

Community mourns loss of young men

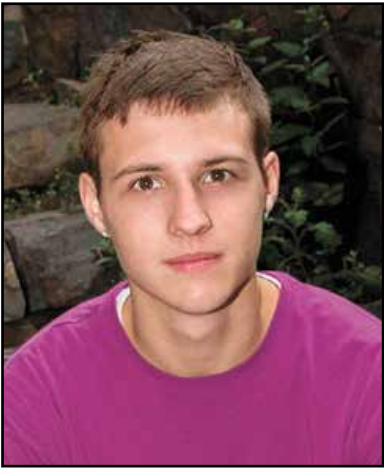
By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Tragedy struck twice in Cass County this past week, taking the lives of two young men from the local community.

On Jan. 10, 18-year-old Devin Alexander, a senior at Pillager High School, died as the result of a two-vehicle crash in Sylvan Township; and on the morning of Jan. 13, a trailer house fire claimed the life of 20-year-old Alan Dumpprope of Motley.

Alan Dumpprope

Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch reports that on Jan. 13, at 6:42 a.m., the sheriff's office received a report of a house fire in the 12000 block of State Hwy 64, in rural Motley. Responders arrived and found a trailer home fully engulfed in fire. Efforts to extinguish the fire were immediately underway. An adult male, later identified as Alan Dumpprope, was located deceased



Alan Dumpprope

inside the residence.

The initial investigation reveals Dumpprope died of smoke inhalation. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, although there is speculation that it may have been caused by a space heater.

Alan lived in the home with his older brother, Joseph Dumpprope, who was not home at the time.

A 2015 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, Alan had recently celebrated his 20th birthday on Dec. 27. "Just three weeks ago," noted Pastor Jim Johnson, who officiated the celebration of life service Jan. 17, at Motley Free Methodist Church.

There was standing room only, as at least 375 family members and friends came to pay their final respects to Alan.

Pastor Johnson acknowledged that Alan's life was cut short. "He had so much potential...and we are left with a lot of 'what if's'....," the pastor said. "A tragedy like this is hard to understand...we don't have all the answers." He encouraged the congregation to "trust in the living God...even when we don't understand." He went on to quote a verse from the Bible which states, "There is a



Devin Alexander

recording of one of Alan's rap songs was played near the close of the service.

Others were given the opportunity to share their own memories.

Alan's grandma, Jan Barron, recalled his wonderful sense of humor; and the fun they would have when he came to visit. She shared the story of how his grandpa, whom Alan always called, 'gramma gramma' when he was younger, came to give little Alan the nickname, 'Squirt.' Grandpa (gramma gramma) Jeff Barron went on to say that Alan had a "servant's heart."

One of Alan's teachers mentioned his shy smile and sweet spirit. "He was always so generous."

Mary Stangle-Hess said that Alan, who went to school with her son, Joe, was one of several students who was often at their house. She considered herself

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Wadena County board receives report on workplace conditions

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the Jan. 10 Wadena County Board meeting, consultant Michelle Soldo presented a 45-minute summary of her findings and recommendations from the Environmental Scan of the Wadena County Workplace she conducted from September to December 2016.

Human Resources (HR) Director Curt Kreklau had recommended the environmental scan as a way to determine the current work atmosphere among county employees, and determine how problems could be solved and opportunities seized. Soldo said

she worked to answer the question, "What is the condition of our county?"

Soldo explained that she and county employees put in many hours to carry out the scan. Over 100 employees participated in the questionnaire and interview processes during the environmental scan.

Soldo outlined five findings and recommendations in her presentation:

- Six county departments are in good working condition. These departments have managers who are professional, productive role models. However, most of these departments have not received good news, compliments, etc., from board members. Employees felt a lack of recognition for their work.

Those departments are the county attorney's office, environmental services department, planning and zoning department, public health department, solid waste department and veterans services office.

- Five county departments need some improvement. They have had some difficulties, some personnel issues. Communication among employees is an issue in these departments. There are changes that they can make.

Those departments are the assessor office, highway department, human

resources/information technology office, sheriff's office and recorder's office.

- Two departments need significant improvement. Disruptions have occurred. Employees in these departments recognize the need for change.

Those departments are the auditor/treasurer's office and the human services department.

- The board needs to give more support to department heads both publicly and privately. Board members need to acknowledge county employees by saying hello and making eye contact. The board must use the environmental scan report to create productive change.

- The objectives of the environmental scan have been achieved. The next step is up to the board.

Board members thanked Soldo for her work. Soldo said that the HR department is ready to proceed with next steps to bring change. She recommended that board members work with the HR department.

The report has been or will be available on the county's website.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a gambling permit for England Prairie Pioneer Club for Aug. 27 for

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Staples City Council oath of office

Five newly elected members of the Staples City Council took the oath of office as they began their new terms on the council. From left, Rachel Johnson, Chris Etzler, Mary Theurer, Doug Case and Brian Fisher. Johnson and Fisher are starting their first term on the council, while Etzler was re-elected as mayor and Theurer and Case were re-elected as council members. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Council gets to work on winter issues

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council discussed shoveling sidewalks and ice skating at their Jan. 10 meeting.

Council member Doug Case said residents had asked him if the city was going to have a skating rink this year. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said there were no plans to start one. He said in past years they've had a rink on the south side of town near the overpass. The council agreed that they should look into doing it again, if not this year then next year.

Council member Rachel Johnson brought up enforcing the city's sidewalk shoveling ordinance, citing

the Safe Routes to School program that encourages children to walk to school. Mayor Chris Etzler said ordinance enforcement is an ongoing debate with the council and they have not decided if they should plow the sidewalks for a fee or charge homeowners who don't shovel their sidewalk.

The council also approved board appointments, but had questions over the appointment to the Staples Economic Development Authority Board. The SEDa board has two openings, Etzler said. Case has expressed interest and Johnson has also shown interest. Etzler said since Case has seniority on the council, he should get one

seat and asked Fisher if he was also interested in sitting on that board. Fisher said he hadn't considered committee positions and declined to put his name in for the position since Johnson said she was interested.

The SEDa board will be made up of Case, Johnson and Etzler from the council, a long with community members; Tim Rice, Mary Klamm, Al Kolling and Doyle Yoder. The board oversees the position of Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher.

City boards

The council approved the following committee and board appointments:

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Hello, Readers,

On Jan. 20, 1969, President Lyndon B. Johnson bestows the Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor awarded by the United States, on civil rights activist Roy Wilkins. Wilkins was born in Mississippi but spent most of his life in St. Paul. In 1923 he graduated from the University of Minnesota, where he was the Minnesota Daily's first black reporter and editor. He served as executive director of the NAACP from 1955 to 1977. A postage stamp honoring him was issued in 2001.

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Alan Dumpprope
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Being Mortal: Starting the conversation about death

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Telling a person he or she is going to die soon is one of the most avoided conversations in the medical world. Part of it can be that the patient or their family isn't ready to hear that prognosis. There is also hesitation from medical professionals who likewise want to keep hope alive even if they see no other outlet.

"It is the elephant in the room," said Dr. Julie Benson of Lakewood Health System. "We want to open these conversations, because we are terrible at it."

Lakewood is helping equip people to have those conversations with free community screenings of a documentary, "Being Mortal," at 2 and 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Staples Centennial Auditorium. After the screening, audience members can participate in a guided conversation with panel mem-

bers on how to take steps to identify and communicate wishes about end-of-life goals and preferences.

According to a Lakewood press release, the

film investigates the practice of caring for the dying, and explores the relationships between patients and their doctors. It follows a surgeon, Dr. Atul Gawa-

nde, as he shares stories from the people and families he encounters. When Dr. Gawande's own father gets cancer, his search for answers about how best to

care for the dying becomes a personal quest. The film sheds light on how a medical system focused on a cure, often leaves out the sensitive conversations that need to happen so a patient's true wishes can be known and honored at the end.

