

Peterson proud to be a Korean War veteran

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Korean War veteran Maurice (Maury) Peterson of Motley is thankful to have had the opportunity to serve his country in the U.S. Army nearly 65 years ago.

Now 87, Maury still fits into the military uniform he wore back in the early 1950s. In fact, he'll be wearing it at the Veterans Day programs in Motley and Staples Nov. 10, helping to provide the color guard along with other members of the Motley American Legion.

Veterans Day is important to him, Maury said. "It means we are still able to honor the sacrifices that so many gave...and we are still able to observe and appreciate all that's been accomplished (by military service men and women)."

It was more than six decades ago, but when he looks through a scrapbook of black and white photos, letters and other paraphernalia from his time in the army, Maury said he remembers it as clear as day.

After graduating from Staples High School in 1948, Maury wasn't really sure what his next step in life should be. College? Work? "Uncle Sam helped

me figure that out," Maury laughed, adding that he was drafted into the army around 1950 or 1951.

He had been raised on a farm near Browerville and had never been out of state before, Maury recalled. The farthest he'd been away from home had been during high school, when he lived at the home of his widowed-aunt, Laura Amundson, 15 miles from the family farm. "My two sisters (Betty and LaDonna) and I rented a room from her so we could go to school in Staples," Maury said, explaining that buses were not available at that time. "We'd go back home on weekends."

Although he loved his life at the farm, he was grateful to his aunt for the educational opportunity she helped provide to him, as well as the sense of family, Maury said, adding that his cousins, Lavina, Helen and Don, were like siblings to him and his sisters. Looking back on those earlier days, he is also grateful for the opportunity he was given to serve in the U.S. Army.



A look back in time

Korean War veteran Maury Peterson of Motley looks at a copy of the '45th Division News' published shortly after the war's ending in July of 1953. In the background is Mavis, his wife of 61 years. Maury has kept a scrapbook of memories from his days in the army, which he enjoys sharing with all who are interested, including his three children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Pictured at far right is a shadow box display put together by his daughter, Sue. Inside the box are a number of souvenirs from his time in Korea, including ID tags, photos and a Communist star symbol given to him by a prisoner. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Maury remembers taking the train from Staples to Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. It was January, he recalled. "I thought to myself, 'I'll get to spend winter down south,'" Maury said. "We weren't far enough south," he laughed, adding that it was very cold and snowy during his 16 weeks of basic training.

From there, he boarded a ship bound for Korea. It was a 14-day journey which took the troops through Adak, Alaska, where Maury witnessed a number of volcanoes. "That was something, for a farm kid like me," Maury said.

The ship made its first stop at Camp Drake, Japan. It was there that Maury found out he was assigned to the 45th Infantry Division, Company A. Headquartered in Central Korea, the young soldier would serve there until the war's end on July 27, 1953.

That first winter in Korea, Maury was sent to a 30-day leadership school, where he earned the title

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Hello, Readers,

The SS Edmund Fitzgerald sank on Nov. 10, 1975, 17 miles from the entrance to Whitefish Bay on Lake Superior, taking all 29 crew members with her. At the time of its launch in 1958, the 729-foot-long freighter was the largest and fastest ship on the Great Lakes. The Edmund Fitzgerald began its last journey on Nov. 9 carrying 26,116 tons of iron-ore pellets. The next day, the ship and her crew met a storm with 60 mph winds and waves in excess of 15 feet. The Edmund Fitzgerald now lies under 530 feet of water, broken in two sections. On July 4, 1995, the ship's bell was recovered from the wreck, and a replica, engraved with the names of the crew members who perished in this tragedy, was left in its place. The original bell is on display at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point in Michigan.

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Cardinals off to a flying start

Staples-Motley cross country runners take off at the start of the state meet. Above, Emmet Anderson (851) takes off with the leaders on his way to a sixth place finish. Two other Cardinals, Tanner Robben (853) and Hunter Klimek are close behind. Below, the three Cardinal girls start out with Kira Sweeney (551) leading the pack with Ashley Robben (558) and Addison Lorber (557) getting in good position. See story and more photos on page 1b. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Area Veterans Day programs

A reminder of the Veterans Day programs at Staples and Motley schools on Friday, Nov. 10:

- 8:30 a.m. Motley-Staples Middle school program
- 10 a.m. Sacred Heart Area School
- 1:30 p.m. Staples-Motley High School.

Camp Ripley Information Management Officer Scott Bjerke will be the featured speaker at the Motley-Staples Middle

School Veterans Day presentation on Friday, Nov. 10. Highlights of the program will include student readers, music from the 4th and 5th grade students and the 6th-7th grade band.

Sacred Heart Area School will have their student led program with guest speaker Bob Larson.

Staples-Motley High School's program will include guest speaker Dan Holst.

Fees, funerals discussed at Todd County session

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Oct. 17 work session for the Todd County Board of Commissioners included discussion about the county fee schedule, the funeral expense policy and redesigning the county website.

County fee schedule

While nobody really wants to talk about fees, especially ones that are increasing, having an updated schedule with a more central/all in one location document is something that could help both citizens and employees when a fee needs to be charged.

The discussion revolved around

some of the current fees with a few changes. For example, doing a tax search went from \$4 to \$5 per parcel.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that many people do their own research now through the Internet.

She also said that Health and Human Services had updates on many of their fees, so there was a bit of a rush on getting this revised fee schedule done.

Some fees, like the above mentioned, took small steps, while others, to be more comparable to other counties, took higher leaps. Overall, though, Gaida said there were few changes to the fees in her

department.

HHS Director Jackie Och, had a few more revisions as she said that "some fees haven't been touched in many years."

Och said that they wanted to keep any changes in line with keeping their budget neutral as much as possible.

County Coordinator Joe Hatch said there'll be a new fee for renting one of the conference rooms. It'll be \$50 for one-half day and \$75 for all day.

"These fees are half of what Stearns County charges. The fees will help cover utilities and cleaning costs," said Hatch.

He added that it is usually just

the two smaller conference rooms that are used and typically by attorneys.

Commissioner David Kircher said, if several non-profits used the rooms he would prefer not to charge them.

Hatch said they can add that there's no charge for non-profits to use the rooms when they're available.

Sometimes the rental of one of the rooms can cause an inconvenience, too, as the rooms are needed for county business.

"We don't want to overcharge either. I remember years ago we were going to charge the school's

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School district narrowing facility options

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

\$30 million?
\$50 million?
\$80 million?

Those are the very rough estimates for long term facility options given to the Staples-Motley School Board at their work session Nov. 6.

The board narrowed the options down to having one or two school buildings.

"We are the board that gets the privilege to finally move forward with something," said board member Bryan Winkels.

He also noted their choices had to reflect, "Why is this good for our kids? Why is this good for our communities?"

Kevin Wormuth of FJJ (Foster, Jacobs & Johnson) gave some background on the process and outlined the options. FJJ is the firm hired to analyze the district's existing building needs and to help the board develop a long range facility plan.

The basic options were to build one new K-12 school, operate two school buildings or stay with three school buildings. Currently, Staples-Motley Elementary in Staples has grades K-3, the Motley-Staples Middle School in Motley has grades 4-7 and Staples-Motley High School in Staples has grades 8-12.

Under the two building and the three building plans were additional variations.

One K-12 building

The cost of a new K-12 building of approximately 300,000 sq. ft. was estimated at \$75-80 million. FJJ

assumed space for about 80-90 students per grade based on demographic projections.

The \$80 million includes site costs, utilities and athletic fields.

It was pointed out this would not include an auditorium or swimming pool.

Questions about this option included location and what would be done with existing buildings.

Two buildings

Four options were presented based on operating two buildings.

One is to modify the Motley building to operate as a K-6 school. This could involve demolishing the older gym and adding more classrooms and a larger cafeteria.

The cost of approximately \$7-9 million did not include deferred maintenance costs or address the issue of educational adequacy.

Educational adequacy involves a set of guidelines from the state department of education that address things like space and technology needs for specific activities and grade levels. FJJ conducted an educational adequacy study for each building and found areas that need attention. (See chart on page 10a.) Costs cannot be assigned to those areas until the board determines how to proceed and where to focus.

Deferred maintenance costs for the Motley building are estimated at \$3.6 million.

Questions included what would be done with

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Low Brass Summit to feature guest artists

The Staples-Motley Music Department will host its second annual instrumental summit featuring Low Brass, Saturday, Nov. 18. The public is invited to the finale concert at Staples-Motley High School at 7 p.m.

