

Sveoms became involved in church, community

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

There are many things that kept Pastor Steve Sveom in Staples for 24 years, many of them involving community. "I had not a clue that it would last this long," Sveom said about his tenure as pastor of Faith Lutheran Church. "I never came to a place where I felt the urgency to move."

Sveom's personal beliefs as a pastor fit in with the goals of the church.

"I believe as Christians, we are people blessed by God. He equips us and enables us to bear blessings to others," said Sveom. "We are blessed by God, we have the responsibility to be a blessing to others."

Earlier this year he

announced his retirement plans and Sveom and his wife Toni are moving to Maplewood. Part of that is to be closer to their children and grandchild, but also for the sake of the congregation and the incoming pastor.

"I don't want the new pastor to feel undermined," if a family asks him to officiate a funeral, for example, said Sveom. "The church has a strong non-involvement policy for former pastors, it's in everyone's best interest."

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Faith Lutheran Church will hold a final service and open house lunch for Steve and Toni before they move. The service will begin at 10:45 a.m. and a program honoring the Sveoms will start at approximately 11:15 a.m.



Sveom family photo

Steve and Toni Sveom with their son Daniel, daughter Naomi, son-in-law, Nick and grandson, Phillip. After 24 years in Staples, Steve and Toni will be moving after Steve's Nov. 20 retirement party at Faith Lutheran Church. (Submitted photo)

with the lunch to follow.

"I'm not really big on being the center of attention," Sveom said about the retirement service and lunch, "But it's an important part of being able to provide some closure, give me and the people in the congregation a chance to say good bye."

Sveom came to Faith Lutheran in 1992, after preaching in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Bemidji. In all, he has spent 36 years in the ministry.

From the very beginning, Sveom said the congregation was supportive of new ideas and community involvement. "They were insistent on being open and engaging with the community through activities and programs," said Sveom.

Some examples of that involvement included holding funerals for people who weren't members of the church or Sveom's involvement with the Staples Area Food Shelf. Sveom said the church congregation is one of the biggest supporters of the local food shelf, of which he has been a board member for many years.

He was also encouraged to get involved in other community groups; Dollars For Scholars, Staples Motley Area Arts Council, Care Ministry and Staples Motley Beyond Poverty. He became a big baseball booster and helped through the community education program. Sveom was on the founding committee for the Central Minnesota

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Staples Council disagrees on overpass signs

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Two Staples City Council members were in favor of having signs put up directing traffic from Hwy 210 to the Staples overpass, but were unable to convince four others to vote for it.

At the Nov. 8, Staples City Council meeting, a letter from MnDOT stated that they would not install any signs, citing safety issues with pedestrians, school crossing, sight distances, speeding, road damage and road conditions.

Council members Kevin Jenkins and Doug Case both noted that it was a \$10 million project so the public should be directed to use it.

Council member Ron Murray questioned the argument of federal money used for the overpass as a

reason to direct traffic onto it. He pointed out the paperwork for the project specifically stated that the overpass was for local traffic and emergency vehicles.

Case said directing more traffic onto the overpass would bring them through the downtown area.

Council member Mary Theurer and Mayor Chris Etzler were both in favor of more signs directing people to the airport and college from the overpass. But both felt the overpass should be for local traffic only.

A motion to put up signage failed with Theurer, Murray, Etzler and Roy Miles voting against it.

Nuisance enforcement

The council discussed finding a better way to enforce nuisance ordinance infractions.

Currently Staples Police are in charge of enforcing ordinances, but don't have a lot of time to dedicate to the issue.

Case said that when he was a police officer he observed every property in the city and found it to be helpful in talking to people in the community.

Other ideas included hiring a separate person to be in charge of nuisance ordinance infractions.

The council couldn't agree on a solution, so they asked Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz and City Administrator Jerel Nelsen to come up with a proposal.



Supermoon is "super" sight

The biggest and brightest full moon of the year could be seen starting Nov. 13. On Nov. 14, the "beaver moon" passed perigee - its closest approach to Earth in a lunar cycle. Astronomers call such a moon a perigee full moon, but it is also known as a supermoon. At this perigee, the moon is 221,529 miles from Earth and is the closest since 1948. Another encounter this close will not come until 2034, according to the University of Minnesota's "Minnesota Starwatch." Above, the Nov. 14 moon hangs over a pasture, just above a cloud bank at 7:26 a.m. at sunrise. At right the supermoon is shown earlier at 7:02 a.m. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Hello, Readers,

A merger of giant railroad companies creates the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway on Nov. 22, 1995. The Burlington Northern had long been a major railroad in Minnesota, itself the result of mergers between the Great Northern Railroad, the Northern Pacific Railway, and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

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Township, other local election results

The cities and townships surrounding the Staples and Motley areas elected mayors, council members and township officers, with some being close races. The following

are some of the election results in the area.

Todd County

Villard Township: Town Supervisor Seat A - Rudy A. Bjerga Sr.; Town Clerk - Connie Mosack.

Wadena County

Nimrod: City Council - Aaron Frame and Kevin Milbradt; Mayor - Keith Frame; Treasurer - Jeanne Arthur

Morrison County

County Commissioner District 1: Mike LeMieur - 1,898; Kevin Maurer - 1,699.

Randall: Mayor - Danny Noss; City Council - James Chyba, Andrew Haider, Rick Turner and Brian Zilka.

Rosing Township: Town Supervisor Seat C - Gary J. Rassler; Town Clerk/Treasurer - Anita Walker.

Scandia Valley Township: Town Supervisor Seat C - Ian Newkirk; Town Supervisor Seat D - Jeff Hardy; Town Supervisor Seat E - Brian Pantzke; Town Clerk - Kathie L. Headley.

Cass County

County Commissioner District 2: Robert Kangas - 1,708; John Warren - 952.

Becker Township: Town Supervisor Seat 2 -

Mike Fitcher; Town Clerk - Mary Fitcher.

Byron Township: Town Supervisor Seat 1 - Joanne Wolmutter-Cavin; Town Supervisor Seat 2 - David Hoernberg; Town Clerk and Town Treasurer - No candidates filed.

Fairview Township: Town Supervisor Seat 2 - Jim Weizenegger.

May Township: Town Supervisor Seat 1 - David Horn; Town Clerk - Bianca Wyffels; Town Treasurer - Bridgette M. Brown.

Meadowbrook Township: Town Supervisor Seat 1 - Ernest Haehnel; Town Supervisor Seat 2 - Donald A. Ottenstroer; Treasurer - Robert McKimmy.

Pillager: Mayor - Bret Mattheisen; Council Member - Paul Odenthal, LeRoy Smith.

Poplar Township: On the ballot in Poplar Township voters approved the question of whether the township clerk should be an appointed position, instead of it being an

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The story of our flag

At the Veterans Day program at Staples-Motley High School Charlie Poulton told the story of the Star Spangled Banner, what it meant to Francis Scott Key and what it still means today. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

See more photos from the program at the high school on page 9a. See photos from the program at Sacred Heart Area School on page 10a. See photos from the Motley-Staples Middle School program on page 1b.

Aldrich re-elects current office holders

With no candidates filing for office, the citizens of Aldrich submitted their write-in ballots that elected the current office holders.

The Aldrich City Council held a meeting in which

all the write-in candidates accepted their positions: Jennifer Reiman, mayor; two council members, Eric Reiman and Jani (Susie) Nundahl; and city clerk, Roxanne Lundeen.



Todd County Election Administrators

At election site central for Todd County, Minnesota were the Election Administrators, trained by the State of Minnesota. Following the close of voting, the 40 precincts in Todd County report to the Election Room located in the Main Street Government Center in Long Prairie. Voting boxes are checked in, registered and computed into the state and national registry. Todd County will canvass the votes on Thursday, Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse in Long Prairie.

Above left to right: The election administration team for Todd County, Becky Jager, Deputy Auditor Treasurer; Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor Treasurer; Jolene Sabrowsky, Deputy Auditor Treasurer; Candace Perish, Deputy Auditor Treasurer; and Patti Pechan, Deputy Auditor Treasurer.



Todd County election central

By 11:38 p.m., 39 of the 40 precincts black boxes were checked into the election room Tuesday night, Nov. 8. The first reporting precinct was Long Prairie at 8:42 p.m. with 62 new registrants. The precinct recorded an unofficial 86 percent turnout. The final precinct to arrive was Staples reporting in at 1:30 a.m., with nearly 200 new registrants. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

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Hospital District results reported

elected position by a vote of 36-19.

Town Supervisor Seat 1 - Doug Shequen; Town Supervisor Seat 3 - Troy Mevissen; Special Election for Township Clerk - Hope Johnson; Town Treasurer - Susan Bartels.

Sylvan Township: Town Supervisor Seat 1 - Greg Booth; Town Supervisor Seat 2 - John Wulff; Town Supervisor Seat 4 - Greg Bennett.

Hospital district Elected to the Staples

Area Hospital District were Lana Hansen, Motley; Billy Haehnel, Meadowbrook; Linda Dietrich, Moose Lake; Donald Sirucek, Poplar; Barb Peterson, Villard; Ron Storbakken, Staples Township; Bob Mueller, Member-at-large.

Similar numbers, different result in national election

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

In 2012, 1,150 voters cast ballots for the top two presidential candidates in the City of Staples. In 2016, 1,152 votes were cast for the presidential candidates. Comparing 2016 presidential election to 2012, there was a complete change in the voters choice for president. Donald Trump gained a huge percentage of the local votes compared to fellow Republican Mitt Romney in 2012.

In 2012 the City of Staples cast 614 votes for Romney (53 percent) and 536 for Barack Obama. In 2016, Trump received 795 votes (69 percent) with Hillary Clinton, receiving 357 in the City of Staples.

Looking at nearby Thomastown and

Staples townships, the results are similar, with the entire Staples area 72 percent for Trump in 2016 compared to 59 percent for Romney in 2012.

In Motley and Motley Township, a similar pattern showed with 54 percent of voters choosing Romney in 2012 to 76 percent choosing Trump in 2016.

Fewer voters went to the polls in Motley and Motley Township, in 2012 - 384 and 355 for 2016. Part of that was a pattern across the board, showing an increase in third party voting.

In the Staples and Motley areas, the Libertarian Party picked up the most presidential votes (four percent in Staples), followed by the Independence Party and Green Party.

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Family cared for many in community

Boys Choir.

He often took calls for Lakewood Health System if a family needed a pastoral visit to the hospital.

Despite all those commitments, in addition to his regular pastor's job, Sveom said "I never had a feeling of having my hands tied. I just wanted to be effective in the community and make it a better place."

Sveom said he's not as busy with the many church functions because people of the congregation take the initiative for most activities, such as the election night lutefisk supper and the Thanksgiving Day dinner.

"I appreciate how members of the church are engaged in the community, not just making things happen in the church, they go beyond what a congregation needs to do," said Sveom.

"I can be supportive but I don't have to do everything," he said.

