

Local connections to Super Bowl quarterback

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

When New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady takes the field at the Super Bowl on Feb. 4, quite a few Minnesotans will be rooting for him because of his local roots.

Brady's mother Galynn (Johnson) grew up in Browerville and there is still a lot of family in the area. Tom Brady grew up in California and went to college at Michigan, but he often traveled to Browerville to stay with his grandparents, Gordon and Bernice Johnson.

Bruce Hayenga of Staples is a first cousin of Brady's mother. Bruce's wife Jean said the family remains close.

"We've had several family reunions on that side of the family," said Jean. "His mom and dad always come to the reunions."

They met Tom in 2016, when he attended his



Super Bowl smiles

Jean Hayenga, right, with Tom Brady in 2016, when he traveled to Minnesota for his grandfather's funeral. (Submitted photo)

grandfather Gordon's funeral.

For this year's Super Bowl, the Hayengas will travel to the Twin Cities for a family reunion on Saturday, the day before the big game, and will watch the Super Bowl on Sunday at Bruce's sister's home in Edina.

"We will be rooting for his team. We were hoping it was against the Vikings, but then we would have been torn," said Jean.

Aldrich connection

Another area relative is Derek "Worm" Johnson and his wife Kim, the owners of Ted & Gen's restaurant in Aldrich.

"My grandpa and Tom Brady's mom are brother and sister," said Johnson. "He even knows me by my nickname, Worm."

Johnson grew up in Browerville and helped host Brady when he visited his grandparents.

"I've fished with him, golfed with him, went four

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Receiving their awards

Staples World staff Janice Winter, left, and Dawn Timbs, right, received their Minnesota Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest Awards from Chris Schultz, MNA president, at a banquet Jan. 25 in Bloomington. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Hello, Readers,

Ok, we all know that tomorrow, Feb. 2, is Groundhog Day. If Punxsutawney Phil out there in Pennsylvania sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter; if he doesn't, then spring is right around the corner. But, yeah, this is Minnesota and we KNOW there will be six more weeks of winter, maybe more. Here's a better holiday for Minnesotans to celebrate on Feb. 2 - Tater Tot Day! This started in 2009 as a food writer's attempt to meet his copy quota, but it became an instant hit. I mean, what's not to love, right? Plain with a dab of ketchup or served under a blanket of chili and cheese, or in our own version of tater tot hotdish, the options are without end. Find a new tater tot recipe and share it with friends. You'll all feel better for it!

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Two apply for seat on school board

Applications are open until Feb. 5

Two applications have been received for the seat open on the Staples-Motley School Board. Six more have been requested, but not turned back into the district office by press time.

Brad Anderson and Mark Carlson have applied to be appointed when the board meets in a special meeting Monday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. Applications will be accepted until noon that day.

The successful applicant will serve until Dec. 31, 2018. He or she can file for a permanent seat on the board to be elected in the general election Nov. 6.

Dave Hoemberg's resignation from the board created the opening. It was accepted

at the board's regular meeting Jan. 22.

Hoemberg's letter was not immediately released to the public because the board and administration wanted the district's attorney to review it.

The letter stated, "I am resigning my position as a Staples-Motley School Board member effective Jan. 17, 2018. I do not want to be involved with anything that can be viewed as unethical or illegal activities that are enacted by the school board. I cannot support this process."

Kristi Hastings of Pemberton Law tried to contact Hoemberg in writing and by phone to find what he believed to be "unethical or illegal" so an investigation could proceed. He would not meet or speak with her.

The Staples World reached Hoemberg by phone Jan. 30. He said he didn't have any comment at this time but he may provide something for the paper in the future.

Tax abatement, land sale, moving forward for apartment complex

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) approved a plan to purchase land to be used for a 38 unit apartment building, and the Staples

City Council approved a tax abatement plan on the property. Both decisions were made on Jan. 23, at their respective board and council meetings.

At the SEDA meeting, Economic Development Director Melissa Rader-

macher said the plan is for the SEDA to purchase the land from Lakewood Health System, then sell it to the developer for \$1 up front, with a promise they will pay back the

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Timbs, Winter bring home writing and photo awards

Dawn Timbs and Janice Winter of the Staples World staff received awards at the Minnesota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest Thursday, Jan. 25.

Timbs was awarded first and second place in the Human Interest Story category.

Her first place winner is "Valentine's Day gets sweeter with age," a story about Lydia and Cliff Goodwater that was published Feb. 9, 2017.

The judge noted that it was a "wonderful love story."

Timbs' award for second place is for "Vernon Drake remembers his mother's prayers," which ran May 11, 2017.

"Always appreciated what opportunities he was given and loved his family dearly. Would be hard to not know family history," the judge commented.

Winter was awarded

third place in the Feature Photo category for "Wall cloud," which was published June 15, 2017.

"A good feature of a weather phenomena that probably would have been what people in town talked about when it happened," the judge wrote.

"I am so proud of these two women. They both care deeply about their profession and they work hard to get it right," said Brenda Halvorson, Staples World general manager. "I appreciate what they do every day, so it's especially gratifying to see them recognized by their peers."

Over 550 awards were given from over 4,100 entries received for stories and photos that were published between Sept. 1, 2016, and Aug. 31, 2017. The contest was judged by professionals with the Illinois Press Association.

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2018 Staples-Motley Honor Society new member induction ceremony

The Staples-Motley Chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society held their new member induction ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the SMHS cafeteria stage.

New inductees were, back row, left to right: Toni Brings (senior), Jordon Carlson, Ben Bartczak, Kiera Dumpprope, Torrence Salcido,

Andrew Bates, Zach DeMars (senior), Scout Strickland, Krystal Yoder and Lili Schneider.

Seated are current members: Alex Erickson, Molly Lindgren, Claire Wolhowe, Kelsi Peterson, Sara Oberlander and Alex Davis, all seniors who were inducted in 2017. (Submitted photo)

Thank you for subscribing!





Will the pirates be back?

These rough-looking pirates made an appearance at a previous singing competition by the Staples Area Men's Chorus. This year they've added a jazz band and dancing to their dinner show "Swing into Spring" Saturday, Feb. 24, at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. (Submitted photo)

'Swing into Spring' with the men's chorus

Dinner, dancing and a friendly singing competition are just the ticket to warm up a February night.

The Staples Area Men's Chorus is ready to fill that need with their "Swing into Spring" event Saturday, Feb. 24, at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples.

Members of the chorus have formed three smaller groups for the competition. They are:

- Michael and the Whippersnappers with Nathan Thelen directing those members mostly 30 years old and younger;
- Midlife Crisis with Rob Freelove directing those from 30-59 years old; and
- GerryManders with Jeff Iverson directing the over 60 crowd. (Obviously the team with the most experience, according to their public relations person.)

Those attending will have the opportunity to vote with their wallet for the group they think does the best job. All proceeds

go to support Real Men Sing, the festival for young men held in the fall.

Music will also be provided by the entire chorus as well as some solo and small group performances. Selections will range from Broadway show tunes to rag-time to jazz to pop.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. The jazz band will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the dance floor will be open.

Tickets include a buffet dinner, tax and gratuity. A cash bar will be available.

People are encouraged to get their tickets early due to limited seating and the deadline for dinner numbers. No dinner show tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are available at the Timberlake Hotel, 1212 2nd Ave. NE, Staples; Nelson Insurance, 325 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, 218-895-5046; online at www.staplesmen.org; or from any chorus member.

President Trump signs Forever GI Bill

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County
Veteran Service Officer

President Trump has put his signature on a new law that will bring significant changes to education benefits for service members, veterans and their families. The legislation known as the "Forever GI Bill" garnered strong bipartisan support in Congress, passing unanimously in both the House and Senate.

"Today our commitment to support and care for the men and women who have served our great nation has been reinforced with the signing of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017," Rep. Phil Roe (R-TN), chair of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, said in a statement. "This legislation will enable veterans to use the education benefits they've earned through the GI Bill when and how it suits them best, setting them up for future success in whatever career they pursue."

"Our student veterans are some of the very best of this country," he added, "and I'm proud we can support them with this new law."

Here are 11 things you should know about the new GI Bill benefits.

1. There's no longer an expiration date. Previously, veterans had to use their Post 9/11 GI Bill within 15 years of their last 90-day period of active-duty service. That requirement is going away.