Benson said one of the poignant lines in the film is "When you enter hospice, you become a person, not a patient." She recognizes how the whirlwind of tests and treatments can be hard on patients, and how it is a completely different feeling when they enter hospice. Hospice is used for making a person comfortable as they approach death.

Benson does Palliative Care at Lakewood, which helps people cope with pain. She said the most important thing in Palliative Care is to listen to the patient. That's one of the points in "Being Mortal," where Dr. Gawande and his

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Starting the conversation

Panelists who will help facilitate discussions following the screening of "Being Mortal," from left, Dr. Julie Benson, Daryl Jacobson, Lakewood Health System Chaplain, Dan Frank of the Initiative Foundation and Lonna Dille, Lakewood Health System licensed social worker (LSW). (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Sun dogs

John Sinotte, Jr., Baxter, shared this photo he captured of these sun dogs above the Lexington Mfg. building in Brainerd, on Jan. 9. Sun dogs are an optical phenomenon, caused by the refraction of sunlight on flat, hexagon ice crystals (diamond dust) found high in the sky in Cirrus clouds. A pair of mock suns appear on either side of the sun, forming a halo that appears to encircle the sun. Many times a halo effect is seen, other than the flat, bright floating sun dogs that appear more frequently. Moondogs can also appear in a lunar halo. (Submitted photo)

Staples Area Women’s Chorus hosts 2017 ‘Her Voice, Her Song’

The Staples Area Women’s Chorus (SAWC) will be hosting the 2017 Women’s Choral Festival, ‘Her Voice, Her Song,’ on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Staples-Motley High School in Staples. A concert for the public will be held at 7 p.m., at the SMHS gymnasium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Seventeen area schools have been invited to join the SAWC’s annual event. The main goal of this project is to bring female singers together to experience the joy of singing and improve musical performance skills in an inter-generational environment.

Dr. Susan Cogdill will be the festival’s guest director. Cogdill serves as Assistant Professor of Music Education and Director of the Women’s Choir at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph; and St. John’s University in Collegeville. Additionally, she mentors music student teachers and assists the collegiate chapters of NAFME and ACDA. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in music education from the University of Wyoming; Master of Music Education degree from the University

of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Ph.D. in Music Education also from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where she received a Hixson-Lied Fellowship.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Cogdill served on the faculty at Doane College in Nebraska as the Women’s Chorale conductor and co-directed the Collegiate Chorale. Dr. Cogdill has 12 years experience teaching music in public schools, the last seven of which were spent in Laramie, Wyoming where she also conducted the University of Wyoming Civic Chorale from 2007 - 09. She has both directed musicals and performed such roles as Mrs. Peachum in the University of Wyoming’s production of The Beggar’s Opera and Pitti-Sing in Casper College’s production of The Mikado.

A frequent clinician and guest conductor, Dr. Cogdill is an active member of the National Association for Music Educators, American Choral Directors Association, and Pi Kappa Lambda music honor society. Her music research has focused on motivational theories related to musical development and beliefs regarding singing ability. She has presented research at the state, national and international levels of the national Association for Music Education, the International Society for Music Education; and The Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium.

At Her Voice, Her Song, the SAWC will serve as mentors to high school and college women by sharing their mature voices and encouraging a life-long love of music. All singers will be challenged to raise their level of musicianship with a commitment to excellence.

Tickets for the evening concert are available for purchase at the Staples World and Nelson’s Insurance Agency in Staples; Markus Hair Design in Motley; and from the SAWC members. For more information, contact Barb Cline at 218-894-1253 or 218-330-3830.

This activity is 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.



Townhomes coming along

The Roach Family 34-unit townhome project, located near the 1100 block of NE 5th and 6th Streets in Staples, is on target, according to owner Matt Roach of Little Falls. Pictured above, crew members work on the roof of one of the 6th St. units. Pictured in center photo, Matt Roach (left) discusses plans for one of the handicapped accessible bathrooms with Staples native Greg Ziegler, with Ziegler Plumbing and Heating of Little Falls. All of the two and three-bedroom units are single level. Framing and siding has been completed on a few of the units and all of the townhomes are expected to be open by this June. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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- Public Works Commission: Stan Carlson, Bruce Nelsen, Al Kolling, Mary Theurer, Roy Miles
- Airport Board: Ken Peterson, Kent Nordell, Jeff Weitemier, Doug Case, Bruce Nelsen
- Planning and Zoning

Commission: Seth Dokken, Rachel Johnson, Brian Fisher, Doug Case, Janet Kiley, Tom Kajer, Bruce Drone

- Parks and Rec Advisory Board: John Gorton, Libby Isenberg, Roy Miles, John Jewison, Ron Murray, MaryAnn Petersen, Melissa Daniels
- Board of Adjustment: Roy Miles, Bruce Drone, Brian Niemann
- Community Corrections: Ron Murray
- Joint Airport Zoning Board: Doug Case, Chris Etzler

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority board has terms that expire in November. Members of that board are: Frank Leidenfrost, Rose Hoemberg, Bruce Nelsen, Ellen Nelson and Bruce Hayenga.

In other news, the council

- Designated Staples World as official newspaper.
- Approved pawnbroker’s license for Like-Nu Gun & Pawn.
- Approved pay equity implementation report.

Annual Meeting

11 am, Sat., Jan. 21

Lions Hall
402 Wisconsin Ave. SE
Staples

Potluck Lunch
All vendors and the public are invited to attend.

For information call
Barry Thoele 218-296-0446
Lois Detloff 218-924-2704

NOTICE:
City of Motley Council Member Vacancy

The City of Motley is looking to fill a vacancy on the City Council for the 2017-2018 term. Interested parties should submit a letter of interest by January 31 via email: cityofmotley@brainerd.net or deliver/mail to: City Hall, 316 Hwy. 10 S, Motley, MN 56466

In order to be appointed, you must be a resident of the City of Motley, eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota, and be 21 years of age or more. If you meet these requirements and are interested in helping to shape the future of Motley, please submit a letter which includes why you are interested in the position and why you think you would be a good representative of the City.

Letters will be accepted until January 31. The Council hopes to fill this vacancy at their February 13, 2017, meeting.

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The Being Mortal Project

Tuesday, February 7th
at 2:00 or 6:30 p.m.
Staples Auditorium
(401 Centennial Drive, Staples)

The 'Being Mortal' Project investigates the practice of caring for the dying, and explores the relationships between patients and their doctors. It follows a surgeon, Dr. Atul Gawande, as he shares stories from the people and families he encounters. Audience members will learn how to take steps to identify and communicate wishes about end-of-life goals and preferences. The free community event is open to everyone, and will include a screening of the PBS Frontline film, 'Being Mortal', a panel and audience discussion facilitated by Dan Frank of the Initiative Foundation, and refreshments. Call 218-894-8151 for more information.

Hosted by Lakewood Health System, the Staples/Motley Ministerial Association, and Staples/Motley Community Education in partnership with the Hospice Foundation of America.

Man arrested for stealing car, fleeing

On Jan. 11, at 2:47 p.m., Staples Police received a report of a stolen vehicle from the Clark Station in Staples. A description of the vehicle was put out and the Motley Police Dept. located the vehicle, which fled and started a pursuit involving Motley Police Dept. and Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. The pursuit went through Pillager with the vehicle ending up crashing near Randall. Grant Stokes, 47, of Milaca, was arrested and taken to Morrison County Jail.

Other reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. included:

Jan. 9; Staples Police arrested Ben Dukowitz, 40, of Staples, in violation of an order for protection.

