteers to replace them is creating difficulties in our ability to maintain this basic safety system. This is concerning to us. We are at a point when a citizen calls 911, there may be long delays in response.

This letter was sent to Governor Dayton as well as all the senators/representatives in this eight county area.

Becker said that more people are using their seatbelts - which is a good thing - but since the EMS depends on money from the fines for not wearing them, the EMS is in trouble and they need new ways to support the system.

- Accepted the retirement of Public Works Foreman Arlan Bjorstrom who

intends to retire on Nov. 30 following 38 years of dedicated service to Todd County.

- Set the annual fall road meeting for Nov. 1 at 9 a.m. at the Long Prairie Public Works Shop.

- In order to prevent a needs deduction in the 2018 State Aid Allotment, the board approved that the excess balance of three years allotment be transferred from the Municipal State Aid Construction Account to the Regular State Aid Construction Account before Dec. 1. The amount being transferred is \$225,839.

- Approved a Hold Harmless Agreement to install a private crossing on County Ditch 32 for Brian Mick in Fawn Lake Township Section 33.

- Approved hiring Corbin Pickar Excavating to excavate and level spoil on approximately 480 feet of County Ditch 8 on parcel 26-0014600. The estimate for the project is \$2 per foot for a total of \$960.

- Approved a new agreement between Stearns and Todd counties for advanced septic inspector services.

- Authorized the transfer of \$43,583 in Riparian Aid Funds from Planning and Zoning to Soil and Water Conservation District where it will be administered by the SWCD board of supervisors.

Stieber said that there is always a need for cost sharing projects and this money could be used to help landowners in that way.

- Approved Sheriff Don Asmus to purchase two police vehicles. The cost of these vehicles is included in the 2017 budget and vehicle rotation schedule. These vehicles are the 2018 Ford Interceptors SUV Police Package that are on the State Bid through Ford of Hibbing for the price of \$28,564 each for a total of \$57,128.

They are the same type that have had a problem with carbon monoxide building up when the vehicle idles.

Asmus said they have installed sensors in their existing squads and have had no such problem.

- Minnesota State Statute requires the provision of interim, emergency environmental health service coverage between counties to maintain consistent environmental health services. Todd County HHS has previously contracted with Stearns County to provide this service on an interim emergency basis. The board approved the continuation of this agreement.

Welcome to the family

Varun Shandal, MBBS
Neurology
 Essentia Health
 St. Joseph's-Brainerd Clinic



Dr. Varun Shandal, a neurologist, has joined the Essentia Health St. Joseph's-Brainerd Clinic in Brainerd.

Dr. Shandal says his care involves both patients and their families. “When you take a person as a patient, a whole family is involved,” he explains. “Many neurological diseases are progressive, so it is important to counsel not just the patient, but also the family on what to expect. The patient needs support and the family can help.”

Dr. Shandal earned his medical degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, India. He completed internship in internal medicine at Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, MD, and a residency in neurology at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Shandal also completed a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at North Shore University Hospital-Northwell Health System in Manhasset, NY.

“I carefully listens to my patients and their families. I don't want to let them go until all their questions are answered.”

- Varun Shandal, MBBS

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Shandal, call 218.828.2880.

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Women in Philanthropy opens new grant cycle

Women in Philanthropy (WIP), a program of Lake-wood Health System, is currently accepting grant applications for programs that focus on physical and mental health of children and youth. Applications must be submitted by Oct. 10.

The WIP group offers competitive grant dollars to surrounding communities in an effort to support needed health services,

community education and preventative health programs and activities that contribute to the quality of life for children and youth in the five-county service area including Todd, Wadena, Cass, Morrison and portions of Crow Wing counties.

The WIP group is made up of area women who, through donations, hope to positively impact the overall health and wellness of

children. Awarded grant funds will ultimately support the mission of the WIP group which is, “Women empowering people, enhancing lives, engaging communities to make our investment count.”

The projects that fit the WIP mission help support healthcare events and wellness programs that impact children. Examples of possible projects that may be funded are: Crisis Line

(Yellow Ribbon program - mental health for children), stability balls for the Staples-Motley Elementary School, spiritual care and grief resources for children and more.

To obtain a grant application or for any questions contact Heidi Chapman, Foundation Director at 218-894-8503 or WIP@lakewood-healthsystem.com.



Truck driver of the month

Jack Pate, Staples area, was chosen as Minnesota Trucking Association’s (MTA) Truck Driver of the Month in July and is eligible for Truck Driver of the Year. See story for more information. (Submitted photo)

Balloon stunt tied to horror movie gets police attention

On Sept. 10, a resident reported to Staples Police that someone had tied a red colored balloon to a sewer grate, at the intersection of 7th Street SE and Dakota Ave. SE. The resident was concerned about this, due to the children in the neighborhood. The red colored balloon is associated with a horror movie. The resident

advised police that they were going to remove the balloon. Police observed other red balloons tied up throughout the city as well. This incident is under investigation.

On Sept. 5, Staples Police received a report of a vehicle that had been running for approximately five hours in the high school

parking lot. Police made contact with the registered owner who stated her son who drove the vehicle to school must have forgot to shut it off before jumping in with a friend to go to a volleyball game. The registered owner advised she would shut it off.

On Sept. 6, Staples Police received a report of

a motorist slumped over the wheel at the south side mini mart gas pumps. Police arrived and after investigation arrested Robert Cameron, 42, of Staples for 5th degree possession of narcotics.

On Sept. 6, a City of Staples utilities worker was bitten by a dog on the 500 block of 5th Street NE. The owner of the dog was advised that it will be deemed a dangerous dog.

Staples area man honored for work

Daggett Truck Line of Frazee is honoring its driver, Jack Pate, Tractor #1165, for numerous achievements this past year.

Pate, Staples area, was drawn for ‘Highway Man of the Month’ in March of 2017, with 12,493 miles. He was then chosen as Minnesota Trucking Association’s (MTA) Truck Driver of the Month in July. He is now eligible for ‘Truck Driver of the Year’ at the annual MTA’s Safety Convention and Awards banquet in Minneapolis this coming January.

Pate has also recently surpassed three million miles accident-free driving for Daggett Truck Line and his 20-year anniversary with Daggett was Sept. 8.

“What makes his anniversary so unique is that Daggett Truck Line was his first truck driving job,” said Safety Director Scott Boyer. “Jack’s superb attention to safety and professionalism is what makes his milestone great. We are honored to have him on our team and truly thank him for the exemplary service he brings to our company.”

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Parents, teachers, community need to confront and punish bullying

attract students, Nymeyer suggested the money would be better spent on inclusive programs that give students positive alternatives to being bullied.

Nymeyer said many times, a victim of bullying will come to mental health services for therapy, since the bullying can lead to depression and harmful behaviors.

nothing to do here except to go to parties and drink,” said Nymeyer. “When you mix alcohol and kids, the result is promiscuity and a license to bully, get in fights and mock other kids.”

While that behavior is nothing new, social media allows it to spread throughout the school.

Solutions

Nymeyer said the community needs to develop tools and resources to help kids out of their bullying situations, and make a true stop to the bullies.

She has suggested forming a support group for students and parents. Just knowing that they are not alone gives them power and a feeling of inclusion that they wouldn’t have otherwise.

Another idea is to start an ambassador program or peer mentorship that pairs new or vulnerable kids with a peer ambassador. “Here it is sink or swim for any new student who shows up,” she said. “If they had an instant connection with someone to talk to, it would go a long way.”

She imagines something like a breakfast club, where students can come to start their day feeling accepted, instead of trying to avoid other students.

“To seclude yourself is the worst thing you can do for mental health,” she said. “It breeds a whole host of maladaptive coping skills.”

Punishment

The schools and community could do more to identify bullies and prevent bullying, Nymeyer believes. The only way to

truly stop bullying is to confront them about their behavior.

Since much of social media is a public forum, the bullies should be called out publicly, Nymeyer said. Parents should also be made aware of their student’s activities.

Teachers and counselors could use more support for reporting bullying, Nymeyer said. Since teachers are mandated reporters in identifying physical abuse, they should have the same tools and responsibilities for reporting bullying, which Nymeyer said can rise to the level of harassment or even stalking.

“Some of these kids are showing up at school without getting sleep or in bad mental conditions, the teachers are having trouble with them in class and they want to address the problem,” she said.

“It takes a backbone to stop it,” said Nymeyer. “Some of your friends might have kids who are doing this, and you can expect repercussions if you confront them.”

She said the community has to be open to it. “It’s going to be uncomfortable, parents don’t want to hear this about their kids,” said Nymeyer. She has tried to start a dialogue with some parents who did not want to start talking about it.

There are instances where parents actively encourage the bullying behavior of their student, and protect them from any punishment.

Nymeyer said there is a saying that goes: for every insult, you need seven compliments to make up for it. For the kids who engage in bullying, one of the best deterrents is to have them apologize to the victims. But Nymeyer said she never sees this happening, instead the victim is often blamed and punished.

Alternative practices to buffers available

The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) recently approved two additional resources for landowners pursuing alternative practices to buffers. Each resource is designed to expand the options for water quality solutions in common situations where practices other than buffers may make sense.

The additional resources for landowners are:

- A decision support tool, developed by the Minnesota Corn Growers and the U of M, helps determine if a combination of upland practices provide comparable benefits to the prescribed buffer.
- The Ag Buffer Builder, developed by Agren Inc and Land O’Lakes, Inc., provides the design of a variable width water quality buffer reducing minimum widths by putting more buffer where water leaves the fields.

BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke said, “Minnesota’s buffer law’s flexibility allows additional options for landowners to meet the purpose of the law on landscapes where buffers aren’t the best fit.”

“These additional resources and tools help Minnesota’s corn farmers protect surface waters as intended with the buffer law while limiting the loss of productive land,” Minnesota Corn Growers Association President Harold Wolle said. “We are happy farmers now have additional choices to contribute to our state’s water quality goals.”

The decision support tool is available to landowners at no cost, and

are located on the BWSR website. Landowners are encouraged to contact their local SWCD.

“Land O’Lakes SUSTAIN is excited to partner with the state to provide flexibility for farmers, while helping to enhance water quality at the same time,” stated Matt Carstens, executive vice president for Land O’Lakes SUSTAIN.

“The Ag Buffer Builder tool helps enable farmers to utilize technology to the advantage of both their business and their local natural resources. By creating variable width buffers through the Buffer Builder tool, a farmer can preserve land in production and focus buffers in the areas that need them most.”

The Ag Buffer Builder will be accessible through the local agricultural cooperative. Inquiries on the Ag Buffer Builder can be directed to Land O’Lakes or one of its partners.

These additional resources are added to the current six alternative practices available for landowners and SWCDs, which include:

- Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program
- USDA Practice Standard Filter Strip
- Grassed Waterway on Public Waters
- Negative Slope on Public Ditches and Glacial Lake Plain Areas Public Ditches
- Negative Slope on

Public Waters

- Buffer plus Conservation Tillage

Under the law landowners can use alternative practices that provide comparable water quality benefits to buffers. SWCDs have the authority to validate these practices and are working to partner with and support landowners in finding the best solutions for their land. BWSR’s role is to provide program guidance and support and ensure local governments are consistent and working with landowners.