This portion of the law will apply to anyone who left the military after Jan. 1, 2013. It will also apply to spouses who are receiving education benefits through the Marine Gunner Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship for family members of service members who've been killed in the line of duty since Sept. 10, 2001.

2. Purple Heart recipients will get more benefits. The new GI Bill allows anyone who's received a Purple Heart on or after Sept. 11, 2001, to receive 100 percent of the benefits offered under the Post 9/11 GI Bill, which includes coverage of tuition costs at a public school's in-state rate for 36 months and stipends for textbooks and housing.

Previously, Purple Heart recipients were beholden to the same time-in-service qualifications for the GI Bill as other service members. This meant that Purple Heart recipients without a service-connected disability who did not reach 36 months of service were only eligible for a percentage of the benefits and not the full amount.

3. More people are eligible for Yellow Ribbon. The Yellow Ribbon Program is a voluntary agreement between schools and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to split school costs not covered by the GI Bill, reducing or eliminating the amount students must pay themselves.

The Forever GI Bill will expand eligibility for this program to surviving spouses or children of service members in August 2018 and active-duty service members in August 2022. Previously, only veterans eligible for GI Bill benefits at the 100 percent level or their dependents using transferred benefits were eligible for Yellow Ribbon.

4. There's some extra money and time for STEM degrees. Some college degrees in science, technology, engineering and math fields take longer than four years to complete, which is why the new law authorizes an additional school year of GI Bill funds on a first-come, first-serve basis. Scholarships of up to \$30,000 will be available for eligible GI Bill users starting in August 2018. Only veterans or surviving family members of deceased service members are eligible for this scholarship, not dependents using transferred benefits.

5. Vets hurt by school shutdowns will get benefits back. A provision in the new GI Bill that will restore benefits to victims of school closures has been a long-time coming for the staff at Student Veterans of America.

"We've been getting calls for several years, beginning with the collapse of Corinthian (Colleges), from student veterans whose lives were put on hold," said Will Hubbard, vice president of government affairs for the non-profit, which has more than 500,000 student members. "Every day we wasted until it passed was another day that they had to wait."

This provision will retroactively apply to GI Bill users whose schools have abruptly closed since January 2015, for credits earned at the shuttered institutions that did not transfer to new schools. This will include the thousands of veteran students who were attending the national for-profit chains Corinthian Colleges and ITT Technical Institute when they closed in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

It would also provide a semester's worth of reimbursement for GI Bill users affected by future school closures, as well as up to four months of a housing stipend.

6. The VA will measure eligibility for benefits differently. Starting August 2018, this bill changes the way the VA uses time in service to calculate eligibility.

Previously, service members with at least 90 days but less than six months of active-duty service would be eligible for up to 40 percent of the full GI Bill benefits. Under new regulations, the same 90-days-to-six-month window is equal to 50 percent of benefits. Service members with at least six months and less than 18 months of service will be eligible for 60 percent of benefits.

This change will tend to benefit reservists more due to the nature of their service, according to a spokeswoman for the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

7. Reservists can count more of their

service toward eligibility. Starting next August, members of the National Guard and Reserve will be able to count time spent receiving medical care or recovering from injuries received while on active duty toward their GI Bill eligibility. This will apply to all who've been activated since 9/11.

The Forever GI Bill also allows individuals who lost their Reserve Educational Assistance Program when the program ended in 2015 to credit their previous service toward their eligibility for the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

8. Housing stipends will decrease slightly. The government will pay for the expansions represented in the Forever GI Bill through a one percent decrease in housing stipends over the next five years. This will bring veterans' housing stipends on par with what active-duty service members receive at the E-5 with dependents rate. (Veterans on the GI Bill currently receive a slightly higher housing allowance rate than active-duty E-5s with dependents.)

This change took effect on Jan. 1, 2018 and will only apply to service members who enroll in GI Bill benefits after that date. No one currently receiving a housing stipend from the VA will see a reduction in benefits.

9. Benefits can get transferred after death. A provision of the new GI Bill offers more flexibility with the transfer and distribution of benefits in case of death. If a dependent who received transferred benefits dies before using all of the benefits, this provision gives the service member or veteran the ability to transfer remaining benefits to another dependent. This will go into effect August 2018 and apply to all deaths since 2009.

This provision also gives dependents of deceased service members the ability to make changes to their deceased loved one's transferred benefits.

10. Surviving family members will get more money, but less time. Besides access to Yellow Ribbon, spouses and children of service members who died in the line of duty on or after 9/11 will also see their monthly education stipend from the Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program increase by \$200.

There's a downside, however. Though the same program has previously provided 45 months of education benefits, that will decrease to 36 months in August 2018 to bring it in line with the provisions of the GI Bill.

11. School certifying officials must be trained. Individuals who certify veteran student enrollment at schools with more than 20 veteran students will be required to undergo training. Previously, training was not mandatory.

(Source: NavyTimes, Natalie Gross, Aug. 16, 2017)

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. Call 218-631-7617 or email david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

Lundblad named interim president at MSC-SE

The Board of Trustees of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities has named Larry Lundblad to

serve as the interim president of Minnesota State College Southeast. The appointment of Lundblad

becomes effective Feb. 1.

MSC-SE includes campuses in Red Wing and Winona.

Lundblad served as the president of Central Lakes College for 10 years retiring in 2016. Previously, he served South Central College as vice president and chief academic officer, dean of curriculum and instruction. He holds a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University, a bachelor's and master's degrees from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and a doctorate from the University of Minnesota.

"President Lundblad understands the challenges a college like Minnesota State College Southeast is facing today," said Interim Chancellor Devinder Malhotra. "I'm confident that his background and personal management style of inclusiveness and engagement will enable Larry to begin working immediately to address these challenges and take advantage of opportunities to create a stronger institution that will welcome a new president next year."

A search for a permanent president will be launched this fall.

Staples-Motley School Board Vacancy

ISD #2170 seeks applicants to fill the unexpired term of Dave Hoemberg who resigned on Jan. 22. This term will end on Dec. 31, 2018. If the newly appointed member desires to continue serving, he or she must run in the next general election.

Those interested in serving on the Staples-Motley Board of Education should contact Bonnie Madson at the District Office for a questionnaire, which must be returned **by noon on Feb. 5**. She can be reached at bmadson@isd2170.k12.mn.us or 218-894-5432.

Must be 18 years or older, a district resident and a registered voter.



The board will review applicants and appoint a replacement at a special meeting on Feb. 5.



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Sharing the story of John Donaldson

Peter Gorton, right, will be telling the story of baseball pitcher John Donaldson at the annual meeting of the Staples Historical Society at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, at the depot. Gorton was invited by the Minnesota Twins to throw out the first pitch at a game a couple of years ago. The honor was in recognition of Gorton's work with the Negro Leagues Baseball Grave Marker Project. So many ball player's graves were not marked and John Donaldson's was one of the first. The project has marked 36 graves to date and one was for William Binga in a cemetery in the Twin Cities. (Submitted photos)

John Donaldson's story deserves to be shared

By Brenda Halvorson, General Manager

John Wesley Donaldson, known as "the greatest colored pitcher in the world," walked through the doors of the Staples Historic Depot in the early 1900s and the public is invited to hear his story at the annual meeting of the Staples Historical Society at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11, at the depot.

"Donaldson was a physically superior, left-handed power pitcher, the kind of pitcher everybody wanted and still want today," said Peter Gorton.

Gorton has been researching the life of Donaldson for 17 years. His presentation is "John Donaldson: Legacy Restoration of Black Baseball's Greatest Left-Handed Pitcher."

Gorton is the founder of The Donaldson Network, a group of over 500 authors, researchers and historians dedicated to the rediscovery of the lost legacy of Donaldson.

Donaldson's pitching skills were so much better than those of pitchers in the major leagues at the time, newspapers reporting games often wondered why he wasn't a major league pitcher; according to Gorton. The major league teams didn't appreciate the comparison and shunned Donaldson, making his one of the most under-appreciated careers in the history of baseball.

"The collective wisdom is that, because he was playing in Rugby, North Dakota, he wasn't very good," Gorton said. "In fact, it was the exact opposite."