Jan. 10; On the 800 block of 2nd Ave NE police noticed that a front door of a residence was kicked in. Police spoke to the owner who said there was nothing of value inside and they needed no assistance.

Jan. 10; Staples Police attempted a traffic stop on an ATV traveling on Wadena Cty Rd 30. A short pursuit ensued and police later arrested Shane Ludovissie, 36, of Staples, for fleeing police in a motorized vehicle and DUI. Ludovissie was transported to the Wadena County Jail.

Jan. 11; Staples Police assisted the Central Minnesota Violent Offender and Drug Task Force and the West Central Minnesota Violent Offender and

Drug Task Force with a search warrant of a residence on the 700 block of 5th St. NE in the city of Staples. After searching the residence, police located 3.5 ounces of marijuana, digital scales, individual baggies, multiple items of drug paraphernalia, brass knuckles and a pellet handgun. Police arrested Todd Gabel, 39, of Staples, for a probation violation and forwarded the case to the Todd County Attorney's Office for possible felony drug possession and sales charges against the homeowner, John Weber. Jared Koczur, 25, of Staples, was also cited for possession of a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.



Clean-up before tear-down



Hengel Ready Mix and Construction plans to begin demolition Jan. 19 or 20. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Above: Todd Jenkins and Dave Owens, employees with Hengel Ready Mix and Construction of Pillager, worked Jan. 16, hauling out debris from a house along Hwy 10 in Staples, prior to its upcoming demolition. At left: Employee Mike Kadus takes a look at the project after one of the walls is knocked down on Jan. 17. Longed deemed a nuisance property, the City of Staples purchased the house this past summer.

NCEDA chosen for loan program

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) has selected North Central Economic Development Association (NCEDA) to participate in a new statewide lending program designed to provide funding to small businesses in need of capital.

The new Emerging Entrepreneur Loan Program will help increase economic opportunities for businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans, low income individuals and/or persons with disabilities. DEED has awarded and allocated funds to NCEDA which in turn will make loans available to eligible small busi-

nesses in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, Wadena, Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec and Mille Lacs counties.

A review team made up of individuals from DEED and external organizations approved NCEDA's participation in the program based on eligibility criteria that included the organization's background, business operations, experience working with targeted populations, and performance working with state, federal and other loan programs.

"Partnering with the State of Minnesota and the Department of Employment and Economic Development to make these

loans available will benefit entrepreneurs in our region, in addition to the other lending programs available through NCEDA," said Cheryl Hills, Executive Director, Region Five Development Commission.

NCEDA is a 501c3 affiliate organization of Region Five Development Commission (R5DC). The mission of North Central Economic Development Association is to provide industry expertise for lending programs offered or created by the Region Five Development Commission.

For information, please contact Sandy Voigt, Regional Business Specialist, at svoigt@regionfive.org.



Making progress

Construction continued at the new TimberLake Hotel in Staples Jan. 16, including setting trusses and roof sheeting. Pictured above, Job Supervisor Steve Dettbarn (second from left), with Hytec Construction of Brainerd, checks in with other crew members. In lower photo, one of the 58-ft., 2,800 pound girder trusses is hoisted to the roof. Five semi-loads of trusses were delivered to the construction site. Dettbarn said they have only missed two days of construction since the project began and both of those days were due to extremely cold weather. "It was 30 degrees below zero both of those days," he said. The temperature climbed to nearly 30 degrees above zero on Jan. 16, a welcome relief to the outdoor construction crew. "We've got 18 carpenters working here today," Dettbarn said. Subcontractors include Giza Plumbing and Heating, Staples; and Jim's Electric and VanVickle Masonry, both of Brainerd. TimberLake Hotel is owned by the Ives family, led by Mike and Mary Ives of Grand Rapids. The target date for the hotel opening is June, 2017. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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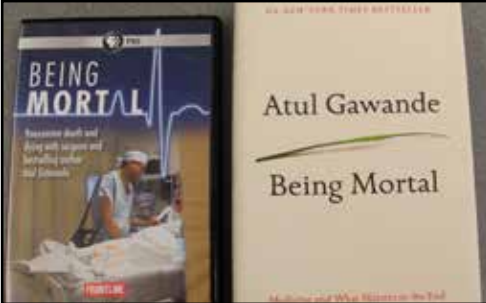
Decisions important before the need arises

colleagues listen to the personal stories of their patients and help them reach decisions based on those stories. The focus of the medical staff is to help people live the best life possible with the time they have left.

From the Lakewood press release: "Being Mortal" underscores the importance of people planning ahead and talking with family members about end-of-life decisions. Seventy percent of Americans say they would prefer to die at home, but nearly 70 percent die in hospitals and institutions. Ninety percent of Americans know they should have conversations about end-of-life care, yet only 30 percent have done so.

The Feb. 7 screening will allow attendees to get connected to professionals who can help with the planning process. One option is an advance healthcare directive, in which each person can state their preferences for the types of medical procedures they are comfortable receiving. That can become valuable if the person is in a situation where he or she is unable to respond.

The Lakewood team pointed out that



Mortal multi-media

The documentary "Being Mortal," (above left) is based on the book with the same name by Dr. Atul Gawande, a physician who has changed his outlook on how to talk about end of life issues.

the conversation has been successful in other communities, such as La Crosse, Wisc., where 96 percent of the population has an advance directive. The success of the La Crosse efforts show that death is not a foreign topic for everybody, and it makes the conversations easier when the time comes when they're needed.



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8'x8' barn quilt at Motley Fairgrounds

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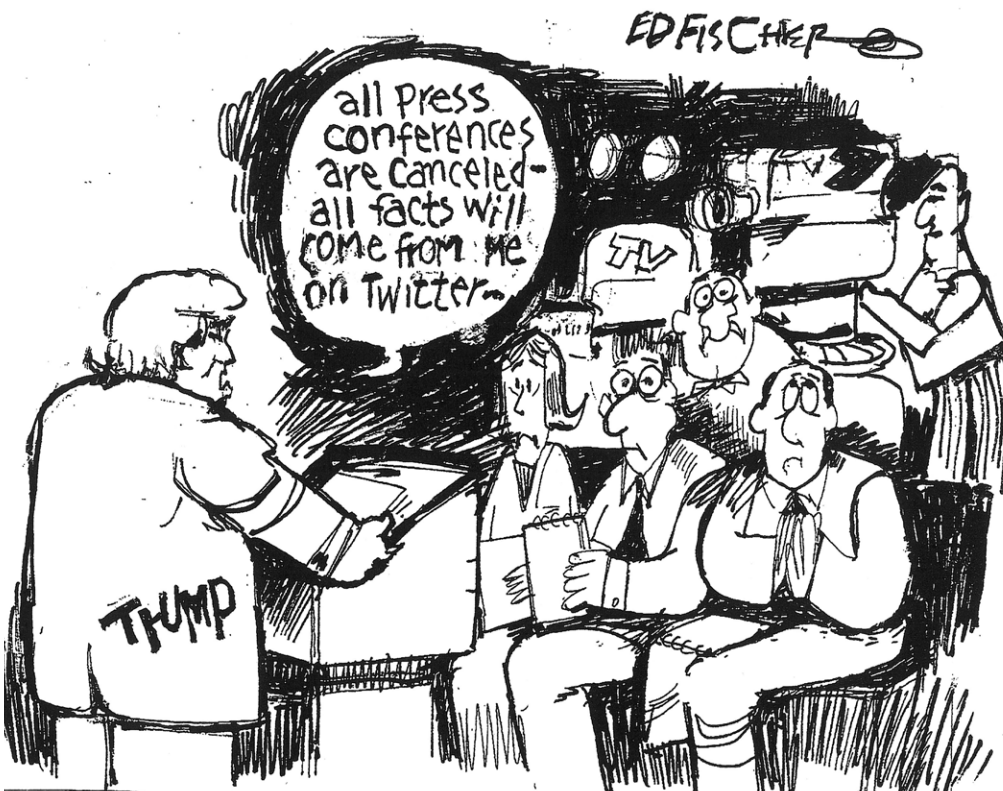


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Medical aid in dying: A hallmark of patient-centered care choice

By Barbara Coombs Lee and Kim Callinan

One thing the national election did not change: as the nation's 75 million baby boomers retire, an ever growing number grapple with the reality that people die in circumstances they would not choose. At a time when the country is divided, the election showed one issue unites us: personal choice in end-of-life care.