Alternative practices are not limited to options found in the BWSR guidance. Other combinations of practices, based in the Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide, can be developed in partnership with SWCDs.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts have been hard at work with landowners statewide and progress toward compliance is being made. Sixty four of Minnesota’s 87 counties are 60 – 100 percent in compliance with the buffer law. Statewide, preliminary compliance with the buffer law is 90 percent.

More information on the buffer program, including more detailed information on alternative practices and the variety of technical and financial assistance available to help landowners with implementation, can be found at mn.gov/buffer-law.

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Children need to be taught responsible online behavior

growing up with it and don’t see it as such a big deal, even though it is illegal,” Birkholtz said.

When there is a suspected crime that involves online communication, the police department has access to software that downloads everything that has been generated from a cell phone or computer.

They usually need a search warrant or consent to search someone’s cell phone, but many times a victim will simply provide the evidence from their own cell phone.

Police can also contact the platform provider, such as facebook, and let them know that an account may be associated with a crime. If they can demonstrate a risk to public safety, they can get an IP address to find out where it came from or to prove a false identity.



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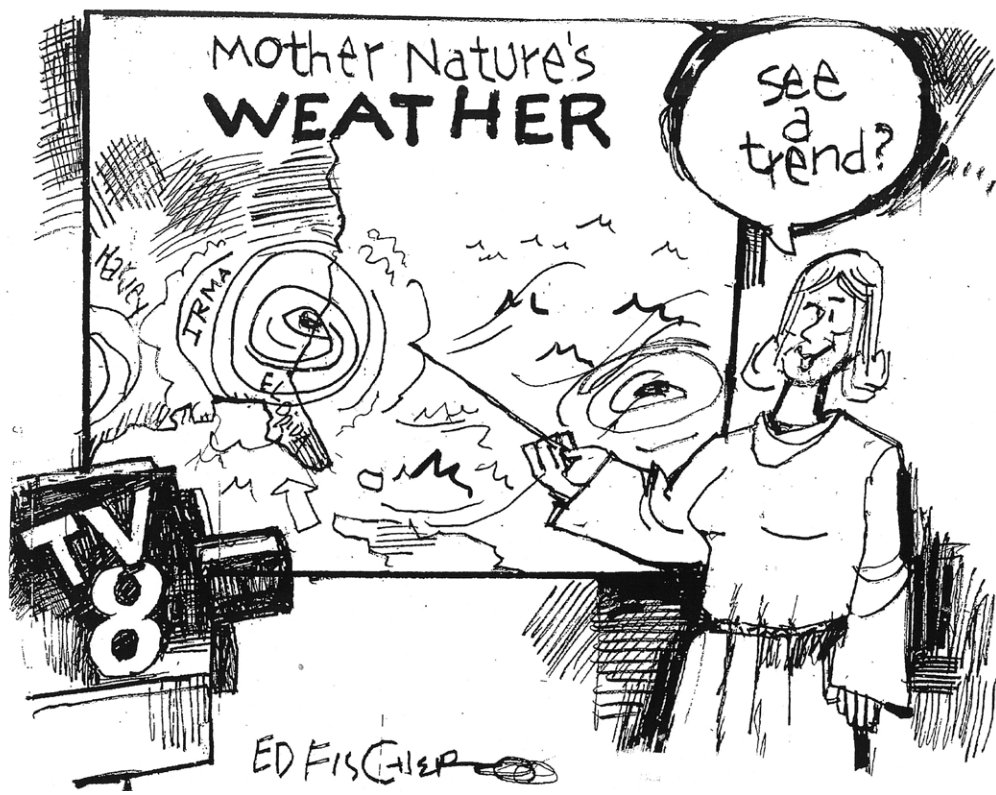
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A few timely reminders about school bus safety

By Tom Burch
Cass County Sheriff

With the start of school and fall in the air, I would like to use this month's column to talk about School Bus Safety, specifically as a reminder to motorists. While we have talked about this topic in previous years, we feel it's extremely important to offer a reminder about the importance of school bus safety and an update on some law and penalty changes for violators of school bus stop arms.

Remember to always safely share the roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists and provide children with the necessary knowledge to stay safe at school. Whether children walk, ride their bicycle or take the bus to school, it's extremely important that they - and the motorists around them - take proper safety precautions.

School bus drivers are skilled professionals who deserve motorist's cooperation and attention to help them safely do their important and at times difficult jobs, every day. Increased traffic and young people walking to bus stops, riding bikes and getting on and off the bus is a good reminder for everyone to pay attention when traveling, especially during this

time of the year.

It's important for all drivers and motorists to be aware that buses are back on the roads making stops and delivering kids to schools and activities. When a school bus is stopped on a roadway or in a location where signs have been installed and the bus is displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights, the driver of a vehicle approaching the bus, from either direction, shall stop the vehicle at least 20 feet away from the bus. The driver of the vehicle must not move until the school bus stop-signal arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing.

You may not pass or attempt to pass a school bus on the right hand (passenger door side of the bus) when the school bus is displaying its pre-warning flashing amber signals. To be safe, stop your vehicle even if you see the yellow flashing lights, wait for the bus to shut off the lights and begin moving again before you continue your travel.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office is serious about improving roadway safety, along with protecting the safety of students. Law enforcement responds to and investigates school bus stop arm violations and takes them very seriously.

As of Aug. 1, 2017, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety announced that fines for a School Bus Stop Arm Violation will increase from \$300 to \$500. Violations of these laws could result in a Gross Misdemeanor charge on your driving record, including additional fines and possibly jail time. We've received and responded to six stop arm violations in 2013, nineteen in 2014, seven in 2015, ten in 2016 and eight to date in 2017.

In several of these instances, citations were issued and cases were prosecuted. In 2016, there were 1,318 drivers cited in the state for stop arm violations with a total of 8,794 from 2011 to 2016. With these very high numbers, we support the increased fine amounts and hope that it will help deter these serious violations from happening, as they can cause serious injury or death and can so easily be prevented.

If you have specific questions that you would like answered in this column or in person, feel free to contact me anytime using one of the following methods:

Email: tom.burch@co.cass.mn.us, phone: 218-547-1424 or 1-800-450-2677, by mail or in person: Cass County Sheriff's Office: 303 Minnesota Ave W, PO Box 1119, Walker MN 56484.

Militarizing police under cloak of secrecy

By Lisa Rosenberg

In a move that will further militarize police departments across the country while decreasing accountability, the President issued an executive order that strips away limits on weapons of war that the Defense Department can hand over to state and local police forces.

The President's order expands an existing Pentagon program that authorizes the transfer of military-grade tactical weapons, surveillance equipment and vehicles to civilian police departments, eliminating restrictions on the types of weapons that can be transferred and vastly reducing oversight of the program.

The weapons program became notorious when police fitted with battle gear were photographed pointing assault weapons at protesters in the streets of Ferguson, Missouri. After the images went viral, then-President Barack Obama issued an executive order that placed restrictions on the program and established reporting, oversight and training requirements for law enforcement agencies requesting the military equipment. The Obama-era order prohibited weapons like bayonets and grenade-launchers from being transferred to local law enforcement.

Reversing the ban, the Trump order places weapons designed to be used by soldiers on battlefields in the hands of police, opening the door to intimidation and abuse of civilians which could result in a chilling effect on public dissent and protest.

At the same time, abuses will be harder to detect. The President's executive order will scrap minimal transparency requirements that had applied to the already secretive program, leaving the public in the dark about dangerous weaponry flowing into their communities.

It took a strategic campaign by journalists and open government advocates to pry information from the Pentagon and local

police departments to get basic figures on the amount and type of equipment that local police and sheriffs received, exposing just how prevalent the program is across the country. Now, even those minimal accountability measures have been stripped away.

Contrary to the administration's claims that the program will make us safer, expanding the weapons transfers while reducing accountability exacerbates the threat to public safety.

Just last month, a government watchdog agency released a shocking assessment of the Pentagon program, exposing how easy it is for military weapons to fall into the wrong hands. Posing as a fake law enforcement agency, investigators requested and received over \$1 million in rifles, pipe bomb equipment and night vision goggles after the Defense Department failed to verify the identity of individuals receiving the equipment.

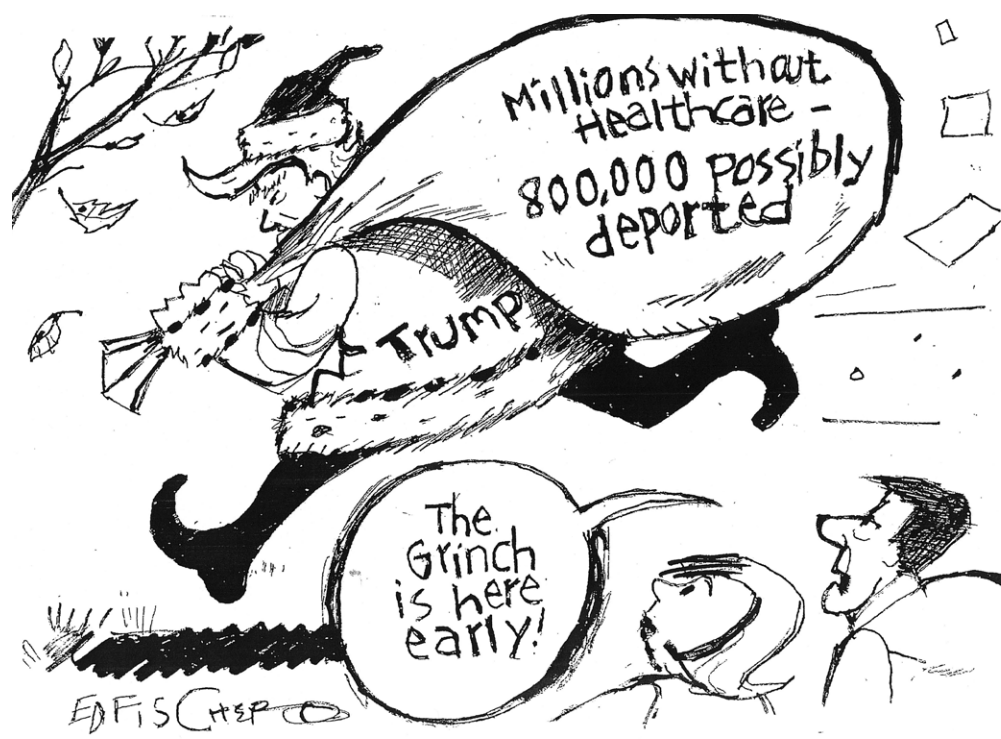
By expanding the program and decreasing safeguards to prevent abuse, the President increases the likelihood that dangerous weapons could fall into the hands of individuals who intend to do us harm.

It now falls to Congress to push back against the creeping authoritarianism evidenced by the President's decision to further militarize law enforcement while shackling oversight.

To preempt this administration's misguided actions, Congress must, at a minimum, assert its oversight authority and put in place requirements to ensure that if any transfers are permitted, they are subject to transparency mandates and that the Pentagon and police departments remain accountable to the public.