An example is the Staples Ministerial Association and the CARE Ministry meals. Sveom said the meals started with his church sponsoring meals for tech college students. Through his involvement with the ministry, it morphed into the monthly CARE community meals.

"Others are responsible for that growth, but it's grown tremendously," said Sveom.

Within the church,

Sveom said "I always tried to find something new or challenging to be involved with, so it didn't become stale for others or for me."

He said staffing and programmatic changes kept him going and he tried different lectionary patterns and readings to keep things interesting. He looked forward to changing the pace of his services with baptisms, special music and "not get totally locked in to one pattern of doing things," he said.

Another reason for the lengthy stay in Staples for the Sveoms was the opportunities their children had through the school system, such as technology, speech and sports.

"The teachers connected with the students, the kids had other adults in their life to support them," said Sveom.

Toni Sveom was also connected through the school, as a teacher and "utility player," as she put it.

She taught in both Staples and Motley Elementary schools, ranging in grade levels from third through sixth grade. She also worked with ECFE, kindergarten readiness, Title I and English Language Learners in Staples, Motley, Verndale and Bertha-Hewitt. "It's near and dear to my heart," Toni said about her teaching involvement.

Even after retiring

from teaching, Toni was involved in creating and coordinating the development enrichment program.

"That was absolutely a marvelous experience working with kids who benefited from the enrichment," said Toni. "I loved the diversity of my positions."

Although she has already retired from teaching and is mostly moved to their new home, the Nov. 20 event will also be a farewell for Toni.

"It's going to be heart-wrenching," she said. "Because of the size of the community, you become very very immersed in the many facets of the community. It's a very bittersweet leave-taking, not without much emotion."

"I know how well loved and respected he is and how much he will be missed," said Toni. "It's going to be difficult, the congregation is our family and to leave the family is not a cool thing to do," she said.

But they have their own family to spend more time with and they're now open to new possibilities. Both Toni and Steve said they made a commitment to do nothing professionally for three months after they move, then stay open to finding their next step.

"I can't see us being uninvolved," said Steve.

Have You HEARD?
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DIET AND HEARING

While there is no evidence that dietary supplements prevent hearing loss or improve hearing, some studies suggest that a healthy diet is conducive to good hearing. One study found that a diet high in sugar and carbohydrates may impair hearing by adversely affecting vascular health. Another study found that women who ate fish at least twice a week were less likely to report hearing loss than non-fish consumers. The benefit may rest with omega-3 fatty acids found in fatty fish that may improve blood flow to the cochlea. Then there is the study that found that people who scored higher on the Healthy Eating Index had better hearing. Exercising and maintaining a healthy weight have also been linked with healthy hearing.

There are many ways to support and maintain healthy hearing. For example, protecting ears from noise pollution and getting a regular checkup from an audiologist, but nutrition also plays a key part in hearing preservation. Exercise matters, too, specifically with regard to cognitive ability and how the brain processes sound. To schedule a hearing assessment, please call **PREFERRED HEARING** at 1-800-458-0895. You will find us at 17274 State Hwy 371, Brainerd.

PS. According to a 2015 study of nurses, there is a link between higher intakes of dietary beta carotene (a potent antioxidant) and a lower risk of hearing loss.

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New member

The Staples Host Lions Club welcomed new member Dale Stoll into club membership at their last meeting. From left to right are Sponsor Kevin Roline, Dale Stoll and Keith Porter who conducted the installation. (Submitted photo)

Tri-County Health Care TCHC.org

Women's Day Out

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Available through funding from the Tri-County Health Care Foundation, Tri-County Health Care Auxiliary and Tri-County Health Care.

Sunday Nov. 20, 2016
Wadena-Deer Creek Middle/High School
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Keynote Speaker
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National speaker and published author of the book "How Mommy Got Her Groove Back"

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Due to low utilization at past events, child care will not be offered this year.

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Murder charges filed for Wadena shooting

Antonio St. Marie, 26, has been charged with 2nd degree murder, along with ten other counts, including kidnapping to commit bodily harm, assault with a dangerous weapon and violating a no contact order, in a complaint filed in the Wadena County Court.

According to the complaint, on Nov. 7 St. Marie shot his estranged wife, Margaret St. Marie, 27, in her home on Bryant Ave. SW in Wadena after holding her and her brother at gunpoint, along with a young child.

Margaret St. Marie had obtained a court ordered domestic abuse no-contact order against her husband for a domestic assault that occurred on Nov. 4. Antonio

was charged in that case but was let out of jail on bail the morning of the murder.

The complaint also states that the couple's young child was present while Antonio was holding Margaret and her brother, James Flath, at gunpoint. Flath was able to get the child out of the apartment and contacted his and Margaret's mother, who contacted authorities and picked up the child.

Antonio St. Marie's mother also called authorities after he called her while holding the three people at gunpoint.

When Wadena Police arrived, they saw Antonio run to a vehicle and drive away. Police chased the

vehicle on Highway 29 at speeds of up to 80 miles per hour and reported that Antonio was driving recklessly before crashing into a truck that was traveling in the opposite direction. Following the crash, he was flown to a medical facility to treat his injuries.

Felony fleeing a peace officer is one of the charges against St. Marie.

After the chase, authorities found Margaret St. Marie dead due to a gunshot wound in her head.

The murder charge and kidnapping charge each carry a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison.

Antonio St. Marie has prior convictions for felony terroristic threats and felony domestic assault.



Snake researcher

For the Connections High School Project Showcase held Nov. 7, Alyssa Vanderhoof shows the shed skin of her corn snake, Maze. Vanderhoof researched the impacts of non-native snakes in an ecosystem. Vanderhoof said she couldn't bring Maze into the project showcase because she is shedding and may be irritable. Other Connections students presenting at the event included: Shelby Brusewitz, the election tree; Charles Woodwick, indigenous people and their hunting; Austin Boyer and Tyler Chounard, life in ocean zones. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

School business office seeing staff changes

By Brenda Halvorson, General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board took care of a couple of personnel items along with canvassing the recent election results at their meeting Nov. 14.

Patricia Vacek was hired as the new business manager effective Nov. 16. Marci Lord's resignation as the business manager was approved with an effective date of Nov. 11.

In other business office personnel issues the board approved adding a half time accounts receivable position on the recommendaton of the finance committee.

Bryan Winkels explained that the business office had four full time equivalent employees before a recent reorganization, which reduced the number to three full time equivalent (FTE) positions. The retirement of Bonnie Thoele brought the business office staff down to the three FTEs.

"This was the only budget cut we had last year," said Superintendent Mary Klamm, in a later conversation. "We consolidated duties and were working to streamline with technology."

Between the retirement of Thoele and the resignation of Lord, that put new people in the business office extending the training and transition time for learning

new duties.

Jackie Engebretson had been hired to handle both accounts receivable and accounts payable, as well as other duties. Her resignation as a full time employee was also accepted at this meeting.

It was noted that she was expected to apply for the half time accounts receivable position, which would better fit her personal schedule.

The board approved posting both the half time accounts receivable job and the full time replacement for Engebretson. That job would now handle accounts payable plus other business office tasks.

Klamm noted that with the training required for the new staff, there would be no savings to the district this year.

Canvassing the election

The school board certified that 10,186 votes were cast in the Nov. 8 school board election.

Chad Longbella received 3,025 votes; Bryan Winkels received 2,769 votes; Greg Frisk received 2,298 votes; and Creig Dobson received 2,039 votes.

Longbella, Winkels and Frisk will begin their four-year terms of office the first Monday in January, 2017. Their terms will expire the first Monday in January, 2021.



Different diet for our pet dogs...maybe

At the Connections Project Showcase held Nov. 7, Colton Rau talks about using a diet of raw meats for pet dogs, which he said could be more biologically appropriate than kibble. It may also lead to better health, training and less smell. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Bridges inspires students at Career Skills Camp

More than 60 students from 13 school districts participated in a Career Skills Camp, Oct. 26-27, at Camp Shamaineau near Motley, offered by Bridges Career Academies.

This 2 two day learning adventure gave students the opportunity to strengthen their relationship skills, teach team-building, expand their problem-solving abilities and understand their personal career attitude through hands-on activities that also build confidence, self-esteem and other skills critical to being successful in life.

The Bridges team envisioned this camp as an extension of the Bridges Career Academies curriculum after learning from local employers that the need for "soft skills training." A key soft skill is the ability of employees to interact and communicate effectively with others.

Activities included small-group discussions and team-building exercises. Participants were transported to and from Motley via bus, provided meals and experienced many of the recreational opportunities Camp Shamaineau. Some of the activities included; low and high ropes course, horse-

back riding, leather shop, archery and more.

This Bridges Career Skills Camp was offered at no cost to the students, thanks to the Otto Bremer Foundation.

Students currently enrolled in a Bridges Career Academy or active in CLC's Upward Bound program were invited to attend. Schools represented at the camp included: Aitkin, Bertha-Hewitt, Brainerd, Browerville, Crosby-Ironton, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Pequot Lakes, Pierz/Healy, Isle, Pine River-Backus, Staples-Motley, Onamia and Verdale.

The Bridges Career Skills Camp is just one of many programs and projects initiated by the Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connection. The program was developed to better integrate work-based learning between schools and business.

The Bridges Career

Academies supported by CLC are a sequence of high school courses focusing on career paths. Curriculum is developed by high school teachers and includes technical skills, foundational skills and workplace experiences.

The Workplace Connection supported by the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce is an intermediary between schools and business to integrate work-based learning through the Career Depot, Immersion Camps, Workplace Tours, Speakers Bureau for the Classroom and an annual Career Exploration Day.

Currently, 27 school districts are involved with Bridges programs through the Central Lakes Carl Perkins Consortium.

For more information about the Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connection program, visit www.BridgesConnection.org or call 218-822-7117.

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. include;

On Nov. 7, Staples Police were dispatched to the Lakewood Health System emergency room for a report of a patient acting violently. Upon arrival, police learned that the patient damaged numerous pieces of equipment in an exam room. The suspect, Brian Dehn, 48, of Browerville, was arrested on charges of damage to property and disorderly conduct. Also assisting was the Todd County Sheriff's Dept.

Nov. 7; Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 8th St. NE of a complainant receiving harassing telephone calls. Police advised the complainant to get an restraining order for

harassment.

Nov. 9; at 1:17 a.m., Staples Police observed an open garage door at a residence on 8th St. NE where the officers knew the owner was incarcerated. Police found no one around the residence and closed the door.

Nov. 11; Staples Police were called to the 600 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of broken windows at a residence.

Nov. 11; Staples Police received a report of a possible assault on the 300 block of 5th St SE. After speaking with the reported victim and others present, police learned the injuries were self inflicted and no assault had taken place.

Nov. 12; the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. took a report of multiple gas

thefts from vehicles at a business just located just inside the county. Police gathered information for possible suspects and or related criminal activity.

Nov. 1; Staples Police received a request for a welfare check on an individual on the 700 block of Iowa Ave. NE. The complainant stated the subject had been consuming alcohol and was potentially suicidal. Police found the individual to be okay.