The most recent proof? By a nearly 30-point margin, Colorado voters approved a citizen-led End-of-Life Options ballot initiative on Nov. 8. The new law gives terminally ill adults the option to get a doctor's prescription for medication they may decide to take to end unbearable suffering, by dying peacefully in their sleep. Voters across a broad demographic range supported Prop. 106, according to exit polling conducted for The Associated Press and television networks in Colorado.

This Colorado victory stands in a line of advances for the end-of-life choice movement over the past two years. 1) California enacted a medical aid-in-dying law that took effect in June; 2) the District of Columbia Council passed medical aid-in-dying legislation and the mayor signed it Dec. 19; and 3) lawmakers in 19 states introduced medical aid-in-dying bills this year.

The question before us is why is the issue of medical aid in dying gaining so much momentum? And how can we leverage this momentum to improve general end-of-life care?

During the past 20 years, our country has made little or no progress on key quality indicators: non-beneficial treatment is still on the rise; advanced directives are still ignored; and admissions to intensive care units (ICUs) in the last

30 days of life continue to rise. People want to die at home, but two-thirds die in institutions.

Respected policy makers publicly acknowledge that we won't change these key quality indicators until a populist movement rises to drive a transformation. Obviously, the consumer movement already exists. But to harness the power of this movement, the palliative care community and medical establishment must embrace patients' desire for self-determination, including shortening an intolerable dying process.

The American public has embraced medical aid in dying because it puts patients firmly in charge of their own decisions about end-of-life care. To patients, it is a prime litmus test of person-centered care. It exemplifies a medical system that respects patients by allowing them to assert their values and priorities as death approaches.

However, Medical Aid in Dying is only a start. To truly transform end-of-life care in this country, we need to stop the conveyor belt of over treatment and false promises. We need to ensure that healthcare providers give people complete information about all their end-of-life care options. It is the only way to ensure patients make fully-informed treatment decisions.

Today, we call upon leaders within the medi-

cal, policy and palliative care communities to recognize the growing consumer movement. We call on them to unite around a new definition of 'patient-centered care.' A definition that respects patients' values and priorities around death as paramount...even if they differ from those of the healthcare community. Only by working together will we finally make noticeable, significant improvements on key quality indicators of end of life care. Then people will finally be able to die the way most of us want: peacefully, at home, and in the arms of our loved ones.

Barbara Coombs Lee was an ER and ICU nurse and physician assistant for 25 years. Currently, she is an attorney and President of Compassion & Choices, the nation's largest end-of-life choice advocacy organization, with 450,000 supporters nationwide.

Kim Callinan is chief program officer for Compassion & Choices. She holds a Master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University, a graduate certificate in public health from the University of South Florida and a Bachelor's degree in government from Oberlin College.

This oped was originally published in The Hill's Congress Blog.

First 'Activity Day' commends volunteers

We had our first Activity Day on Jan. 3. A huge THANK YOU to our volunteers, paras, bus drivers, cooks and substitute teachers who made a big difference in both organization of the day, as well as making sure our students were safe and had a great day.

Overall, Jan. 3 went very well. Our teachers were provided valuable time to design programs and initiatives which respond to the educational, social and emotional needs of our students. Parents, who find it a challenge to find daycare when school isn't in session, had a safe place to send their children. Our paras, bus drivers and cooks didn't lose a day of work or pay.

It turns out Jan. 3 isn't the best day for planning a day of activities. Many businesses and organizations are not operating that day. For instance, we couldn't use the Science Museum of Minnesota or the Nature Museum in Bemidji because they weren't open for the new year yet. Thank goodness our students were able to enjoy Camp Shamaineau, Staples Community Center and 3-2-1 Bounce in Brainerd.

We also learned some procedural and communication lessons. We need to make sure our volunteers are clear about the schedule of the day and expectations of students.

If our elementary and middle school students said they were going to attend, they did. Thank you, parents. That made

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klammm
Supt.

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the day go as planned. Unfortunately, it wasn't as smooth at the high school level. Since very few students had signed up to attend, we only planned for those who had. However, 80 more students showed up than we expected on Activity Day. It was a great problem to have; however, we didn't have a Plan B in place to accommodate all participants. We also failed to communicate quickly enough with our volunteers in regard to expectations of students or the schedule for the rest of the day. But we will take these as lessons learned to make the next sessions even better.

On a positive note, the "Hunger No More" project, in partnership with the Staples-Motley Ministerial Association, went beautifully. Our students were amazing. We are now looking for financial supporters to help pay for the food our students packaged that day. If you or your organization is interested in making a donation, we are in need of \$3,000. Contact me or your church leaders for additional information. This is certainly an endeavor we would like to continue into the future, but know that it also requires financial backing.

We will take the lessons learned from our very first Activity Day and make Feb. 3 an awesome experience for our students. Again, we will need volunteers. If you are willing, contact the school office at 218-894-5400 where you would like to volunteer as soon as possible. Feb. 3 is almost here.

Winter reminders from City Hall

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City Corner



By Jerel Nelsen
Staples City Administrator

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As you know, we're having a real "Minnesota Winter" this year. Snow, rain, wind and cold temperatures have caused our streets, alleys and sidewalks to be very difficult to maintain.

With some warmer weather in the forecast, I wanted to remind property owners they're responsible to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to their property. Not only is this required by City Code, it's a courtesy to your neighbors and all pedestrians that utilize the sidewalk system in Staples. Also, a reminder that it's illegal to place snow on a public street because of the hazard it creates.

Additionally, I wanted to mention that if you have a fire hydrant adjacent to your property, it's beneficial to you and your neighbors to keep the hydrant accessible for the fire department.

If you have any questions about snow removal in the city, feel free to contact me at 218-894-2550. Thanks and have a great winter.

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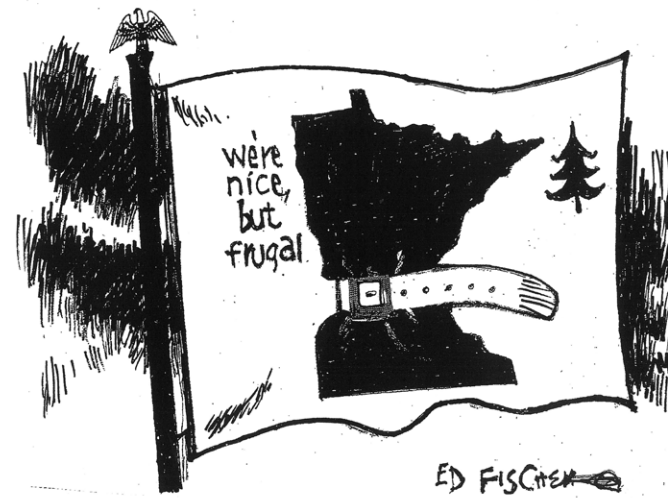
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Broadband grants to include Wadena County

Almost 20 percent of Greater Minnesota households don't have the same broadband connections as urban area residents. That's about to change.