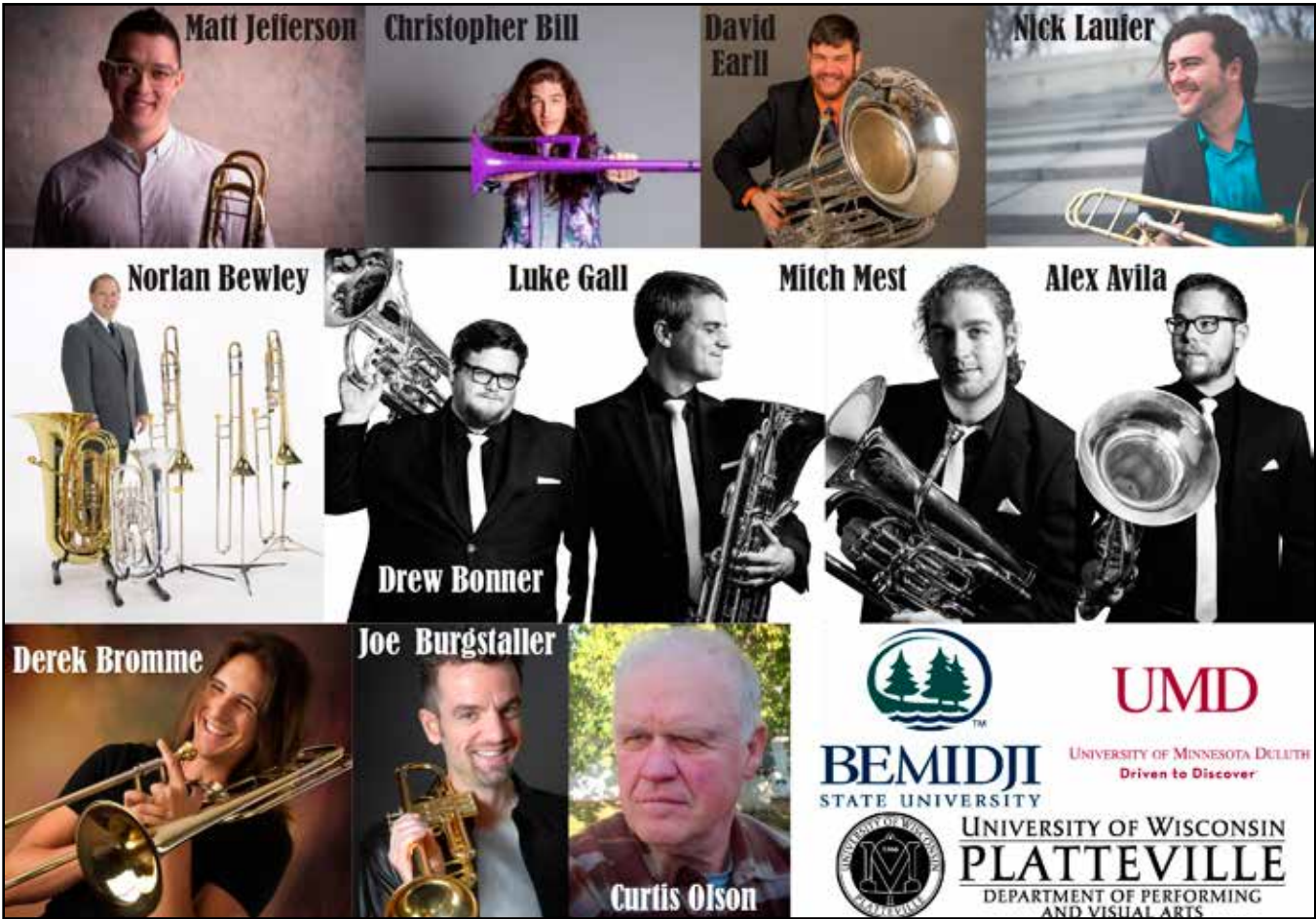
The day-long event begins with a masterclass at 8 a.m. and ends with the finale concert featuring the guest artists, as well as the Staples-Motley Symphonic Band. Small groups put together from the summit participants from schools all across the state will also perform. Currently, there are 70 participants registered from 11 different schools from as far away as Winona.

The low brass summit will give students an opportunity to work with many musicians on their specific instruments. Joining the Staples-Motley summit this year is Christopher Bill, Matt Jefferson and Nick Laufer from Maniacal Four, Derek Brome, Norlan Bewley, David Earll, Curtis Olson, FivE Euphonium Quartet and Joe Burgstaller along with the professors and low brass students of University of Minnesota-Duluth, Bemidji State University and the University of Wisconsin-Prattville.

Christopher Bill is an American trombonist as well as an arranger, composer and singer. He is known for his classically arranged popular songs which he multitracks on trombone. Bill received his bachelors of music from the SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Music in New York.

Matt Jefferson and Nick Laufer are two of the four members in the trombone quartet Maniacal 4.

Jefferson is known for his bass voice in Maniacal 4, and is equally tal-



Guest artists at Low Brass Summit Nov. 18 in Staples

These guest artists will offer masterclasses for over 70 students from across the state at the Low Brass Summit Saturday, Nov. 18, at Staples-Motley High School. The finale concert is at 7 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets are available at Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples, and donations will be accepted. (Submitted photo)

ented on bass trombone and tuba. He's performed with Louisiana Philharmonic, the Acadiana Symphony Orchestra and the Grammy-nominated One O'Clock Lab Band at University of North Texas where he graduated.

Laufer is a freelance musician with proven success in a wide range of musical styles ranging from baroque to contemporary, and jazz to Latin. He's performed in hundreds of venues around the world spends a lot of time touring with country artist Toby Keith. Laufer is also a

graduate of University of North Texas.

Derek Brome,a graduate of the University of Minnesota-Duluth, and received his Masters Degree in trombone performance from Indiana University. After that he returned to UMD as an adjunct trombone professor. When not teaching, Brome is recording and performing as a solo trombonist with Lorie Line.

Curtis Olson taught instrumental music in the Motley Public school system for one year and attended the Eastman

School of Music where he completed a Masters Degree in Trombone Performance and Literature and coursework for the Doctoral of Musical Arts Degree with Donald Knaub as his primary teacher.

Professor Olson has performed with the; Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Rochester (New York) Philharmonic Orchestra, Grand Rapids (Michigan) Symphony, Eastman Wind Ensemble, Brass Band of Battle Creek and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. Olson also performed as

a soloist with the United State Air Force and the United States Navy Bands.

Conductors he's performed with include; Herbert Bloomstedt, Neemi Jarvi, Michael Tilson Thomas, Pierre Boulez, Howard Hanson, Sir Ivan Fischer, Mitch Miller, Gustav Meier, Donald Hunsberger, William Revelli, Keith Bryon, Colonel Arnold Gabriel, Donald Johannos and Krzysztof Penderecki.

FivE Euphonium Quartet is a new creative and innovative quartet that pushes the boundaries of

low brass chamber music. Combining comedy and theater with outstanding musicianship, FivE brings fresh energy to a unique musical product. Conceived in 2012, FivE has attracted national attention for its distinguished sound, popular YouTube videos and success in chamber music competitions.

Joe Burgstaller has thrilled audiences throughout the world with his dazzling virtuosity, captivating sensitivity and engaging personality. He tours worldwide as a soloist and clinician with his groundbreaking masterclasses for all instruments called "Change Your Mind, Change Your Playing™". He's also a professor at The Peabody Institute (The Johns Hopkins University) in Baltimore, MD, where he teaches trumpet and chamber music. Joe is a former member of the Canadian brass for eight years and the avant-garde Meridian Arts Ensemble for six years.

This will be a day full of making music and learning for Minnesota high school and college students.

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He was there at the end of Korean War



If the uniform fits...

...wear it, which is exactly what Korean War veteran Maurice (Maury) Peterson of Motley will be doing at the upcoming Veterans Day programs in Staples and Motley on Nov. 10. The 87-year-old is pictured at the Memorial Day program at Evergreen Cemetery in Motley last May, in which he participated as part of the Motley American Legion. In background are other Legion members. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

of squad leader.

His squad spent some time on the MLR (Main Line of Resistance) and one of Maury's jobs was to keep them awake while they were on patrol at night. "We were in no man's land," Maury shared, adding that soldiers would fall asleep at any time and place. "That was one of the scary things."

He recalled the night they'd been given the mission of capturing a prisoner from enemy lines. "Our captain wanted a leader from the other side to interrogate," Maury said.

There were six of them on that mission, which entailed climbing a big hill. "All of a sudden, we were surprised," Maury said, going on to describe the ambush which included hand grenades going off. He jumped behind a tree stump to shield himself and then looked around for the rest of his squad. One of the soldiers was wounded, Maury recalled. They got him on a stretcher and then proceeded to crawl on their hands and knees back to camp. "It was at least 100 yards," he went on. As far as the wounded soldier, "I never knew what happened to him," Maury said.

There was a lot of camaraderie among the troops. Maury recalled a fellow rifleman from West Virginia who taught him how to use the M-1 Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR). It's a rifle he still uses with the American Legion's firing

squad.

He recalled watching a Christmas Eve battle from the top of a hill, where his unit had "ring-side seats," Maury said. During his time in Korea he experienced gunfire, ambushes and landmines, but returned to the United States unscathed. "I'm thankful to the Lord for looking after me in a special way," Maury said.

On July 27, 1953, the Korean Armistice Agreement was signed, ending the Korean War. It's a day that Maury remembers well. "It was so noisy...we were looking for cover," he said, describing those final hours of shooting and explosions. At 9 p.m., it stopped abruptly.

He remembers how unbelievably quiet it was all of a sudden. The silence was broken by shouts of joy from the GIs. They were going home.

"I remember how tired we were," Maury went on, adding that in spite of that, it was hard to relax because, "They were still the enemy...we were afraid to trust them."

At the crack of dawn, Maury said he looked to the north and as far as he could see were enemy soldiers standing shoulder to shoulder facing them, holding banners which read, "Thank you GIs for the Truce."

Within a month, Maury was back on a ship headed for the United States. He was first sent to an army camp in Colorado where he spent about three weeks.

From there, he boarded a train bound for Staples, Minnesota.

"It was so nice," Maury said of the reception he received coming home. As he stepped off the train in his uniform, the first person he saw was the town barber who gave him a welcoming wave. "People were so encouraging," Maury said.

He stayed in town a short time before heading to the Twin Cities. "Don Amundson had a job for me on the railroad," Maury shared.

Not too long after that, he would meet his future wife, Mavis, thanks to his match-making sister, Betty.

"Betty and I worked together at Warner Hardware in Minneapolis," Mavis said, going on to say that Betty talked about her brother all the time and felt certain that he and Mavis should meet when he returned from Korea.

One day Mavis got a phone call from Maury, inviting her to the WCCO Aquatennial program. "That was our first date," she said, adding, "I learned later that he had driven around the apartment three times before getting the courage to knock on the door."

Maury and Mavis were married on June 2, 1956, in Rice Lake, Wisc., Mavis' hometown. Maury used the GI bill to purchase their first house in Brooklyn Center. It was where they would live for the next 20 years, raising their three children, Sue, Tom and Nancy. From there, they moved to a house on Crookneck Lake near Cushing for 20 years; followed by a move to the Millpond Townhomes in Motley, where they currently reside.

Since moving to Motley, Maury has been actively involved with the Motley American Legion Post #124. He has also kept in touch with some of his army buddies from Korea, including pal Joe Horton of New York, who was also a member of the 45th Infantry Division. He last met up with Joe at the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War in Washington D.C. It was great to reminisce with his friend, as well as to meet up with so many other veterans. There were a lot of Korean tourists at the anniversary celebration as well, Maury noted. "They were so appreciative of the Americans and all that they did (during the Korean War)."

Now in the later years of his life, Maury says he is thankful to have been a part of the United States Armed Forces. "Our system is superior...it's pretty hard to beat," he said.

He's also been encouraged to see the support for veterans shown by local students at recent Veterans Day programs. "I was very heartened...the students were so appreciative and patriotic-minded."

Maury is looking forward to joining with people of all ages on Nov. 10, to honor the American veterans...a title he is proud to wear, along with his uniform from the Korean War.