Nov. 13; Staples Police responded to the 300 block of Dakota Ave. SE for a welfare check. After speaking with the complainant, police were able to locate the subject of the welfare check and transported the subject to Lakewood Health System for an evaluation.

Book Sale
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Friday, Nov. 18 1-5 pm
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Staples Public Library
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Friends of Staples Public Library

Staples Lions Annual Christmas Wreath Sale Monday, Nov. 21
Buy a Lions' Christmas Wreath: \$15 each.
Business sales begin at 9:30 a.m.
Door-to-Door sales begin at 5:30 p.m.
All proceeds are for Lions' projects.
The Lions have been conducting their wreath sales for over four decades.
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Lower health care costs, improve choices

By Rep. Kurt Daudt
Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives

Minnesota is facing a health care crisis. Hundreds of thousands of families will see health insurance costs increase by 50 percent or more next year. Thousands more will lose their plan or access to their doctor through no fault of their own. Greater Minnesota is hit especially hard; 45 counties, all outside the seven county Metro Area will have just two insurers offering health plans.

Irresponsible enrollment caps approved by Governor Dayton's Department of Commerce means many Minnesotans will effectively have just one option. This creates difficult choices for Minnesota families: race through a broken MNSure website, spending hours on the phone seeking help from a dysfunctional call center in Illinois, while trying to enroll before one plan meets its cap, or wait and enroll in an uncapped narrow network plan with a 67 percent premium increase.

An even tougher choice: enroll in a plan that will eat up your family's budget, or go with lesser or no coverage and pay a steep federal penalty – a minimum fine of \$2,000 for a family of four.

How did we get here? How is it that the individual and family insurance market, which has withstood decades of changes in healthcare delivery and utilization, stands at the brink of collapse just a few short years after relative financial health?

This mess is a result of MNSure and federal mandates that destroyed states' ability to design an insurance market that met the needs of its people. This was particularly devastating to Minnesota, which was a national leader in

programs to insure low-income and high risk families. Democrats at the state and federal level rammed through MNSure and Obamacare without a single Republican vote.

Governor Dayton began crafting MNSure over five years ago. IT contracts worth millions of dollars were signed without proper vetting and partisans were put in charge of a massive buildout. Republican concerns were largely ignored – even silenced during legislative debate – when questions were raised about the improbability of vast promises made by Legislative Democrats.

You don't hear them anymore, but you may remember those promises from 2013: MNSure would be the Travelocity of health insurance, families would save \$500 a year, small businesses would save thousands.

It's important to remember those promises because Democrats' primary solution is to keep pouring money into MNSure, at least \$400,000,000 of taxpayer money to date; raise taxes on healthcare and add more Minnesotans to public health insurance.

House Republicans recognize that we are only one half of one branch of government, but we pushed for major reforms at MNSure and in the wider marketplace anyway. Over the past two years, we led efforts to eliminate MNSure's special exemptions from oversight, force improvements in technology and customer service performance, reduce the MNSure Tax that drives up the cost of health insurance and eliminate ridiculous bonuses for MNSure executives.

While we succeeded in improving oversight of MNSure, too often Legislative Democrats and Governor Dayton chose the sta-

tus quo over bold reforms. Republicans also led on creating more health insurance options for the employees of small business, a group that also faces declining choices and rising costs. That measure received broad bipartisan support in the House, but was stymied by the Dayton Administration.

Just as importantly, we worked in a bipartisan manner to eliminate unfair Medical Assistance liens on families and seniors, and passed telemedicine reform to increase access to quality care in rural areas of our state.

House Republicans will continue putting families first as we seek solutions to this crisis.

The top goal must be to lower costs. Our plan would provide immediate relief by cutting the MNSure Tax by half to save families \$22 million over the next three years. Republicans also support using \$35 million in leftover funds from a now-defunct health program for direct premium reductions. And passing the tax relief bill unnecessarily vetoed by Governor Dayton would put money back in the pockets of families that could help defray rising healthcare bills.

Second, Minnesotans need more choices. Republicans believe in giving Minnesotans access to tax credits outside of MNSure. If lowering the uninsured rate is the goal of Obamacare's, why limit people's choices only to plans sold on a broken website? Families need options and easier access to federal premium tax credits and should be allowed to shop wherever is most convenient for them.

Third, we need long-term stability and competition. While options are constrained by the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare, we can employ creative solutions that stabilize the individual market and lower costs either through portable premium assistance for consumers or a reinsurance program similar in purpose to the former Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association.

In order to fix this mess, we need bipartisan solutions for Minnesota's healthcare system. That means moving past partisan allegiance to the dysfunctional MNSure website, and taking common-sense steps to help residents struggling with rising costs and shrinking choices. Time is short. Families are waiting. Republicans are ready.

Rep. Daudt can be reached at 651-296-5364 or rep.kurt.daudt@house.mn

Volunteers needed for student 'Activity Days'

In an effort to work toward our 2020-21 vision of becoming the region's school district of choice, our school board granted our teaching staff an additional five days of professional development for the 2016-17 school year.

This extra time will give us an opportunity to work together to make sure our teachers are up-to-date on the newest research on how children learn, emerging technology tools for the classroom and new curriculum resources.

As we were planning for additional days for professional development, we realized those extra days may be a burden for families who need to find childcare. It would also mean lost wages for staff who don't normally work on professional development days, including cooks, bus drivers and para-professionals. So we took back three of those days and began planning "Activity Days."

On Activity Days, teachers will have professional development off-site, and we have planned activities for the students that are engaging, fun and educational. Students will still ride the bus to and from school, breakfast and lunch will be served, and paras and building principals will be

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By Mary Klamm
Supt.

there to keep watch over them. In addition, we will be asking for volunteers to either assist with activities or chaperone scheduled field trips.

The Activity Days will take place on Jan. 3, Feb. 3 and April 3. They are required attendance days for our students. In other words, a child will need a note from their parent/guardian in order not to attend school on any of the three days, otherwise the day will be counted as an unexcused absence.

We will need many volunteers and the sign-up time for Jan. 3 is right now. Because each volunteer needs to complete a background check, we must have all our volunteers in place by Dec. 1.

If you are interested in helping out on Jan. 3, call Bonnie at the District Office and let her know which building you would like to sign-up to volunteer. Choices include Elementary (Grades K-3), Middle School (Grades 4-7) or High School (Grades 8-12). You can either call Bonnie at 218-894-5400, Ext. 0 or email her at bmadson@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

Thank you for helping make this opportunity possible for our staff and students.

Religious freedom in the age of Trump

By Charles C. Haynes

In the end, this election wasn't decided by Russian hacking, sexual assault charges, "blood coming out of her whatever," the FBI or any of the other extraordinary moments that defied the norms of political behavior and discourse. "We the People" decided it.

Enough of us were so angry, alienated and frustrated that we were willing to roll the dice on a presidential candidate whom, if the exit polls are correct, a vast majority of voters consider unqualified to lead the most powerful nation in the world. Day-after message? Blow up the country and see what happens.

The overriding issue wasn't health care, taxes, jobs, climate change (barely mentioned) or even the ridiculous "wall." The issue was – and is – what

kind of country are we, do we want to be?

At the heart of this nation-defining moment is the question of religious freedom, the core arrangement in liberty that sustains us as one country of many faiths and beliefs. It is no exaggeration to say that the very survival of our religiously diverse Republic depends on our commitment to the principles of "no establishment" and "free exercise," guaranteed by the First Amendment.

How a Trump administration will define and protect religious freedom is, at best, uncertain, and, at worst, a cause for deep concern.

Candidate Donald Trump said very little about religious freedom during the campaign beyond a vague promise to restore religious liberty for Christians, which he

apparently believes is under siege. One of the few specifics he offered was a promise to ensure (how, we are not sure) that we will all be able to say "Merry Christmas" again without fear.

But religious freedom was clearly implicated by Trump's rhetoric about Muslims – from the promise to ban Muslims to warnings about the dangers he sees lurking in the American Muslim community. The dramatic spike in attacks on American Muslims and Muslim institutions can be directly correlated to anti-Muslim rhetoric over the course of this campaign.

The votes were no sooner tallied than I began hearing from friends about hateful backlash against their children, people who are not Muslims but appear to be the xeno-

phobes in our midst.

On election night, a young woman I have known for many years was walking home after watching the returns with friends. She happens to be a native of India, adopted as an infant to live and thrive as an American citizen.

Suddenly, a carload of young men screaming Trump slogans pulled up beside her and shouted, "Get deported bitch." She rushed home feeling hurt, afraid and shattered.

On the day after the election, another friend, the mother of a beautiful young woman, posted this on Facebook: "My daughter was threatened today when she was walking our dog... told they would get rid of her and called her a Muslim c... She can't even leave the house."

Our challenge going forward will be to push back

against this rising tide of Islamophobia through a counter-narrative about the true nature of Islam and a re-affirmation of our commitment to guard the rights of all, including those with whom we disagree. People of faith, especially people of the majority faith, have a special obligation to stand up for Muslims and other religious minorities. An attack on the religious freedom of others today is an attack on our religious freedom tomorrow.

For my faithful friends who held their noses and voted for Trump on a single issue – or a cluster of social issues – I urge you to be first in line to guard and help the vulnerable in the era of Trump: Religious and other minorities under attack, people losing health care, dreamers facing deportation, refugees turned away, LGBT people seeking protection from discrimination and women fearing for their safety.

If you have money and privilege, you may survive – even thrive – over the next four years. But many Americans do not have the resources or power to shield themselves against hostile government policies and social discrimination. These people are our collective responsibility.

Faith in the American ideal of liberty and equality for all – a faith widely shared by Americans across faiths and ideologies – is the firewall that will ultimately protect our experiment in religious diversity and democratic freedom.

But keep in mind during the difficult days ahead: There is no point in having faith unless you use it.

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Ye Olde Madrigal Dinner is set!



The Madrigal tradition....

At the last Madrigal Dinner held in 2014, Noah Han escorted Katie Benson as part of the King's Royal Court. As seniors this year, they a long with students in grades 8 -12 will welcome guests to the King's Madrigal celebration at Staples-Motley High School, Dec. 3 and 4. (Submitted photo)

Since 1975, the Staples-Motley High School Choirs have presented "Ye Olde

Madrigal Dinners", and will once again harken the call on, Saturday, Dec. 3, at

6 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4:30 p.m.

Continuing the "Tradition of Excellence" guests of the King will be transported back five hundred years into the realm of English Lords and Ladies. This year Guests will enter the "Market Place" of the kingdom from the south gym where they will be taken on a new journey never seen before. After going through the city, guests of the King will be summoned by the "Crier's Call to the Feasting Halle!"

Between the many courses of "Morsels to wyet thyne appetite," guests will be entertained with music of the renaissance, featuring "The Boar's Head Carol, Gloucestershire Wassail, Sicut Cervus, Ec-sultate Justi" and more.

Many of these works were popular during the time of Shakespeare. Prime among them were madrigals themselves, with their "fa-la-la" refrains. Traditional Christmas carols will also be performed, a recorder trio, carolers, the Court Jester, strolling minstrels and of course, those despicable beggars.