New grants totaling \$34 million for 42 broadband infrastructure projects will level the playing field, expanding job, education and health opportunities for thousands of Minnesotans through access to reliable, affordable high-speed internet.

North rural Wadena County is included in the project list.

West Central Telephone Association will receive \$718,850. The project will serve 174 unserved households, 13 unserved businesses and two community anchor institutions in Bluffton and Blowers townships in Otter Tail County and portions of Rockwood, Leaf River, North Germany and Wing River townships, including the community of Bluegrass, in Wadena County. The total eligible project cost is \$1.5 million, with a \$778,755 local match.

Also in the region, TDS Telecom is receiving a \$3 million grant to benefit Cass and Crow Wing counties. This project will serve 3,459 unserved households, 62 unserved businesses

and four community anchor institutions in Cass and Crow Wing counties, including Backus, Hackensack, Ideal Corners, Pequot Lakes, Pine River and Woman Lake. TDS Telecom (dba Arvig Telephone Co.) will provide improved services for 142 small enterprises that do not have access to high-speed internet. The total eligible project cost is \$6 million, with a \$3 million local match.

Minnesota's Border-to-Border Broadband Development Program, located within DEED's Office of Broadband Development, provides internet providers grants to expand broadband service to unserved or underserved areas of Minnesota. The funding pays for up to 50 percent of the cost of developing broadband for improved high-speed internet.

"Broadband is an important economic development tool that will improve people's quality of life and make businesses more competitive," said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy.

To see a full list of grant recipients and project descriptions see <https://mn.gov/governor/newsroom/#/detail>

Children and adult programs offered at Staples Public Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Reading Adventures - Jan. 25

Families with young children are invited to a Reading Adventures family story hour on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. This storyhour will include stories, finger plays, flannel boards and crafts.

Book Club for Adults-Jan. 26

The Staples Public Library's Book Club for adults and teens will meet at the library on Thursday, Jan. 26, 5-6 p.m. Individuals that enjoy reading are invited to join the group and enjoy the fun discussion.

For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

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

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

Mentors needed

Kinship is looking for individuals, couples and families to be mentors for children in need positive role models in their lives. Sharing a few hours with a child each week doing some of the activities you already enjoy doing can-

make such a difference.

Visit Kinship's website www.kinshippartners.org for child profiles and application information or contact Kelly Johnson, Staples Motley Area Coordinator, at 218-454-8012.

Home loan and home repair funding may be available

USDA Rural Development offers home loans to low and very low income households living in rural Minnesota. Applicants must be unable to qualify for traditional financing and meet USDA income and credit requirements. Homes must be modest in size and design and be located in a rural community of 20,000 people or fewer that is not urban in nature. No down payment or mortgage insurance is required. Loans may be subsidized down to one percent interest depending on household size and income.

Rural Development also offers home repair loans for very low income homeowners. Loans up to \$20,000 are available at an interest rate of one percent and repayable over 20 years. Grants up to \$7,500 may be available to homeowners over the age of 62 and must be used to remove health or safety hazards.

For more information, contact the Alexandria Rural Development office at 320 763 3191 extension 4. You can also visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/mn.

School board meeting

The Staples Motley School Board will meet Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Technology presentation during the school/community forum.
- Financial items including approval of budget revision #1.
- Personnel items including a retirement request from Bob Toews, high school speech; resignations from Lisa Givans, para-

professional; and Robert Meszaros, custodian; contracts for Annie Johnson, elementary media center; and for MacKenzie Holst, Crystal McGruder and Robert Meszaros, paraprofessionals.

- Curriculum items including the 2017-18 calendar.

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



Donation to library group

Liz Koskiniemi, left, of the Staples Motley Area Women of Today, presented a \$250 check to Gloria Palmer, president of the Friends of the Staples Public Library to support library programming. The funds were earned during the annual Railroad Days Car Show organized by the Women of Today. Koskiniemi said the group will be doing the car show again for the 2017 Railroad Days. This check kicks off the annual membership and fund raising campaign for the Friends of the Library. Letters for that campaign will be going out soon. For information about Women of Today call Janet Kiley at 218-296-0177. For information about Friends of the Library call Palmer at 218-894-1204. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Update on legal services by Joe Krueger.
- Annual library update by Cathy Perish, library services coordinator.
- Hear committee report from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

Todd ADA to meet Jan. 27

Todd County American Dairy Association will hold their annual meeting for all Todd County dairy producers on Friday, Jan. 27, with registration at 11:30 a.m. at the Browerville Community Center.

At this meeting dairy producers and co-op representatives will hear how local and Midwest Dairy state associations are using their check off funds to encourage the use of dairy products.

Mark Your Calendar

January 26

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg
Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Myron Hollatz, caller. For info., 218-894-1542.

Educational Opportunities

February 6

PAINTWORKS - 'LATTE LOVE' CLASS sponsored by Staples-Motley Community Education, Mon., Feb. 6, 6 p.m., Staples Community Center. Everything you need is supplied except refreshments, so feel free to bring a beverage of choice. For more information, to register, call 218-894-2497.

LCT seeks director for next play

Lamplighter Community Theatre is seeking an artistic director for their next production, tentatively scheduled for April 27-30. "Fond Farewell" is a mystery comedy which encourages audience participation. It will be staged as a dinner theater. The location is to be determined.

Anyone interested is asked to contact Sheila at 218-894-3576. Responses are requested by Feb. 2.

Auxiliary to honor lady veteran

The Staples American Legion Auxiliary Unit is hosting a special program to honor Veteran Karla Richardson, Weds., Jan. 25, 2 p.m. at Lions Building in Staples. The 6th District American Legion Auxiliary President Theresa Rudnicki is planning to attend.

All Auxiliary members welcome; RSVP to Pres. Arlene, 218-894-2254.

Five Wings offers grant workshops

The Five Wings Arts Council, which annually distributes over \$400,000 in grants to support artists and community arts projects in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties, announces free workshops for the public to learn about its grant programs, how to access their online grant system and the best practices for writing a successful application for funds.

Representatives of organizations, schools and other public entities, as well as individual artists who seek professional development or project support, who are 18 years or older and live in the Five Wings service region, are eligible to apply for funding for their projects.

Workshop location options will be offered throughout Region Five starting: Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Leech Lake Chamber of Commerce in Walker; Tuesday, Jan. 31 at the Brainerd Public Library; Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Maslowski Wellness Center in Wadena and Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Five

Wings Arts Council office in Staples.

Training for individual artists will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.; classes for organizations, schools and other public entities held from 6 to 8 p.m. at each location.

The classes are free of charge, but pre-registration is required to guarantee class placement. For more information and to register go to www.fwac.org.

Five Wings Arts Council awards Community Arts Access project grants of up to \$5,000 to nonprofit organizations, schools or other public entities to either produce or sponsor an arts related project. Small Grants of up to \$1,000 are provided to nonprofit organizations or public entities to sponsor an arts activity.

Individual artist grants up to \$2,500 are available to artists (at least 18 years of age) working in any art discipline.

Question can be directed to the FWAC staff by calling 877-654-2166 or emailing vicki.fwac@arvig.net

Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those age 60 and older, at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from noon - 3:30 p.m., Feb. 1 - April 12.

No appointments needed.

Bring last year's income tax return, social security cards for all family members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, property tax statements and donations to charity.

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

Installation service for Rev. Anthony Romaine

An Installation Service for Reverend Anthony Romaine will be held Sunday, Jan. 29, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service at the First Congregational Church United Church of Christ in Staples.

Following the service, there will be an open house

with refreshments. The community is invited to attend the worship service and open house.

The Staples Congregational Church UCC is located at 204 5th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-2571.

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Tickets may be purchased from Women's Chorus members, at Staples World, Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples and Markus Hair Design in Motley.
For more information Call Barb Cline at 218 894-1253 or 218 330-3830
This activity is 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.