American Family renovation celebrated

The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to recognize the major renovation at Brian Kargel's American Family Insurance office in Staples. The business remodeled the inside and refurbished the outside, added new windows and and signs, and moved the front door to the corner of 4th Street and 2nd. Ave. NE. With the renovation the back part of the building, along 2nd Ave. NE, is now separated into a separate office space that can be rented.

From left are Bruce and Tami Brotherton, Trisha Larson, Brian and Jessica Kargel, Barb Cline and Dawn Hagenson. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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New website design should be easy to maintain

concession stands fees. The schools are trying to raise funds and we come in and charge them \$200 or whatever; I wasn't supportive of that. What about the kitchen in Eagle Bend - do they have to pay a fee?" asked Kircher

"They have to be licensed," said Och.

"They're trying to get on their feet and we come in and charge them \$1,000 or whatever..." said Kircher.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said it'll be nice to have everything in one place in a booklet because not everyone has the Internet.

"But then we have to charge for the booklet," said Kircher with a laugh

Kircher further said that he was curious about the room and board fee at the jail. He said it's been \$55 since he was sheriff several years ago.

Och said they've been finding fee schedules all over the place.

"We need them in one place," she said.

The goal, as Kircher stated it, should be to approve these changes in January when they approve their other annual items.

Hatch said they were getting feedback on the fees from the department heads and that they're working on being proactive with this.

Each department that charges fees put in their changes. The public can see all the proposed changes and the current fees online at: co.todd.mn.us and click the link for "Most Frequented" then "Commissioners Meeting Information." Scroll down to the Oct. 17 Meeting Work Session agenda and the information is included in the PDF.

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In the dugout bunker

Minnesota native Maury Peterson (right) and a fellow infantryman by the last name of Eazy from Pennsylvania pose for a photo from their dugout bunker in Korea. Peterson served in the United States Army during the height of the Korean War. He recalled that his unit was serving at Christmas Hill when the war ended on July 27, 1953. (Submitted photo)

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Letter to the Editor

Support veterans

November 11, is Veterans Day, a day we salute and honor those men and women who've served in the United States armed forces. It's a day we reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of our service members and their families. It's a day we demonstrate that our gratitude toward veterans is more than mere words.

On Veterans Day, countless ceremonies are held across the country as we pause to honor those patriots who have safeguarded our liberty. All of us are beneficiaries of their vigilance and determination to uphold the democratic beliefs on which our nation was founded.

What better way to thank our veterans than to make sure they receive the care and support they need when they need it?

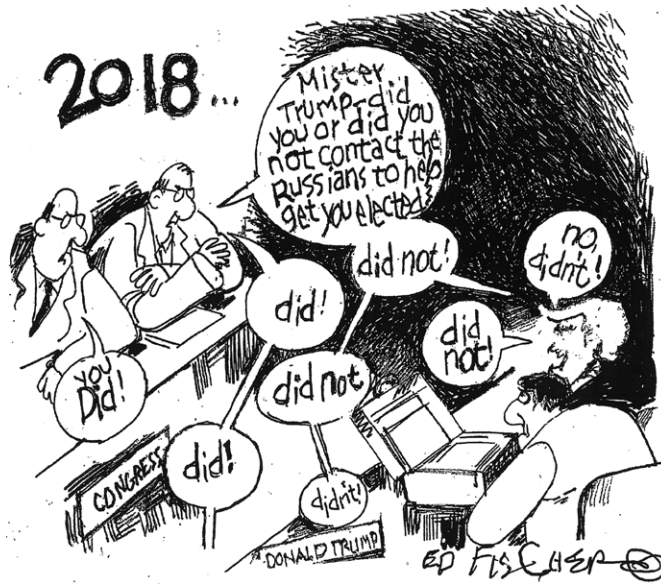
This Veterans Day, we are proud to report that veterans have good access to quality care at the St. Cloud VA, and are cared

for by a tremendously dedicated and talented team of professionals.

In addition to attending events and ceremonies, we ask everyone to help make sure that our veterans are receiving the services they need and deserve. If you know a veteran who needs assistance, encourage them to enroll for VA health care by visiting any

VA facility, or by contacting our Enrollment Office at 320-255-6340, by visiting www.vets.gov/health-care/apply/ or by contacting a county Veteran Service Officer. Our veterans served, and now it's our turn to serve them.

Todd County Veteran Services Office
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Foster children adopted is reason to celebrate

By Commissioner
Emily Piper
Minnesota Department
of Human Services

Numbers can say a lot. Minnesota families have adopted 12,500 children from the state's foster care system in the past 20 years. With more children in our system in 2016, families adopted more foster children – 868 – than any other year over the last two decades.

Adoption is cause for celebration, not only for the newly created families but for all of us in Minnesota. More than anything else in their lives, children need safe, stable, nurturing families. That's what enables them to learn, gain confidence and grow into healthy, productive adults.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services and our partners have honored families at the Celebrate Adoption event for the past 20 years at the beginning of November, Adoption Awareness Month. We not only recognize the hundreds of children adopted in the previous year but also encourage others to consider adopting children from the foster care system.

Foster care is much needed – to keep children safe – in times of crisis but it's temporary care. It's not a permanent solution for children. Our goal is to always reunite foster children with their families when it's safe or quickly find another permanent family who can best care for them.

Relatives or kin – others, including teachers or long-time family friends, who have particularly close ties to children – are often a good option and our first choice when looking for adoptive parents. Children have a connection to them and trust them. They can offer children the safe, healthy familial bonds they so desperately need; the cultural ties that are

so vital to their well-being; and the security of family whom they've known for years.

But, I know there are many others out there who have the love in their hearts, time to devote to children and dedication to making them part of their family for a lifetime who would be wonderful adoptive parents as well.

Right now, 766 foster children are waiting for families to adopt them. Most are part of sibling groups who need to be adopted together, most are

children of color, most have special needs and about one-third are 12-18 years old. If you want more information, contact your county social services agency or MN ADOPT at www.mnadopt.org, 612-861-7115 or 866-303-6276.

We – the Minnesota Department of Human Services, contracted adoption agencies, counties, tribes and MN ADOPT – we'll be there to help with support, information, training and referrals. And, most importantly, we'll be there to celebrate with you.

Chromebooks are a gift to middle school

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discover as they learn.

The students are also being given a more creative and realistic way to display the knowledge they have worked to obtain. In a world where our student's creativity will be crucial to their success, these Chromebooks have allowed them to strengthen those skills.

We are appreciative of this gift given to us in the form of Chromebooks. We'll continue to improve education at Motley-Staples Middle School as our educators continue to gain knowledge and experience in enhancing our students education with technology.

The future is bright for Motley-Staples Middle School.

We as middle school educators have been given a gift. This gift allows our students to see the world at their fingertips. This gift allows students to build real world skills that will help make them successful. This gift allows our students' overall education to be enhanced. When our students showed up to class this September the whole middle school student body had access to their own Chromebook.

That was two months ago and our school has taken full advantage. Having their own Chromebooks has created a more individualized learning environment. The students are experiencing a learning environment that allows them to explore and

Number of Minnesotans still in economic limbo

Despite an unemployment rate that has ticked downward and an overall improved economy, large numbers of Minnesota families continue to struggle in low-wage jobs that don't allow them to save for a more prosperous future, according to a new report from Prosperity Now (formerly the Corporation for Enterprise Development).

Fully 21.4 percent of Minnesota households are liquid asset poor, meaning they have so little savings that they could not live at the poverty level for just three months if they lose a job or suffer another significant income loss, according to the 2017 Prosperity Now Scorecard (formerly the Assets & Opportunity Scorecard). A new Scorecard measure also shows that while 35.1 percent of households in the state did

not set aside any savings for emergencies in the past year, the number is lower than the national rate of 43.7 percent.

Even as employment has increased, the poor quality of many jobs makes it challenging for families to meet basic expenses—and nearly impossible to save enough to move up the economic ladder. Nearly a fifth (19.7 percent) of Minnesota jobs are in low-wage occupations, many of which do not provide workers with a reliable stream of income. The Scorecard found that 25.6 percent of Minnesotans experienced income volatility from month to month in the past year, which studies show most often results from irregular job schedules.

Minnesota households of color face even greater

obstacles. They are more than three times as likely to live below the poverty line as white households (23.2 percent compared to 7.5 percent) and much less likely to own a home or other assets that boost long-term financial stability. Less than half of households of color (38.9 percent) in the state own homes, compared to 76 percent of white, non-Hispanic households.

"Beyond providing a cushion to get families through emergencies, increased savings and wealth allow families to invest in their futures and gain ground for future generations," said Andrea Levere, president of Prosperity Now. "It's clear that far too many people are stuck in economic limbo. They may be getting by, but they aren't getting ahead."

Published annually, the Prosperity Now Scorecard offers the most comprehensive look available at U.S. households' ability to save and build wealth, stay out of poverty and create a more prosperous future. This year's Scorecard assesses the 50 states and District of Columbia on 60 outcome measures spanning five issue areas: Financial Assets & Income, Businesses & Jobs, Homeownership & Housing, Health Care & Education. Vermont is ranked number one in overall outcomes, while Mississippi is dead last compared with the other 49 states and the District of Columbia.

Minnesota's fifth place outcome ranking increased slightly from last year's sixth place ranking. The Scorecard grades states on their progress in the five

key outcome areas. Minnesota earned an "A" in Financial Assets & Income, due in part to ranking first place for its relatively low asset poverty rate (19.8 percent). The state also ranked fifth for its high access to revolving credit, 78.6 percent of credit users have a credit card or home equity line of credit. Looking towards Homeownership & Housing, Minnesota also received an "A" and ranked third in the country for its homeownership rate of 70.9 percent. Minnesota earned its lowest grade of "C" in Businesses & Jobs, driven in part by ranking 48th in the country for disparities in unemployment by race – the unemployment rate is 3.1 times higher for workers of color than for white workers.

Additionally, the Scorecard evaluates 53 different policy measures to determine how well states are addressing the challenges facing their residents. Minnesota has made solid progress towards advancing policies to support household financial security, having adopted nearly half of the recommended policies. The state could use the most improvement in the Businesses & Jobs category, where they have adopted three out of 10 policies. In the last year, they took a step backwards by reducing funding for microbusinesses and reducing direct lending support for first-time homebuyers.