No honored guest of the court shall go hungry in King Horn's Castle, as the Royal Feast "fit for a king" will be masterfully overseen by Lady Lois Detloff, along with the careful eyes of the Royal Cooking Court. The courses will include the "wassail bolle," seasoned vegetables and the boars taken in the hunt. And of course, the noto-

rious "Flaming Plomme Pudding" will be served just prior to departure.

Also new to this year's Madrigal is the seating of the paupers (in the stands) which will allow for guests to be involved in the festivities for a third of the cost. These esteemed guests will not partake in the feast, they will be entertained.

Tickets for this feast and celebration can be purchased; Nov. 21, 22, 23 and Dec. 1 and 2 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples, located on the corner of 4th St. NE and 2nd Ave. NE (one block north of the historic depot).



Taught by "Bones" Malone

Five Staples-Motley High School band students participated in an all day event held in Aitkin on Nov. 7. The workshop provided the unique opportunity to learn from Tom "Bones" Malone, a former member of the Blues Brothers, the Saturday Night Live band and the David Letterman Band.

Front row: Elijah Sams, Jon Crust, Band Director, SMHS. Back row: Trenton Plopper, Cade Bestland, Tom "Bones" Malone, Zach Strickland and Grace Van Alst.

Community Thanksgiving Service

A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., at the Staples Alliance Church.

An offering will be taken to support the Feed My Starving Children ministry. The church is located at 1512 8th St. NE in Staples. All are welcome.

Mark Your Calendar

November 17

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

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Presentation by Central Lakes College President Hara Charlier.
- Committee reports including Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and consideration of renewal of the Lutheran Social Services Nutrition Program site use agreement for 2017.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. at the high school media center.

- Tentative agenda items include:
- School/community forum, if presenters contact the board chair or superintendent by noon regarding the topic.
 - Personnel items include accepting resignations from Jarid Johnson, paraprofessional; and Lisa Kajer, FACs program; retirement request from Donna Bestland, health career classes; approve maternity leave for Samantha Pommier, middle school.
 - Other items including granting permission to further explore the option of a Science Educational Experience extended trip to Iceland in June 2018.
- Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.

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Election night tradition

Close to 600 people enjoyed the lutefisk and meatball supper at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples Nov. 8, an election-night tradition.



Dozens of volunteers of all ages helped prepare and serve the meal, which was served family-style in the church fellowship hall. Proceeds from the meal (as well as the silent auction held in the church foyer) go towards scholarships and other area needs. Pictured in lower photo, greeting guests, are Marilyn Hall and Joan Hamann. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Lutefisk-lovin' Lutherans

Election night in Staples wouldn't be complete without the traditional lutefisk and meatball supper served at Faith Lutheran Church. Pictured above preparing lutefisk in the fish house outside the church are, from left, Rick Otteson, Darren Holst, Huck Holst, Derek Holst. A

sign posted on the fish house read, "Lutefisk...the piece of cod that passes all understanding." A total of 325 pounds of lutefisk was prepared that night, as well as 150 pounds of potatoes, 125 pounds of rutabagas, 100 pounds of hamburger. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Kelly Cairra and Allen Bittner of Brainerd, a baby boy, Cooper Gilbert weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on November 5, 2016.

Born to Travis and Allison Bjerketvedt of Baxter, a baby girl, Aurora Loretta weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on November 7, 2016.

Born to Nick and Pearl Ylitalo of Menahga, a baby boy, Bennett Carl weighing 11 pounds, five ounces on November 7, 2016.

Born to Rob and Trista Wilczek of Little Falls, a baby girl, Cora Lynn weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on November 8, 2016.

Born to Jenna Klingberg and Brandon Kvamme of Verndale, a baby girl, Rylee Jade weighing six pounds, four ounces on November 8, 2016.

Born to Autumn Koloski and Josh Spindler of Brainerd, a baby girl, Hope Serenity weighing six pounds, eight ounces on November 9, 2016.

Born to Leroy and Karen Sakry of Bertha, a baby girl, Madelynn Rose weighing seven pounds, 15.5 ounces on November 10, 2016.

Born to Chris and Stephanie MacAulay of Staples, a baby girl, Graceyn Lee weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on November 11, 2016.

Obituaries



Philip Stone

Philip Stone, 88, of Staples, passed away November 9, 2016, at his home.

Services were held Nov. 14, at the First Congregational Church, UCC, Staples with Pastor Tony Romaine officiating.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples, with military honors.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Philip was born April 7, 1928 in Staples to Ernest and Josephine (Mayer) Stone. He graduated from Staples High School. Philip served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII and Korea. He was a cook in the army and loved it. He married to Rita Nelson on May 31, 1949 and they were married for 67 years. He was employed for 43 years, as an engineer for the Northern Pacific and Burlington Northern Railroads. Philip was a member of the Staples Congregational Church, Elks, VFW, American Legion and the Evergreen Hill Cemetery board. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, going to the lake, cooking for his family and traveling. Most of all, he loved spending time with his family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Philip is survived by his wife; four daughters, Rayma (Dennis) Miller of Staples, Melba (Bill) McGuire of Inver Grove Heights, Marcia (Mark) Penfield of Fargo, ND, Joan Miller of Spring Lake Park; one son, Jerome (Peggy) Stone of Staples; 12 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, LaRita and Bernice and one grandson, Jason Miller.

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Lawrence Reisenauer

Lawrence Reisenauer 79, of Wadena passed away November 13, 2016 at Perham Living, in Perham.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, November 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 17, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with parish prayers at 5:30 p.m. and rosary at 6:30 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena, and on Friday one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena.

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Francis Zetah

Francis Calvin Zetah, 85, of Motley passed away November 10, 2016 at the St. Cloud Veterans Administration Hospital.

Services were held November 14 at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Motley, with Father Joe Korf officiating.

Interment with Military Honors was held at the Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Francis was born on September 27, 1931, in Staples to Sylvester (Wes) and Veronica (Vern Schmidt) Zetah. He graduated from Morris Agricultural High School. He served in the U.S. Air Force in the Korean War from 1951 to 1955. Francis married MaryAnn Konen on November 14, 1955. Francis and MaryAnn farmed their entire lives near Motley. He was a lifetime member of St. Michaels Catholic Church and the Randall VRW Post #9073. They built a 20-unit apartment building in Motley for Senior Citizens in 1979. Francis was active in politics, enjoyed hunting, fishing and farming. The couple would have celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Nov. 14.

Francis is survived by his wife; one son, Kenneth (Connie) of Motley; five daughters, Diane (Russell) Anderson of Maplewood, Janet Eischeid of Motley, Debra (Duane) Bender of Cambridge, Linda (Alan) Card of Motley and Patricia (Michael) Simonet of Brooklyn Park; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Rose Zetah; two brothers, Donald (Jane) of Brainerd and Thomas (Karen) of Motley; three sisters, Barbara (Costas) Nichols of Fridley, Rebecca Theilen of Cambridge and Theresa (Jerry) Kruger of Maple Grove. Orel Granby was a committed friend and farm hand that always eased Francis' mind by helping on the farm.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter, Nicole Zetah and one brother, Gerald.

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Pearl Hoemberg

Pearl Hoemberg, 95, of Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena passed away November 6, 2016, one day after her birthday.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 12 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Joe Korf as celebrant.

Burial was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena.

Pearl was born November 5, 1921, to Roy and Clara (Olson) Stave, in Moran Township, Todd County. She attended country school through the eighth grade. Pearl married Matthew Francis Hoemberg on February 20, 1941 at the Rectory of Sacred Heart Church. They made their home on a farm west of Staples where she enjoyed caring for her large family, quilting, gardening, canning and cooking and baking for her family and friends. She collected cups, saucers and dolls. Pearl was an avid bingo and card player. She was a member of Catholic Foresters and the mission circle at church.

Pearl is survived by six daughters, Karen Hopp of Staples, Darlene (David) Krear of Hudson, WI, Connie Putz of Verndale, Marilyn (Randy) Bell of San Tan Valley, AZ, Cindy (Rich) Foisy of Chino Hills, CA, Karla Hoemberg of New Hope; five sons, James (Roberta) Hoemberg of Staples, Dennis (Rita) Hoemberg of Robinsdale, Thomas (Roxann



Kowalski) Hoemberg and Mark (Sara) Hoemberg both of Staples and Kevin (Denise Roberts) Hoemberg of Brooklyn Park; 28 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and many great-great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren; three brothers, Kessel (Barbara) Stave of Deer Creek, Ronald (Sharon) Stave of Baldwin, WI and Darrell (Connie) Stave of Spencer, IA; two sisters Delona Hoemberg of Bertha and Shirley (Martin) Duis of Spencer, IA and many friends.

Pearl was preceded in death by her husband; parents; two sons, Lawrence "Larry" and infant, John Leo Hoemberg; infant twin daughters, Janice and Janet; three brothers, Russell, Gerald and Royce; three sisters, Opal Mertens, Ruby May and Carol Canfield; two sons-in-law, Herb Hopp and John Putz and two daughters-in-law, Charlette and Sharron Hoemberg.

Memorials are preferred to the Sacred Heart Parochial School, Staples.

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Janice Macho

Janice Kay (Carry) Macho, 71, of Brainerd, passed away at her home November 11, 2016.

A memorial service will be held on Nov. 19, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Halvorson Johnson Funeral Home, Brainerd Chapel.

Burial will be at the Motley Public Cemetery in Motley.

Arrangements are with the Halvorson Johnson Funeral Home, Brainerd Chapel.

Jan was born August 18, 1945 to Howard and Kathryn (Pogreba) Carry, Sr. in Long Prairie.

Jan is survived by one son, Darren (Ashley) Macho of Brainerd; five grandchildren; five brothers, Howard Carry, Jr. (Norma Niemeyer) of Browerville, Ronald (Agnes) Carry of Cushing, Doug (Lori) Carry of Cushing, Gary (Bernadette) Carry of Browerville, Arnie (Jackie) Carry of Randall; one sister, Judy (Duane) Line of Brainerd; sister-in-law, Kirsten Carry and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Dale Macho; one brother, Darrell Carry and an infant sister, Mary.

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Thank You

I want to thank all the citizens who voted for me and displayed my yard signs.

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Bake Sale

Sat. Nov. 19

9-11:30 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

430 12th St. NE, Staples

Ethnic Goodies... Lefse, Rosettes, Krumkaka, Rice Pudding, Rommegrot, ect.

Other Goodies... Cookies, Candies, Breads, Pies, Doughnuts, ect. (cookies will be sold by the pound)

Come and let us help you with your Holiday Baking!