January birthdays celebration

The Staples Senior Citizen's Birthday party was held, January 10, in the Senior Citizen's room at the Staples Community Center. The six members celebrating their birthdays included, front, left to right: Carol Olsen, Rita Stone and Annette Crocker; back: Jeanie Huebner, Opal Oldenburg, and Rose Hoemberg. Each birthday gal received a small cake, birthday card and everyone sang Happy Birthday. There was a short program, a delicious meal, drawings for several prizes to go a long with the celebration. The February Birthday/Anniversary party will be held on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. To register; call 218-894-2556.

Staples Motley FFA

Members of the Staples Motley FFA competed in the Fish and Wildlife, Poultry, and Small Animals, Career Development Events (CDE's) Jan. 5. The Fish and Wildlife team placed 2nd, the Poultry team placed 4th and the Small Animals team placed 4th. All teams will compete at the Minnesota FFA State Convention at the end of April. (Submitted photos)



Fish and Wildlife Team: Brenden Thompson (1st place individual), Jackson Berg, Ben Olander, Jasiah Paskewitz (4th place individual)



Small Animals Team: Haley Payne, Brian Seaman, Taeleigh Marlowe, Sadie Thompson



Poultry Team: Zachary Strickland (2nd place individual), Molly Lindgren (3rd place individual), Mikayla Sauber (5th place individual), Katie Benson (1st place individual)

Gerald Sanger

Gerald (Jerry) Thomas Sanger, 83, Wabasha, died December 2, 2016, at a nursing facility in Wabasha. Jerry willed his remains to the Mayo Clinic for research, so he will be laid to rest at a later date at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Jerry was born May 20, 1933, in Staples to John and Elma Sanger. He attended Staples schools, graduating from Staples High School in 1950. He became a Trappist monk and priest at Trappist Monastery at New Melleray Abbey in Peosta, Iowa. He was ordained in Rome in the 1950s. He left the monastery in the 1970s and became a nurse. He lived and worked in Rochester for the Mayo Organization until he retired in 1995. He went on to serve as a personal care attendant and retired in 2009. He was interested in peace causes, was a member of Pax Christi, a Catholic peace movement, volunteered in the Partners to Adults with mental health illness program and provided a friendly ear to those feeling isolated by their mental health illness. He lived at a nursing facility in Wabasha for the past two years.

Jerry is survived by one brother; Lawrence of Canton, Ga.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Robert and Jack.

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Bette Sinotte

"Bette" Florence Elizabeth Sinotte, 75, of Staples died January 13, 2017 at the Lakewood Care Center, Staples.

A Celebration of Life was held January 18, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Care in Staples.

Bette was born in Boston, Mass. on Jan. 17, 1941. She married John Sinotte in Pensacola, FL in 1959. They moved with their growing family to Minnesota in 1962. Her talents included decorating, floral design, crafts and cake decorating. She enjoyed singing in the church choir; reading and traveling. She led a full work life, including JC Penney, her floral shop "Creative Designs" and as an office manager with Image Tech. She volunteered for school organizations and Birthright, counseling young mothers.

Bette is survived by her husband; two sons, John Sinotte, Jr. and Michael (Annette) Sinotte; three daughters, Mary Beth (Harlan) Grams, Anne Sinotte and Kerri Sinotte (Theron); 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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Alan Dumpprope

Alan Dumpprope, 20, of Motley, died January 13, 2017, the result of a fire at his home near Motley.

A celebration of life was held January 17, 2017, at the Free Methodist Church Motley with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Alan was born in December 27, 1996, in Brainerd to Jody Dumpprope and Angela (Rach) Goff. He graduated from Staples Motley High School in 2015. He loved his family, friends and enjoyed making music, skateboarding and everything to do with computers.

Alan is survived by his parents, Jody and Lisa Dumpprope, Eules Texas, Angela and Jimmy Goff, Motley; four brothers, Joseph (Ashley) Dumpprope, and Jacob Maloney, both of Motley, Cole Dumpprope and Jody Dumpprope, II, both of Texas; grandparents, Jeff and Janice Barron, Staples, Doug and Billie Jo Rach, Breezy Point, Mike and Marsha Horan, Wadena and Richard Plath, Princeton; great-grandmother, Martha Rach, Staples and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Alan is preceded in death by his grandfather, Steven Dumpprope and his grandmother, Sharon (Goff) Plath.

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Paula Widmer

Paula Ann Widmer, 77, of Staples died January 13, 2017, following a lengthy illness.

A Celebration of Life and Catholic Mass will be held Friday, Jan. 20, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation is at 10 a.m.

Interment will be held Monday, Jan. 23 at Lakeview Memorial Park in Oshkosh, Wisc, from 1-3 p.m.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Paula was born on April 19, 1939 in Oshkosh, to Lenas and Agnes Larson. She grew up there and attended Oshkosh High School. She married Stan Widmer on August 23, 1958 in Oshkosh. Paula attended cosmetology school, and worked as a beautician while Stan attended Layton College in Milwaukee. They moved to Coon Rapids, in 1962. Paula was a stay at home mother, until their children were raised their. Paula then attended classes at a community college and became a corporate treasurer for Widmer Associations, Inc., where she worked as bookkeeper. In 1972, they built a cabin in Sylvan Shores, on Fawn Lake which later became their dream home. In 1979, the family and business moved there. Paula enjoyed baking, gardening, sewing and traveling.

Paula is survived by her husband; one daughter, Amy (Darin); one son, Scott; six grandchildren; one brother, Thomas (Linette); many nieces and nephews; and Spook, the cat.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Barbara; daughter-in-law, Jill Widmer; brother-in-law, Ken Widmer and sister-in-law, Joyce Christian.

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Feb. senior site schedule

Thurs., Feb. 2, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Free Legal Aid from St. Cloud. Call 894-2553 to make Legal Aid appointment

Whist - 12:15 p.m., Tues., Feb. 7, 21

Bridge - 12:00 p.m. every Tues., Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Penny Bingo - 12:00 p.m. Weds., Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22

500 Cards - 12:00 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 2, Mons., Feb. 20, 27

Board Meeting - 12 p.m., Mon., Feb. 13

Birthday/Anniversary party - 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14

Evening meals - 5:00 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 9, 16, 23



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Holiday pillowcases

Lakewood Health System Care Center residents Joan Macheel (left) and Phyllis Whitney are pictured with their holiday pillowcases made by the Piecemakers Quilt Club. The club made and delivered pillowcases to each of the 100 residents at the LHS Care Center in Staples. (Submitted photo)

Care center residents receive special gift

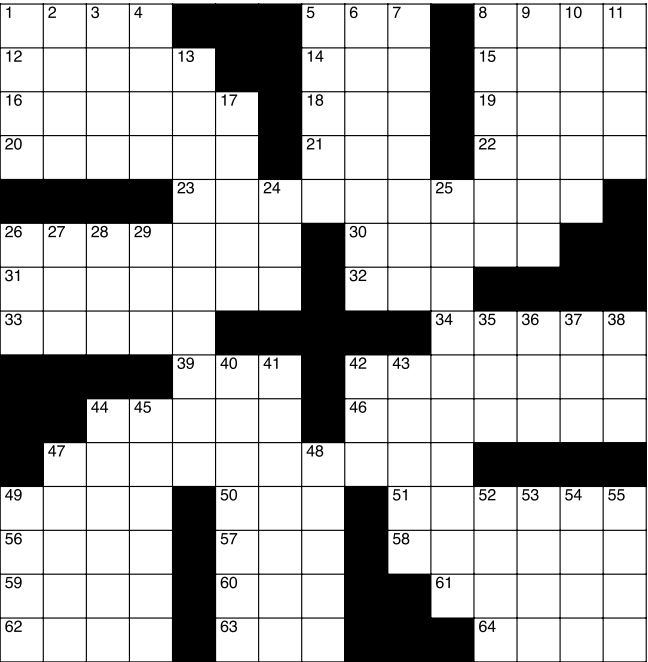
Each of the 100 residents at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples received a special gift from the Piecemakers Quilt Club during the holiday season - handmade pillowcases.