Lisa Rosenberg is the Executive Director of OpenTheGovernment, a nonpartisan coalition advancing transparency for accountability.

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Volunteering is good for mental, physical health

By Jon Knopik

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, a national study has shown that volunteers who are 50 and older live longer than same age non-volunteers. Another recent study of Americans over age 60 found that those who volunteer reported lower disability levels and higher levels of well-being compared to those who do not volunteer. Volunteering may be particularly helpful for older Americans undergoing a life stress (i.e. moving, death of a spouse) or for those who are at risk for being isolated. One study found that bereaved individuals who engaged in volunteering activities to help others experienced a shorter course of depression than those who did not volunteer.

There is evidence that the health benefits of volunteering are due to increased physical, social and mental activity that

are a result of volunteering. In addition, there is evidence that the health benefits of volunteering are strongest among rural retirees and those who do not drive or are limited drivers.

The research findings are that volunteers not only help their community but also experience better health in their later years, enjoying greater levels of well-being, lower rates of depression, increased levels of strength and energy. This all leads us to believe that life really does begin at 50 or 60.

So, if you are in or are approaching your Golden Years, what are you waiting for? Simply make a phone call to your local school or city agency and see what opportunities are waiting for you!

Jon Knopik is the area supervisor for the Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program. He can be reached at 320-229-4593 or Jon.Knopik@ccstcloud.org

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Todd County Council on Aging meeting set

The Todd County Council on Aging will meet Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School immediately following the presentation by Ben Winchester.

Old business will include the coordinator's report and an update on the Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

New business will include the Geritol Frolics and Echoes assembly for September.

The October meeting will include a Coach purse or cash bingo.

Driver's education classes offered

Staples-Motley Community Education will offer driver's education classes in November, with a parent session scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 26, 6 - 7 p.m.

The Fall Session classes will be held at Staples-Motley High School in Staples, rm. 408, on Nov. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 and 17, from 3:45 - 6:45 p.m. each session. A make-up date will be Nov. 17.

The class fee covers

the required six hours of behind-the-wheel training and 30 hours of classroom instruction. This must be paid in full before the first class session.

Payments can be made online through Revtrak on the school's website, www.isd2170.k12.mn.us; or by making a cash or check payment at the SM Community Education Office.

For more information, call 218-894-2497.

Heartland Symphony schedule announced

Heartland Symphony Orchestra has scheduled a great line-up of music for their 41st season. The themes for 2017-2018 include "The Great Romantics" for the fall concert series, "Holiday Voices" for winter and "The Essence of Spring" for spring.

The first concert of the season will be held in Little Falls, October 14 and Brainerd, October 15 and will feature the music of Brahms, Saint-Saens and Wagner. Cellist, Scott Lykins, will be the featured guest artist. He will perform the Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor, Op 33 by Camille Saint-Saens. Mr. Lykins is an accomplished performer and the founding artistic and executive director of the Lakes Area Music Festival in Brainerd.

Heartland Symphony Orchestra will present its winter concert season in Little Falls, December 2 and Brainerd, December 3. "Holiday Voices" is the title of the winter concert series. The HSO will be joined in the second half by

the heavenly voices of the Legacy Chorale for a program full of holiday music including the "Hallelujah Chorus."

The spring concert series, "The Essence of Spring" will be held April 7 Little Falls and April 8 Brainerd. The music includes work by Gabriel Faure and Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov. The feature of the spring concert series will be the performance of music by the winner of the Composer's Competition.

Heartland Symphony Orchestra is a 50-piece volunteer, nonprofit, community orchestra serving the communities of Brainerd and Little Falls.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and by a generous grant from the Laura Jane Musser Fund.

Season tickets are now available at www.HeartlandSymphony.com.

Public library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten -

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

D.I.Y. fun activity: Vegetable Guessing game - September

Stop in each week and guess the vegetable. A winner will be drawn each week from the correct answers for a prize. For ages three-12 during open hours. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

The Page Turners Tween/Teen Book Club - Sept. 19

Join us for a fun hour of book chat, games and snacks, Tuesday, Sept. 19,

4-5 p.m. For ages eight to 18. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Book club - Sept. 28

Read the book and join the fun discussion on Thursday, Sept. 28 from 5-6 p.m. For teens and adults.

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

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

Great River Regional Library (GRRRL) provides library services for 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. It also provides Central Minnesota residents with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.



Missionaries in Germany

Mike and Elissa Picconatto, formerly of Staples, have been serving as missionaries in Germany since 2012. They will be guest speakers at the upcoming Missions Conference at Staples Alliance Church, including the worship service on Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend. (Submitted photo)

Picconattos to speak at Missions Conference

Mike and Elissa Picconatto will be speaking at the 2017 Missions Conference at Staples Alliance Church Friday, Sept. 22 - Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Since 2012, the Picconattos have been serving as missionaries in Germany. Prior to that, Mike served as senior pastor at Staples Alliance Church for nearly 10 years. He and Elissa, along with their three children, are currently on furlough and living in Staples until they return to Berlin in July, 2018.

"The purpose of our annual missions conference, as always, is to celebrate how God is working among people of all nations and to ask Him to keep on using us to impact other nations," said Pastor Bob Hepokoski. "We have a long history of praying and supporting missionary work, but this year is special, because we welcome back Mike and Elissa who are still members of our church."

Conference events include:

- Young adult gathering Friday, Sept. 22, 6 p.m., at The Swehla home in Pillager.
- Men's breakfast with Mike, Saturday, Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m.
- Women's supper with Elissa, Saturday, Sept. 23, 5 p.m.
- Sunday morning worship, Sept. 24, 9:30 a.m. Mike will speak at the worship service; and both he and Elissa will be presenters at the subsequent Sunday School classes.
- Youth hay ride, Sunday, Sept. 24, 4 p.m., at the Heldman farm in rural Staples.
- AWANA Club, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 6:15 p.m., at the church. Mike and Elissa will be the featured Council Time speakers.

All events are open to the public. Those interested in attending any of the Saturday events are asked to call the church so they know how many to expect.

Staples Alliance Church is located at 1512 8th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-2891.

Grief support group

Lakewood Health System will offer weekly Grief Support Group meetings every Tuesday from Sept. 19 - Oct. 24, 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the lower level at Lakewood's main campus in Staples.

Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, child or any other loss is welcome to attend one or all meetings.

Grief support can alleviate pain associated with illness and death. Join others for discussions centering on various aspects of the grieving process: shock and denial, anger, depression, guilt, hope, renewal and acceptance. The group is facilitated by Chaplain Daryl Jacobson.

With grief support, sharing experiences after the death of a loved one, divorce, loss of pets, possessions and even your sense of family and faith can help lift the heavy burden of grief and bereavement.

To register for the Grief Support Group, call 218-894-8623. For more information, contact Chaplain Jacobson at 218-894-8093.

Mark Your Calendar

September 20

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wed., Sept. 20, 5:30 p.m., conference rm at Timbers Restaurant, Staples. Public invited.

Office closed temporarily

The Todd County Veterans Service Office in Staples will be closed Sept. 26, and will re-open on Oct. 3.

Call the Long Prairie office at 320-732-4418 to schedule an appointment.

AGAPE* performance set at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church, Staples, will present a performance of AGAPE* Sunday Sept. 17 at 9 a.m.

AGAPE* (Dave Scherer) has inspired hundreds of thousands of people from Brooklyn to Bosnia with his relational ministry "Hip Hop Outreach." Combining rapping, dancing, storytelling and his fluency in Spanish, AGAPE* connects with his listeners in a way that they really "get it."

He has recorded ten albums and recently published a book entitled "Agap-ology."

Many young people saw him perform at the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering at Ford Field where he was a featured performer. His ministry was also featured in an ABC documentary about people tackling food



Dave Scherer

insecurity in America.

Currently he works part time at Luther Seminary, in St. Paul as the Christian Public Leader coordinator and a Qualified Administrator of the Intercultural Development Inventory.

The public is invited to attend. Faith Lutheran Church is located at 430 12th St NE, Staples.

Wadena County Historical Society's performing arts series

The Wadena County Historical Society has been awarded a grant from Five Wings Arts Council to present a program by Kip and Eric Peltoniemi on Friday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m. at the Robertson Theatre in Wadena.

The Finnish culture is significant in Wadena County and Kip and Eric are part of it. They were born and raised in Wadena and each pursued a career in music entertainment.

They will return to Wadena to present a program of songs and stories from the absurd to the

sublime and in the process share their knowledge of Finnish culture. While many of the programs in the 2017 Performing Arts Series have been rather serious, this one is certain to be seriously funny.

The 2017 Fall season also includes a one-woman show by Pippa White called "Voices From Ellis Island" on Oct. 6 and a lecture by Mary Meyer on "Ten Plants That Changed Minnesota" on Oct. 20.

For more information visit www.WadenaCountyHistory.org

Lakewood offers bariatric surgery info sessions

Two free informational sessions on Lakewood Health System's bariatric surgery program will be held on the following dates:

- Thursday, Sept. 21, 6 - 7 p.m., at the CTC room of the Brainerd Lakes Chamber, 224 W. Washington St., Brainerd
- Monday, Sept. 25, 6 - 7 p.m. at the Country Inn & Suites, 209 16th St. NE, Little Falls.

During the sessions, attendees will learn more about the minimally-invasive gastric sleeve procedure, meet general surgeon Dr. Jay Lenz, review the qualifications for bariatric surgery and the patient evaluation process, learn nutritional guidelines and hear about the required lifestyle changes.

To learn more or to RSVP, call 218-894-8765.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:
• Financial items including approval of financial report and consideration of the Financial Operation Services Contract with SANBI LLC to perform services as needed Aug. 31 through Dec. 31, 2017

• Personnel items including approval of contracts for Julie Wakeman, high school paraprofessional; and Arthur Lordbock, high school math;

and approval of maternity leave for Kasey Odden in February and March.

• Policy items including first readings of the harassment and violence policy and the policy governing visitors to school buildings; approval of revisions to the policy on parent volunteers and visitors and the policy on student attendance; and accept the annual review of five other policies.

Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.

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LPGE High School, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Back by popular demand, Ben Winchester is returning to Todd County to offer:

•Highlights of his January, 2017 presentation on **Rural Economic Trends**. These positive trends show that rural communities show a resilience of which we should be proud!
•New insight into **Rural Housing Supply Issues**.

Baby Boomers and Rural Housing Supply

Is Todd County prepared for the housing challenges of the future? This presentation, -free and open to the public, will explore the supply challenges as well as the demand opportunities that will take place over the next 30 years.

Ben will present the latest Todd County data, and will lead participants in a lively discussion on how we can all be involved in making Todd county the best it can be for future residents.

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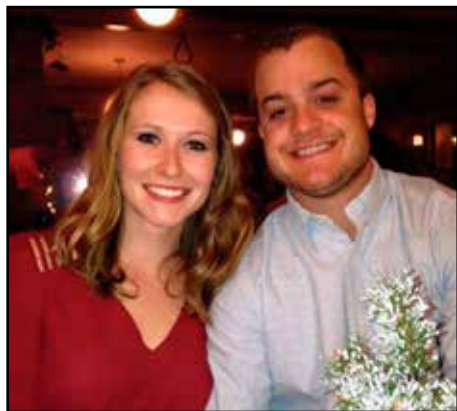
CAD is a Healthy Community Coalition whose goal is making Todd County a safe and healthy place for all.