Todd County Historical Society holds elections

The Todd County Historical Society elected officers and trustees at their Nov. 7 meeting. Gerry Ruda and Ron Wienhold were re-elected as treasurer and vice-president; Annette Skiftun and Lorna Hunter will replace Elwood Rolfs and Charlie Ring as trustees. Sue Moller has resigned as assistant curator. Ads will be placed in all Todd County newspapers for a new assistant. Committee lists were reviewed and three new names were added. The museum director reported: Eighteen officers and their families came to Law Enforcement Appreciation Days and 72 people attended our Autumn Dinner. Thank you to all who helped at these events. The grant money has been sent to the Minnesota Historical Society for 77

rolls of microfilm so they can film our Todd County newspapers. We've received a check from Diversicare. Third quarter taxes have been paid. Design Electronics has installed the three cameras. The Dec. 5 meeting will be held at 7 p.m. This will be our Christmas party. Sloppy Joes will be served and members are asked to sign up to bring other food items. January through March the meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m. Following the meeting, Ron Wienhold showed examples of various items from the 1800s to the early 1900s that are no longer on our table, from toothpick holders to salt cellars. Respectfully submitted, Alice Siegle, Secretary



November birthdays and anniversaries

The monthly birthday/anniversary celebration was held November 8, in the Senior Citizen's room at the Staples Community Center. Celebrating birthdays included front, left to right: Ethel Dezell and Martha Holsapple and Jan (front) and Steve Pogreba (behind) celebrated their anniversary. Back: Jim Carlson celebrated his birthday and anniversary with wife, Mary and Neil Grover, celebrated his birthday. Small decorated

cakes, personalized cards and the Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary song was sung. A short program and prize drawings was also held. The December Birthday/Anniversary party will be held Tuesday, December 13 and the Senior Citizen's Christmas party will be Wednesday, Dec. 14. Reservations can be made by calling Diane at 218-894-2556. (Submitted photo)

Promotions announced

First International Bank & Trust, Staples, has promoted two employees. Joe Roline was promoted to Assistant Vice President. Roline joined FIB&T in 2008 as a Personal Banker I. He transitioned his role to Credit Review in 2012 before moving to the Staples office in 2013 where he has been working as a Commercial Loan Officer. Stephen Gertken was promoted to Assistant Vice President. Gertken began his career with FIB&T in 2011 as an intern. He later transitioned his role to Credit Analysis in May, 2012, before moving to the Staples office in 2014 where he is now working as a Commercial Loan Officer.

EARLY DEADLINES Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the deadline for Nov. 24 Staples World is Fri. Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. Nov. 26 Square Shooter 5 pm Tues. Nov. 22

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Alliance, Trinity Lutheran, United Methodist, Aldrich Congregational, UCC, Balsamlund Lutheran, Cushing Baptist, Faith Lutheran, Sacred Heart Church, Seventh Day Adventist, Thomastown Covenant, First Baptist, Swan Valley Lutheran, Maple Hill Lutheran, Motley Free Methodist, St. John's Lutheran, St. Michael, Oylen Alliance, Pillager First Lutheran Church, Casino Assembly of God, Verndale Alliance, Hope Chapel Alliance, Family Life Church, Central United Methodist.

FREE CLASS Online Library Research

Can you trust information you find on the internet? How can you be sure you are getting the best, most current, most accurate facts? The Staples Public Library and Central Minnesota-North Adult Basic Education can help you become confident in your research. The public is welcome to this free class. 10 a.m.-noon • Weds., Dec. 7 Staples Public Library • 122 6th St. NE, Staples Space is limited. Register by Dec. 1. Call Amy at 218-894-5315. Laptops will be provided. Must be 16 years and older.

Aldrich Tractor Offering Massey Ferguson Tractors and Hesston Hay Equipment. Plus parts and service. Aldrich Tractor Inc, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5430 www.aldrichtractor.com

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 Knight titles, 5 Madcap comedy, 22 Actionable words, 61 Editable site, 25 "nabbit", 64 Element no. 5, 65 Connive, 66 "Sounds good!", 67 Kind of suit, 68 Late Tonight host, 69 Zingy taste, 70 Blocks, 71 Genesis garden, 1 Islamic chiefs, 2 Piled up, 3 Passes on the road, 4 Note taker, 5 Mideast potentate, 6 Source, 7 Ness Monster, 8 "Can I borrow of sugar?", 9 Beat, 10 Magnificent, 11 Murmur, 12 Words of honor?, 13 Clear, 21 Choose (to), 26 Laid up, 27 Ogle, 30 Campaign setting, 31 Het up, 32 Ratty place, 33 Become narrower, 38 Gorging on, 39 Clemson athlete, 40 Musician Yoko, 41 Shred, 42 Nuptial agreement, 43 Jack Bauer's org., 45 Released early, 46 Sonic boom speed, 47 Country singer, Blake, 50 Bobby, for short, 53 Picture puzzle, 55 iPad maker, 57 Stop order?, 58 HOMES body, 59 Scope, 60 Resting places, 61 Humor, 62 "little confused", 63 Family folk.

The recipe to a contented spirit

By Paul Johnson, Associate Pastor, Staples Alliance Church

"But godliness with contentment is great gain." -1 Timothy 1:6-6

Philip Parham tells the story of a rich industrialist who was disturbed to find a fisherman sitting lazily beside his boat. "Why aren't you out there fishing?" he asked. "Because I've caught enough fish for today," said the fisherman. "Why don't you catch more fish than you need?" the rich man asked. "What would I do with them?" "You could earn more money," came the impatient reply, "and buy a better boat so you could go deeper and catch more fish. You could purchase nylon nets, catch even more fish, and make more money. Soon you'd have a fleet of boats and be rich like me." The fisherman asked, "Then what do I do?" "You could sit down and enjoy life," said the industrialist. "What do you think I'm doing now?" the fisherman replied as he looked placidly out to sea. (Quoted from Our Daily Bread, May 18, 1994)

"enough" is just one new automobile, one tube of toothpaste more than we have. I love what Paul tells Timothy; "But godliness with contentment is great gain". If I have God - if He is the center, the source of my existence, and if His character is my greatest goal - then I have it all, and I am miles ahead of the guy with the new Lexus and the Colgate smile. Cars rust, and teeth fall out, but "the word of our God stands forever" (Isaiah 40:8). Paul had a good handle on contentment. Listen to what he wrote to the believers in Philippians: "I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am." -Philippians 4:12-13, The Message

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, are you looking for a place to begin your thoughts of thankfulness? Learn a secret from the Apostle Paul - the recipe to a contented spirit and a thankful heart begins with the One who makes us who we are!

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Thank you ... for reading the Staples World



**PUBLIC NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
PLANNING
COMMISSION**
215 1st Ave South,
Suite 103
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
Phone 320-732-4420
Fax 320-732-4803
Email toddplan.zone@
co.todd.mn.us

**Planning Commission
Agenda**
Notice is hereby given that the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Thursday December 1, 2016 at 6 p.m.** in the Commissioners Meeting Room, **Historic Courthouse, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN**

Agenda
•Call to Order.
•Introduction of Planning Commission Members.
•Approval of the October, 2016 Planning Commission meeting minutes.

1) **Gregory M Johnson:** The NE4 of the SE4 Section 13 of Gordon Township PIN: 10-0011101
Request for a Zoning Amendment to rezone that part of Section 13 from AF-1 to AF-2 zoning to allow an increase in dwelling density.

2) **Little Swan Villa Plat:** Darrell Bacon developer. Part of the GOV Lot 3, Section 03, Burnhamville Township PIN: 06-0004500
Subdivision request to create a cluster subdivision plat named "Little Swan Villa" for 16 lots and 2 out lots on Little Swan Lake.

3) **Land Use Ordinance Proposed Changes:** Changes to several areas of the Todd County Land Use Ordinance to aid in clarification of terms and uses of land will be presented and discussed with opportunity for public input. The full detailed suggested changes can be viewed online on the county web site under Planning and Zoning.

Adjournment -
If you have any concerns or questions in regard to the upcoming meeting and your application, feel free to call the Planning & Zoning Office 320-732-4420.

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

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

1) **Linda Gilmore:** Sect-14 Twp-127 Rang-34 Part of NW4 of SE4 AND Sect-14 Twp-127 Rang-34 Part of GOV Lot 2
Site Address: 12261 Alcott Dr. Sauk Centre, MN 56378
PIN: 03-0031400

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

2) **Larry and Rose Welle:** Sect-29 Twp-127 Rang-32 Nestlebrush Subdivision Lot 18
Site Address: 30522 Aspen Dr. Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PIN: 11-0061900

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

3) **Ross and Tamara Niebur:** Sect-7 Twp-130 Rang-32 GAARE'S Subdivision Lot -10 BLK -1
Site Address: 29174 King Road Browerville, MN 56438
PIN: 16-0037200

Variance request 1) To reduce the setback for after the fact water oriented accessory structure from 75 feet to 38 feet. 2) To increase the size of water orientated accessory structure from 250 Sq Ft to 450 Sq Ft.

All persons interested

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheid, Chair
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

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

MORTGAGOR(S): Andrew M. Froehle, Trustee of the Andrew M. Froehle Living Trust Dated June 28, 2001

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

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

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$212,500.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 7, 2009

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

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

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

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 28453 OTTAWA DR, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 26-0043100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100061907000094672

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

PROCEEDING HAS BEEN INSTITUTED AT LAW TO RECOVER THE DEBT THEN REMAINING SECURED BY SUCH MORTGAGE, OR ANY PART THEREOF, OR, IF THE ACTION OR PROCEEDING HAS BEEN INSTITUTED, THAT THE SAME HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED, OR THAT AN EXECUTION UPON THE JUDGMENT RENDERED THEREIN HAS BEEN RETURNED UNSATISFIED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

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

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

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

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

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

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: November 4, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq.
N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq.
Curt N. Trisko, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
Attorneys for Mortgagee
The Academy Professional Building
25 North Dale Street
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 209-9760
(16-0983-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77PR-16-830**

In Re: Estate of GERALD L. ECKEL, Deceased

AMENDED ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice by publication is hereby given that on the 19th day of December, 2016, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above named decedent dated March 17, 2015, and for the appointment of DIANNE C. ECKEL, whose address is 32372 - 203rd Avenue, Clarissa, Minnesota 56440, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

Notice is further given that **ALL CREDITORS** having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: November 8, 2016

/s/ Douglas Anderson
Judge of the District Court

Patti Johnson
Deputy Court Administrator

Sue Ann Lind, #0270179
PEMBERTON, SORLIE, RUFER & KERSHNER, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Petitioner
7 Colfax Avenue Southwest
Wadena, Minnesota 56482
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**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
MEETING**

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at the Wadena County Courthouse, Wadena, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant
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**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 and into early months of 2017. For inquiries call 763-535-1079.
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Q: What do Honda, Chevy, Ford and Toyota have in common?