“My parents received pillowcases on the Fourth of July and Christmas while they lived in a nursing home in Tracy,” said Annette Good, a member of the Piecemakers Quilt Club. “I liked the idea so much, I mentioned it to the rest of the group and we decided to do something

similar in Staples. We went through our ‘resources center,’ which is all the extra Christmas fabric we have from previous projects; and made 115 pillowcases.”

The Piecemakers club also donates to several other causes in the community, including Habitat for Humanity and various fundraising events. Over the years, they’ve made and donated burp clothes to babies born at Lakewood, as well as a special quilt for the New Year’s baby.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Short tributary of the Seille
 - 5. Where you sleep
 - 8. Crinkle
 - 12. Regions
 - 14. United States
 - 15. Icelandic poetry books
 - 16. Transferred property
 - 18. Electrocardiography
 - 19. From here
 - 20. Hunting or observation expedition
 - 21. Used to make cabins
 - 22. Containers
 - 23. Famed patriot
 - 26. Makes less intense
 - 30. Forced to take refuge
 - 31. Campaigner
 - 32. Special security team
 - 33. Egyptian city
 - 34. The Muse of lyric
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Fathers
 - 2. Region
 - 3. The Great Barrier
 - 4. Father
 - 5. Civil War general
 - 6. Bodyguards
 - 7. Knives
 - 8. Member of U.S. Navy
 - 9. English prince
 - 10. Expression
- Answers**

 - 11. Giants great Willie
 - 13. Curving
 - 17. Actress Keaton
 - 24. Deploy
 - 25. Medicine that treats animals
 - 26. We all have it
 - 27. Greek goddess of the dawn
 - 28. Kevin Smith film
 - 29. City in India
 - 35. Went jogging
 - 36. What thespians do
 - 37. One and only
 - 38. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
 - 40. Obstructs from a course
 - 41. Prophets
 - 42. Prefix meaning on or above
 - 43. Got up
 - 44. Drenched
 - 45. N.Y. State capital
 - 47. Sampled
 - 48. Tending to an end
 - 49. Architectural recess
 - 52. Undergarments
 - 53. Ethnic group in China
 - 54. Reactive structure
 - 55. Greek portico

Student Achievements

EMILY ISRAELSON, Staples, has been named to the Dean’s List at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D., for the fall semester of the 2016 - 17 academic year. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, FARGO, has announced its 2016 Fall Semester Dean’s List. To qualify, students must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits. Local students named include:

- Jaelin Beachy, Staples
- Timothy Hepokoski, Staples
- Andrew Israelson, Staples
- Lauren Nelson, Staples
- Josie Erickson, Cushing
- Joshua Warren, Cushing

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- Brandon Epelsheimer, Motley
- Addison March, Motley
- Matthew Neururer, Motley
- Dawn Swartz, Motley
- Ellen Swartz, Motley
- Luke Unger, Pillager
- Simon Unger, Pillager.

MONICA RICHARDS, daughter of Jonathan and Eva Richards of Staples, recently graduated with distinction from Iowa State University in Ames. Monica received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Applied Linguistics and Technology.

JOHN KERR, Staples, has been named to the Fall Semester 2016 Dean’s List at Ridgewater College in Willmar. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits and earn a minimum of 3.50 grade point average.

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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
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship
Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School
and Coffee Fellowship 9:35 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk 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, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

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

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

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

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

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

Leader

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

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

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

Pro Abundant Life

Pastor Greg Ciesluk, Staples and Motley United Methodist Churches

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”
Jesus, John 10:10

At least since Jesus uttered these words over 2,000 years ago, Christians have affirmed the dignity of human life and have sought to protect it against great cultural values and odds. This is a good thing to remember and meditate upon with the 44th anniversary of the Rowe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion this coming Sunday, January 22. Since that time, close to 60 million unborn children have tragically been stripped away of life due to abortion.

Just two weeks ago, a vulnerable child’s life was saved in St. Paul. Nathan Leonhardt, a maintenance worker at the Cathedral of St. Paul, discovered an abandoned baby between the exterior and interior doors of the church’s Dayton Avenue entrance. A muffled baby’s wail was the first - and most powerful - thing the church custodian remembers. Describing the scene, Leonhardt said, “And there, at the top of the foyer’s steps in a nearly empty laundry basket, was a newborn boy. Small, close to a premie, between five and six pounds, swaddled in a ‘Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle’ blanket. The 36-year-old man, picked him up, wiped him off. The boy was naked, still covered in blood and afterbirth, with a small portion of his umbilical cord clipped by a paper holder. He’d obviously just been born. “He calmed down immediately, opened his eyes. Father instinct, I guess,” said Leonhardt, who has a four-year-old daughter of his own. “It felt like it was mine. It was my own child.”

Leonhardt called on Father John Ubel, a priest at the cathedral, to assist in the rescue. As they waited for police, Ubel decided to baptize the boy, whom Ubel christened “Nathan John,” after his rescuers.

When asked why he performed the baptism, he said he remembered thinking, “It could be an emergency; we don’t know it’s health. And so we did... If there is possible danger of death, it’s always appropriate to offer the sacrament of baptism. I just felt it was the most appropriate thing to do.”

Asked what he thought of the cathedral’s biggest donation of the New Year, Ubel added, “This child is safe. That’s the most important thing. I’m not here to judge. I don’t know the reasons... If we truly are pro-life, as we say we are, then we need to respond appropriately.

“I think what’s most important here is somebody chose life, and we will do all in our power to help people, to assist them, to choose life,” Ubel added.

This vital Christian ministry of supporting life is being taken up in our community by the Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center (LAPS). LAPS offers the following free services: pregnancy test, ultrasound referrals, options counseling, support for dads, incentive program, postnatal/ living skills classes, community referrals and relationship education. “Forgiven and Set Free,” a free, confidential and non-judgmental support group for those who regret a past abortion will begin in February. The Staples office of LAPS can be contacted at (218)-895-5200.

Jesus has come that all may have life, and have it to the full. Let us pray and work together that this may be so for all of God’s beloved children.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 20, 2016

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner’s Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 20th day of December, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Routine Business

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumnn, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 44965 through 45100 in the amount of \$115,682.04.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 511980 through 512073 in the amount of \$143,725.20.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2016 as presented.

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

GAMBLING PERMIT FOR SAUK VALLEY GOBBLEERS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commis-

sioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Sauk Valley Gobblers through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Gambling Permit for Sauk Valley Gobblers to hold a raffle at Diamond Point in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on February 25, 2017.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract with Peters and Churchwell for Public Defender services in Todd County for 2017.

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE SALE OF TAX FORFEITED LANDS

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of Todd, State of Minnesota, Desires to offer for sale certain parcels of land that have forfeited to the State of Minnesota for nonpayment of taxes, and

WHEREAS, said parcels of land have been viewed by the County Board of Commissioners and have been classified as non-conservation lands as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 282.01

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that all parcels of land on the attached list have been viewed and comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes 85.012,

92.461, 282.01, Subd. 8, and 282.018, and other statutes that require the withholding of tax-forfeited lands from sale. (Unless otherwise stated.) The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies that the Soil and Water Conservation Board (of the district in which the land is located) has reviewed the attached land sale list and identified any and all non-forested marginal land and wetland

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby request approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Sale of said lands.