The Prosperity Now Scorecard found that many of the challenges facing individual states are evident at the national level as well. Among the Scorecard's key national findings:

- One in five households experienced moderate to significant income volatility from month to month during the past year.

- A startling 60.7 percent of Latino households and 56.7 percent of Black households have virtually

no savings and are considered liquid asset poor, compared to 28.2 percent of white households.

- Disparities in net worth by race and income are the largest of any data measured by this year's Scorecard. Households of color have 14 cents for every \$1 of net worth of white households, including seven cents for Black households and 10 cents for Latinos. The lowest income quintile's median net worth is just \$3,500, compared to \$137,870 for the 4th quintile and \$377,200 for the top income quintile.

- The homeownership rate has not improved nationally and has been declining since 2006. The median value of homes (\$194,500) is rising at a faster rate than median income (\$55,775), meaning that homeownership is less affordable for those who do not already own a home.

- More households are connected to the financial mainstream: just seven percent of households are unbanked, a historic low, and consumers with prime credit scores increased by 2.1 percentage points over last year's Scorecard.

"While there are positive signs in our economy and in some of the data measured by the Scorecard, it's clear we need to do much more. Good policy at the state and federal levels can have an enormous impact on the ability of families to achieve financial stability and long-term prosperity," said Solana Rice, director of state and local policy for Prosperity Now.

Prosperity Now (formerly CFED) believes that everyone deserves a chance to prosper. Since 1979, the group has helped make it possible for millions of people to achieve financial security, stability and, ultimately, prosperity. Visit www.prosperitynow.org.

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Workshop offered for caregivers

The Todd County Council on Aging is sponsoring "Understanding Your Caregiver Self," a workshop hoping to help people "thrive instead of survive."

It will be Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Browerville Community Center. Lunch is sponsored by Thrivent Financial. For more information call Verna Toenyan at 320-815-4301. Free will donations will be accepted.

This six-hour workshop promises to be an interactive and engaging learning experience that provides caregivers with the knowledge and tools they need to make the caregiving journey smooth for everyone.

Sometimes we gradually enter our caregiving journey as we age and some-

times we are launched into the role so fast and under such duress we learn to survive and not thrive. A healthy understanding of your caregiver self helps you set healthy expectations and healthy boundaries. Giving yourself the gift of knowledge allows you to be in charge of the journey you're on, instead of being at the mercy of it.

Krisie Barron LSW, experienced in caregiving both in her personal and professional life. Her insight into the issues caregivers face comes from years of experience.

This workshop is funded under contract with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging as part of the Older Americans Act Program



SMHS Orchestra concert is Nov. 13

Students in the Staples-Motley High School Orchestra Program will present a concert on Monday, November 13, at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. The Symphony Orchestra will perform music by, Mozart, Holst and Dvorak, with the Chamber Orchestra playing works from Handel, Schubert, Grieg and Verdi. Members of the double string quartet (above) will perform, "The Prince of Denmark's March". Pictured front, from left, are Emma Colson, Alex Davis and Anna Bloomquist. In back, from left, are Toni Brings, Rachel Paskewitz, Jonah Johnson and Trenten Plopper. Macy Judd was unavailable for the photo. The concert is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the concert. (Submitted photos)

Crop certification report due dates

To comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are all applicable:

- Nov. 15, 2017 - Apiculture, Perennial Forage, Fall-Seeded Small Grains for 2018
- Jan. 2, 2018 - Honey
- Jan. 15, 2018 - Apples
- July 15, 2018 - Beans (Black Turtle, Great Northern, Dark Red Kidney, Light Red Kidney, White Kidney, Lima, Pea, Pink, Pinto, Small White/Navy), Forage Seeding, Grass Seed, all other crops

The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop hasn't been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar

days after planting is completed.

• If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendars days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

• If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing," or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, contact the local FSA office.

Goat producer workshop offered

The 2017 Todd County Area Goat Workshop will be held Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Clarissa Ballroom. Registration is at 10 a.m. This is a free workshop.

The workshop is intended for both dairy and meat goat producers who are interested in learning about overall goat nutrition, production, reproduction and management of goats. Ag business professionals who work with dairy and meat goat producers are also welcome.

Speakers and topics include:

- Nutrition for All Ages & Stages of a Goat's Life—Dr. Michael Schlegel & Dr. Clay Elliott, Purina Nutritionists
- Reproduction & Genetic Strategies—Missy Isder, Sparkling-M's Dairy Goats
- "Work Smarter, Not Harder": Creative Farm Solutions for Goat Producers—Heather Olson, River-side Goats
- Grants for Livestock Producers & Staying Con-

nected—Wayne Martin, U of M Extension Educator

• Ecological Service Livestock Network—Kelly Anderson, MN Dept of Ag, Livestock Specialist

RSVP to Brenda Miller by Nov. 15 for a needed meal count for lunch, by calling; 320-533-4655 or email nels4220@umn.edu, or mail; U of M Ext-Brenda Miller, Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave S, Suite 101, Long Prairie, MN 56347

Mark Your Calendar

November 9

WADENA WHIRLAWS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG
Thurs., Nov. 9, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Myron Holatz, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 218-296-1641.

What's a fair and profitable farmland rental agreement?

Landlords, farmers and agribusiness professionals should make plans to attend one of the informative land rent meetings being held across Central Minnesota. These free meetings are offered by University of Minnesota Extension.

Farmer profits are low or negative and farmland rental rates have declined slightly while commodity prices have decreased significantly. Determining a fair, profitable farm rental agreement is a challenge in today's economy.

Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the landowner and the farmer is a challenge. Nathan Hulinsky, Extension Educator in Ag Business Management, will provide examples, factsheets and worksheets to determine a fair farmland rental rate for both parties.

Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental rate trends, current farm land values and sales and a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2018 will be presented along with cur-

rent 2018 corn and soybean prices.

Worksheets will examine 2018 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2018 and the rate of return to the landlord at current market values. Flexible rental agreements will also be examined.

Attendees will receive the above-mentioned informative worksheets and factsheets that will help determine a fair 2018 farmland rental rate.

Area meetings will be held at these locations:

Alexandria - Wednesday, Nov. 15; 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., Public Works Meeting Room, 526 Willow Dr.

Long Prairie - Thursday, Nov. 16; 9:30 a.m. at MN National Bank; 706 Lake St. S.

Little Falls - Thursday, Nov. 16; 1:30 p.m. at Initiative Foundation; 405 1st St. SE.

Cold Spring - Friday, Dec. 8; 9:30 a.m. at District Education Facility; 527 Main St.

Foley - Friday, Dec. 8; 1:30 p.m. at Foley City Hall; 251 4th Ave N.

For dates and times of additional meetings throughout the state, check

the Agricultural Business Management calendar on the web at: www.extension.umn.edu/agriculture/business/

Questions or for more information: contact Brenda Miller, U of M Extension-Todd County, at 320-533-4655 or nels4220@umn.edu

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider nominations for the NJPA board of directors.
- Committee reports including the Public Works Commission and the Staples Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

Arts council sets annual meeting

Interested in learning more about the Staples Motley Area Arts Council? Want to learn how you can get involved? Do you have ideas for future events related to visual, literary and/or performing arts?

The arts council will hold its annual meeting at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27, at the Staples Public Library, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Agenda items will include the financial report and summaries from the programming, public relations and grants committees. Elections for positions on the board will be held.

The arts council will hold their regular November meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

For information call Brenda at 218-296-1411 and leave a message.

Council on Aging meeting set

The public is invited to attend the Todd County Council on Aging meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 3:30 p.m. at the Hilltop Regional Kitchen, Eagle Bend. Note change of time and venue.

A tour and an update on the kitchen will be given. Other business includes reports on the Gertol Frolics, volunteer drivers training and the caregiver training offered earlier that day.

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Born to Kristi Sundquist of Pengilly and Brandon Burton of Motley, a baby boy, Micah Arvid weighing seven pounds, four ounces on October 27, 2017.

Born to Tabitha and Andy Maher of Little Falls, a baby girl, Mallie Jo weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on October 27, 2017.

Born to Stacy and Evan Jensen of Randall, a baby girl, Elly FayeAnn weighing five pounds, seven ounces on October 30, 2017.

Born to Lisa and Zach Anderson of Staples, a baby girl, Lettie Scott weighing five pounds, nine ounces on November 1, 2017.



JCI state recognition

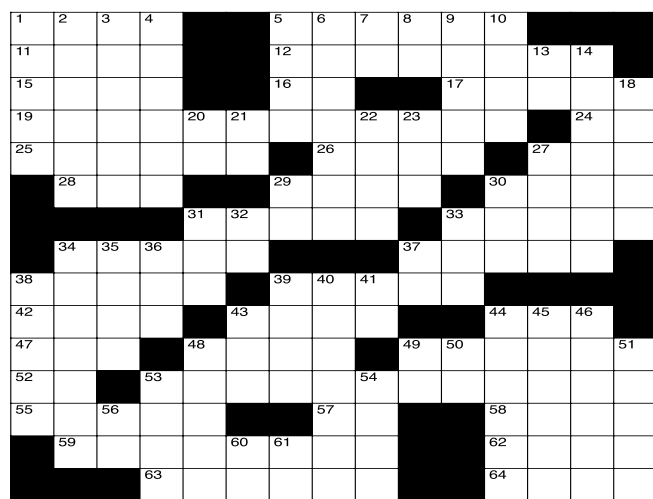
The 2017 Fall All State JCI convention was held from October 13th to the 15th at Breezy Point Resort. The JCI Staples chapter was honored by the performance of Paige Lenk in the first timer's competition for new members of the organization, Megan Haber's award for performance as JCI Minnesota's Region 2 Director surrounding the Todd County area and Western part of the state, and noted contributions to the state board from Robin Rothstein and Zachariah Johnson.