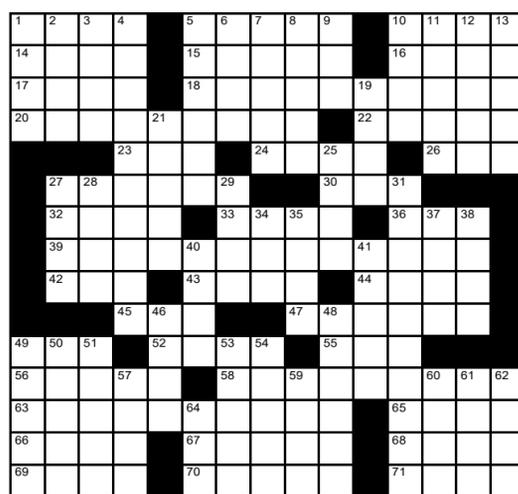
A: They are at the top of the list of stolen cars in Minnesota.

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Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile



"Double OU"

Across
1 Crude group?
5 Afternoon: Sp.
10 Distort
14 Long (for)
15 Crazy as ___
16 Emanation
17 Org. with eligibility rules
18 Locomotive locale
20 Bread type
22 North of Virginia
23 Pacific ring
24 Bindle bearer
26 Big ___ Conference
27 Far down
30 Some hosp. cases
32 Once, once
33 Grand Ole ___ city
36 On the ___ vive
39 "No question"
42 ___Jet (winter vehicle)
43 Mouth, slangily
44 Dundee denials

45 Negative word
47 Cooking wine
49 CBS cop show
52 Starting place
55 Job ad abbr.
56 Bellybutton type
58 Total
63 Restaurant special
65 "This can't be!"
66 ___ Nostra
67 Boxer Liston
68 Pooch's name
69 Newspaper piece
70 River to the Missouri
71 Put one over on

9 Finis
10 Ewe's coat
11 Mature
12 Ms. O'Donnell
13 Dress up
19 Parka feature
21 Profundity
25 "Cheers" bartender Woody
27 Moistens, in a way
28 "___ go brag!"
29 Part of BYO
31 Took a fighting stance
34 School tie?
35 Emulates Eminem
37 Rideshare company
38 Teeny
40 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
41 Tie ___ (tipple)
46 Was in the hole
48 Town crier's cry
49 Kid's name
50 Nosy Parker
51 Sign on a plane facility
53 Magic amulets
54 "___ sera!"
57 Apple bestseller
59 Mao Tse-___
60 Mississippi feeder
61 Bring to ruin
62 Hammer or sickle
64 WWII entertainers

Answers
"Double OU"

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**SECTION 00 1113
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

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

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

Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repairs

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity
2021.501	MCHLEACH	LS	1
2105.603	DITCH-CLEANING	LF	76,582
2105.603	HEAVILY VEGETATED CLEARING (NUMEROUS LARGER TREES)	LF	14,176
2575.801	LIGHT VEGETATED CLEARING (SMALLER BRUSH)	LF	36,235

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form. Bidding Documents are available for download online at Quest Construction Data Network, www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00 or in person for the same fee. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 4728378. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

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

By: Nancy Uhlenkamp
Title: Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector
Owner: Todd County Drainage Authority
45-47c

**PUBLIC NOTICES:
Your Right to Know**



A patriotic melody fills the air on Veterans Day

The Staples-Motley orchestra played the Star Spangled Banner at the Veterans Day program held Nov. 11, at the Staples-Motley High School, as veterans and students stood at attention honoring the song and its meaning. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Voices of America

Staples-Motley Elementary students honored the veterans at the Veteran's Day Program held Nov. 11, with singing, "This Land is Your Land" for the crowd and the veterans seated behind them.



Patriotic essay

Ben Olander, reads his essay about veterans to the crowd at the Staples-Motley High School Veterans Day program held Nov. 11.



Honoring veterans

Staples-Motley FFA students escorted veterans into the Veterans Day program held at S-M High School Nov. 11, as elementary school students watch the procession.

Bridges Career Academies awarded second Bremer Foundation grant

The Otto Bremer Foundation again awarded an organizational supporting grant to the Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connection. The \$220,000 grant has strengthened the development of Bridges Career Academies, launched a new Career Depot web portal through the Bridges Workplace Connection and developed a new Career Skills Camp model.

Each of these activities seek to fundamentally change the way students explore and determine their future careers. All Bridges programs are designed to help the next generation workforce become better prepared to meet the demands of local employers, especially in careers that are high-wage, high-skill and high-growth.

The Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connection was developed to better integrate work-based learning between schools and business. The Bridges Career Academies, offer a sequence of courses focusing on career pathways.

Courses are project based with hands-on learning activities. Each course teaches technical skills, employability skills and has a real-world business experience. Students have practical learning opportunities throughout the courses that transfer to activities beyond the school day.

The Workplace Connection offers job shadows, speakers in the classrooms and career videos, business tours, the career depot and an annual career exploration day - all of which integrate work-based learning between schools and business and showcase career options that are available in the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Thanks to the support of the Otto Bremer Foundation, the Bridges Career Academies have expanded to additional high schools, develop additional academies with existing high school partners, held an annual faculty workshop, developed online

resource materials and provided financial support for special projects.

Judy Richer, Staples, Coordinator of the Bridges Career Academies, said "The Bridges Career Academies continue to grow and flourish with 127 Academies built to date resulting in 625+ Academy graduates in the last four years. Students completing a Bridges Career Academy receive an Academy Certificate of Completion, a green honor cord, and recognition at their high school awards and graduation events."

Bremer dollars helped the Bridges Workplace Connection launch the Career Depot, a new web portal that offers a collection of resources to help students explore careers, as well as find tips on how to complete applications, prepare for an interview, and more. Through classroom projects and extracurricular activities, area teachers, coaches, and staff encourage students to use the Career Depot tools to explore future careers. The Career Depot also provides an easy-to-use database of jobs just for high schoolers, and connects to students through social media and an App.

In 2015, Bridges staff also launched a Career Skills Camp. The two-day experience for students and teachers used a combination of business speakers and outdoor team-related activities that focus on developing an understanding of essential work behaviors (such as communicate with co-workers, dressing appropriately and problem solving) and conducting an assessment of individual foundational/soft skills (such as communication, team building, and leadership confidence building). The next camp is slated for late October, 2016.

Mary Gottsch, Director of the Bridges Workplace Connection, played a key role in developing Bridges. Gottsch links businesses with these unique programs to give

students real-world options for local career choices, while also preparing area employers for their future workforce.

"High school students need to better understand their career options before pursuing a post-secondary education," said Gottsch. "Local businesses and industry are eager to partner with Bridges in an effort to grow a knowledgeable and skilled employee base and positively impact our local economy."

Currently, 26 school districts within Region Five and/or the Central Lakes Carl Perkins Consortium are eligible to participate in the Bridges programs, including: Aitkin, Bertha-Hewitt, Brainerd, Browerville, Cass Lake-Bena, Crosby-Ironton, Eagle Valley, Freshwater District, Henning, Isle, Little Falls, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Menahga, Northland Community, Onamia, Pequot Lakes, Pierz, Pillager, Pine River-Backus, Royalton, Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Swanville, Upsala, Verndale, and Wadena-Deer Creek.

In addition to the Otto Bremer Foundation, the Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connection is funded in part by the following organizations: Blandin Foundation, Brainerd Area Rotary Club, Brainerd Area Sertoma Club, Brainerd Lakes Area Community Foundation, Carl Perkins Central Lakes Consortium Funding, Crow Wing Power, Initiative Foundation, MicroNet/ChamberMaster, the National Joint Powers Alliance, Region Five Development Commission and Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program (Rural MN Cep), and are supported by the Brainerd Lakes Chamber, Central Lakes College, and participating school districts.

Learn more by visiting www.BridgesConnection.org, or call 218-822-7117.

Tri-County Health Care certified as CALS hospital

Tri-County Health Care has once again been designated a Comprehensive Advanced Life Support (CALS) hospital by a coalition of Minnesota health care organizations and individuals. Minnesota's CALS program provides advanced life-support education to rural health care providers.

"We are proud to be one of eleven CALS certified hospitals in Minnesota," said Deb Zacharias, ER Nursing Supervisor. "This designation recognizes our commitment to the care of rural emergency patients and emphasizes teamwork."

The CALS educational program includes extensive print and electronic material, interactive education, and hands-on skills training. Features that distinguish CALS from other life support courses are:

- CALS is comprehensive: While other courses are limited to a single type of emergency such as trauma or cardiac problems, CALS prepares the participant to deal with trauma, cardiac, general medical, OB, pediatric and neonatal emergencies as well.

- CALS maintains a rural focus: the program is designed for health care teams working in rural areas and other settings in which the full complement of resources such as specialists and specialized equipment may not be readily available.

- CALS adheres to the team approach to training and real-world practice. Some life support courses train just part of the team; others provide uniform training to all participants, regardless of scope of practice. CALS brings together teams of physi-

cians, nurses, PAs, NPs and paramedics and provides practical training that includes development of the team itself.

- CALS advocates a systems-based approach that links health care institutions and providers at all levels and stages of emergency care in a continuous network of support for the victim of a serious illness or injury.

"The primary focus of CALS curriculum is to train medical teams in rural areas to anticipate, recognize and treat life-threatening emergencies," said Dr. Steven Davis. "Because of the dedication of the entire staff here at Tri-County I am absolutely confident that our team is prepared to respond to any number of medical emergencies that may arise."

The first CALS program was developed in Minnesota in 1996 as a result of collaboration among emergency medicine and family physicians, rural practitioners and academic specialists, and nurses, nurse practitioners, PA's, paramedics and others. The CALS program has gone on to be adopted in much of the United States, in parts of Canada and throughout the world.

State Trauma Advisory Councils of both Minnesota and Wisconsin have approved CALS as one of the training programs that can be used to qualify hospitals for specified levels of trauma designation. CALS has been selected by the U.S. State Dept. as the preferred source of medical training for our U.S. Embassies around the world.

For more information, contact Deb Zacharias, ER Nursing Supervisor, at 218-632-8767.



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who voted for me in the General Election for Wadena County Commissioner of District 2. I was honored to be one of the two candidates to win in the Primary and continue the process to the General Election. I am also writing to thank all of the people who were supportive of my candidacy in various ways. I appreciated all support very much.

I enjoyed connecting with voters again and engaging in the political process.

I wish Mr. Hofer the best as he continues as our District 2 Commissioner.

Ralph Miller

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Veterans Day poem and songs

Pre-K and kindergarten students at Sacred Heart Area School recited a veterans day poem and sang "Veterans Day" and "Veterans, We Thank You." (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Tribute to veterans

Jim Opelia, Principal at Sacred Heart Area School and a veteran, gave the speech at the school's Community Veterans Day Program. The school is also participating in the Military Bible Stick program (an audio player device about the size of a pack of gum and a weather-proof) which can be sent to soldiers.



Final tribute

Following the recognition of all branches of the military attending the Community Veterans Day Program, students at Sacred Heart Area School concluded the program with a tribute to U.S. Veterans. The audience sang "Amazing Grace" and listened to "Taps". Above, left to right: Gabe Koval, Zachary McIlravy, Sam Zimmermann reciting the final tribute, Ashlyn Vogel, Emali Jimenez, Lauren Rutten and Carter Gregerson.