For more information contact Connie Burns at 320-732-2221 or connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us.



Engagement

Paul and Stephanie Ludovissie of Paducah, Ky. announce the engagement of their daughter, Alexis, to Logan Henson, son of Steve and Jean Henson, Gilbertsville, Ky.



Grandparents are Pat Brichacek and the late Brad Brichacek, George and Bethel Brichacek, June Cline, all of Browerville; Arlene Ludovissie, Staples; David Ludovissie, Wadena; Marilyn Wurth and the late Leo Wurth, Paducah; Francis and the late Jim Henson, Benton, Ky.

Alexis and Logan will be married October 14, 2017 in Paducah.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN-CLUDED:

Born to Katie and Trevor Enberg of Verndale, a baby boy, Parker Joseph weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on September 7, 2017.

Born to Heather and Ryan Hill of Park Rapids, a baby girl, McKenna Jean weighing six pounds, three ounces on September 8, 2017.

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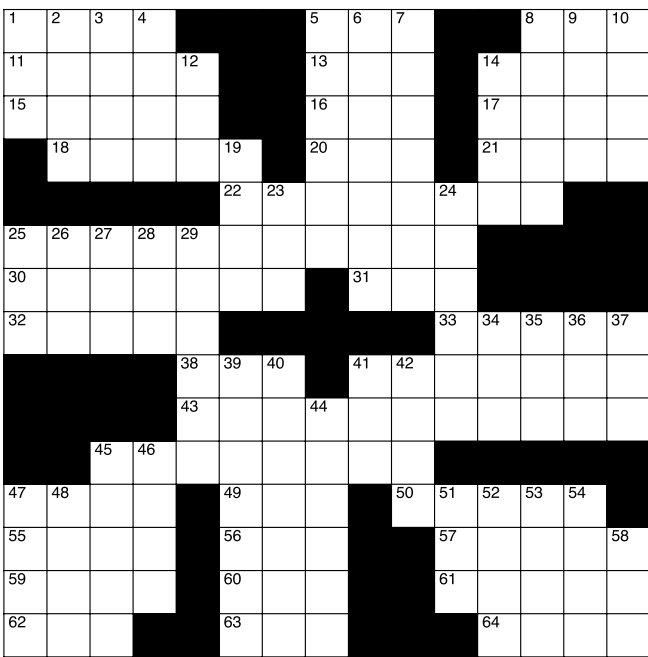


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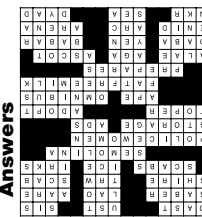
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Crossword Puzzle



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- American time
- Female sibling
- Fencing sword
- Spoken in Laos
- Swiss river
- Fictional Middle-earth
- "The Real World" (abbr.)
- Replacement worker
- Form after cuts
- Frozen water
- Irritates
- Type of bread
- Female peace officers
- Where to put things
- Commercials
- Hard drinker
- Take in
- Copy
- Volume of published materials
- Used to be called "skim"
- Organizes



Answers

CLUES DOWN

- Former CIA
- Ooohs and ____
- Invests in little enterprises
- Spanish river
- In the preceding month
- Malignant tumor
- Dried off
- Via ____; main street of Ancient Rome
- Asian country (alt. sp.)
- One point south of southeast
- Confederate soldier
- Popular Bollywood actress Thottumkal
- Small scale embedded generation (abbr.)
- Female sheep
- Of unsound mind
- Pacific Time
- Iowa town 51044
- Trim
- Wrath
- Used to serve wine
- Make less bright
- Skywalker mentor ____
- Wan Kenobi
- Protestant, Ulster, Loyalist
- Expression of disappointment
- Tropical fruits
- Furniture with open shelves
- Metal can be extracted from it
- Flat tableland with steep edges
- Lingua ____
- Chadic language
- Peruse
- Yemenese port city
- Lean
- Helps little firms
- Blackjack players need this
- Be obedient to
- Source of the Nile River
- Cool
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Week 37

Obituaries



Howard Kaler

Howard Lyle "Lefty" Kaler, 86, of St. Cloud passed away September 3, 2017 at the VA Medical Center in St. Cloud.

Memorial services were held Sept. 7 at the Daniel Funeral Home Chapel in St. Cloud with Reverend John Gabrielson of Atone-ment Lutheran officiating. Arrangements were with the Daniel Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

Entombment was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls with full military honors.

Lefty was born on January 8, 1931 in Staples to Howard and Tress (Wold) Kaler and graduated from Staples High School. He married Ina Mae Fiskum on December 27, 1952 in Wadena. Lefty served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He was stationed in Tucson, Arizona and Fairbanks, Alaska. He was employed by Burlington Northern Railroad as an engineer, retiring after 42 years. He was a member of Bluebird Recovery, NARVE, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers and the Staples V.F.W.

Lefty enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, golfing, various sports, building nesting boxes for bluebirds in his retirement. He placed bluebird houses on golf courses, walking areas and around Whitney Center Park in St. Cloud. He treasured spending time with his family. He enjoyed spending time at the lake home and winters in Arizona. He was a fan of the "Old" Country Music.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years; two sons, Greg (Bev) of St. Cloud and Curt (Patti) of Lakeville; four grandchildren, Josh, Amanda, Daniel and Krista and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Jean (Doug) Stevenson and Pat (Phil) Weiland.

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Luella Knutson

Luella Eileen (Barg) (Bell) Knutson passed away September 7, 2017, at the CentraCare Hospital in St. Cloud.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Luella was born August 26, 1934 in Manson, Iowa to William and Theresa (Schienbein) Barg. She received her LPN nursing degree at the Brainerd Vocational Technical Institute and worked at St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd for many years. Luella was married to Marvin Bell and after his passing she married Edwin Knutson. Luella had a passion for photography; and also enjoyed her vegetable and flower gardens, daily phone conversations with family and friends, dancing, cutting coupons and mailing out greeting cards. She was an avid reader and loved books.

She is survived by three daughters, Kay (Leon) Trout, Sue (Steve) Jacobs and Amy (Ron) Dvorak and two sons, Roy (Tammy) Bell and Les (Janene) Bell; 10 granddaughters Lisa (Trout) English, Amanda (Trout) Winter, Katie Bell, Cody (Bell) Warmbold, Taylor Jacobs, Sierra Milbradt, Cassandra Myers, Jenna Heidemann, Alexa Heidemann, Emma Bell; eight grandsons, Michael Dvorak, Colin Jacobs, Ryan Bell, Nathan Dvorak, Lee Bell, Cody Milbradt, Sam Bell and Owen Bell and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; one daughter, Lyn Bell; daughter-in-law, Mary Bell; grandson, Ty Bell and granddaughter, Tina Bell.

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Internships available for high schoolers

U.S. Sen. Al Franken (D-Minn.) is accepting applications from Minnesota students in grades 11 and 12 who are interested in being part of his high school internship program. The new program is designed to give students who are passionate about improving the lives of Minnesota youth an opportunity to learn about government while being in leadership roles in their communities.

Students who are accepted for the internship team will have the opportunity to work on a variety of projects, including "job

shadowing" a U.S. Senate staff member to see how Sen. Franken's office works, attending and reporting back on local government meetings and leading a youth meeting in their community.

Students can apply by going to www.franken.senate.gov, and filling out the high school internship application from the "Apply for an Internship" page. They can return it via mail to: 60 Plato Boulevard East, Suite 220, St. Paul, MN 55107, or email to: highschoolintern@franken.senate.gov. Deadline for applications is Sept. 20, 2017.

THE FAMILY OF Daniel Lenk
would like to thank everyone for their love and support shown to us during the loss of our loved one. We deeply appreciate and gratefully acknowledge your kind expressions of sympathy. It will always be remembered. There are those who really touched our hearts with special gifts that we can never repay. Tad Carlson, Loni and John Brichacek and Brichacek Stone for the beautiful urn and headstone. The wonderful words of Pat Huss Sheveland and many more too numerous to mention. Know that you have helped us through this difficult time.
Warm regards,
Tammy, children, and the Lenk Family.



25 Years
Bob and Marlene Reeck
observed their 25th
Wedding Anniversary,
September 12, 2017.
They were married
Sept. 12, 1992
at the Staples
Congregational Church.

Life Currents Policy

A regular obituary (with photo) is \$60.

Obituary forms are available.

To request that an obituary (anniversary, or other event) be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, consult our advertising department for display advertising options (rate is \$9.80 /col. inch, Staples World only). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it and paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is 5 p.m. Monday.

The Staples World offers a Special Occasion Display ad, 1 col. X 3" for \$25 (must be paid for at the time of placement; reg. \$29.40). Regular ad rate is \$9.80 per column inch for any size ad.

Benefit events are considered advertisements.

Diabetic Shoe Clinic

Thursday, Sept. 21 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Staples Community Center
425 4th St. NE, Staples, MN



UCare, Medica, Medicare, Humana, MN Medical Assist., HealthPartners

It is important that you wear good shoes. Pick the style and color of shoe you want. All sizes and widths available. A Certified Shoe Fitter will measure and examine your feet, we do all the paperwork, prepare your inserts And personally deliver and fit the shoes to you.



IMPORTANT: Please bring the following:

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- Primary doctor's name and phone number
- Secondary insurance card

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Backyard gathering

Hazel the cat hung out for a bit with the yearling deer that stopped by her family's yard in Staples Sept. 10. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



9/11 attacks remembered in Cushing



'Never 2 Much Respect' for service men and women

Local law enforcement agencies, fire departments and first response teams were invited to stop by 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing Sept. 11, to be honored for their service to our country. The gathering was held in conjunction with the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Tavern owner John Brichacek (front row, far left) hosted the event in an attempt to bring about

something positive on Sept. 11. The gathering was part of the 'Never 2 Much Respect' program he launched earlier in the month. Pictured are service men and women from a variety of agencies including Morrison County Sheriff's Office, Todd County Sheriff's Office, Motley Police Department, Randall Police Department, Motley American Legion Tri-County Post #124, Motley Fire Department, Scandia Valley Fire Department, National Guard. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Future firefighters

Ten-year-old Joe Zimmermann (left) and six-year-old Ben Stevens, both of the Motley area, sported Motley Fire Department T-shirts at the Sept. 11 event at 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing.



Standing at attention

Members of the Motley American Legion, Tri-County Post #124, provided the color guard and firing squad at the Sept. 11 event at 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing. Tavern owner John Brichacek hosted the event on the anniversary of

the 9/11 terrorist attacks, as a way to honor all service men and women who have given so much to the United States. At exactly 9:11 p.m., the Mark Petersen Band played The National Anthem, followed by 'Taps' played by Floyd Griffith.