The research effort includes piecing together games from Donaldson's 33-year career from 1908 to 1940. The challenge has been that the career took Donaldson to 550 cities all over the United States, including 130 in Minnesota.

Gorton is the son of John and Sally Gorton, Staples, and a graduate of Staples High School. His journey with Donaldson began when his former social studies teacher, Steve Hoffbeck, asked if Gorton

would help with research for a book Hoffbeck was writing on black baseball players in Minnesota.

Gorton visited the historical society in Bertha where he found a poster of Donaldson. When he brought the poster down from the wall to take a closer look, he set it on some scrapbooks, "you know the kind you find in museums." There he also found a picture of himself in a 1987 District 24 Boys Baseball program. The last high school baseball game he played was in Bertha.

"So I have been sitting next to this guy for a long time," Gorton said of Donaldson.

Production has also begun on a documentary feature about Donaldson entitled "39 Seconds," based on a film showing his pitching.

One of the goals of The Donaldson Network is to see Donaldson inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. They were close in 2006 when they had documented about 150 wins for Donaldson, but they didn't make it.

At that time the Hall of Fame said they would reconsider Negro League players in 2020, if new and significant information was brought forward.

Donaldson is now documented to have won over 400 games, the most of any segregated pitcher in history.

Although Gorton acknowledges they would like Donaldson to be considered again for the Hall of Fame, more important to him is the opportunity to tell the story, to keep that history alive.

Gorton is glad to bring that story to Staples and feels it's especially important during February, which is Black History Month.

Gorton is currently the director of communications for Gorton Media in Minneapolis. He has worked in communications and freelance television production.

He has written many magazine and newspaper articles and contributed to books on baseball.

NJPA explores taking over TIES collaborative

Members of National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) could have access to an expanded line of technology and software solutions in the future. On Wednesday, Jan. 24, through a letter of intent, NJPA formally expressed that it is exploring the possibility of bringing Technology Information and Educational Services, or TIES, under its leadership.

The letter of intent was presented immediately following a vote by TIES' membership to dissolve the organization. NJPA has assembled a team to conduct a thorough examination of TIES; a process that will take approximately two months. At that time, the team will work with NJPA's Senior Leadership to make a formal recommendation to the cooperative's Board of Directors.

"There is much more rigor and work to come in the immediate future before any potential actions would take place," said Dr. Chad Coquette, NJPA CEO/executive director. "We are leading forward with best intentions and enthusiasm without overcommitting as we work through the due diligence process."

Like NJPA, TIES is an organization dedicated to serving its members. Located in Falcon Heights, the joint powers collaborative formed in 1967 and was designed to provide technology services to its 48 member school districts. Today, TIES customers include its membership and roughly 200 schools, mostly located in the Upper Midwest.

"Organizations have their ups and downs," Coquette said. "Unfortunately, TIES has gone through some tough times in the last few years with changes in the market-

place and some past management issues.

"The idea of technology solutions for schools is a good one. The organization's framework and product and service line - things like student information and district financial management systems - have the potential to bring great value to our members."

Coquette and others from NJPA met with the TIES management team last week.

"We see in this group a mission to serve, much like our own," said Coquette. "Through our own current members, we witness how difficult it is for organizations to stay out in front of the rapidly changing world of technology on their own. We believe our members would benefit from the expert technology services and consultancy offered by TIES. We are in this for the success of all. By the end of March, we should know our next steps."



Safety award

Jack Pate, tractor #1165, was the winner of the 2017 Minnesota Trucking Association Truck Driver of the Year award at the Annual MTA's Safety convention and awards banquet held in Minneapolis Jan. 25.

Pate was chosen driver of the month in July making him eligible truck driver of the year. He also surpassed three million miles accident free driving for Daggett Truck Line in September 2017, which was also his 20 year anniversary with Daggett Truck Line. The anniversary was unique because Daggett was his first truck driving job. Pate lives with his wife Sheila and family near Browerville. (Submitted photos)



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Casey's construction to begin in spring

purchase price after the apartments are built. The land is located just north of Lakewood Pines off Airport Road.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the tax abatement would be for two years, meaning the city portion of property taxes would not be paid for that period. He said it would likely be less than the two years if Wadena County also participates. Nelsen said he expected Wadena County to go along with it, but said if they don't, the city tax abatement could be for a three year term.

At the city council meeting, Nelsen said the estimated tax amount would be \$57,277 for the city portion of taxes. The building complex would then pay full taxes after the one to three year agreement.

The company building the apartments is from St. Cloud, but it has created a corporation called Staples Multi-Family LLC

for this project. Depending on occupancy rates, the project could expand up to 92 apartment units in later construction phases. Nelsen said tax abatements would not be needed for future construction phases.

"It is needed housing, they are committed to doing the project," said Radermacher at the SEDA meeting.

The SEDA scheduled a public hearing for the sale of the land, at the next SEDA meeting, on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 5 p.m. at the

Staples Police Department. The Staples City Council set a public hearing for 7 p.m. the same night, at their meeting at city hall.

Casey's building

Nelsen also updated the SEDA on the proposed Casey's convenience store along Highway 10, between 7th and 8th Street NE. He said they plan to close with all property owners on Feb. 9, and will start removal of structures and preparing the land to build this spring and summer.



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Staff strive to REACH all of their students

As we entered the 2016-2017 school year and we knew the 8th graders were joining our campus, staff sought out ways to ensure they had one more opportunity to connect with them and our freshmen class. They found just what they were looking for through the professional development offerings at NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance).

This has been a solid fit for our students during their homerooms where they not only can go after schoolwork, they're led through structured lessons and conversations that step outside the educational standards and focus on REACH.

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By Mike Schmidt
Staples-Motley High School Principal

- can increase intelligence.
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- Teach students about the role of Cognition in delaying gratification and managing learning.
- Ensure that students know and are known for the deep interests and values in their Hearts.

In speaking with Mrs. Brand, Mr. Fligge, Mr. Houselog, Ms. Paurus, Mrs. Poncelet, Mrs. Rippen-trop, Mrs. Trout and Mrs. Turner (The REACH TEAM), their desire and hope is they're simply adding to the conversations and values of what's already in place from home and the other influences in our students' lives. Motivation is a trait that's demonstrated, expected and guided at a very early developmental age in a child. Motivation and Engagement are significant pre-determiners of success not only in our classrooms but in the students' overall lives. Knowing this, we felt it was im-portant to connect with our 8th and 9th graders here as we prepare them for the 21st century educational expectations and post-high school world to come.

You can read more about the REACH System here at Staples-Motley High School at <http://reach.search-institute.org>.

Minnesota Farmers Union supports co-ops

The recent Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Section 199A passed provides a 20 percent tax deduction to farmer-owners of cooperatives on payments received from their cooperatives.

Corporate grain companies have argued that Section 199A incentivized farmers to sell their grain

to cooperatives. However, these companies have received a 40 percent reduction in the corporate tax rate. The new corporate reduction is permanent, while Section 199A, is set to expire in 2025.

Farmer-owned co-ops were formed for the mutual benefit of the farmers, not

as investment vehicles for owners.

"Minnesota Farmers Union has supported the formation of co-ops from our earliest days," said MFU President Gary Wertish. "Our policy makers should ensure farmer-owned co-ops can receive equal benefits to non-cooperative companies."

One of the primary forces behind the formation of the cooperative system was the mutual benefit farmers would receive from the economies of scale associated with the joint marketing of their commodities. Section 199A is consistent with these principles.

Minnesota Farmers Union urges Congress to make Section 199A permanent and keep the competitive balance between corporations and cooperatives.

Accolades given to state in comparisons

Submitted by the Office of Governor Mark Dayton

Ahead of the State of the Union Address, POLITICO released a new report naming Minnesota the second-strongest state in the Union. This is the fourth time Minnesota has ranked among the top two strongest states in the nation in the POLITICO study.

"This ranking affirms what we already know: Minnesota is one of the very best states in the country," said Governor Mark Dayton. "However, we have much more work to do to ensure that Minnesota is a place where everyone can succeed. I urge the Legislature to work with me this session to protect our fiscal stability, and defend the investments that have made Minnesota a national leader in education, health care, infrastructure and economic opportunity for all."

POLITICO's annual analysis is based on 14 separate categories that demonstrate the educational attainment, quality of life and economic health of each of the 50 states. Ranking overall as the second-strongest state in the nation, here's how Minnesota scored in each category, according to POLITICO.