Posting of Colors

Fifth grade students Zachary McIlravy, Gabe Koval and Carter Gregerson post the colors to begin the Community Veterans Day Program Nov. 11, held at Sacred Heart Area School, Staples. The ceremony opened with everyone reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" and singing the national anthem.



Thank you, veterans

Bryan Burrows, Lilly Tyrrell, Jade Storry, Drake Dukowitz and Joe Zimmermann read poems about veterans day.

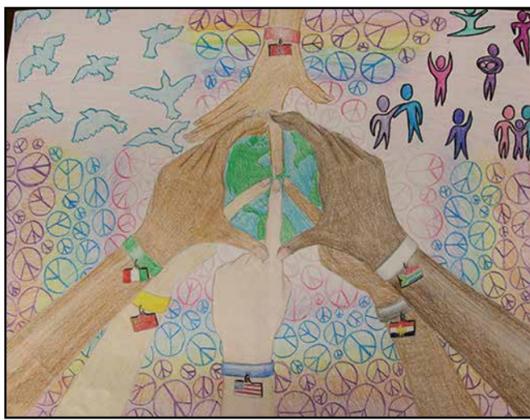
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A Celebration of Peace

Staples '93 Lions and Motley Lions Club members congratulated the winners of their local Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Winners, front row from left, Mandy Carter, 2nd place, Nicki Carter, 1st place, and Camryn Ferris, 3rd place; Lions Club members, back row from left, Kathy Johnson, Beth Gedde, Mary Vergin and Shelly Miller. The winning poster will advance to the next level of the international competition. This year's theme was "A Celebration of Peace." (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Many hands bring peace

Depicting hands from different countries reaching for a single goal, Nicki Carter's peace poster was voted first place in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. "I wanted all different people from all different cultures to come together as one," said Carter.

Grant writing services offered

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) is a state regional development commission known for its collaborative work in Region Five to enhance the quality and vitality of life for the region's citizens. Grant writing is one of the technical assistance services provided by R5DC. National Joint Powers Alliance, in partnership with R5DC, will cover the costs of R5DC's grant writing consultation and services for any city or county in Region Five, as funding permits.

A resource for cities and counties that National Joint Powers Alliance is committed to providing is the Innovation Funding Program. Applications are being encouraged for the 2017, fourth annual funding cycle. The Region Five Development Commission team members offer expert consultation and services to prepare and write application for Innovation Funding Awards, or recommend other funding sources, as applicable.

Working together to serve Region Five, NJPA and R5DC are dedicated to providing the best possible service and efficiency to other government agencies in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties. For more information, contact Cheryl Lee Hills, chills@regionfive.org 218-894-3233

Thank You!
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Bryan Winkels
I will continue to make the best decisions for everyone involved in our school community.
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Welcome to the family
Kirsten Sjostrand, DO
 Obstetrics and Gynecology
 Essentia Health-Baxter Specialty Clinic

Dr. Kirsten Sjostrand, an obstetrician and gynecologist, has joined the Essentia Health-Baxter Specialty Clinic. She also sees patients at the Good Beginnings OB Clinic at Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Most recently, Dr. Sjostrand served in the U.S. Air Force and cared for women at Mountain Home Air Force Base in Idaho. "It's so wonderful to be coming home to the Midwest to raise our family and put down roots," she says.

Dr. Sjostrand earned a medical degree from Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Des Moines, IA. She completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Mercy Health in Muskegon, MI. She is certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in obstetrics and gynecology.

Dr. Sjostrand says her life experiences help her in her job. She's a wife, a mother and has traveled the world doing mission work. She has a special interest in infertility because she struggled with it. "I feel like I really relate to women in a way that allows me to make a difference for them," she says. "My personal experiences as a woman give me empathy for what goes on with women."

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Sjostrand, call 218.454.5935.

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EARLY DEADLINES
 Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the deadline for the Nov. 24 Staples World is **5 pm Friday Nov. 18**
Nov. 26 Square Shooter
5 pm Tuesday Nov. 22



Veterans Day in Motley



Honoring our veterans

Motley American Legion members marched into the Motley-Staples Middle School gym on Nov. 11 for the Veteran's Day program held in their honor. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



American military wear past and present

Bob Follis, (above) in white shirt, used M-S Middle School students as models to show "100 years of uniforms," of American military wear from World War I through to present day. Pictured, Sam Opheim wearing a coat and hat worn by American troops during their Russian campaign following World War I. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Flag folding demonstration

Motley-Staples Middle School students show respect to the flag as they demonstrate a flag folding ceremony. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



New diesel gas tanks in operation

The new diesel island with satellite pumps at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley has been up and running since Oct. 18. Pictured above and at right is Andy Weaver of Pequot Lakes, filling up his truck, which has fuel tanks on both sides. "Each side holds 100 gallons," Weaver said, adding that he appreciates the convenience of filling up both tanks at once. "It saves a lot of time." The diesel island features three fueling lanes with high-speed satellite pumps. Card readers are available at the pump; and a new entrance for truck drivers has been built on the north side of the establishment. Gas and diesel pumps for automobiles will continue to be located up front. BRICKS Travel Plaza is owned by Joe, Susie and Pat Brichacek. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Information sought following death of Morrison County hunter Reward of up to \$10,000 offered

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen is asking the public to come forward with information that may assist with their investigation into the death of a hunter. As of Nov. 14, a private party is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the identification of the person who shot and killed Terrence (Terry) Brisk.

Investigators believe that Terrence Brisk, 41, of Belle Prairie Township was shot on Monday, Nov. 7, between 2:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on wooded property northwest of the intersection of Hawthorne Rd. and Jewel Rd. in Belle Prairie Township, east of Little Falls.



Terrence Brisk

Falls.

The Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office subsequently determined that Brisk died of blood loss due to a gunshot wound.

Investigators are trying to determine the circumstances of Brisk's death, including the possibility that the individual who shot Brisk is unaware that they had done so.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office is asking nearby property owners, anyone who was hunting in the area at the time; and anyone who saw an unfamiliar person or vehicle leaving or entering the woods between 2 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. on Nov. 7, to contact the sheriff's office at 320-632-9233.

Terrence Brisk leaves behind a wife, Pamela; and children, Johnathon, Nicholas, Frances and Michael.

Rezoning fees discussed Motley's election results canvassed

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Property owners in Motley wanting to have a property rezoned will be responsible for paying the \$300 application fee... not the city.

It was a decision made by the Motley City Council at their regular meeting Nov. 14.

Prior to voting, the council learned that the owner of a single-family home on Ash St. East in Motley (Artesian Homes) is wanting to convert the building into a group home with two separate dwelling spaces.

The property is currently zoned Public Use, which does not allow for dwellings. Ben Oleson, city zoning administrator, noted in a letter provided to the council that the applicant had stated a willingness to have this property rezoned.

Oleson noted that a public hearing is scheduled to take place at the Nov. 29 planning commission meeting regarding the rezoning of the above-mentioned property. He advised the council to address whether the city would initiate this rezoning on its own, or if the city feels this is something that needs to be addressed by the property owner.

Oleson went on to note that the city ordinance allows for a rezoning to be initiated by a landowner, by the planning commission or by the city council. Applications by landowners require an application fee of \$300. The costs to the city involved are those related to the hearing, public notices and Oleson's time.

After some discussion, the council approved a motion to have the party that is requesting the rezoning pay the application fee.

In other matters the council:

- CANNVASED and accepted the results from the Nov. 8, 2016 general election for the office of mayor (a two-year term) and two (2) four-year term council members. Al Yoder was elected mayor for the term of 2017 - 2018; and Steve Johnson and Nate Douglas were elected for the term of 2017 - 2020.

The total number of votes for each candidate were Al Yoder, 171; Amy Hutchison, 86; Steve Johnson, 155; Nate Douglas, 115; Robert L. Follis, 77. There were five write-in votes for mayor; and eight for city council.

In Morrison County, the election results were as follows:

- Mayor - Al Yoder, 170 votes; Amy Hutchison, 81 votes; write-ins, 3 votes.
- Council member, 4-year term - Steve Johnson, 148 votes; Nate Douglas, 114 votes; Robert L. Follis, 76 votes; write-ins, 8 votes.

In Cass County, the election results were as follows:

- Mayor - Al Yoder, 1 vote; Amy Hutchi-

son, 5 votes; write-ins, 2 votes.

- Council member 4-year term - Steve Johnson, 7 votes; Nate Douglas, 1 vote; Robert L. Follis, 1 vote; no write-ins.

- ADOPTED a resolution naming Lacey Smieja, clerk/treasurer, as an authorized signer for all city checks. Other authorized signers include Nancy Nieken, mayor; Pat O'Regan, acting mayor; and Amy Hutchison, council member.

- ADOPTED a resolution appointing city clerk/treasurer Lacey Smieja as the responsible authority to administer the requirements for collection, storage, use and dissemination of data on individuals, within the city.

- HEARD monthly department reports.

- APPROVED request from the fire department to drop one of its members from the roll. This member has failed to complete his make-up time.

- APPROVED request from the fire department to join the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association. The membership cost for one chief is \$93; and the cost for each additional member is \$57.

- ACCEPTED the revised by-laws of the Motley Fire Department Relief Association. As per the revisions, the minutes and bank statement from each month are to be signed off by a board member and treasurer.

- APPROVED motion to pay Gary's Diesel in Staples for repairs to the pumper 1 truck. The estimated cost is \$780.19 plus tax.

- DISCUSSED request of Police Chief Ron Smith to hire two additional part-time police officers at 20 hrs. per week each. Currently, the Motley Police Department has one part-time officer, as well as a full-time chief. Council member Amy Hutchison said she would like to discuss this first at an upcoming budget meeting. Fellow council member Al Yoder said he would like to see the MPD's uniform policy in place before hiring additional officers.

- LEARNED from public works supervisor Bruce Brotherton that the city would be issued a rebate check in the amount of \$4,718.30 for participating in Minnesota Power's Power of One Business energy conservation program. The money will be used for multiple projects in the city.

- ACCEPTED the final assessment for the streets improvement project including Cimarron Dr., Postel Dr. and Lil St. The interest rate was set at three percent.

- APPROVED final payment request from Kuechle Underground, Inc., for their work on the 2011A Street and Utility Improvements Project.

- SET budget meeting for Monday, Nov. 21, 8 a.m.

- SET public hearing at the planning and zoning commission's meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m.

- SET next regular meeting for Monday, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m.

Man dies in crash near Randall

A Litchfield man is dead following a one-vehicle crash Nov. 12, near Randall.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Richard Larson, 64, was southbound on Hwy 10, at mile marker 135 when his 2005

Chevy Silverado entered the west ditch, struck a road sign and continued up an embankment, through barbed wire fence and collided with several small trees. The vehicle came to a final stop in the back

yard of a residence on 6th St. West.

The incident occurred at approximately 12:25 p.m. and road conditions were dry, the state patrol said.