At the silent auction

Funds raised during the recent silent auction at 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing will be split between area service groups, including the Motley Police Department, Motley Fire Department and First Response Team, Scandia Valley Fire Department and First Response Team and Morrison County Sheriff's Office. The auction began Sept. 8 and culminated Sept. 11, at 9:11 p.m. Pictured at far right is MPD Officer Jason Borash. In center is his son, Andrew Borash, Randall Fire Department firefighter. Between them is Jason's wife, Brenda. As of 8 p.m. that evening, \$4,490 had been raised at the silent auction and \$3,720 in ticket sales.



Camaraderie

The 'Never 2 Much Respect' event in Cushing Sept. 11, provided an opportunity for area service men and women to visit with each other, as well as to be honored by those in attendance. Pictured, from left, are Ron Smith, Motley Police Chief; Don Asmus, Todd County Sheriff; and Shawn Larsen, Morrison County Sheriff.

Motley City Council approves 2018 preliminary levy

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Sept. 11, the Motley City Council approved the 2018 proposed levy in the amount of \$368,567, which is a 2.89 percent increase from 2017.

The proposed levy includes:

- General Fund, \$186,668
- Fire Fund, \$29,630
- Street Improvement Fund, \$59,769
- Beaulieu Project Bond, \$40,000
- 2011A Street Bond, \$20,500
- 2012A Street Bond, \$32,000.

The council had previously discussed, adjusted and reviewed the 2018 proposed line item budget at workshop meetings on Aug. 7 and Aug. 28. By approving the proposed levy, they've approved the proposed budget.

A Truth in Taxation public hearing is set for Monday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting, at which time the council may adopt the final levy and budget for 2018. Prior to that day, the budget may be discussed at any of the future council meetings.

In other matters the council:

- OBSERVED a moment of silence, as requested by Mayor Al Yoder, in remembrance of all victims from the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.
- APPROVED purchasing a jacket for firefighter

Dave Greig who recently retired after 20-plus years of service in the Motley Fire Department (MFD).

- HEARD monthly MFD report for August from Chief Todd Judd. There were a total of 13 calls.

- HEARD updates on both the nuisance and weed lists. There are still some properties that are not in compliance. They will be contacted and given five days to bring things into compliance. Consideration will be given to special circumstances, including the elderly who might be having difficulty.

- APPROVED donating \$400 to the Initiative Foundation for the 2018 budget year.

- ACCEPTED a monetary donation from Trident Seafoods in the amount of \$295; and a donation of equipment from Emergency Automotive Technologies.

- APPROVED a special assessment deferral for property owner Roy Norreen regarding the Cimarón, Postel and Lil Streets Improvements project.

- APPROVED sending any interested department head and council member to the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) regional meetings on Thursday, Oct. 5, in Ottertail; and Friday, Oct. 6, in Melrose. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja expressed interest in attending both sessions.

- APPROVED a request from Klein Insurance

Agency, Inc. to rent the meeting room at City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m. - noon.

- APPROVED getting credit cards for city department heads to be used for job-related expenses. These expenses must be for approved budget items only; any items not budgeted must be authorized by the mayor or department liaison. Council approval needed for purchases over \$500.

- LEARNED during the public forum that Bob Jenkins is continuing to move forward on Music in the Park events in Motley. He has received enough funding so far to pay for one musician and insurance for the event.

- HEARD monthly police report for August from Police Chief Ron Smith. There were a total of 203 calls and a total of 3,000 miles logged on the squad vehicle. Mayor Al Yoder noted that the police department has been very busy.

- HEARD from Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton that the water main leak has been fixed.

- APPROVED moving forward on the well easement on property owned by Tamara Raybern, pending attorney approval.

- APPROVED Kramer easement pending attorney approval.

- APPROVED putting in a sprinkler system at the dog park in Motley, which will also water a memorial tree being planted by a lo-

cal family. The sprinkler system is estimated to cost \$1,646. The pipes will go underneath a cement pad, which the council also approved putting in, at an estimated cost of \$1,175. The family is donating the labor costs and possibly some flowers as well. In regard to the city's cost for materials, Mayor Yoder asked that they be purchased, if possible, at local businesses.

- APPROVED having Smieja attend MNGFOA Accounting Classes Oct. 10 and Oct. 17. City Hall will be closed in the morning of those dates.

- LEARNED that the city received a letter of thanks from the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce for their support during June Fest.

- SET the next regular

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HOME
TO MOTLEY...**



Alora

Beautiful daughter of Tracy & Chris
Born 6/11/17 in Staples.

WE ARE SO HONORED
TO BE A PART OF
YOUR CHILD'S BIRTH.



council meeting for Monday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Confidence Learning Center

FALL AUCTION
Saturday, Sept. 23
9 am Preview - 10 am Auction
Directions: 1620 Mary Fawcett Memorial Dr., East Gull Lake, MN. Approximately 5 miles west of Baxter on Hwy 210 to Cass Co. Rd. 18, two miles north of Confidence Learning Center, auction signs
Current items listed below with MORE arriving daily. Donations are still being accepted!

CARS, MOTORIZED VEHICLES:

- 1999 Ford F150 XL, 5 Speed, 291,757 miles
- 1994 Chevrolet Silverado, Automatic 240,940 miles
- 1979 Johnson C Scow Sail Boat & Trailer
- Antique Motors

ANTIQUES: Furniture Indoor and Outdoor and Household Goods:

Antiques, furniture, antique lamps, chairs, couches & love seats, end tables, lamps (all types & styles) & lamp shades, mirrors, recliners, bookshelves, desks, head boards & frames, lawn furniture and tables, outdoor grills, framed art work, set of dishes, holiday decorations, kids toys, flooring, refrigerators and much more.

•Antique Dressers
•Wood Stoves •Various Size Nails
•2 Person Hot Tub

Sporting Goods, Boat & Water Toys, Building Materials & tools:

Hunting & fishing equipment, GUNS, Stevens Double Barrel 12 Gauge & 20 gauge bolt action, Misc. watercraft items, vanities, tools, saws, mowers, new construction materials and more items arriving daily.

• Multiple Guns (see descriptions above)
•1996 Polaris Indy Tour 500 Snowmobile
•1986 Tuffy Ramage 160 70 hp Evenrude Outboard Motor
•2005 Kowaski Ultra 150

We are unable to list or show each item, but there is something for everyone! Terms: Everything sold "As Is, Where Is". All items must be paid for and removed the day of auction. Any statement made by auctioneer at auction takes precedence over any printed materials. VISA and MASTERCARD accepted. All proceeds benefit the Campers and programs of Confidence Learning Center, concessions provided on the grounds and sponsored by Brainerd Lakes Area Women of Today.

*Question on the auction or to donate items contact: Ed Vobejda at 218-820-2258, Confidence Learning Center 218-828-2344 - www.campconfidence.com

*Thank You to our Auctioneers, Brad Frisk (Lic. # 11-48) & Dave Schubert (Lic. # 18-294) for donating their services. Check also at www.midwestauctions.com

*Check us out on Facebook for additional items arriving weekly:
www.facebook.com/campConfidence

Law enforcement reports, Motley

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

Sept. 5 - Scott Davis, owner of the chain-saw carving business on Hwy 10 in Motley, reported that two of his waving bears were stolen from the front of his business sometime between 4 - 9 a.m. on Sept. 4.

Sept. 6 - The MCSO paged the Motley Fire Department for a fire in Cass County, at the 7000 block of 79th St. in Motley.

Sept. 6 - The MCSO received a tip of a green minivan traveling south on Hwy

10 with people inside who had felony warrants for their arrest. Law enforcement stopped the vehicle on Hwy 10 near Randall and proceeded to arrest Samantha Schoutens, 30; Kelsey Ross, 25; and Kyle Borchert. A consent to search was obtained and controlled substance was found in the vehicle.

Sept. 3 - The MCSO received a report of a stolen boat trailer at the 31000 block of Lakeview Dr. in Cushing.

Sept. 1 - The MCSO received a report of a theft at the 5000 block of 320th St. in Cushing.

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 1, 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 1st day of August, 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.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for July 18, 2017 as presented.

To approve a one-day Dance License for American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) to be held on August 19th, 2017 at the parking lot of the Legion at 16268 County 50, Long Prairie, MN.

To approve a 1-Day Temporary On Sale Liquor License for American Legion #417 Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) for August 19, 2017 at 16268 County 50, Long Prairie, MN.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 46612 through 46715 in the amount of \$88,535.13.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512845 through 512875 in the amount of \$25,919.99 and Warrants number 700943 through 701097 in the amount of \$222,256.12.

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

RESOLUTION FOR A PUBLIC LAND AUCTION OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS IN TODD COUNTY
WHEREAS: Tax-Forfeited Parcels in Todd County have been reappraised and classified as provided by M.S. 282.01,

and will be offered for sale by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at a public auction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve said land auction to commence at 10:00 a.m. on the 21st day of August, 2017. The Todd County Auditor/Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a notice of the upcoming land auction as provided by law.

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

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

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

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

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected. (0.0033 x purchase price or minimum of \$1.65)

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

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$250.00 will be collected.

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

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

Ditch Inspector
On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipts of a Hold Harmless Agreement to install a private crossing on CD32 from Brian Mick, Fawn Lake Twp Section 33.
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - PRIVATE CROSSING - COUNTY DITCH 18
WHEREAS, Kimberly Stach is requesting to replace a bridge crossing with a 30" culvert on parcel 13-0033100 in Iona Twp, section 34. The project will be done by Doug Freie, and will be done at his own expense. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to install a 30" culvert crossing to replace an existing bridge. The County Ditch 18 Maintenance Project is currently in progress. This culvert will be placed at the excavated ditch bottom elevation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Kimberly Stach to replace an existing bridge crossing which is located on her property. The new crossing will be a 30" culvert. The project will be done by Doug Freie and will be at his own expense.

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - PRIVATE CROSSING - COUNTY DITCH 33
WHEREAS, Ken Hayes is requesting to install a 36" culvert on parcel 15-0028000 in Leslie Twp, section 24. The project will be done at his own expense. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;

WHEREAS, a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to install a 36" culvert crossing. The culvert will be installed at original ditch bottom elevation.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Ken Hayes to install a private culvert crossing on his own property at his own expense.

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

ADOPTION OF M.S. 272.162 RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY SPLITS AND SUBDIVISIONS
WHEREAS, a split or subdivision of a parcel of land is defined as a separation of an area, parcel or tract of land that is less than a whole parcel, as identified in the current year tax lists, into two or more parcels; and

WHEREAS, M. S. 272.162, if adopted by resolution of the governing body, requires that all splits, or subdivisions of a current tax parcel of land outside of city limits be approved by the designated county planning official covering land under their jurisdiction before the transfer or split request can be recorded; and

WHEREAS, in Todd County the designated planning official would be the Planning & Zoning Office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby choose to adopt the provisions established in M.S. 272.162 and officially adopt M.S. 272.162 as a requirement for splitting of current tax parcels for property under their jurisdiction and control effective January 1, 2018.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize acceptance and appropriate use of FY18 Riparian Protection Aid funds totaling \$113,583.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve accepting the bid for \$10,610.93 for the Chevy Equinox LT AWD from Phillip's Repairables and proceed with purchasing of the vehicle for use in the SWCD Division.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Todd County Health & Human Services to recruit and hire an Eligibility Worker to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Neva Volkman.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Todd County Health & Human Services to create a Relative Search position in the Family Services Unit.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Todd County Health & Human Services to recruit and hire for the Relative Search Position in the Family Services Unit.