• **Annual Per Capita Income** – At \$31,642, Minnesota's per capita income is the 10th-highest in the nation. Median household income in Minnesota is \$70,218 which is also the 10th-highest in the nation.

• **Percent Unemployed** – At 3.1 percent, Minnesota's statewide unemployment rate is the 10th-lowest in the nation.

• **Percent Below Poverty Level** – Minnesota ranks fifth lowest for the percent of those living below the poverty level. According to POLITICO's analysis, 9.9 percent of Minnesotans are living below the poverty level – which is still far too many Minnesotans.

• **Homeownership Rate** – With 71.3 percent of Minnesotans owning their own homes, Minnesota ranks third in this category.

• **High School Gradu-**

ation Rate – Minnesota ranks third for the percent of our students (92.9 percent) who graduate from high school.

• **Life Expectancy at Birth** – Minnesotans live longer than almost anyone else in the country. With a life expectancy of 80.9 at birth, Minnesota ranks second in the nation.

• **Infant Mortality** – Minnesota ranked 15th-lowest in the number of infant deaths per 1,000 births.

• **Obesity** – Roughly 27.8 percent of Minnesotans are considered obese, ranking us the 17th-slimmest state in the nation.

• **Wellbeing** – Minnesota has a wellbeing score of 63.2, ranking us eighth.

• **Average Math Scores in 8th Grade** – Minnesota 8th Graders have the second highest math scores nationwide.

• **Average Reading Scores in 8th Grade** – Minnesota 8th Graders have the sixth highest reading scores nationwide.

• **Income Inequality** –

According to the GINI Index, which measures the income distribution of a state's residents, Minnesota ranks ninth lowest in the country in income inequality. Given the economic disparities facing Minnesotans of color in particular, Governor Dayton and his administration are working hard to secure economic opportunity for all Minnesotans.

• **Violent Crime Rate** – Minnesotans are the ninth-safest from violent crime, according to POLITICO's analysis and FBI records.

• **Jobs in Science, Engineering and Math** – Minnesota has the 11th-highest percentage of workforce employed in jobs involving science, engineering and math.

• **H.L. Mencken's 1931 Rankings** – As a benchmark, POLITICO also lists the rankings of each individual state from a 1931 study by H.L. Mencken and Charles Angoff. According to that study, Minnesota was the sixth-strongest state in the nation in 1931.

Other top rankings

The new study follows

other recent recognitions of Minnesota's successes. These are some of Minnesota's other top rankings from recent years.

#1 Best-Run State

Minnesota is the best-run state nationwide, according to a study published by USA Today citing Minnesota's strong fiscal management, low unemployment and poverty rates, above-average median household income and the state's nearly perfect credit rating. Since ranking tenth in 2012, Minnesota has consistently climbed in the rankings under the same study, including ranking second last year.

#1 Best State to Retire In

Minnesota is the best state to retire, according to a study from AARP – the nation's largest advocate for seniors. The study looked at affordability, housing, health care, quality of life, supports for family caregivers and more.

#1 Best State for Women

According to a study from WalletHub, which looked at women's wages, health, safety, economic and social well-being across all fifty states.

#2 Best State for Families

According to a report from WalletHub which looked at family salaries, educational opportunities, family fun, health, safety, affordability, unemployment rates and more.

#3 Best State for Business

According to a 2017 report released by CNBC, Minnesota moved into the third spot this year, after placing fourth in 2016 and coming in first as America's Top State for Business in 2015.

#3 Best State Overall

According to a study from U.S. News and World Report, which cited economic opportunities, great educations and quality health care in Minnesota. It also ranked Minnesota as the #1 Best State in the Region, when compared to North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri.

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Source: 2011 Readership Survey by National Newspaper Association.



Greenhouse 101 workshop offered

Back by popular demand, growers once again can learn the basics to scale up their vegetable operations. Joan Olson of Prairie Drifter Farm will present the workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Classroom at Sprout; 609 13th Ave NE, Door 8, Little Falls, MN 56345.

This is for growers interested in starting their own vegetable transplants for market gardens, CSAs or wholesale products and will cover: Greenhouse structure, inside set-up, controlling temperature, seed starting, propagation mats, germination chamber, watering, hardening off, recordkeeping, disease and pest prevention, succession planting, using the greenhouse for curing garlic, onions and winter

squash and more.

Farmers learn these important concepts to expand their farm and better meet their customers' needs.

Space is limited. Register by Feb. 10; via Eventbrite. Share the Facebook event. The workshop is free and sponsored by Artplace America and Region Five Development Commission.

Olson owns Prairie Drifter Farm, a 33-acre certified organic vegetable operation in Litchfield with her husband and two children. She worked on four diversified vegetable operations and managed a small CSA and intern program before beginning her farm in 2010. Currently, Prairie Drifter Farm serves a 125-member CSA as well as several small restaurants, co-ops and food shelves.



Chamber board at annual meeting

The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce held their annual meeting Jan. 25 at Ted & Gen's, Aldrich. The 2018 board, above, from left, are Barb Cline, executive director, Steve Gertkin, Kevin Roline, Dan Orth, Bruce Brotherton, Dawn Hagenson, Jody Reeck, Christine Tollefson, Megan Haber, Chuck Mayer and Stephanie Jordahl. Sherry Frisk was unavailable for the photo. At right, Christopher Carter entertained the audience with a number of mind reading exercises. Amanda Jans, left, and Sandy Porter help him cause light bulbs to light in their hands. (Submitted photos)



Special school board meeting

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a special meeting Monday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Review candidate applications and appoint a candidate to fill the unexpired term of Dave Hoemberg which ends Dec. 31, 2018.
- Finance update
- Facility update

Mark Your Calendar

February 4

SACRED HEART AREA SCHOOL CARNIVAL Sun., Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Staples. Raffle drawing at 1 p.m. For info., 218-894-2077.

February 7

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Mtg Wed., Feb. 7, 1:30 p.m., Staples Lions Bldg. Bring usual items including calendars, stamps. Important business to discuss. For info., 218-894-2254.

February 8

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., Feb. 8, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Johansen, caller. Valentine's dance. For info., 218-296-1641.

February 14

STAPLES SR. CITIZEN'S VALENTINE'S PARTY Wed., Feb. 14, Staples Community Center. Meal, 11:45 a.m., party at noon. Free bingo, prizes, etc. Everyone welcome. For info., to RSVP for meal, call 218-894-2556 by Feb. 9.

Unemployment to be discussed at forum

The Gordon Rosenmeier Center for State and Local Government, in Brainerd will present the forum, "Who Is Unemployed And Why?" Wednesday, Feb. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Chalberg Theater at Central Lakes College.

Panelists will be Sue Hilgart Program Manager, Rural MN CEP; Kara Griffin, Programs Manager Crow Wing County Community Services; Sheila Skogen, Operations Manager Crow Wing County Community Services; and Mike Bjerkness, Workforce Director, Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corporation.

There are many myths, misunderstandings and misinformation about those who are unemployed and receive benefits. What is the unemployment rate in our area? Who is eligible for benefits? What are the challenges for the unemployed and prospective employers? The panel will discuss these and other topics and take questions from the audience.

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

Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m., Feb. 7 - April 11.

No appointments needed.

Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, social security cards for all fami-

ly members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, property tax statements, rent form and donations to charity.

The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-5772.



Stocking hats

This group models the stocking hats they made from recycled sweaters at a workshop taught by Jen Anfinson at the Staples Public Library. Other fun, free programs are coming soon. Stop at the library at 1122 6th St. NE, Staples, to find out more or go to www.griver.org and click on locations button to find the Staples site. In front are Amy Rutten and Lauren Rutten. In the middle row, from left, are Sharyl Olson, Leona Bowman and Kathy Rutten. In the back are Angie Johnson, Julie Goff, Melissa Jewison and Jan Pankratz. (Submitted photo)

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DARLINGS, DIVAS, & DESSERTS

A concert featuring **COLLA VOCE AND STAPLES AREA WOMEN'S CHORUS** for the Staples Area & Motley Food Shelves

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12
TIME 6:00PM

Staples Alliance Church
1512 8th Street, Staples

~REFRESHMENTS SERVED~

ADMISSION: Monetary and non-perishable items for the Food Shelf
Concert includes featured selections from each Chorus and several numbers together. For information contact Janet Anderson, 218-894-3900, Staples Area Women's Chorus. **This activity made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.**

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Care Center Feb. birthdays

Jeanne Brown, February 4, 2018; Marge Pearson, February 11, Betty Winters, February 12; Gene Gordhamer, February 14;

Jan Beitz, February 15; Violet Wohlert, February 19; John Beitz, February 22; Eleanor Welling, February 24.