Pictured, Robin Rothstein, Local State Delegate, Zachariah Johnson, Chapter President, Megan Haber, Region 2 Director & Chairwoman of the Board, Paige Lenk, member. (Submitted photo)

*Happy Anniversary,
Dawn
Love, Gary*

Crossword Puzzle

Week 45



CLUES ACROSS

- Plural of ascus
- Repeats
- British School
- Adhesive to catch birds
- Male children
- Oil company
- Intestinal
- Money slogan
- 2nd tone
- In actual truth
- Belgian-French River
- Rural Free Delivery
- Midway between S and SE
- Texas armadillo
- 2nd largest Hawaiian island
- Pile up
- Changes liquid to vapor
- Yemen capital
- Byways
- V-shaped cut
- Painting on dry plaster
- Daminozide
- Papa's partner

- , —: fiction/movie genre
- 1st Soviet space station
- Latvian capital
- Come into view
- Blue Hen school
- Maine water company
- Picture & word puzzle
- Atomic #18
- Xiamen dialect
- Being overzealous
- One who did it (slang)
- Night breathing noises
- A minute amount (Scott)

CLUES DOWN

- Race of Norse gods
- Large pebbles
- Latin line dances
- The inner soul of a shoe
- A French abbot
- Moves stealthily
- An alternative
- 39th state
- Lotus sports car model
- River fill
- OFI
- Many noises
- Ghana monetary units
- Actor Hughley
- The Cowboy State
- Jests at
- America
- Surprise attack
- Daddy
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- Express pleasure
- Cellist Yo-Yo
- Bronx cheer
- A more firm substance
- Essential oil obtained from flowers
- Company that rings receipts
- Largest church in Christianity
- Capital of Wallonia
- Heroic tale
- Send forth
- The Golden State
- 1/1000 of an inch
- Angel of the 1st order
- Ukrainian peninsula
- Disregard
- Colophony
- Spanish be
- Military policeman
- Cleopatra's country
- Br. drinking establishments
- Removes moisture
- Liberal Arts degree
- Execute or perform
- Atomic #77

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A night of barbershop quartet music

Kordal Kombat opened the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular season with a concert at Timbers Event Center in Staples Nov. 4. Pictured above, from left, are quartet members Mark Halverstadt, Scott Veenhuis, Ben Israelson, Adam Helgeson. The group sang a number of barbershop standards as well as their own arrangements of pop classics such as the Beach Boys' 'In My Room' and Billy Joel's 'And so it Goes.' In lower photo, the quartet greeted audience members on their way home and, upon request, joined John Snell of Motley (front left) and Doug Larsen of Little Falls (far right) in singing, 'Hello Mary Lou.' Snell and Larsen sing together with the St. Francis Chorale in Little Falls. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



New Pathway family shelter losing funding

The homeless shelter program run by New Pathways, with day centers in Brainerd and Cambridge, was recently informed that they will lose their HUD funding, effective June 2018. As the HUD contribution makes up half of the program budget, this is threatening the future services for homeless families in Aitkin, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine and Todd counties.

New Pathways is the only family shelter program operating in the 10-county area and turns families away frequently due to lack of capacity. The need becomes even greater in the winter as people find it more difficult to stay in temporary dwellings like tents or cars.

"We are very grateful to the communities who have supported us for over 15 years, and we are hoping they will help us continue to serve them for many years to come," said Pamela Streed, Executive Director.

To offset the loss of federal financing, New Pathways is launching Path to Home 350, an emergency fundraising campaign, immediately.

"350 pledges of \$50 per month would cover our loss," said Streed. "We are hoping to find 35 generous donors in each of the counties we serve."

Anyone who would like to learn more about New Pathways or make a contribution can visit www.new-pathwaysmn.com.

Senior Schedule

November, 2017 Staples Senior Schedule

Thurs., Nov. 2, 1:30 - 3 p.m. Free legal aid from St. Cloud. Appointments call 218-894-2553.

Noon, Cards; 500.

Weds., Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, Noon meal and bingo.

Tues., Nov. 7, Nov. 21, 12:15 p.m. Whist

Thurs., Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 30, 5 p.m. Evening meals

Mon., Nov. 13, noon, Board meeting

Tues., Nov. 14, 11:30 a.m. Birthday/Anniversary Party

Mon., Nov. 20, Nov. 27, noon; Cards; 500

Thurs., Nov. 23 and Fri., Nov. 24, Staples Community Center is Closed: Happy Thanksgiving!

To sign up for meals, call; 218-894-2556.

Care Center

Tues., Nov. 28 - 10 a.m. Sing-Along w/Bruce; 2:15 p.m. Church, Staples Alliance; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 29 - 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Entertainment, Old Tyme Country

Thurs., Nov. 30 - 1:45 p.m. Communion Service w/ Daryl.

Wreaths for the Fallen set dates, seek help

WreathsForTheFallen.org is expanding this year with the addition of the new veteran's cemetery in Preston. This addition will require several hundred additional honor wreaths needed to honor our countries fallen veterans and their families at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery Minnesota.

With almost 700 additional interments at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery's in the last year the challenge for WreathsForTheFallen.org to honor all our country's fallen veterans is greater than ever.

For a number of years WreathsForTheFallen.org has endeavored to honor all our country's fallen veterans at the cemeteries by placing a wreath on each veteran's grave in December.

"We're in hopes this year we will again be able to honor all our country's fallen veterans at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery's in Little Falls and Preston," said John Thomas, president of WreathsForTheFallen.org. "Now would be an excellent time to send that contribution or sponsorship to honor a veteran," said Thomas.

Obituary



Richard Busker

Richard "Rick" Allen Busker, 67, passed away surrounded by his family November 5, 2017 following a long struggle with cancer.

A celebration of Rick's life will be held May 26, 2018 at the Bill and Vicki Busker residence in Browerville.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Richard "Rick" Allen Busker was born on March 10, 1950 in Bertha to Herman and Roberta (Williams) Busker. Rick grew up working on the family farm and in 1970 he started working as a union pipefitter. After 16 years, Rick began a new venture as a builder and mason where he became known in the trade for his creativity, passion and ability to "always figure it out".

He was an avid outdoorsman spending his time hunting and fishing. He was a pioneer of compound bow hunting and provided for his family. Rick took 599 whitetail deer in his lifetime with a bow.

Rick enjoyed spending time with his family and taking friends "under his wing."

He is survived by four sons, Corey (Amy) Busker of Savage, Luke (Tera) Busker of Roberts, WI, Dan Busker of Woodbury, Richard Busker of Minneapolis; four daughters, Rosalee (Justin) Evenson of Colorado Springs, CO, Michelle (Nathan) Sandeen of Lakeville, Elizabeth (Tony) Ruiz of Flagstaff, AZ, Molly Busker of Golden, CO; 14 grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Lewis Busker of Henning; Darlene (Richard, Sr.) Gregerson of Cass Lake; Donna (Clif) Saddo of Browerville; Grace (Cory) Jyrkas of Little Falls; Beverly (Allen) Harrison of Junction City, KS; Bill (Vicki) Busker of Browerville; Gloria (Janis) Weiss of Bemidji; JoAnne (Randy) of Benton City, WA; Verna (Kevin) Olmschenk of Browerville and a host nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students of the Month at Motley-Staples Middle School:
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Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket Fillers (caught doing good deeds) winners at SMES,
front, left to right: Garrett Bjerga, Ella Judd, Tenley Bartylla, Karter Lynch, Emily Wikstrom.
Back: Demairius Coon, Ayden Hovland, Bryson Dumpprope, Kalee Winter, Keira Mevissen.



Sacred Heart Area School

Students of the Month at SHAS, front, left to right: Carson DeWald, Sawyer Storry, Lucy Maros.
Back: Ronnie Noska, Skye Larson, Jade Storry.

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by the Student Achievements awards:

Staples Eye Clinic
Staples Precision Metalcraft
Burger King
Burrows Auto Body
Busker Concrete
Tower Pizza
Central Building Supply
Orth Insurance Agency
Ernie's
Freshwater Education District
Area Learning Center, Staples
Giovanni's Pizza
Giza Plumbing & Heating
Ideal Construction Company, Staples
The Spot Café
Wayne's Electric of Staples, Inc.
Insurance Advisors, Staples
MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union
James Soule Auto Sales
Japke Decorating, Carpet & Gifts
Longbella Drug

State Farm, Daniel Douts
Insurance Agency
Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPA's
Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc.
3M
Homestead Veterinary Clinic
Sylvan Shores
Kathy's Kut & Kurl, Lincoln
Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc.
Bjerga Feed Stores
BRICKS Travel Center
Countryside Restaurant
Harmony House
Motley Dairy Queen
Motley Hardware Hank
Northwind Grocery
PHB Excavating
R. Bjerga Construction/
Friendly Inn

Albie Electric LLC
Zachary Bailey, DDS
Becker Construction
Thrivent Financial
Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc.
Ron's Auto Repair
Shear Contact
The Best Little Hair House in Motley
Trident Seafoods, Corp.
Staples True Value
Stern Rubber Company
Arvig Communication System
Brenny Funeral Home
Ken's Collision Repair/
SouthSide Mini Mart
Staples Ace Hardware
SuperAmerica
Staples Dairy Queen
Unity Bank
Staples World

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 19, 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 19th day of September, 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 Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 46976 through 47097 in the amount of \$100,799.20.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512983 through 513068 in the amount of \$155,120.12.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the Auditor-Treasurer Policies & Procedures manual and its regulations to be implemented upon this board action's approval countywide and authorize any updates to said manual be regulated at the discretion of the County Auditor-Treasurer and any updates be presented to the County Board for acknowledgement.