Clifton Larson Allen
Sarah Utsch, CPA, Manager from Clifton Larson Allen presented the report of findings of the Audit of the Year Ending December 31, 2016 for the Commissioner's review.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer gave an update regarding the upcoming Forfeited Land Auction, Internship completion, ISD 2759 tax file conversion progress, a new election equipment grant, and 2018 County Program Aid certifications.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report
The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress

including status of current recruitments, Supervisor training, upcoming department head evaluations and a Sauk River Watershed report provided to the Commissioners for their review.

Adjourn
Chairperson Erickson recessed the meeting until August 15, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CENTRAL APPLICA-	
TORS INC.....	\$8,050.88
CENTRAL TODD CTY.	
CARE CENTER	3,528.74
CORBIN PICKAR EXC INC.....	20,000.00
EPIPHANY COMMUNITY SERVICES	2,125.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS	2,456.94
MCCC, MI33.....	5,532.33
MN INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM SERVICE..	5,673.50
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV.....	5,342.57
NOSKA PLUMBING & HEATING INC.....	3,847.12
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET	3,178.89
94 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	28,799.16
Total	\$88,535.13

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - ANOKA METRO RTC - 412	\$111,416.00
DHS - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT	2,437.46
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROG.....	5,550.00
DHS - SWIFT	23,064.34
IMPACT TECHNOLOGY .	2,750.00
PEOPLES EXPRESS INC..	5,099.76
PERISH/ALAN.....	2,199.86
RURAL MN CEP INC	13,479.40
SCHULLER FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES - WADENA.....	4,250.00
TODD COUNTY AUD./TREASURER.....	15,096.10
145 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	36,913.20
Total	\$222,256.12

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC.....	4,325.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR 2,584.49	
VILLAGE RANCH INC 6,750.00	
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	12,260.50
Total	25,919.99

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 1, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on August 15, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 15, 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 15th day of August, 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 Kircher absent.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Becker and second by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with the removal of item 4.3 Whole Farm Education Foundation and 5.4 Auditor-Treasurer Policies and Procedures and the addition of Setting Elected Official Salaries by Sept. 30 discussion to the Commissioner's Reports.

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2017 as presented.

To approve a one year Full On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Long Prairie Country Club at the address of 406 6th Street SE, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 which replaces their current Club On Sale and Sunday Liquor License in effect.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the July 2017 Auditor Warrants number 229908 through 230131 in the amount of \$1,772,106.80.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 46716 through 46827 in the amount of \$63,688.80.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512876 through 512944 in the amount of \$95,496.26.

Assessor
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the abatement request for parcel 15-7003104 and remove from the 2017 tax roll.

Public Works
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2016 HARTFORD BRIDGE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Robert R. Schroeder Construction, Inc. for the 2016 Hartford Bridge Contract known as SAP 077-599-064 located on 290th Street in Hartford Township, has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2016 with the value of the total work certified being \$616,692.44, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$584,836.79 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$31,828.65 still remains to be paid to Robert R. Schroeder Construction, Inc.

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

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2017 HSIP STRIPING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Century Fence Company for the 2017 HSIP Striping Contract known as SP 077-070-008 (Ground-In Wet Reflective Striping) has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2017 with the value of the total work certified being \$89,332.05 and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$84,865.45 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$4,466.60 still remains to be paid to Century Fence Company.

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

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve out of state travel for Linus Koval to compete in 2017 Wisconsin Snow Plow Rodeo.

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

FOR AGREEMENT TO STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND - LOCAL BRIDGE
See **TCC** on page 9a

Public Notices

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

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday September 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **James and Kimberly Bieniek:** Section 19 of Burnhamville Township
Site Address: 17576 Dogwood Loop PIN: 06-0028100
Original Request: Variance request to reduce the setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 94 feet for proposed 24 foot by 26 foot garage.
Modified Request: Variance request to reduce the setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 82 feet for proposed 24 foot by 26 foot garage attached to home.

2. **Kirk and Cathy Liligren:** LOT-2 BLK-1 Birch Point (29-127-32)
Site Address: 10636 Ash Dr PIN: 11-0082500
Original Request: Variance request to reduce the setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 48 feet for proposed 800 sq ft addition to existing cabin.

Modified Request: Variance request to reduce the setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 48 feet for proposed 792 sq ft addition onto side of cabin away from lake.

3. **George Sutton:** Part of Gov't Lot 1 (01-131-32) Turtle Creek Township
Site Address: 38596 Northstar Drive PIN: 24-0000100

Variance to setback from the OHWM from 150 to 96 feet to add roof to existing concrete apron.

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

Todd County
Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair

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NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, September 18, 2017, at 4:30 p.m., at the Todd County Office, 200 First St. NE, Staples, Minnesota.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant

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ASSUMED NAME:

Harvey Information Technology
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
48055 281st Ave., Staples, MN 56479
United States
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: **Nathaniel David Harvey**
Address: **48055 281st Ave. Staples, MN 56479**
United States

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Nate Harvey
MAILING ADDRESS:
48055 281st Ave., Staples, MN 56479
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nharvey221984@gmail.com

FILED: **August 18, 2017**
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REPLACEMENT PROGRAM GRANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS (SAP 077-601-021)
WHEREAS, Todd County has applied to the Commissioner of Transportation for a grant from the Minnesota State Transportation Fund for construction of Bridge No. 77536; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Transportation has given notice that funding for this bridge is available; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant has been determined to be \$216,131.50 by reason of the lowest responsible bid.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, be it resolved that Todd County does hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the grant consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 5, clause (3), and will pay any additional amount by which the cost exceeds the estimate, and will return to the Minnesota State Transportation Fund any amount appropriated for the bridge but not required. The proper county officers are authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation concerning the above-referenced grant.

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA - LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TODD COUNTY ROAD 83 PROJECT RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, Minnesota Counties can apply for funding support for transportation infrastructure projects on local roads as part of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Local Road Improvement Program which has approximately \$25.3 million in bond funds available for constructing or reconstructing local roads in 2018, 2019 or 2020, and;

WHEREAS, funding may be requested for projects that will reduce traffic crashes on rural County State Aid Highways and County Roads that have regional significance or for the local share of a trunk highway project, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Public Works Department recommends that the following project be submitted for State of Minnesota Local Road Improvement Program Funding in Fiscal Year 2020:

County Road 83 - from Trunk Highway 10 to County State Aid Highway 34 (County Line), and;

WHEREAS, this project is not currently listed on the Todd County Public Works Department Proposed Five Year Construction Plan but it is considered a high priority for funding consideration due to the current overall condition of the road and its regional significance due to the existence of Lakewood Health System Hospital being located along the road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the recommendation of the Public Works Department for submitting a State of Minnesota Local Road Improvement Program Funding Application for a Fiscal Year 2020 Project located on County Road 83 from Trunk Highway 10 to County State Aid Highway 34 (County Line).

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept Tony Wettstein's retirement effective December 31, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the recruitment for a full time mechanic in the Public Works Department.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve hiring Erik Gregersen as a Heavy Equipment Operator at Grade 7, Step A, \$19.34 per hour.

On motion by Becker

and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION – STAPLES DEPOT RESTORATION PROJECT
WHEREAS, the contract with Alliance Building Corporation for the Staples Depot Restoration Project known as SP 077-595-001 has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract started in 2015 and completed in 2017 with the value of the total work certified being \$465,637.14 and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$483,053.28 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$17,416.14 is owed from Alliance Building Corporation in order to final out this contract.

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

Soil & Water

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve signing of letters of support for services provided for Hagen Gamradt and Ethan Dahl for support during 2017.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To extend the period to complete final platting for Maple Hill, Pine Island Cove, and First Addition to Ivan Addition until November 7, 2017.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Johnson BBL Legacy Preliminary Plat without conditions on parcel 03-0082200.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Kandace Christianson as a Full-time Jailor Dispatcher effective July 21, 2017.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to post in-house and potentially advertise for a Full-time Jailor/Dispatcher.

Facilities

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To not authorize the renewal of the contract with Rhonda's Cleaning Service.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the recruitment of one full time custodian position.

Administration

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve adopting the AF-SCME Health and Human Services Local Union #3128 Labor Agreement effective August 15, 2017.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer had no activities to report.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended. Discussion was held regarding the request to set the elected official's salaries by September 30 for 2018 Preliminary Budget preparations.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including health insurance proposals and union negotiations upcoming.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the meeting was adjourned for the month of August 2017.

AUDITOR'S WARRANTS
Vendor Name \$ Amount

BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION	\$3,233.01
CENTURY FENCE CO.....	84,865.45
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	2,400.00
TRI CITY PAVING INC....	474,996.86
WADENA SWCD	5,000.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	3,476.47
25 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	8,688.00
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	23,122.11
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	20,000.00
COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION	33,834.24
COMPUTER PROS	14,587.00
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	5,053.92
GENE-O'S CS REST LLC ..	5,194.85
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,834.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	4,203.29
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	7,438.50
PICTOMETRY	34,330.17
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	74,141.67
UPDATE BUILDING SUPPLIES LLC	26,347.32
US BANK	46,657.50
ZIEGLER INC.....	163,320.00
31 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	12,019.50
BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION	3,945.94
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	2,259.41
COMMISS. OF FINANCE ..	2,898.00
FLETCHER/DYLAN & SARA	14,801.50
GUSTAFSON/JEAN M.....	9,381.74
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT.....	12,963.61
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	5,495.00
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS	235,320.50
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,648.80
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	6,655.00
WATERGUARDS, LLC	18,615.00
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A ..	5,650.50
43 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	17,320.92

AMERICAN HERITAGE ..	10,130.53
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE ..	86,600.59
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	3,321.10
MORRISON COUNTY.....	31,050.50
SCEPANIAC INC/ WILLIAM D	19,396.01
STEP	4,957.25
STRUCTURAL SPECIALTIES INC	18,557.49
TRAFFIC MARKING SERV. INC.....	7,419.63
VERIZON	3,024.68
VOYANT COMM., LLC.....	3,516.31
28 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	14,861.93
ANOKA CO GOV'T CENTER.....	14,956.75
NORTHERN SALT INC.....	2,903.25
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	110,646.50
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213	7,628.66
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753 ..	3,377.25
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787	4,067.93
TOWN OF GORDON	4,020.52
TOWN OF STAPLES	2,172.81
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK.....	2,664.79
TOWN OF WARD	3,319.87
TOWN OF WEST UNION..	2,107.97
44 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	17,704.70
Total	\$1,772,106.80

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
APPLIED CONCEPTS	
INC	\$2,526.90
CENTRACARE CLINIC- LONG PRAIRIE	5,710.12
CENTRAL APPLICATORS INC	8,633.25
DAKOTA WHOLESALE TIRE	2,971.00
STAPLES WORLD	2,166.28
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	8,865.50
WOLF RIDGE ELC	3,105.00
WOLTERS BODY SHOP	2,676.39
104 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	27,034.36
Total	\$63,688.80

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#14813\$.....	2,697.59
# 4453.....	2,790.00
#10460.....	2,770.47
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
ED. SRVS	4,923.98
#1911.....	2,780.08
#12512.....	2,988.09
#14655.....	2,894.78
#10746.....	2,713.12
STEP	6,450.46
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	19,364.77

WEST CENTRAL REG. JUVENILE CTR.....	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	41,643.75
Total	\$95,496.26

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held August 15, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 5, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE., Staples.....	218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag Emelio Enquist, 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.....	8:30 a.m.
Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples.....	218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie	
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 Loy Pastor Bob Mueller	
Sunday Worship.....	9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
Pastor Greg Leslie	
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com	
Pastor Amos Sell	218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard	
Prayer	8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship	8:45 a.m.
Worship	9:10 and 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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Ten overlooked VA disabilities

By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran
Service Officer

There are many disabilities veterans and VA medical staff seem to overlook or set aside indefinitely, causing veterans to miss out on an opportunity to file a claim for a service-connected disability. Take a look at the Top 10 Overlooked Disabilities missed by veterans and VA medical staff.