Student Achievements

EMILY ISRAELSON, Staples, was named to the 2017 Fall Semester Dean's List at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. To qualify, students must be full-time, have a minimum of 12 credit hour and have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA-DULUTH has announced its Fall 2017 Dean's List. To qualify, students must achieve a 3.75 grade point average or higher. Local students named include:

- Micheal Moxley, Staples
 - Abby Wing, Motley.
- CASSIE Hagg**, Pillager, graduated from the University of Minnesota-Crookston in the Fall of 2017. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources.
- SHANIA GLENZ**, Staples, was named to the Fall Semester 2017 Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Todd County Council on Aging Presents

VALENTINE'S DAY QUILT BINGO

Sunday, February 11, 2018
Clarissa Ballroom - 19281 Kotter Rd., Clarissa

A 3-Meat Buffet will be available for purchase 11 a.m.-1 p.m. served by the Clarissa Ballroom. Reservations appreciated - call 218-756-2322

Beverage included.
\$12.00 Adults, kids 10 and under discounted, 3 and under free (Not included in Fundraising Event)

\$15 Buys You 12 Games of Bingo-3 CARDS PER GAME
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Prizes for Multiple Winners!
Beautiful Quilts- MANY MACHINE QUILTED
Refreshments-Door Prizes-Displays

Bingo Card Sales begin at 1:00 p.m. Bingo begins at 1:30 p.m. Rules provided.
Watch Facebook, local newspapers, KEVL & KWAD Radio. Proceeds from will fund Todd County Council On Aging (TCCA), Hilltop Regional Kitchen, Hospice & Senior Center/Activities. Funds provided by Thrivent Financial Services. For more information or to donate contact Verne Toenyan at 320-815-4301.

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Obituaries

Lillian Kahnke

Lillian Kahnke, 103, passed away January 28, 2018 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Father Arlie Sowada officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Lillian was born June 25, 1914 to Fred and Rose Stancer, in Fulda. During her early years, her parents farmed in many rented places in Eastern South Dakota and Southwest Minnesota. She graduated from the eighth grade and later attended beauty school in St. Paul and worked for a time in a beauty salon. Lillian married Carl Jerome Kahnke on September 16, 1941 in Redwood Falls. He served in World War II and she became an avid life long member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Lillian worked in a bakery and dime store and after the war, they



moved to Ogema, raising four girls while Lillian became a farm wife for 26 years. They moved to Hector where they lived for 33 years helping care for her aging parents. Following Carl's death, when they were both 86, Lillian moved to Staples at age 93.

Lillian is survived by four daughters, Rose Mary (Mike) Blessing of Staples, Clara (Jerry) Zeller of Clara City, Mary (Brad) Karg of Glencoe and Susan (Bob) Baker of Ogema; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one step-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three infant grandchildren; two infant great-grandchildren and two brothers.

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Lois Nicholson

Lois Marcia Nicholson, 95, passed away January 22, 2018, after a long battle with dementia, in the care of Inga's Place, Wadena where she resided for over five years.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, at the Wadena Alliance Church with Pastor Vaughn White officiating.

Burial was in the Leaf River Cemetery, Wadena. Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Lois and twin brother Loren, were born November 5, 1922, to Walter Baird and Mildred Ona (Canon) Gunn near Clarissa. Lois attended nurses training at Wesley Hospital in Wadena, before going to California to work as "Rosie the Riveter" during the war, then returning to Wadena. She married Raymond K. Nicholson on May 12, 1943, at her family home in Otter Tail County. After Ray returned from serving in the U.S. Army during WWII, they made their home for nearly 70 years on the Bee Ranch, Wadena. Lois was a homemaker, a partner in the honey business, she enjoyed sewing, crocheting, embroidering, professionally decorating cakes, cooking and making jelly. Lois taught Sunday School and VBS at the Wadena Alliance Church and belonged to Christian Women's Bible Study. She attended bee meetings, conventions with Ray and was a member of the Minnesota Honey Queen committee for the Minnesota Beekeepers Association.

Lois is survived by one son, Daniel Ray (Jan) Nicholson; Woodland Park, Colorado; four daughters Diane Lois Koranda; Alexandria, Janet Joy (Roddy) Sams; Staples, Sally Rose Nicholson; Elk River and Ronda Ruth (Jim) Stumbo; Helena Montana; 14 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; one great great-granddaughter; twin brother, Loren, of Wadena; one sister, Viola Horner; Sauk Rapids; one brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years; parents; Aunt Blossom; two brothers, Ronald and Tony Gunn; one sister Nelma Gunn Rowe and one son-in-law, Joe Koranda.

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Lillian Rollins

Lillian M. Rollins, 93, of Motley passed away January 25, 2018, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services were held Jan. 30, at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples followed by fellowship at St. Michael Church in Motley.

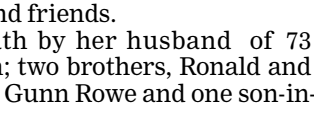
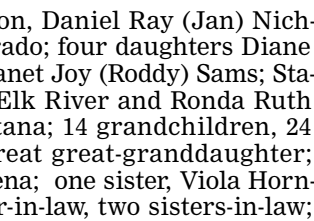
Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

Lillian was born July 11, 1924 to Edward and Albina (Hazuka) Swecker in Motley.

She married Richard Rollins in 1942.

She is survived by five daughters, Patricia Stokely of Minneapolis, Nadine Bittner of Deer River, Yvonne Jay of Coon Rapids, Joyce Rollins of Bloomington and Bessie



(Michael) Mueller of Coon Rapids; two sons, Richard (Susan) Rollins, Jr. of Granite Falls and James (Virginia) Rollins of Staples; 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Richard; infant son, Clarence; granddaughter, Stacey Schneider; one brother, Bud and two sisters, Evelyn and LaDonna.

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Douglas Noska

Douglas "Doug" Elmer Noska, 67, of Browerville died January 24, 2018, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center hospital after a courageous battle with metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Funeral services were held Jan. 27, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold officiating.

Interment was at St. Isidore's Catholic Cemetery, Moran Township.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

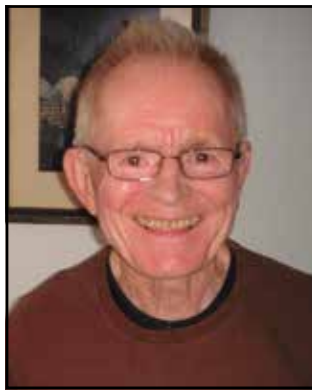
Doug was born February 5, 1950 in Bertha to Elmer and Dolores (Adamietz) Noska. He graduated from Staples High School in 1968, attended Southwest State college in Marshall, graduating with a degree in Microbiology. He married Virginia Biermaier on October 23, 1976. They owned and operated Noska Plumbing and Heating for 36 years. Doug retired in 2017.

Doug enjoyed nature, spending time outdoors and remodeling homes with his wife as a hobby. He embraced time with his family whenever possible.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Craig (Rachael) Noska and Grant (Kayla) Noska; two daughters, Carlee (Dan) Liggett and Amanda (Kim) Noska; eight grandchildren; four sisters, Carol (Bob) Winkler of Clarissa, Vicki (Tom) Larson of Bertha, Pam (Paul) Reese of Fertile and Elizabeth (Paul) Kortie of Cloquet; four brothers, John (Judy) Noska of Browerville, Roger Noska of Staples, Randy (Ann) Noska of Browerville and Mathew Michels of Browerville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Linda (John) Michels.

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Arthur Jensen

Arthur Leroy Jensen, 87, of Encinitas, California, passed away January 8, 2018.

He was born to Roy and Ruth Jensen in Staples where he was raised and graduated from Staples High School in 1948. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego, CA. and was drafted for the Korean War. He met and married Barbara Jo (Bobbie) Johnson, in San Diego.