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

RESTRUCTURING OF THE FUNDING PLAN FOR THE FUTURE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC WORKS LONG PRAIRIE SHOP

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2014 the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution #20140701-07 that created a dedicated savings account for the sole purpose of the construction of a new Long Prairie Public Works Shop, transferred \$200,000 of existing funds from the Road and Bridge Fund to this newly created savings account, and dedicated that future annual deposits to this savings account are funded at no less than a

minimum of \$200,000 until the construction of the new Long Prairie Shop is completed, and;

WHEREAS, during the preparation of the County's Fiscal Year 2015 Budget it was determined to reduce the required annual savings deposit to \$100,000 in order to reduce the overall financial impact to the County's local levy, and;

WHEREAS, during the preparation of the County's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget it was determined to reduce the required annual savings deposit to \$165,000 in order to reduce the overall financial impact to the County's local levy, and;

WHEREAS, during the preparation of the County's Fiscal Year 2017 Budget it was determined that a reduction was not required and the annual savings deposit of \$200,000 was included in the financials of the County's local levy, and;

WHEREAS, during the preparation of the County's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget it was determined to reduce the required annual savings deposit to \$50,000 in order to redirect a portion of these funds to CSAH 9 Bituminous Surfacing Project approved by board resolution #20170705-10, and;

WHEREAS, the current committed fund bal-

ance located within Fund 03-Public Works is \$665,000 for the Future Construction of a new Public Works Long Prairie Shop, and;

WHEREAS, during the Audits of FY2014 through FY2016 concerns have been raised regarding the allocation of this funding plan within Fund 03-Public Works' Fund Balance, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County Board to revise the procedure used to account for these funds in order to be in compliance with the Minnesota Statute 385.07 and other applicable statutes and guidelines, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to create a Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue to track the Funding Plan of monies for the Future Construction of a New Public Works Long Prairie Shop to supersede the 20140701-07 resolution direction, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer transfer \$665,000 from Fund 03-Public Works to Fund 01-General Revenue to appropriately align monies to Audit and Minnesota Statute standards, and;

BE IT ALSO FUTHER RESOLVED, that the future annual deposits to the committed fund balance for the construction of a new Long Prairie Shop be sourced from and remain within Fund 01-General Revenue at no less than a minimum of \$219,000 annually until the construction of the new Long Prairie Public Works Shop is completed or other direction is passed by the County Board.

Public Works

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve promoting Patrick Bieringer as a Public Works Mechanic at Grade 8, Step 8, \$25.97 per hour.

Ditch Inspector

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement for Ditch Maintenance on CD12 from Timothy Stelling and Jim Nathe, West Union Twp Sections 16 & 17.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: The Todd County Ditch Authority acknowledges receipts of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition for Ditch Maintenance on CD19 from Wayne Carstensen Hartford Twp Sections 2&3.

Assessor's Office

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the current year abatement for LSC Communications as presented.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the waiver of the 90 day waiting period and hire of Amber Pearcy to full time jailer/dispatcher, dispatch work assignment, effective October 1, 2017 on Grade 6, Step 4.

Planning & Zoning

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL - "HAILEY SPRINGS SECOND ADDITION" SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicant Bruce Welle applied to subdivide a property that is part of Hailey Springs and Hailey Springs First Addition in Section 22 of Kandota Township with the plat to be known as Hailey Springs Second Addition,

WHEREAS, The Hailey Springs Second Addition

Plat consists of one residential lot, Block one, Lot 1 1.60 ± acres located in the Shoreland Zoned District of Big Sauk Lake,

WHEREAS, On July 6, 2017 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance: Section 22 TWP-127N Range - 34W

Commencing at the westerly most corner of Lot 5, Block One, HAILEY SPRINGS, according to the recorded plat thereof;

thence South 20 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds East, record plat bearing along the westerly line of said Lot 5, a distance of 15.23 feet to the southerly line of the public road, as dedicated within HAILEY SPRING FIRST ADDITION, according to the recorded plat thereof;

thence South 77 degrees 55 minutes 47 seconds West, along said southerly line, 6667 feet to the southwest corner of said public road, as dedicated within HAILEY SPRING FIRST ADDITION, said point being the point of beginning of the land to be described;

thence South 77 degrees 55 minutes 47 second West, along the northerly line of the public road, as dedicated within said HAILEY SPRINGS, 84.85 FEET;

thence southwesterly, along said northerly line of the public road and along a tangential curve concave to the southeast, radius 351.39 feet, central angle 51 degrees 52 minutes 24 second, 318.14 feet;

thence North 64 degrees 36 minutes 12 seconds West, not tangent, 260.45 feet;

thence North 20 degrees 19 minutes 53 second East 55.77 feet;

thence North 29 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds East 97.66 feet;

thence South 63 degrees 42 minutes 58 seconds East 187.28 feet;

thence North 55 degrees 30 minutes 39 seconds East 170.85 feet to a point on said southerly line of the public road, as dedicated within HAILEY SPRINGS FIRST ADDITION, said point being on a 70.00 foot radius curve, which center of circle bears North 14 degrees 21 minutes 47 seconds West from said point;

thence easterly, along said southerly line of the public road and along said 70.00 foot radius curve, central angle 47 degrees 57 minutes 51 seconds, 58.60 feet;

thence North 89 degrees 32 minutes 45 seconds East, not tangent along said southerly line of the public road, 60.22 feet;

thence southeasterly, along said southerly line of the public road and along a tangential curve concave to the southwest, central angle 70 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds, 79.72 feet;

thence South 20 degrees 11 minutes 15 seconds East, along the westerly line of the public road, as dedicated within said HAILEY SPRINGS ADDITION, and tangent, 52.27 feet to the point of beginning.

Total of 1.60± acres

WHEREAS, On July 18, 2017 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Hailey Springs Second Addition (Subdiv 2017-03) with no conditions.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Hailey Springs Second Addition" subdivision be approved as presented.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the request for CUP from Robert Brown for parcel #12-0025108 as presented.

SWCD

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant permission to hire a temporary part time employee to complete GIS survey work.

Solid Waste

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set a date for the Solid Waste Committee Meeting to be held at the Transfer Station in Browerville on November 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve trading the 2014 Bobcat and to purchase new 2017 Bobcat and Grapple from Long Prairie Machinery.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract with Forte to be our Credit Card processor for a fee of \$25 per month.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Energy Assistance Program Contract and Internal Controls Documentation for FFY2018.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Donna Freie as a Home Health Aide/Homemaker effective September 6, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Health & Human Services to recruit and hire a Home Health Aide/Home-maker to fill the vacant position.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Health & Human Services to recruit and hire a Home Health Aide/Home-maker to fill the vacant position.

Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the Assistant WIC Nutritionist grade adjustment from grade 5 to grade 6 in accordance with AFSCME Health & Human Services Labor Agreement and Todd County Personnel Policy Article 6 effective October 1, 2017.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the Program Coordinator grade adjustment from Grade 8 to Grade 10 in accordance with Teamsters Courthouse Labor Agreement and Todd County Personnel Policy Article 6 effective October 1, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the waiver of the 90 day waiting period and hire of Kristin Saarela for the part-time administrative assistant position effective September 26, 2017 on Grade 5, Step A.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the attached settlement agreement with Teamsters Local #320 representing the Courthouse/Solid Waste employees, Jailer/Dispatcher employees and Sheriff's Supervisory employees.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee presented a summary of progress made to determine the recommendation to the County Board on the 2018 Preliminary Budget & Levy for review.

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

A RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE 2018 PRELIMINARY LEVY

WHEREAS, the Laws of the State of Minnesota direct that the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to approve by resolution a preliminary levy no later than September 30 annually, and;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the financial situation of the County and had an opportunity to deliberate the levying of property taxes upon property owners within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the 2018 preliminary levy for Todd County, for property taxes payable in 2018 per table below, with the authority to reduce this levy before the final levy

See **TCC** on page 9a

Public Notices

NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the south shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 15, 2017 into the and early months of 2018. For inquiries call 763-535-1079.

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TODD COUNTY IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2018 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

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

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2017.

What is a qualifying relative?

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

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

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 15, 2017.

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

Contact the assessor by December 15, 2017 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

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

Todd County Assessor's Office
215 1st Avenue South,
Suite 202
Long Prairie, MN 56347
(320)732-4431

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**Certificate of
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*Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333*

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner of a business.

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Shamineau International
2. Principal Place of Business:
2345 Ridge Road
Motley, MN 56466

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Herb Bloomquist
3695 Ridge Road
Motley, MN 56466

Scott McCall
19155 Orlando Avenue
Hastings, MN 55033

Bruce Hibbard
15424 Drexel Court
Apple Valley, MN 55124

4. 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.

Bruce J. Hibbard
Director of Shamineau International
shamineauinternational@gmail.com
952-688-3624

Date: October 24, 2017
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*Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333*

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1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted:

Kathy's Kut & Kurl
2. Principal Place of Business:
33302 Pulaski Road,
Cushing, MN 56443

3. List a Mailing Address if you cannot receive mail at the principal place of business address: If you're removing the Mailing Address, you must list "NONE".

4. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name, OR if an entity, provide the legal corporate, LLC, or Limited Partnership name and registered office address:

Kathleen Marie Kobliska
33302 Pulaski Road,
Cushing, MN 56443

5. This certificate is an amendment of Certificate of Assumed Name File Number: 36643

Originally filed on: July 26, 1984

6. 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.

Kathleen M. Kobliska
Owner/Operator
skkobliska@brainerd.net
218-575-2519

Date: October 12, 2017
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to Know**

Boowlaween with JCI



The JCI Staples Chapter held its annual Boowlaween Event at the Wadena Lanes & Pro Shop on Oct. 28. More than 120 children and parents attended the event at the bowling alley and participated in the costume contest, a game of bowling, pumpkin coloring and Halloween candy.

Participants who bowled a strike received a prize. There was a total of 60 entries in the Costume Contest. Costume Contest winners were: Adult category- Karen McCabe dressed as a Clown; Up to 3rd Grade category- 1st place was Icen Renalds as a Kissing Booth (left), 2nd place was Kerek Gonzalez as Freddy Kruger, 3rd place was Brynlee Hansen as Monster High Draculaura; 4th Grade and Older Category- 1st place was Tiana Gonzalez (right) as little girl mummy, 2nd place was Destiny Dukowitz as a Devil, 3rd place was Kadin Ottomoeiler as a black cat.

The JCI Staples Chapter donated a bowling ramp to the Wadena Lanes & Pro Shop as an aid for the children who were bowling. JCI Staples Members (left to right): Zach Johnson, Megan Haber, Britney Bursch, Scott Lenk and Wadena Lanes & Pro Shop Owner Anna Almer. JCI Staples members in attendance of the event but not pictured: Samantha Fischer, Paige Lenk and Sheena Ziegler. (Submitted photos)



VA selects providers for dental insurance program

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County
Veteran Service Officer

Note: St Cloud VA is getting several reports of people claiming to be Health Net representatives calling veterans at home and offering to conduct their health care in the community. “Just give me your social security number and we will schedule all of your care through Choice.” It sounds like a call center in the background.

Several veterans reported that they were asked for credit card numbers. The callers do not seem to know the veteran’s medical history.

Health Net is not making these cold calls to veterans asking to proactively schedule all their needs in the community.