1) **Erectile Dysfunction** - Erectile dysfunction, or ED, is the inability for a man to have an erection hard enough to have sexual intercourse. It can also be known as impotence. It is not unusual for this to happen on occasion, but frequent ED can be a sign of a bigger medical problem needing attention. ED can also lead to complications in a man's life all on its own.

2) **Agoraphobia** -Is the anxiety of being in (or anticipating) situations where escape might be difficult or in which help may not be available in the event of having a panic attack (or panic-like symptoms). Oftentimes, in this situation, an individual may have the vague thought that something dreadful may happen. Such concerns must persist for at least six months and occur virtually every time an individual encounters the place or situation (especially those that remind a veteran of battle situations).

Agoraphobic fears typically involve characteristic clusters of situations; being outside the home alone; being in a crowd or standing in a line; being on a bridge and traveling in a bus, train or automobile. More specifically, the diagnostic criteria in the DSM-5 requires that an individual experiences intense fear in response to (or when anticipating entering) at least two of the following five situations:

- Using public transportation; automobiles, buses, trains, ships or planes.
- Being in open spaces; parking lots, marketplaces or bridges.
- Being in enclosed spaces; shops, theaters or cinemas.
- Standing in line or being in a crowd.
- Being outside of the home alone.

A person who experiences agoraphobia avoids such situations (e.g., travel

is restricted; the person changes daily routines) or else they are endured with significant distress. For example, people with agoraphobia often require the presence of a companion; a family member, partner or friend, to confront the situation.

3) **Keloids** - A scar that rises quite abruptly above the rest of the skin. It is irregularly shaped, usually pink to red in color, tends to enlarge progressively and may be harder than the surrounding skin. Keloids are a response to trauma, such as a cut to the skin. In creating a normal scar, connective tissue in the skin is repaired by the formation of collagen. Keloids arise when extra collagen forms.

4) **Sexually Transmitted Diseases** - Under revision. check with your local VAO/VSO.

5) **Pseudofolliculitis Barbae** - a common condition of the beard area occurring in men and other people with curly hair. The problem results when highly curved hairs grow back into the skin causing inflammation and a foreign body reaction. Over time, this can cause scarring which looks like hard bumps of the beard area and neck.

6) **Plantar Fasciitis** - The pain caused by inflammation of the insertion of the plantar fascia on the medial process of the calcaneal tuberosity. The pain may be substantial, resulting in the alteration of daily activities. Various terms have been used to describe plantar fasciitis, including jogger's heel, tennis heel, policeman's heel and even gonorrheal heel. Although a misnomer, this condition is sometimes referred to as heel spurs by the general public.

7) **Pleurisy** - Is inflammation of the parietal pleura that typically results in characteristic pleuritic pain and has a variety of possible causes. The term "pleurisy" is often used to refer to a symptom and a condition. It is more precise to use the term "pleurisy" for the condition and "pleuritic pain" to describe the symptom.

Pleuritic pain is a key feature; therefore, this article reviews the physiology and classic characteristics of pleuritic pain, focusing on the presentation and diagnosis of the patient and the management of

various causes of pleurisy. Pleuritic chest pain is a common presenting symptom with many causes, from life-threatening to benign, self-limited conditions.

8) **Tropical Phagedena (Jungle Rot)** - Tropical phagedena, Aden ulcer, Malabar ulcer and jungle rot (from Vietnam) , as well as various native terms. It occurs on exposed parts of the body, primarily the legs, arms and feet. Frequently on pre-existing abrasions or sores, sometimes beginning from a scratch. As a rule, only one extremity is affected and usually there's a single lesion, although it's not uncommon to find multiple ulcers on two or more body parts.

9) **Hemorrhoids** - Are swollen and inflamed veins around the anus or in the lower rectum. The rectum is the last part of the large intestine leading to the anus. The anus is the opening at the end of the digestive tract where bowel contents leave the body.

10) **Sleep Terror Disorder** - Also known as night terrors. The disturbance cannot be due to the direct physiological effects of a substance (e.g., drug abuse, a medication) or a general medical condition. Sleep terror is characterized by the following symptoms that a mental health professional looks for when making a diagnosis for this condition:

- Recurrent episodes of abrupt awakening from sleep, usually occurring in the first one third of the major sleep episode and beginning with a panicky scream.
- Intense fear and signs of autonomic arousal, such as tachycardia, rapid breathing and sweating, during each episode.
- Relative unresponsiveness to efforts of others to comfort the person during the episode.
- No detailed dream is recalled and there's amnesia for the episode.
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As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



Main campus construction continues

The primary phase of the Lakewood Health System's construction continues at the main campus in Staples. Work continues at enclosing new offices and rooms. Construction is expected to be completed in 2018.



Work flow improvement in the ED

Lakewood Health System's Emergency Dept. Manager Connie Wells shows one of the trauma bays as she explains the changes to the emergency department. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT continued from page 1a

Space designed for security, privacy

Another special room that can be used for patients who may have a contagious disease. The negative pressure room makes allows no air escapes when a patient enters.

The new emergency rooms will fit in with the expanded psychiatric department, which is also undergoing construction. Wells said much of the ER time is taken up with patients with mental health issues, needing psychiatric help, but have to wait for a service or agency that can help them.

For patients who are in danger of harming themselves or others, there's is a new safe room. ER personnel can pull down a sliding door, similar to a garage door and cover the equipment, for the safety of the patient. The patient can be left alone without anything with which to harm himself or herself. The patient will have access to a call button and TV remote embedded in the wall. A new video monitoring system is also in place now that Wells said is only for security and is not recorded.

Every room is equipped with technology for easy

access to a patient's chart and history.

For Lakewood's emergency department employees, the greatly expanded nurses station is already paying off. The nurses now have more space to move around, complete their charts and are still within sight of the new patient rooms, making it much easier to keep tabs on everything going on in the department.

A new fish tank is also in place in the emergency waiting room, which can be used by MRI patients and people waiting for other exams.

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For more information and for nomination forms, contact Jim White, VFW Post 3922 in Wadena, at 218-631-3211. Information can also be found online at www.vfw.org.

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Cardinal CC runners bring home gold, silver

The Staples-Motley cross country teams had multiple winners in two meets, at Wadena-Deer Creek on Sept. 5 and at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Sept. 11.

Emmet Anderson won both varsity boys races, and Kira Sweeney was first at W-DC and second at LP-GE.

In the team competition, both girls and boys finished second at W-DC and third at LP-GE, a meet with most of the section opponents the Cardinals will face again in October.

Kyanna Burton won both girls junior high races and Brayden Christensen was the top JV runner at W-DC, where the boys JV team won the meet.

Team results

Boys results:
Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational: Little Falls 41, Staples-Motley 59, Ottertail Central 97, Wadena-Deer Creek 101, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 140, Park Rapids 184, Bagley/Fosston 224, Pine River Backus 259, New York Mills 290, Border West 301, Pillager 315

1. Emmet Anderson 16:56, 8. Ben Bartczak 18:33, 14. Tanner Robben 19:13, 15. Isaac Christoffersen 19:17, 21. Bentley Christensen 19:36, 39. Nick Tabbatt 20:55

JV: 1. Brayden Christensen

19:27, 2. Jack Tyrrell 19:49, 4. Jacob Schmitz 20:52, 6. Garrett Carlson 21:10, 7. Austin Johnson 21:24, 9. Trenton Plopper 22:20, 14. Grant Johnson 23:17, 21. Connor Fox 25:14C

Junior high: 15. Isaiah Tabbatt 13:40, 37. William Thew 15:15, 44. Caleb Picconato 15:36, 45. Will Dolezal 15:40, 54. Jonah Johnson 15:52

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Invitational: West Central 92, Holdingford 130, Staples-Motley 131, Benson/K-M-S 190, Paynesville 192, New London-Spicer 224, Breckenridge/Wahpeton 225, Melrose 252, Albany 263, Litchfield 278, Wadena-Deer Creek 287, Morris 297, Ottertail Central 302, Crosby-Ironton 316, Frazee-Vergas 327, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 405, Osakis 425, Royalton 433, Park Rapids 460, St. John's Prep 473, Sauk Centre 596, Border West 665, Pillager 671

1. Anderson 16:47, 22. Robben 18:34, 26. Christoffersen 18:39, 36. Bartczak 18:55, 46. Be. Christensen 19:09, 50. Br. Christensen 19:15, 56. Tyrrell 19:24

JV: 5. N. Tabbatt 20:53, 9. A. Johnson 21:07, 32. Carlson 22:2646, Plopper 22:58, 61. G. Johnson 23:54, 75. Judd 25:00, 82. Fox 26:26 97. J. Johnson 29:50

Junior high: 16. I. Tabbatt 13:34, 46. Thew 15:39, 38. Picconato 15:45, 77. Alex Brings 17:29, 84. Dolezal 18:22

See **CC** on page 4b



Fast start

Kira Sweeney takes off on her way to winning the W-DC meet.



Race leader

Emmet Anderson strides out to increase his lead at the W-DC meet.



Pack of Cardinals

From left, Tanner Robben, Jack Tyrrell, Brayden Christensen and Isaac Christoffersen race together midway through the W-DC meet.

2017 may be a 'perfect storm' of bad duck policy

This year will be remembered for hurricane and tropical storm-generated destruction on a scale that is hard for land-locked Minnesotans to imagine. We are hit by tornadoes with some regularity, and those who live or have businesses located in flood plains – like the Red River Valley in Northwest Minnesota and the bluff country of the Southeast – are occasionally victims of flooding. But to our good fortune the loss and suffering we experience here are orders of magnitude less than U.S. coastal areas hit by hurricanes and tropical storms.