Arthur is survived by his wife; two daughters, M'Lizz Salley and Julie Johnson; one son, Walter Jensen; five grandchildren and one brother, William Jensen of St. Paul.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Mary Ann Roberts, Adeline Granlund and Katherine Johnson.

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Eugene Holub

Eugene Edward Holub of Bemidji passed away January 21, 2018, from complications of cancer.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Brigid's Pub in Bemidji; 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friends and family will hold a private memorial services this spring in Motley.

Arrangements were with the Cease Family Funeral Homes, Bemidji.

Gene was born July 16, 1935, to Edward and Agnes (Sjogren) Holub. He graduated from Motley High School where he participated in sports, arts and became a Thespian. He worked on the ore boats at Duluth before joining the U.S. Navy, serving in the Korean War. He attended the University of Minnesota.

Gene was a real estate agent for Right of Way of Minnesota and was one of the leading agents in his region. He settled in Bemidji in the early 70's. He was president of MAPE in the 80's, for Minnesota State Employees. After Gene retired he enjoyed time spent on his sail boat Phantasy, reading, gardening, music, politics and spending time with his family.

Gene is survived by two sons, Robert (Kim) Holub and Gregory (Jennifer) Holub; two daughters, Heidi (Ronnie) Holm and Julie (Christopher) Rodewald; one sister, Mary Harris; one brother, Lawrence Holub; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ronald Holub and brother-in-law, Charles Harris.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Michelle and Greg Salber of Randall, a baby boy, Oliver Jerome weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on January 18, 2018.

Born to Dana and Luke Pietron of Sauk Rapids, a baby boy, Sullivan Clarence weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on January 19, 2018.

Born to Aimie and Matt Russell of Baxter, a baby boy, Viktor Rider weighing seven pounds, three ounces on January 24, 2018.

Born to Mariah Graham and Kirk Orr of Verndale, a baby boy, Lynkin Scott weighing nine pounds, seven ounces on January 25, 2018.

Congratulations



Star reporter and feature story writer,
Dawn Timbs!
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January 25, 2018.

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SMHS speech team wins first place trophy

The Staples Motley Cardinal Speech team was awarded the first place trophy at the Little Falls Lucky Lindy Tournament held Jan. 27. Sixteen teams competed at Saturday's contest. Medalists were: Jonah Johnson, 2nd - Creative Expression; Sadie Thompson, 3rd - Creative Expression; Delaney Larson, 3rd - Drama; Amber Deegan, 6th - Drama; Jaydon Friedel, ribbon in Drama as top novice; Alex Erickson and Andrew Bates, 1st - Dramatic Duo; Olivia Leslie and Kayla Yoder, 4th - Dramatic Duo. Other awards included: Olivia Leslie, 6th - Extemporaneous Reading; Ari Brings, 4th - Great Speeches; in Humor - Alex Erickson, 2nd and Caden Mrazek, 3rd and top novice award; Poetry - Ari Brings, 1st; Delaney Larson, 2nd and Macy Judd, 4th; Prose - Samantha Mrazek, 1st place; Storytelling - Andrew Bates, 2nd.

The SMHS Speech team heads to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Feb. 3 for a tournament and on Feb. 10 hosts their home tournament at the Staples-Motley High School starting at 9 a.m. (Submitted photos)

Hulinsky is MFBF contest semi-finalist



Tiffany Hulinsky

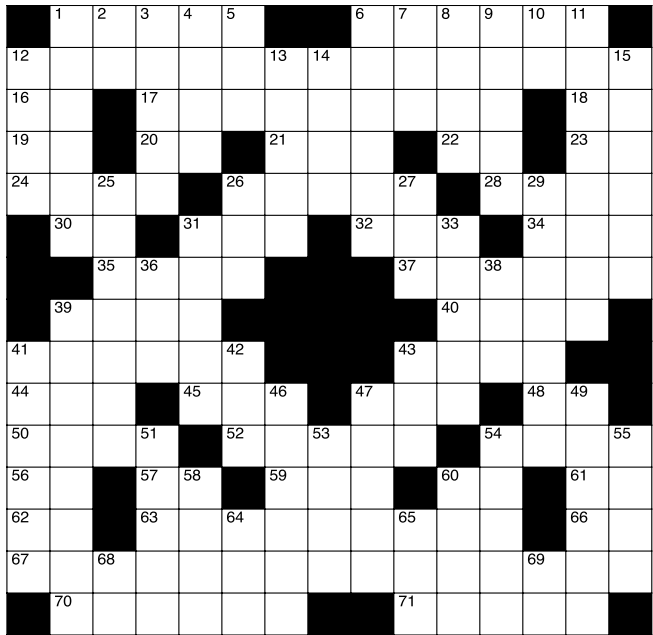
Tiffany Hulinsky from Todd County is one of the semi-finalists in the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Discussion Meet held at the MFBF Conference at Treasure Island near Red Wing on Jan. 27.

Contestants were judged on their basic knowledge of critical farm issues and their ability to exchange ideas and information in a setting aimed at cooperative problem solving. The two topics discussed by contestants were:

- As the voice of agriculture, how can Farm Bureau be more inclusive of all agriculture and production practices? This includes, but is not limited to, women in agriculture, organic production, fresh produce, forestry and aquaculture.
 - Technology is one of the driving forces for innovation and advancement in agriculture. How can agriculture attract the best and brightest minds from STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) into agricultural careers?
- Eight semi-finalists were selected and will compete in the final two rounds of competition at the MFBF 100th Annual Meeting in November.
- The other semi-finalists are Angela Guentzel, LeSueur County; Katie Winslow, Goodhue County; Emma Hoversten, Lyon County; Lisa Roker, Redwood County; Jamison Schneckloth, Mower County; DiDi Edwards, Nobles County and Carl Sackreiter, Winona County.

Crossword Puzzle

Week 5



- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. Put within
 - 6. Learned person
 - 12. Resistance
 - 16. Female title
 - 17. Logical basis for a belief
 - 18. Of I
 - 19. Indicates position
 - 20. Article
 - 21. Insignificant organizational member
 - 22. __ route
 - 23. Expression of disapproval
 - 24. Microelectromechanical systems
 - 26. Ponds
 - 28. Satisfy
 - 30. Dad
 - 31. Spanish soldier "El "
 - 32. Pouch-like structure
 - 34. Obscure unit of measurement
 - 35. Okinawa prefecture capital
 - 37. Platforms
- CLUES DOWN
- 1. The arch of the foot
 - 2. Canadian peninsula
 - 3. Koran chapters
 - 4. Abba __, Israeli politician
 - 5. Youngster
 - 6. Burns
 - 7. Comedienne Gasteyer
 - 8. Valley
 - 9. Belongs to sun god
 - 10. Nickel
 - 11. Great in salads
 - 12. Leader
 - 13. Forced through a sieve
 - 14. Entryway
 - 15. Support pillars
 - 25. Aquatic mammal
 - 26. __ Farrow, actress
 - 27. Unhappy
 - 29. Holds molecules
 - 31. Thrifty
 - 33. French dynasty
 - 36. Scottish port
 - 38. Irish militant organization
 - 39. Dawn
 - 41. Musical group of seven
 - 42. Used to fry things
 - 43. Carrot's companion
 - 46. Rough stone landmarks
 - 47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah
 - 49. Goes against
 - 51. Passion
 - 53. Hard white animal fat capital
 - 54. Soybean pastes
 - 55. Beckon
 - 58. Mountain and morning are two
 - 60. Self-referential
 - 64. Data executive
 - 65. Retirement plan
 - 68. Star Trek character
 - 69. You and I
 - CW181110

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP

The regular monthly meeting for February has been changed to Monday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall. The regular agenda will be followed.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township

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NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Friday, February 16, 208 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary

5-6pnc

NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, annual meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Clerk

5pnc

NOTICE POPLAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING CHANGE

Poplar Township Board will meet Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall instead of Feb. 6 as posted, because of the Minnesota caucuses.

All meetings are open to the public.