Be advised this is a potential scam. [Source St Cloud VAMC Barry E. Venable 10/18/2017]

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has selected Delta Dental of California and MetLife to once again offer private dental insurance plans as part of the VA Dental Insurance

Program (VADIP).

The program was extended until Dec. 31, 2021, by the VA Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016.

Veterans enrolled in the VA health-care system and beneficiaries of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA (CHAMPVA) can enroll in the program beginning Nov. 15, 2017, for coverage to start Dec. 1, 2017.

VADIP offers eligible individuals the opportunity to purchase discounted dental insurance coverage, including diagnostic services, preventive services, endodontic and other restorative services, surgical services and emergency services.

Individuals who enroll in one of the dental insurance plans will pay the entire premium in addition to the full cost of any copayments. Enrollment is voluntary and does not affect eligibility for VA outpatient dental services and treatment.

The plans are available to eligible individuals in the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto

Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Delta Dental and MetLife previously offered insurance plans as part of the three-year VADIP pilot program. Coverage under the VADIP pilot began Jan. 1, 2013, and more than 115,000 Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries enrolled in the program before it expired in January 2017.

Individuals who enrolled in a plan during the pilot period must select and enroll in one of the new plans offered by Delta Dental or MetLife. While the insurance providers will remain the same, plan options, fees and other factors may have changed.

For information, visit www.va.gov/HEALTH-BENEFITS/vadip/ or call 877-222-VETS (8387).

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	Certified Levy	Program Aid	Local Levy
General Revenue	9,400,204.00	1,441,269.00	7,958,935.00
Road & Bridge	2,491,928.00		2,491,928.00
Human Services	3,726,331.00		3,726,331.00
Public Health	492,068.00		492,068.00
Comp Water	5,360.00		5,360.00
Regional Library	344,405.00		344,405.00
Bonded Indebtedness	570,265.00		570,265.00
County Fair	20,000.00		20,000.00
Parks & Trails	12,000.00		12,000.00
Total	17,062,561.00	1,441,269.00	15,621,292.00

deadline of December 30 2017.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer has no activities to report.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including current recruitment statuses, union negotiations, hilltop kitchen vestibule progress, and health insurance progress updates.

Adjourn

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

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ALEX PRO FIREARMS, LLC	2,445.00
CORBIN PICKAR EXC INC	25,000.00
IMPACT TECHNOLOGY ...	3,110.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC	8,448.63
STAPLES WORLD	2,566.08
TODD CO AUDITOR-TREASURER	2,048.79
US POSTAL SERVICE	5,044.00
VARIDESK,LLC	6,004.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	9,239.80
113 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	36,892.90
Total	100,799.20

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ANU FAMILY SERV	\$11,605.96

CENTRAL MN MENTAL HLTH CTR	2,848.00
CULLENS HOME CENTER OF ALEX INC	3,168.00
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS	3,556.63
# 10460	2,681.10
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	8,834.85
#1911	2,780.08
#12512	3,002.38
#14655	2,894.78
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS	4,754.19
#10746	4,658.81
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	5,180.00
NEXUS INC - MILLE LACS ACADEMY	3,575.58
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	9,265.50
PINE MANORS INC	3,900.00
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME	9,855.86
STEP	7,795.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC	16,832.03
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	44,452.20
Total	\$155,120.12

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held September 19, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 3, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

Color Me Clever.

Jacki Sharpe
Busy Mom & Household CEO



Runny nose, cough, sore throat—this time of year can be tough. Thankfully, with Lakewood's Click Care, I can get the care my family needs without even leaving my couch. Log on to the Lakewood website, answer a few quick questions about your symptoms, and a Lakewood provider will respond with your treatment plan within 60 minutes*. Pretty clever! Best part is, you get the same great care you would receive if you visited one of their primary clinics. For a busy mom with two small kids, Click Care is a life-saver. #colormeorange

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Staples-Motley runners compete at state

Above left, Kira Sweeney takes off at the front of the pack. Right, Hunter Klimek makes his move past a big group of runners midway through the race. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals run their best at state

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley cross country teams had an excellent day at the Minnesota State Cross Country meet on Nov. 4 at St. Olaf College in Northfield. “We had alot of personal bests today and this is a positive way to finish a season,” said Coach Bruce Fuhrman.

The boys team placed 10th as all of the runners had their fastest race of the season. Emmet Anderson and Hunter Klimek were with the top runners in the state while Tanner Robben was near the top half of finishers. Ben Bartczak and Bentley Christensen were the next two scorers, while Brayden Christensen and Jack Tyrrell rounded out the team.

Kira Sweeney led the Staples-Motley girls by placing 18th. Addison Lorber had her fastest race of the season and finished 42nd, while Ashley Robben finished 79th. They also had their best race times of the season.

“Kira had an excellent start to lead early in this fast, competitive race,”

said Furhman. “We discussed the need for her to get to the front and be prepared for a faster pace,” because of the many top runners. Her finish was one second faster than Sweeney’s seventh place finish last year, but more competitors also ran faster. She was only 12 seconds from reaching her goal of the top ten.

Throughout the race, Lorber was competing with runners who had finished ahead of her in earlier season races. “Addison showed us the tenacity and determination in her running style, she has improved all season,” said Furhman.

Robben was in a crowded part of the race, but ran her season best anyway.

In the boys race, Anderson took off with the leaders and stayed with them for the first two miles. “I was able to hear his name called a few times with the meet announcer saying he was in the front,” said Fuhrman. “He showed his ability to compete with the best runners in Class A.” Anderson ended up in sixth place, just 22 seconds behind the winner.

Klimek broke 17 min-

utes for the first time. His first mile was in 5:15, and he still passed 35 runners in the second mile. He passed a few more runners in the final mile to finish in 38th. “He ran an exceptional state race,” said Fuhrman.

As a team, the Cardinals were positioned to be in the top eight after the first mile. “Our middle scorers fell back a bit during the second mile around the marsh,” said Fuhrman. “This hasn’t happened the latter part of the season, it has actually been our strength. This lapse would affect our final scoring.” The team rallied in the final mile. “We all finished the last 1000 meters very well on the downhill, yet we ended up chasing, rather than controlling this portion of the race,” said Fuhrman. “We found that we had given up too much the second mile.” Staples-Motley was still just nine points from eighth place.

“The experience we gained from this competition will definitely help us prepare for next season,” said Fuhrman. “This young team of boys and our individual girls gained practical experience. It is

very important for setting goals when we begin training for next season.”

“What a tremendous finish. These kids have been focused all season, have been very coachable, and our athletes, at all levels, should be content in their success in 2017. I am very proud of our teams and each one of them as an individual participant.”

Team results

Minnesota State Cross Country meet

Girls results:

18. Kira Sweeney 19:23, 42. Addison Lorber 20:01, 79. Ashley Robben 20:31

Boys results:

6. Emmet Anderson 16:06, 38. Hunter Klimek 16:57, 90. Tanner Robben 17:32, 140. Ben Bartczak 18:16, 150. Bentley Christensen 18:27, 154. Brayden Christensen 18:33, 163. Jack Tyrrell 18:45

Team scores: Perham 118, St. James 148, Mankato Loyola/Cleveland 154, Lac Qui Parle Valley-Dawson-Boyd 172, North Shore 175, Jordan 184, Greenway/Naswauk-Keewatin 195, West Central 220, LaCrescent 223, Staples-Motley 229, Mora 247, Mounds Park Academy 251, Heritage Christian 264, Mountain Lake 273, RAACHE 323, Ada-Borup/ Norman County West 351



Cardinal cross country stride for stride teamwork

Left, Brayden and Bentley Christensen work together late in the state race. Right, Ashley Robben and Addison Lorber take off as a team.

Is it really safe to eat venison?

By Ray Gildow

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

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

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

Research done by Stefanie Csub,

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

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

Hunters not in these zones or who harvest deer later in the deer season

may still have their animals tested. The University of Minnesota provides CWD testing and it takes about two weeks to get back test results. Colorado State University’s Veterinary Diagnostic Lab also does CDW testing. There is a fee for both places providing the testing.

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

Ray Gildow, Staples, is the author of “Legends & Legacies, A History of the Nisswa Guides’ League” and is owner of Gildow Guide Service. More information can be found at raygildow.com.



First buck is a big one

Ben Tyrrell shot his first buck during the opening weekend, a 182.8 pounder, field dressed. It was the biggest deer entered in the youth category of the Staples True Value Big Buck contest. Other youth entries in the big buck contest included Carter Gregerson, 178 pounds; Kailee Berg, 136; Eve Otteson, 123; Zach McIlravy, 122; Blake Neelan, 119; Conner Kuhns, 111; Baylon Larson, 109; and Joe Tyrrell, 106. (Submitted photo)



First deer

Keller Anderson shot this eight point buck on opening weekend while hunting with his dad, Brad. (Submitted photo)

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Of fawns, and chicks, and offspring ...

When the deer season that has just begun concludes, it is widely expected to signal a return to better times and greater hunter success. Perhaps as high as 40 percent of the state's 500,000 deer hunters could be stocking their freezers with venison steaks, chops, and sausage this year. One of the causes for high expectations is the several consecutive mild winters we've had. One of the effects of those mild winters is strong, healthy does, which – in a domino effect – has led to a crop of strong, vigorous fawns. Reports of does with twin fawns – rather than just one – were common this year. All of which was seen by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as just-

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

tifying more liberal deer hunting regulations. It's believed that only seriously bad weather during the deer season could up-end these positive expectations. When the late muzzleloader deer hunt is over and harvest data has been finalized, we'll know.

One of the semi-disappointments of the 2017 hunting season, at least based on reports and data so far, has been grouse hunter success. I use the term "semi" disappointing because I've participated in many hunts over the years – for deer, ducks, grouse, and pheasants – that I enjoyed even though it didn't end with me tagging a deer, or plucking many feathers. It shouldn't only be about the weight of grouse in the back of your hunting vest.

Nevertheless, expectations were high, since the DNR spring survey of breeding grouse had recorded some of the highest numbers in recent years, and a year-to-year increase not seen in 40 or 50 years. Optimism reigned. If weather during the critical post-hatching period was not damp and cold, which can lead to grouse chick mortality, it was thought that a bumper crop would await hunters when the season began in mid-Sep-

tember.