Given the timing and seriousness of these recent events, an apology may be in order for using a storm metaphor in an everyday context. If so, apology tendered. Every once in a while an expression is coined and thereafter takes on a life of its own, and is used in situations that have nothing whatever to do with the original event. "Perfect storm" is such an expression.

It was first used to describe a 1991 convergence of weather systems in the North Atlantic that grew to amazing strength, not only causing coastal storm damage in the Northeast, but racing all the way inland as far as Minnesota where in some places it dumped more than 30 inches of snow. The storm also took a number of lives, most publicized of which were the crew of a commercial sword fishing boat. They and their boat were immortalized first in the book *The Perfect Storm* by Sebastian Junger, then in a movie of that title starring George Clooney.

Since that time the expression "perfect storm" has become a common expression in everyday speech, meaning that events or circumstances have combined or come together in such a way as to be extraordinarily or uncommonly bad.

Soon the general 2017 waterfowl hunting season will begin, the magic day for what many of us call "the duck opener." September 23. It is not technically the opener for all waterfowl hunting because the early goose season began September 2. September 9 was the special youth waterfowl hunt for young hunters age 15 and under, a recruitment effort intended to expose them to the sport under less pressure and competitiveness than are characteristic of the general waterfowl opener.

The 2017 hunting framework, with season length and daily bag limits being the most anticipated, were known months ago. That's because since 2015 the federal agency responsible for managing ducks and geese and those who hunt them has mothballed what was previously an important tool in setting annual hunting rules. That tool was the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's (USFWS) annual mid-summer count and assessment of the year's nesting successes; or, just as important, nesting failures.

That tool is no longer being used, reasons cited including personnel cost, and pressure on the agency to conduct summer bird counts and speedily come up with the year's hunting rules so states can timely announce them before their seasons begin. Under the new procedure, data from the prior fall and the current spring are used. There is no connection between the fall hunting rules and that year's nesting success. Since the majority of ducks bagged in a typical year are juveniles, knowing the year's nesting success is of major importance. Or would be, if USFWS

still counted these juveniles.

One of the feeblest explanations for using old data and releasing hunting rules early was that it would allow hunters extra time to plan their hunting trips. As if knowing how many ducks one can legally shoot is more important than knowing how many ducks there really are – and how many can be safely harvested without "killing the goose that lays the golden egg." Also in the USFWS calculus is the assumption that populations will even out over the long term; a dangerous assumption, in the opinion of many.

So what is the perfect storm that is to be worried about? Just this: 2017 has been a monumental year for drought in North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana, reaching up across the U.S.-Canada border to southern portions of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. These areas just happen to be among the most important North American nurseries for waterfowl, ducks in particular.

Official ratings of "extreme drought," "severe drought," or "exceptional drought" cover more than half of North and South Dakota, and range up into the western Canadian "duck factory" provinces. If, as in the recent past, USFWS was doing a credible job of projecting the year's nesting success with its midsummer survey, it's highly probable that we would be seeing shorter seasons and reduced bag limits.

The USFWS does have the ability to invoke an upon-further-revue contingency, and depart from its new procedure for setting the year's rules. But there've been no hints or leaks to the effect that this is being considered. All the USFWS has told us so far is that there were good duck numbers and favorably wet conditions in early 2017. That's definitely, disappointing and perhaps even tragically, old news.



Running room for a positive gain

Cade Schmidt bursts through a hole for a gain. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals fade after first scoring drive

The Staples-Motley football team scored a touchdown on their first drive, but fumbles and missed conversions left that as their only score of the night, and they lost to Crookston 32-7 on Sept. 8.

On the first drive, after Cade Schmidt ran for a first down, quarterback Chase Davis converted a fourth down play with a 21 yard pass to Schmidt. A few plays later, Davis found Griffin Webster wide open in the end zone for a touchdown. Braden Tyrrell kicked the extra point to give the Cardinals a 7-0 lead.

Crookston drove right back and got to the one yard line, but Staples-Motley stood their ground and forced a fumble, recovered by Webster.

After a Cardinal punt, Crookston drove for a touchdown and tied the

score. Two Staples-Motley fumbles led to two Crookston touchdown drives and the team suddenly found themselves down 19-7 at half-time.

Crookston scored again to start the second half and although the Cardinals gained yards, they did not threaten to score again. In the second half, third down

efficiency was the killer, as Staples-Motley did not convert a single third down play, and were one of three on fourth down tries in the entire game.

Team results

Staples-Motley 7, Crookston 32
Rushing: 24-135 yards

See **FOOTBALL** on page 4b



End zone catch

Griffin Webster pulls in a touchdown pass for the game's first score. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Tackle from below

Ryan Wick wraps up a Crookston runner for no gain. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Hitting high and hitting low

Grace Wolhowe, left, and Haley Dietman return forehand shots from different angles for the Cardinal tennis team. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Running backhand

Kelsi Peterson runs in to catch up to a drop shot in the match against Roseau.

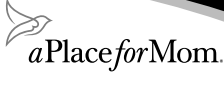
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Tennis team tested

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team sized up some of their section competition. They lost to Park Rapids 4-3 on Sept. 7 and fell to Roseau 6-1 on Sept. 8, but played competitively against two teams they could face again in the postseason. The Cardinals also mixed their lineup around and came up with a 5-2 win over Parkers Prairie on Sept. 8.

Team results
Staples-Motley 3, Park Rapids 4
Singles: Kelsi Peterson L 7-5, 6-4; Beth Johnson L 7-5, 6-0; Haley Dietman L 6-4, 6-2; Rose Han W 6-1, 6-2
Doubles: Claire Wolhow/Anna Willgohs W 6-1, 6-0; Bryn Williams/Haley Cichos L 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Katie Johnson/Tasha Achermann W 6-3, 1-6, 6-3
Staples-Motley 1, Roseau 6
Singles: Peterson L 6-3, 6-4; Williams L 6-2, 6-1; Han L 6-0, 6-0; Jenna Dvorak L 6-4, 6-2
Doubles: Wolhowe/Willgohs W 6-4, 6-4; Dietman/Cichos L 6-4, 6-3; K. Johnson/B. Johnson L 6-1, 6-3
Staples-Motley 5, Parkers Prairie 2
Singles: Wolhowe W 6-0, 6-0; Willgohs L 1-6, 0-6; Dietman W 2-6, 6-3; Cichos L 4-6, 6-7
Doubles: Peterson/Han W 6-4, 6-2; Williams/Dvorak W 6-0, 6-4; Achermann/Brittney Lisson W 6-0, 6-0

Volleyball team makes it a winning streak

The Staples-Motley volleyball team got their second win in a row in their second matchup of the season, beating Bertha-Hewitt 3-1 on Sept. 5. Just like their first win of the season, the Cardinals fell behind early and dropped the first set. But they came back strong to win the next three in close sets, getting the crucial

late points needed to pull each one out.
Team results
Staples-Motley vs Bertha Hewitt
15-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-21
Stats:
Mackenna Bjerga: digs-6, set assists-24, kills-1, blocks-1
Alex Davis: digs-2, set assist-1, kills-3
Ashley Vasquez: digs-3,

ace serve-1
Camryn Banaka: ace serves-2, digs-22, set assist-1, kill-1
Tabetha Allen: digs-1, Kills-9, blocks-7
Kiera Dumpprope: ace serves-2, digs-2, set assist-1, kills-6, blocks-4
Kiera Storry: ace serves-2, digs-7, kills-4
Alix Peterson: digs-11, kills-3

Cardinals swimming faster, stronger, longer

Swimming at Ogilvie on Sept. 5, the Staples-Motley girls swim team had to adjust to a 25 meter pool, instead of their usual 25 yard pool. Because of the longer distance, “We don’t know if the had any personal bests, but the girls swam their hearts out and they had some awesome races,” said Coach Amanda Olson. The Cardinals lost the dual meet 96-68 “A great night for the girls, we just don’t have the numbers to compete with schools double our size, but we’re growing and they’re getting stronger and faster,” said Olson. Top placers for varsity included: 200 medley relay, 2nd (Emily Veronen,

Lili Schneider, Autumn Nelsen, Aleeah Halverson)
Schneider 1st in 200 freestyle
Veronen 3rd in 200 IM
Halverson, Joelle Bounds, and Emma Gerard took 3rd, 4th, & 5th in the 50 free
Autumn Nelsen 1st in diving
Gerard, Adriana Dickey, and Jaden Engbretson took 3rd, 4th & 5th in the 100 free
Joelle Bounds 2nd in 400 free
200 free relay 2nd (Gerard, Nelsen, Dickey, and Engbretson)
Veronen 3rd in the 100 back.
Schneider 1st in the 100 breaststroke.
400 free relay 2nd (Veronen, Bounds, Halverson, and Schneider)

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Girls near the top in two meets

Girls results:
Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational: Pelican Rapids 59, Staples-Motley 67, Little Falls 105, Dilworth-Glyndon-Fel-

Rapid race

Abby Brown picks up the pace in the middle of the W-DC race. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

ton 109, Ottertail Central 160, Wadena-Deer Creek 164, Park Rapids 164, Pine River Backus 236, Pillager 273
1. Kira Sweeney 21:02, 2. Addison Lorber 21:48, 6. Ashley Robben 22:20, 27. Kaitlyn Smith 24:06, 31. Abby Brown 24:34, 32. Madysen Hull 24:44
Junior high: 1. Kyanna Burton 13:27, 9. Addisyn Cichos 15:46
Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Invitational: West Central 60, Albany 100, Staples-Motley 134, Paynesville 160, Crosby-

Irongon 166, Morris 188, Sauk Centre 215, New London-Spicer 221, Holdingford 241, Melrose 252, Ottertail Central 271, Osakis 289, Park Rapids 313, Wadena-Deer Creek 350, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 354, Royalton 372, Benson/K-M-S 423, Border West 429, Litchfield 469, Pillager 504
2. Sweeney 20:43, 6. Lorber 21:44, 8. Robben 21:52, 60. Smith 24:48, 69. Brown 24:58, 101. Hull 27:05
Junior high: 1. Burton 13:41, 7. Cichos 15:47

Perfect protection

Braden Tyrrell and Isaac Kronenberg stack up their opponents, allowing their quarterback time to pass. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Tyrrell leads in tackles

Cade Schmidt 11-67, Jordan Carlson 3-33, Chase Davis 6-9, Alex Ross-Bahn 2-20, Griffin Webster 2-1
Passing: Davis 7-18, 71 yards; Ross-Bahn 1-2, 11
Receiving: Webster 2-20,

1 TD; Schmidt 1-21, Derek Kennedy 1-14, Mason Nyhus 1-5, Jordan Carlson 1-8, Matt Fisher 1-3, Ryan Gerard 1-11
Tackles: Brayden Tyrrell 16, Schmidt 7, Scout Strickland 7, Kyle Serich 6, Luke Schmieg 5, Carlson 5, Kennedy 4, Webster 3, Spencer Miller 3, Nyhus 2, Isaac Kronenberg 2, Blayne Dumpprope 2, Ryan Wick 1, Isaac Swendsrud 1, Shaine Guggenberger 1, Evan Nantik 1

Scramble

Chase Davis looks for room to pass or run. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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