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township

4-5pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Board of Audit will take place following the regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018 at the town hall. Any questions please call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township

5-6pnc

NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of Thomastown Township will be held on Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the hall. The meeting will include the Annual Audit of the books.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township

5pnc

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The annual Board of Audit for Becker Township will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. following the regular meeting. Any questions, please call the clerk at 218-352-6498.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

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

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

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

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

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wallwood St. E
Motley 54466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

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

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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

So can we

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust,
O Lord, from my youth. -Psalm 71:5

This past week I texted a friend, wishing him a happy birthday. It was just minutes later that I received an e-mail back from him where he reminded me that this was his 60th birthday. He then went on to tell me about the "trauma" he was having now that his age starts with a six, for it seemed to him that life as he understood it was pretty much over when one turns 60.

Now, I think that there was a little bit of 'tongue in cheek' that was being shared in his e-mail, because then the conversation turned to a recognition of the joys and blessings he'd found in living those 60 years. He wrote, "You know, 60 won't be that bad. In fact, I'm looking forward to the next 60 years." I guess the blessings of the past had brought a change in how he viewed the present. That is something that we all experience. We learn from our past in order to live in our present.

In Psalm 71 the psalmist wrote: "For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth. Upon You I have learned from my birth; it was You who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of You."

As the psalmist looked back, he clearly saw the faithfulness of God. With confidence in that faithfulness, he could face the future and all of its uncertainties.

And, I believe the message that the psalmist is sending to us is - so can we.

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Wall cloud over 4th street in Staples - Feature Photo Award Winner

Janice Winter won a third place award in the Minnesota Newspaper Association's Better Newspaper Contest for this photo originally published June 15, 2017. Here's what she wrote about it then: "As a predicted thunderstorm approached June 13, Staples residents were witness to a dramatic wall cloud. Peeking out of the Staples World office door, two quick shots were taken at 8:32 a.m. looking southwest (left) and at 8:34 a.m. looking northwest (right) just before the rain began."

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Convention theme was 'Real Newspapers. Real News.'

The celebration in Bloomington was part of the association's 151st annual convention. The two-day event featured a number of education sessions and speakers, including Marilyn Carlson Nelson, Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee Chair, and Cheryl Reeve, Head Coach and General Manager of the Minnesota Lynx women's basketball team.

A governor's candidate forum featuring nine candidates was moderated by Mary Lahammer, a program host and political reporter for Twin Cities Public Television.

The Minnesota Newspaper Association (MNA) is the voluntary trade association of all general-interest newspapers in the State of Minnesota, acting on behalf of the newspaper press of the state, representing its members in the legislature and in court, managing local/regional/national newspaper advertising placement, operating a press release service, and working to enhance the quality of the state's newspapers.

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If Vikings were in, Johnson would still go with New England

wheeling with him, it's really interesting," said Johnson.

Having owned the restaurant for one year, Johnson is still trying to figure out the habits of local football fans. He said during Minnesota Viking games, the restaurant is often extremely quiet, then starts to get busy as soon as the game is over.

"People have such nice TV's at home, maybe they don't want to go to a restaurant to watch the games," he said.

For last year's Super Bowl, Johnson said they offered free prime rib sandwiches, but still didn't get much of a crowd. "By the fourth quarter we were closed up and I watched the end of the game at home," he said.

For this year's Super Bowl, he said the restaurant will be open, serving their Sunday buffet. "I don't know what I will do, but I know I will have my Tom Brady jersey on," said Johnson.

If the Vikings had made it to the Super Bowl, it might have complicated things for Johnson. "That would be a really tough one for me, but I would still have to go with New England," he said.



Memorial for park

Bob Hamann, left, accepts a \$450 check from LaDonna Peterson for the Staples All Veterans Park. The memorial was in honor of John Peterson. (Submitted photo)

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Perfetti Galston is vice president



Marnie Perfetti Galston

Marnie Perfetti Galston has been promoted to vice president of marketing and communications at Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union.

Perfetti Galston has over 18 years of experience in marketing, communications and business development. She's been leading credit union branding over all 10 locations throughout Central Minnesota, internal and external communications, public relations, and many other projects that have had a direct impact on the members Mid-Minnesota serves.

Perfetti Galston also serves on the Minnesota Credit Union for Kids committee raising money for Gillette Children's Specialty Healthcare and has earned the Certified Credit Union Executive (CCUE) designation through the Credit Union National Association (CUNA).

"I am grateful to be at a company with such friendly and knowledgeable employees working together for the good of our members," she said.

Perfetti Galston is the daughter of Dave and Gloria Perfetti, of Staples and a Staples-Motley High School graduate. She lives in the Lincoln Lakes Area with her husband Matt and their five year old twins. In her free time she enjoys boating, crafts, the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.

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Large meteorite landed at Swartz farm 15 years ago

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Swartz family farm east of Motley has been a magnet for a few unusual strays over the years...including a cat with two different colored eyes and a 200-pound meteorite that was discovered in the hay field about 15 years ago.

Dick Swartz, 73, said he was reading an article about meteor showers in a recent edition of the Square Shooter, which reminded him of his own encounter with what appears to be the remains of a shooting star.

He and his son, Rick, were mowing hay that summer day when they came across the huge boulder.

"We have to get rid of rocks every year," Dick said, noting the clay consistency of their soil. This particular rock, however, was different from

any they'd collected. "I'd never seen anything like it before."

Rick was disking at the time and he was operating the skid steer, Dick recalled. They had to remove the giant rock before they could continue mowing the field.

He's called it a meteorite from the first day they saw it, Dick said. Had it been a rock, he went on, they would have run into it years earlier.

The farm has been in the family since 1955, when his dad, the late Earl Swartz, first bought it. Later on, Dick and his wife, Sally, took over ownership. They milked cows for 51 years, raised horses along the way; and passed on the love of farming and rodeos to their own children, Rick and Rhonda.

They've seen some unusual things over the years, but nothing like this meteorite.

Sally likes to collect strange and out-of-the ordinary rocks, she said. When her husband and son found what they believed to be a meteorite, they decided to bring it to Sally.

"That thing was heavy," she said, going on to surmise that it must have fallen from the sky or "the good Lord brought it here."

Dick pointed to the giant rock, noting how the layers appeared to have melted together. "There's only two ways you can melt rocks together," Dick said, mentioning either volcanoes or meteorites. Since there are no known volcanoes in Minnesota, he would bet that his unusual rock is a meteorite.

If that is indeed the case, the Swartzes are glad they weren't in that field when the meteorite landed 15 years ago.



Not your ordinary rock

Dick Swartz of rural Motley discovered this meteorite in one of his fields at least 15 years ago. It weighs approximately 200 pounds and appears to consist of rocks that have melted together. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



New Year's resolution for farmers: Conservation

By Todd County NRCS

In a recent online article in "Successful Farming" the top six New Year's resolutions for Farmers were listed. I was happy to see that conservation made the list. Conservation as part of your overall farm business plan and goals is a very smart idea. We often see while working with conservation minded farm-

ers there's a very strong link between conservation and profitability. In addition, conservation may provide a marketing edge. Assistance from our office on conservation is free. In today's agriculture market any additional assistance, advice and service especially when it's free to the farmer is a huge benefit in overall farming success. Our office draws from a

large network of agriculture and natural resource professionals nationwide and locally for advice, and can ensure you get the contacts you need to get your answers addressed appropriately.

An example of how conservation can improve your bottom line. Did you know that on average three % to 15%, according to the Corn and Soybean Digest article

on Precision Agriculture in August 2017, are unprofitable? This means that for every \$100 of expense per acre of land you may be just throwing \$3 to \$15 of it into the wind or down the stream quite literally? Considering that an acre of corn may cost \$400-600 per acre this is a lot of money to just be throwing away. This number becomes staggering when you multiply it by the hundreds or maybe thousands of acres a farm may have. These input costs include fertilizer, manure and pesticides that may end up in our ground or surface water, the air or elsewhere causing environmental harm and water quality issues.

For more information about conservation opportunities for your farm contact your local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service office; 320-732-6618 ext. 3.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

Jan. 22 - The MPD received a call from an employee at Dairy Queen in Motley who reported the theft of his cell phone.

Jan. 20 - The MPD received a report of money that had been taken from bank deposit bags inside a vehicle parked at a gas station in Motley. The complainant suspects the passenger in his vehicle is the thief.

Jan. 22 - The MCSO assisted with the warrant arrest of Kurt Jon Hayenga, 45. He was transported from the Fish Trap Lake Public Access in Cushing to the Morrison County Jail.