In general, that has not been borne out. One of the barometers of grouse abundance is a fund-raising hunt event held each October by the Ruffed Grouse Society (RGS), near Grand Rapids. The entry fees paid by hunters go toward the RGS's habitat management programs. Participants are generally knowledgeable, serious hunters, and good dogs are the norm. This year the grouse harvest at the event was 30 percent below 2016, and 50 percent below the long-term average. The ratio of young-to-adult birds was almost even. In years of good chick survival, young birds harvested by grouse hunters substantially outnumber adults; not just at this fund-raising event, but in general throughout the primary grouse range. The more or less inescapable conclusion for 2017 is that fewer young grouse hatched and survived than had been hoped.

Coinciding with this fall's hunting seasons, and diverting my attention from those pursuits, was the birth of the first grandchild for my wife and me. Our granddaughter came into the world on a day when the first serious weather front was making its way southward out of Canada. By all accounts it moved substantial numbers of ducks into Minnesota, destined for those favored places where instinct and migratory experience told them they'd find rest, and food to replenish their metabolic fuel supply.

Ordinarily, missing out on such a seasonal climatic event and ducking opportunity would have left me

stricken with hunter's remorse. Most years duck hunters suffer through a major lull period between the early season – when many locally-raised ducks are at hand – and the influx of migrants pushed southward by temperatures cold enough to freeze the small or shallow wetlands where they have been staging. Pushed by cold, and of course their inclination to take advantage of strong tailwinds that help waterfowl maximize effort and conserve stored energy reserves. Serious duck hunters will let few things come between them and such an event; especially these days, when Minnesota duck hunter fortunes are mixed, to say the least.

But there are some things bigger than harvested ducks that you arrange neatly on a boat seat, and at hunt's end prepare for their date with your oven or freezer. A member of a new generation is one such bigger thing. A joyful thing; but an uncertain one, too.

I've learned that you never stop being concerned about the welfare and happiness of your offspring, no matter their age. All that changes is the kind and magnitude of events in their lives, and therefore the kind and magnitude of your concerns. As parents we like to think we can help our children weather a storm, or see them through a tight spot, even when they're adults and have left the nest. We find it hard to imagine not being there to aid the ones we fed, clothed, counseled – and, yes – financed.

Beyond the helping and sheltering instincts, we

worry about the kind of world our children and grandchildren will inherit. Without getting into issue politics, it's hard to argue that as a species humans adequately respect the planet we live on, or do enough to protect the purity of its air and water, and the diversity of life it nourishes. Will they have meaningful opportunities to fish and hunt, to enjoy the grace and beauty of wildlife, and the rejuvenation found in wild and unspoiled places?

The brilliant, world-famous astrophysicist Steven Hawking has predicted that unless humans change our exploiting and polluting ways, by the end of the century we'll pass a point-of-no-return and our planet will become uninhabitable for most of the human population. I take a little bit of comfort in knowing that even a genius like Steven Hawking can be wrong. I hope he is; for the sake of my children, my new granddaughter, and generations beyond hers.

I'm an optimist, more by choice than by some of the things I see happening around me. I'm reminded of the well-known quote: "In the long run the pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time along the way." I'd like to think that, as the most successful species on our planet, humans are capable of doing the right thing, and learning from our mistakes. Our grandchildren and great-grandchildren's future depends on it.

As for "being there for them," that time is not in the future, but now.

Minn. deer harvest up one percent

Minnesota firearms hunters registered 70,724 deer during the first two days of deer season, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Preliminary numbers from opening weekend show that the number of deer registered was essentially the same as 2016. Of the deer harvested, 57 percent were bucks, compared to 67 percent of the first weekend harvest of 2016.

In Zone 1, in northeastern Minnesota, total firearms harvest was up 16 percent. In Zone 2, which covers the majority of the state and runs from Canada to Iowa, harvest was down 5 percent and Zone 3, in southeastern Minnesota, was down 20 percent.

"In the zones where the first weekend harvest is off, it could be that the amount of standing corn negatively affected deer harvest," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations manager. "If that is the case, we should see improved deer harvest as more corn is harvested."

Based upon the number of antlerless permits available and the number of permit areas that allow multiple deer to be taken, the DNR is projecting the 2017 total deer harvest to be around 200,000. The 2016 total harvest was 173,213.

In much of Minnesota, the deer season continues through Sunday, Nov. 12. Additional deer will be harvested during the northern rifle zone season, which continues through Sunday, Nov. 19, and the muzzleloader season, which begins Saturday, Nov. 25, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10.

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New developments in Terrence Brisk murder case

Murder weapon believed to be found

Nearly a year after Terrence "Terry" Brisk was murdered in Belle Prairie Township, east of Little Falls, investigators believe the murder weapon has been located.

According to a Nov. 3 news release from Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen, there are new developments in the homicide investigation.

Larsen went on to report that a Winchester Model 30-30 lever action rifle located by investigators is now identified as belonging to Brisk. The rifle was preserved and submitted to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension laboratory immediately after it was located, and although forensic analysis

continues, investigators believe it was the murder weapon. Further details about the rifle cannot be shared at this time due to the active ongoing investigation.

Brisk was found murdered on Nov. 7, 2016, on his parents' property located northwest of the intersection of Hawthorne Road and Jewel Road. Sheriff Larsen advises the public that this homicide case appears to be an isolated incident and there continues to be no known danger to the public.

"This has been a slow, methodical process and investigators continue to actively pursue every lead that is generated," Larsen said. "We know the com-

munity wants answers about what happened. We need to wait to provide more specific information about what we've learned so far so that we may protect the integrity of the investigation and bring Terry's killer to justice."

A reward of up to \$30,000 from local donors is offered for information leading to the arrest of the person who shot and killed Brisk.

Anyone with information about this case is urged to contact the Morrison County Sheriff's Office at 320-632-9233. Information can be provided anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers of Minnesota www.CrimeStoppersMn.org.



Three-vehicle accident on Hwy 64

Emergency crews were at the scene of a three-vehicle crash north of Motley on Hwy 64, near mile marker 8, the afternoon of Nov. 2. Two of the drivers involved were airlifted to St. Cloud Hospital and the third was taken by ambulance to Lakewood Health System

Hospital

in Staples.

Traffic

was at a

standstill

for nearly

two hours,

as the

road was

cleared

and the

state patrol

conducted their investigation. See Story for more information.

(Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Four injured in Hwy 64 crash north of Motley

A Staples man was one of four people injured as the result of a three-vehicle crash north of Motley Nov. 2, at Hwy 64 and 96th St. SW, near mile marker 8.

The incident took place shortly before 4 p.m., said Minnesota State Patrol.

According to their report, a 2008 Ford Fusion driven by 24-year-old Matthew Clay Sams of Staples, rear-ended the southbound 2001 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by 36-year-old Nathan Lee King of Motley. Subsequently, the pickup was pushed into the north-bound lane resulting in a head-on crash with the 2007 Toyota Camry driven by 49-year-old Troy Joseph Huewe of Elk River.

Sams was ejected from his vehicle and airlifted from the scene to the St. Cloud Hospital. Huewe was first transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health

System (LHS) Hospital in Staples and later airlifted to the St. Cloud Hospital. His passenger, 14-year-old Logan Joseph Huewe, also of Elk River, was treated and released at LHS Hospital in Staples. The third driver, King, was treated and released at Lakewood.

All four involved in the crash sustained non-life threatening injuries, the report said. In addition, all were wearing their seat belts and no alcohol was involved. Road conditions were dry at the time.

Responders at the scene included state patrol, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Motley Fire and Rescue and Staples Ambulance. Traffic was re-routed until the crash was cleared and the state patrol had finished their investigation. Traffic along Hwy 64 resumed approximately two hours later.

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
Sonlight & 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
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
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 a.m.
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
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free

1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
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
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

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

United Methodist

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church

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

Casino Assembly of God

Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cy 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 Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point 9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

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
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 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 (LCMS) 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 City Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Love life and see good days

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

The American Psychological Association recently released a study that details how Americans are doing emotionally and what is stressing us out. Here are some of the revealing results.

- One of the top stressors that keeps us up at night, affecting 63% of us, is concern for the future of our nation.

- Almost as many of us, 59% report that the current social divisiveness causes us stress when we think about our nation.

- And the gloomiest statistic is that 59% of us believe that we are living through the lowest point of our nation's history (as far as we can remember). That feeling is true across all generations, including those who lived through WWII, the war in Vietnam and 9-11.

If you are stressed about our nation, particularly the divisiveness that seems more evident than ever, you are not alone.

What are we doing to manage our stress? According to the same poll, most Americans have helpful support networks but we could use more support. To deal with anxiety, 46% of us exercise,

14% smoke, 47% listen to music and 29% of us pray. Aside from smoking, I encourage any or all of those stress reducers. And I have one more recommendation.

For all who feel that we are living at the low moment of our national history and worry about when or if we can turn things around, the Bible tells us how we can respond to our circumstances in such a way that not only reduces stress, but actually leads to better days and increases our love of life.

1 Peter 3:10-11 says, **"Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it."**

When you are stressed, do good to others... all others. And speak only words that are honest, good and in furtherance of peace. It will reduce your stress and it will ease the anxiety and tension of those around you. You will become part of the cure, rather than a victim of the circumstances.

God says this is the way to love life and see good days.

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Longbella Drug Store

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

Ernie's Food Market

Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply

Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Staples World

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

Tower Pizza

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

Staples True Value

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

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Check the Events Calendar online at

www.staplesworld.com

Submit events to
dtimbs@staplesworld.com



high school student.

Oct. 26 - The MPD and MCSO assisted Crow Wing County in locating Wyatt Ian Macheel for probable cause arrest for terroristic threats stemming from a call in their county. Macheel was located and arrested in Motley and then transported to Pillager, where custody was transferred to a Crow Wing deputy.

Nov. 1 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle that had rolled at Dove Rd. in Cushing.

Oct. 31 - The MCSO responded to a report of a car on fire at the 600 block of Azalea Rd. in Motley. The vehicle was approximately 10 ft. from the house and was almost fully engulfed, the report said. Motley Fire Dept. was paged.

Oct. 29 - The MCSO arrested Donald Charles Zitum, 25, on a HRO (Harassment Restraining Order) violation. He was arrested at a residence on the 33000 block of Birch Ln., Motley.

Oct. 27 - The MCSO responded to a report of a power line down along 320th St. by the Scandia Valley Fire Hall. Crow Wing Power was contacted.