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

Nov. 9 - The MPD arrested Patrick Case, who had several warrants. The officer reported observing a sedan pulling into the driveway at Case's residence and that the driver resembled Case. Upon identifying Case, who had entered a pole shed behind a fence, the officer asked him to come forward but he was slow to comply. Case eventually climbed

over the fence to approach the officer and was subsequently handcuffed and transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Nov. 7 - The MPD responded to a report of fire at the Eastwood Inn Apartments in Motley. Fire department was unable to locate the fire.

Nov. 4 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Eric Moser, 20; and Dakota Johnson, 22; and a citation to Cassandra Holmen, 24, for not moving over and passing within a foot of the officer who was returning to his squad vehicle.

Nov. 3 - The MPD assisted Cass County in the arrest of a group home resident that assaulted staff. The incident occurred on the 7000 block of 124th St. SW in Motley.

Nov. 7 - The MCSO received a report of a theft at the 4000 block on 290th St. in Cushing. She reported that he is a shareholder in the Cushing Land Company and on Oct. 27, someone entered the premises at the listed location and stole from him a number of items including a Husqvarna chainsaw, valued at \$359. No suspects at this time.



Ten-pointer

Jim Mench of Aldrich is pictured with the 10-point buck he shot near Aldrich Nov. 12. (Submitted photo)



Big buck bagged early

Joe Robben shows the 10 point buck he shot on his family farm south of Staples, early on opening morning. (Submitted photo)



Nice buck

Anna Meech, 13, from New York Mills, shot this nine-point, 129 pound buck near Nimrod the morning of Nov. 13. "It was about 7:30 a.m.," she said, adding that she was hunting with her dad, Ross Meech. Anna is pictured at Wahoo Valley in rural Staples, at which she won the "Big Buck Contest" the previous year. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Who will win outdoors battles under President Trump?

Promises, promises! They're the very fiber of political campaigns, claims and commitments that win votes, and – sometimes – reveal politicians' attitudes and philosophy. But not always. We know from experience that to amass enough support to win an election, many candidates shift their positions on issues, thanks to a nominating process in which the more extreme political factions may have influence beyond their numbers. Put simply, candidates often say what they think the nominating and electing publics want to hear. Dishonest? It wouldn't be the first time that word was associated with politicians.



Mike Rahn

As part of his political platform this election season, candidate Donald Trump stated that if elected he would open federal lands to oil and natural gas drilling. Just yesterday my wife asked: "Does that mean they'll be drilling in Glacier National Park, where we were in September?" To which I answered: "I think national parks will be off-limits; but I can't say for sure about the national forests, grasslands or the national wildlife refuges."

Candidate Trump also said he's not convinced that humans have played a part in the climate change that scientists are documenting, including the increasing rate of glaciers melting, rising average global temperatures, the increasing frequency of mega-storm events and the like. In line with this thinking, he's promised to roll

back new requirements for less polluting coal-fired power plants.

These two positions alone no doubt generated support from the fossil fuel industry, from those who look unfavorably on public land ownership and people who would rather not believe it's necessary to make sacrifices in our lifestyles as insurance against contributing to global climate change.

One of the things that sets America apart from many countries is the quantity and quality of public lands open to anglers, hunters, hikers, campers, canoeists and others who appreciate the outdoors. This is unlike much of Europe – where many of our forebears came from – where there is proportionately less public land, and quality outdoor opportunities are most accessible to those who are affluent. If we were restricted to obtaining permission to fish and hunt from landowners who controlled access – perhaps having to pay for that access – there would be fewer Americans pursuing these outdoor sports. It follows that there would also be fewer who were motivated to be active supporters of conservation causes, since many would have little or no "skin in the game."

It is not necessary to sell off these public lands, as some feel we should, to diminish their value. Opening these lands to extractive industries like oil and gas drilling or coal mining, requires massive infrastructure changes, including all-weather roads, power, utilities, all things with the potential to alter their value to wildlife, generate pollution and – at the simplest level – bring the footprint of civilization and human development to lands that had recreational value in their natural state, but thereafter do not. The

short and long term economic value of tourism and outdoor recreation to local economies is often greatly underestimated.

But back to campaign promises and rhetoric. I know more than a few people who are nervous about how president-elect Trump will handle environmental issues. He appears to have no close ties to the outdoors, a creature of the asphalt and concrete big city jungle. But oddly enough, thanks to their maternal grandfather – a man of Czechoslovakian descent – Trump's sons are avid hunters, anglers and outdoors people, as has been recently reported by several members of the outdoor media.

Donald Jr., and his younger brother Eric Trump, are experienced hunters, anglers, campers and back-country adventurers. The eldest, Donald Jr., has said he would like to either directly or indirectly be involved in helping to shape policy by the Department of the Interior. That federal agency has the most direct oversight over fish, wildlife, parks, forests, refuges, wilderness and in general the management of millions of acres of federal land. The younger Donald has said in print that he intends to be a loud voice arguing for protection and careful management of these resources, sounding more like a person that environmentalists and outdoor recreationists could call one of their own.

Can a leopard change his spots? Could the rhetoric of Donald Trump the candidate have been the classic strategy of telling the powerful political king-makers, the primary voters, and those who went to the polls on November 8, what they wanted to hear to gain their support? Anyone who witnessed the president-elect being interviewed following his meeting with

President Obama, and his post-election conversation with losing candidate Hillary Clinton, saw a very different Donald Trump than the one on the campaign trail and in the televised debates. Many were probably surprised at his measured tone and his praise for President Obama and for former Secretary of State Clinton.

Mr. Trump is both ego-driven and used to doing things his way. He has not depended on his party's support, of which he had little. He, unlike many new presidents, is less likely to feel beholden to anyone else for having been elected. Like many parents, he may care as much about how he is perceived by his loved ones, and his inner circle, as he is perceived by strangers; especially strangers who are looking for political favors or influence.

Though the statement could be expected, president-elect Trump said he wants to unite America. And while he is very much an unknown quantity, it would not shock some of us if he moderates his views. Winning this election may seem like the pinnacle of success for him. But he has to be aware that the last three presidents each won two terms, and left office when they had served the maximum allowed under the constitution, not by voter rejection. Failure for him could, in fact, be to serve only one term and be rejected four years from now. He could face a stronger challenger in 2020, and he has to know that his victory was as much about who many voters did not want as president, as it was about wanting him. That will certainly give him food for thought as he develops and executes policy over the next four years. Hopefully that will mean thoughtful natural resource policy, too.

DNR fur registration required before selling pelts

Local trappers are reminded that the pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten and otter, the carcass of each bobcat and the head of each pine marten and fisher taken must be presented, by the person taking it, to a DNR registration station before the pelt is sold or removed from the state. No more than 24 hours after the season closes for pine marten and fisher (Dec. 2) and no more than 48 hours after the season closes for bobcat and otter (Jan. 10).

As in previous years, official DNR registration stations, dates and times are listed on page 55-56 of the 2016 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Handbook.

Bobcat, fisher, pine marten and otter taken by local trappers may be registered between noon and 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 and between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Jan. 10 (bobcat and otter only) at the Brainerd Area DNR Office, 1601 Minnesota Dr. or Sauk Rapids DNR Office, 940 Industrial Dr, Suite 103. These species may also be registered at the Little Falls area wildlife office between noon and 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 2 and between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 10.

Furs can be registered at other times throughout the season, by appointment only, with any DNR area wildlife

office, including those listed above.

Trappers are reminded to remove the pelt from the carcass for every furbearer they take before bringing it in for registration and the pelt must not be frozen. In addition, the entire carcass of the bobcat and head of pine marten and fisher must be surrendered at the time of registration. Trappers will also need to present their site validation coupons for fisher, pine marten and otter.

To speed up registration, trappers are asked to bring the following written information for each animal to be registered: species, sex, method of take (including type of trap), date taken, county, township and range where taken. Include your MnDNR number; a nine-digit number located in the upper half of your license in large print.

To help in recording this information prior to registration, copies of fur registration forms can be obtained from the Little Falls wildlife office. Phone:320-616-2468, ext. 222 or download from the DNR's webpage at http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/recreation/hunting/trapping/fur_registration_form.pdf.



Section swim smiles

Emily Veronen, Autumn Nelsen, Lili Schneider and Joelle Bounds celebrate on the medal stand. The four swimmers placed in two relays at the Section 8A meet. (Submitted photo)

Swimmers rise for section

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

The Staples-Motley/Verndale swim team had some of their best races of the season at the Section 8A meet Nov. 11-12, as the team had two individuals and two relay teams in the top eight.

Lili Schneider placed 6th in the 100 meter breaststroke, Emily Veronen eighth in the 100 backstroke and Autumn Nelsen and Joelle Bounds placed eighth in the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay.

"This was a phenomenal end to the season," said Coach Amanda Olson. "They've come together to swim even more like a team, with more confidence, and in turn are having more fun. It truly is amazing to see what a tough season followed by great tapered workouts can do for a team."

The personal bests began dropping from the very first race of the meet. The medley relay team dropped five seconds to get into the finals with a 2:06.

In the individual medley, Veronen dropped four seconds (2:34) and finished 17th. Brianna Hinman dropped three seconds (2:50) and ended in 26th place.

In the 50 freestyle, Schneider (29.43) was 25th and Jaden Engebretson (29.78) was 27th, a two second drop in time.

Hinman swam 1:16 to place 20th in the 100 butterfly and Nelsen was 25th in 1:18.

Engebretson (1:07.0) and Aleeah Halverson (1:07.9) dropped time in the 100 freestyle to place 26th and 29th.

Bounds had the best 500 freestyle race of the season, shaving 12 seconds and finishing 19th in 6:23.

The 200 freestyle relay made it into the finals by just .03 seconds.

In the backstroke, Veronen had a three second drop to 1:07 to make the finals.

Schneider's road to the finals included a personal best by two seconds to 1:15.

The 400 freestyle relay of Engebretson, Adriana Dickey, Halverson and Bounds dropped five seconds to finish 11th.

In the finals, the Cardinals did not quite match their times of the previous day, but still finished on the medal stand to earn points for the team.

Coach Olson said the team appreciates the guidance and support they've gotten from Brainerd Coach Dan Anderson this season, and also commended the fans and communities of Staples, Motley and Verndale.

"My excitement at the start of this season is nothing compared to my excitement for this team's future," said Olson. "From what I've seen, one day this team will truly be a force to be reckoned with."

Thursday Twilight League Bowling

Wadena Lanes

Start of the 2nd round

November 3, 2016

1. Mason Bros.	4-0
2. Spectrum Marketing	4-0
3. Lefty's	3.5-0.5
4. Staples Vet Clinic	0.5.3.5
5. Ted and Gen's	0-4
6. Ghost Team	0-4

High Team Series-

Mason Bros 1681

High Team Game-

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High Ind. Series/ High Games

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Marge Harrison	534	201-177
Deb Pundt	489	175-164
Deb Shake	472	186
Tricia Jasmier	451	164-152
Judy Tiede	450	
Tia Freitag	180	
Jackie Perius	157	
Corlie Carter	154	
Robin Kramer	144	
Cheri Bodeen	130	