Jan. 19 - The MCSO received a report of a Harassment Restraining Order (HRO) violation at a residence off of 260th St. in Cushing Township. Subsequently, responding law enforcement arrested Kyle Daniel St. Martin-Smith, 27.



4th grade Research

Winners in 4th grade Research, left to right: Josie Jennissen, 1st, Rain Forest; Isabella Dobson, 2nd, The Life of an Owl; Cameron Ganyo, 3rd, Gold Mining. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley-Staples Middle School 2018 Science Fair winners announced

The 2018 Motley-Staples Middle School Science Fair was held Jan. 24 in the small gym, with 178 students participating.

This year's judges (approximately 30) included parents, community members and other volunteers from Camp Shamaneau and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Those placing in the top three in two categories - Experiment and Research - move on to the District Science Fair. Medals were presented to the top placers Jan. 25 in the MSMS

Media Center. The project was coordinated by MSMS teachers Lisa Przybilla, 5th grade; and Kasey Odden, 6th grade.

Students started working on their projects in early December of 2017.

The Freshwater Education District Science Fair will be held Feb. 12 and 13 at the Bertha-Hewitt Community Center in Bertha. The public is invited to attend on Tuesday, Feb. 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The awards ceremony will begin at 4 p.m.



4th grade Experiment

Winners in 4th grade Experiment, left to right: Owen Carlson, 1st, Long Lasting Gum; Luke Bjerga, 2nd, Teeth Whitening Experiment; Avandre Brandt, 2nd, Flower Power; Cecily Moe, 3rd, Volcano.



5th grade Research

Winners in 5th grade Research, left to right: Alyson Jasmer, 1st, Our Solar System; Deven Johnson, 2nd, What's the Buzz; Olivia Lorber, 3rd, Arctic Animals. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



5th grade Experiment

Winners in 5th grade Experiment, left to right: Lily Richey, 1st, Plastic Milk; Cadynce Ferris, 2nd, Borax Crystals; Peyton Mithun, 2nd, Genie in a Bottle; Dylan Lawrence and Jaden Radermacher, 3rd, Growing Bacteria.



6th grade Experiment

Winners in 6th grade Experiment, left to right: Eli Carlson, 1st, Battery Life; Gabriel Koval, 2nd, Wood Understood; Macy Knudson, 3rd, Cat Sound Reaction.



6th grade Research - 1st

First place winners in 6th grade Research, left to right: Kailer Ecker, How Do Robots Think; Tiana Gonzalez, Tobacco vs. the Body; Lauren Rutten, Heart Rate.



6th grade Research - 2nd

Second place winners in 6th grade Research, left to right: Griffin Bettis, Deer Behavior; Alex Black, Stock Market.



6th grade Research - 3rd

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When it comes time to lay that clutch of eggs to begin the next generation of great horned owls, the female will commonly commandeer a nest built by another

Despite this, with an estimated population of about six million, roughly 45 percent of which are in the U.S., the great horned owl is said to merit the label "least concern" for its survival. These are certainly mixed signals; large overall numbers, but a recent decline by a very high order of magnitude. Like the bald eagle, once endangered not by bounties but by pesticides, the future of this heard-but-rarely-seen cog in Nature's machinery probably lies in how pollution-free and toxin-free we maintain our lands and waters. Given the power of economic and political forces, that's anything but a sure thing.

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Wrestling team takes third in conference duals

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Mid State Conference wrestling tournament was a dual format this year, with each of the six teams facing each other at the Staples-Motley gym on Jan. 26.

Four Cardinals went undefeated in the duals and were named All-Conference: Brayden Christensen, Spencer Miller, Owen Bjerga and Brayden Tyrrell. Two wrestlers went 4-1 and were named All Conference Honorable Mention: Jasiah Paskewitz and Jonathan Lisson.

The Staples-Motley team won three of their five matches, missing out on second place by the slimmest of margins. The difference was their match

against Pequot Lakes/Pine River-Backus, which ended in a 34-34 tie and went down to criteria, where the Cardinals took a loss.

In their other matches, Staples-Motley beat Park Rapids 42-33, beat Aitken 49-12 and beat Crosby-Ironton 69-9. Their other loss was to Detroit Lakes, 55-15.

Against PLPRB, Coach Dave Anglin said there were several places the team could have saved points or earned extra points. "It is a team effort, and we lost it as a team," said Anglin. "The kids learned a lot from that match, about teamwork and about how to win a match."

The Cardinals actually would have won based on match scores, but a penalty point was awarded to help

tie the score and is the first criteria in the tiebreaker.

Of the all-conference wrestlers, Anglin said Christensen showed great improvement. "He beat some really tough kids, he earned it," said Anglin. He also pointed out that Miller and Bjerga mostly wrestled up in weight, and were still undefeated. He said Tyrrell is looking good late in the season.

"It was a fantastic tournament and we are wrestling pretty good," said Anglin. He said the team is hoping to get healthy for their upcoming matches, including the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley tournament on Feb. 2 and a dual against United North Central at Sebekka on Thursday, Feb. 8. After that, section wrestling starts on Feb. 13.



The team has your back

Max Giza weaves through the Hibbing defense with the encouragement of his teammates. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals dig deep for big conference win

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team got their biggest win of the season, 77-73 against Crosby-Ironton on Jan. 25. That game followed a 92-73 loss to Bemidji on Jan. 23.

Against Bemidji, the Cardinals found themselves down by 20 early, then cut it to three by half-time. In the second half, it was a slow fade before they were down by 20 again late in the game.

Against C-I, the Cardinals built a nine point half-time lead, then saw it tighten it up towards the end of the game. "I think we could have communicated better at the end, but we pulled

out a crucial win," said Coach Micheal Poncelet.

The Cardinals made their free throws down the stretch, finishing with 15 of 16 shots made from the line.

"Defensively we are improving," said Poncelet, "I am seeing us turn the corner."

The win gives Staples-Motley their fourth win of the season and second conference win. It also gives them hope to move up in the section standings.

"We have put ourselves in a bad position in the section and we need to do everything we can to try and get out of it," said Poncelet. "I am not sure a home playoff game is reasonable at this point however we have

to get out of those bottom two spots we are currently in."

With nine games remaining, the Cardinals will have a chance to win most of them.

"From here on out every one counts," said Poncelet.

Team results
Staples-Motley 73, Bemidji 92

Scoring: Griffin Webster 18, Brayden Losh 17, Josh Lombard 13, Derek Kennedy 8, Max Giza 5, Tristin Etzler 4, Isaiah Ross-Bahn 3, Reid Busker 3, Chase Davis 2

Staples-Motley 77, Crosby-Ironton 73

Scoring: Webster 18, Lombard 16, Losh 16, Davis 14, Kennedy 10, Giza 3

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Girls team troubled by turnovers in losses

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team had another close conference game result in a loss, after falling behind Detroit Lakes in the first half. The Cardinals played even with DL in the second half, but ended up with an 11 point loss.

The team also lost 77-39 at Fergus Falls on Jan. 29.

"Turnovers continue to be our biggest weakness," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "We have improved some, but still not at the level of being able to help us win games."

Staples-Motley had 23 turnovers against DL. They had 16 steals of their own, led by Kiera Dumpprope with four, and scored 11 points off turnovers.

Team results
Staples-Motley 41, Detroit Lakes 52

Scoring: Kaitlyn Smith 9, Kiara Storry 8, Claire Wolhowe 7, Kiera Dumpprope 6, Tabatha Allen 6, Haley Cichos 3, Jenna Dvorak 2

Staples-Motley 39, Fergus Falls 77

Scoring: Wolhowe 18, Dumpprope 6, Bella Martin 4, Smith 3, Cichos 2, Mackenna Bjerga 2, Dvorak 2, Kaila Erbe 1, Emma Gerard 1

Race to the rim

Chase Davis sprints up the floor on a fast break. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Playing at the next level

Two former Staples-Motley basketball players are playing for the Central Lakes College women's team this season. Amber Robben, pictured above grabbing a loose ball on the ground, and Sam Schimpp, right, cutting down the lane to catch a pass, are two of the main players for the 11-6 Raiders. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Using leverage

Brayden Losh drives around a taller Hibbing defender. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)