Finance Committee

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

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2017 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to adopt an annual budget and certify it to the County Auditor; and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have had an opportunity to discuss the operations costs and revenues of the County for fiscal year 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the following as the 2017 Budget for the County of Todd, Minnesota and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor (chart 1).

Chart 1			
REVENUES	2016	2017	
Property tax	14,339,799	15,001,965	
State General Purpose Aid	1,362,877	1,383,210	
Other Taxes	600,000	757,200	
Licenses & Permits	130,965	143,065	
Federal Grants	3,848,707	3,065,034	
State Aids	8,088,005	7,759,877	
Local Grants	0	0	
Charges for Service	2,430,461	2,514,020	
Misc Revenue	1,170,218	1,957,344	
Interest on Investments	46,300	48,400	
Other Financing Sources	5,200	0	
Transfers	240,000	0	
Total Revenue & Other Source	32,262,532	32,630,115	
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	5,084,740	5,124,228	
Public safety	3,799,443	4,040,547	
Highway/Construction	6,487,880	5,944,480	
Human Services	7,798,201	7,997,395	
Health	2,773,449	2,788,294	
Culture and Recreation	437,474	439,134	
Conservation of Nat Resources	935,235	980,133	
Economic Development	76,000	72,400	
Gen Debt Service	598,194	594,069	
Capital Outlay	1,377,260	1,424,614	
Transfers	530,869	352,873	
Other Fiscal Charges	0	0	
Total Expenditures & other uses:	32,925,593	32,930,115	
Budget Balance	663,061	300,000	

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

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2017 FINAL LEVY

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby

approves the following as the 2017 Final Levy for the County of Todd, Minnesota for property taxes payable in 2017 and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor (see chart 2).

Public Works

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2016 COUNTY ROAD 57 PAVING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Central Specialties, Inc. for the 2016 County Road 57 Paving Contract known as CP 16:57-01, has in all things been completed; and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2016 with the value of the total work certified being \$447,236.85; and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$420,884.06 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed; and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$26,352.79 still remains to be paid to Central Specialties, Inc.

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

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2016

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

Ditch Inspector

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

REJECT ALL BIDS – COUNTY DITCH 18 REPAIR PROJECT

WHEREAS, The Todd County Ditch Authority sought bids for the repair of County Ditch 18; and

WHEREAS, the bids were opened and reviewed on December 2, 2016, and the bid details are outlined and attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Ditch Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids as out lined in Article 19 of the bid packet which is attached as Exhibit “B”.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority rejects all bids received for the County Ditch 18 Repair Project.

Community Corrections

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: It is respectfully recommended that the County Board of Commissioners enter into and approve the Community Corrections Act Subsidy Agreement for 2017.

Solid Waste Public Hearing

A Public Hearing was held for the proposed increase of the per pound disposal rate for MSW to \$0.07 per pound and increase the per ton rate for MSW disposal to \$94 per ton.

A Public Hearing was held for the proposed Volume Based Service Fee as presented in the “Budget Comparison 2016-2017”, Budget Options-Long Term, Option #1.

Planning & Zoning

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – “SWARTZENTRUBER ACRES” SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicant Peter A. Swartzentruber and Iva P. Swartzentruber applied to subdivide a property that is part of Southeast Quarter of Section 07 of Round Prairie Township with the plat to be known as Swartzentruber Acres

WHEREAS, The Swartzentruber Acres Plat consists of one residential lot of 32.58 acres more or less, located in the AF-1 Zoning District.

WHEREAS, On January 7, 2016 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Regulation and Ordinance:

That part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Township 128 North, Range 33 West, Todd County, Minnesota. Described as follows:

Beginning at the east quarter corner of said Section 7;

thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 50 seconds West, assumed bearing, along the east line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, 900.87 feet; thence South 89 degrees 42 minutes 10 seconds West 458.50 feet; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 50 seconds West 417.11 feet to the north line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 43 minutes 07 seconds West, along said north line, 869.15 feet to the west line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 33 seconds East, along said west line, 1323.47 feet to the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 17 seconds East, along

said south line, 457.92 feet to the west line of the East 869 feet of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 17 minutes 50 seconds West, along said west line, 198.02 feet to the north line of the South 198 feet of said Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 17 seconds East, along said north line, 734.05 feet; thence South 01 degrees 10 minutes 43 seconds East 198.00 feet to said south line of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 49 minutes 17 seconds East, along said south line, 132.00 feet to the point of beginning. 32.58 acres

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2016 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Swartzentruber Acres Preliminary Plat (C-20160209892) with no conditions.

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of “Swartzentruber Acres” subdivision be approved as presented.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the zoning amendment request by Gregory Johnson to rezone parcel 10-0011101 from AF-1 to AF-2 with the sights, sounds, and smells provision added to the plat.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Little Swan Villa preliminary plat request with four conditions outlined on proceedings.

Health & Human Services

Corey from STEP (formerly Todd County DAC) was present to provide an update to the Commissioners of the services provided to their consumers.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the STEP Purchase of Service and Host County Contract effective Jan 1, 2017 - Dec 31, 2017, as attached.

Bill Brings from Camphill Village was present to provide an update to the Commissioners of the services provided to their consumers.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Camphill Village Purchase of Service and Host County Contract effective Jan 1, 2017 - Dec 31, 2017 in the amount of \$816/month.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Northern Pines Purchase of Service Contract effective Jan 1, 2017 - Dec 31, 2017. Commissioner Kircher abstained.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of service agreement with SomePlace Safe Parenting Center effective Jan 1, 2017 - Dec 31, 2017.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Sheila Roth effective December 5, 2016.

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

Public Notices

FOR SALE BY BID BY CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE 2003 Ford Bus and 2000 Ford Bus

Central Lakes College is selling two (2) buses, on an “As Is” Basis. The bus details are as follows:

- 2003 Ford 20 passenger bus; approximate miles: 164,000
- 2000 Ford E1 15 passenger bus; approximate miles: 124,000

Bid prices must be firm for 30 days after bid opening. All buses are offered on as “As Is” basis. All sales final. Payment must be by cash, certified check or money order prior to removal of equipment. Payment and removal of equipment shall be within 30 days after bid is awarded. Call Erich Heppner at 952-807-3279 for more information.

Address offers to Central Lakes College, Business Office, 1830 Airport Rd, Staples, MN 56479. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes marked “BID FOR BUS”, and must include which bus you are bidding on. Offers accepted until 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at which time the bids will be opened. Central Lakes College reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

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2:30pm

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TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner’s Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1) Ehlert Division Plat: Shawn Ehlert owner/developer. Nagler’s Mound View Estates Outlot B Shipwreck

Site Address: 13240 County 103 AND 13218 County 103, Burtrum MN 56318 PID: 11-0076000

Subdivision request to create a subdivision plat named “Ehlert Division” for two (2) lots near Mound Lake.

2) Mike Wolpert: Part of S2 NE3 NW4 AND Part of E 450 ft of S 290 FT of N2 NE4 NW4 of Section 26 of Staples Township

Site Address: 46825 County 21, Staples MN 56479 PID: 22-0023503

Request for a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate two (2) mini storage buildings.

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

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

3pm

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Memories show impact of two young men

“one of his moms.”

Pastor Johnson went on to share the story of how, in 2005, he had officiated at the funeral of an eight-year-old boy named Austin Mevisen. He didn’t learn until this week that Austin had been Alan’s best friend. In speaking with Alan’s mom, Angela (Rach) Goff, Pastor Johnson learned that Austin’s death had “devastated Alan.” He was deeply hurt and it would take years before Alan trusted enough to let other friends into his life. Which he did, as was evidenced by the dozens of school friends in attendance.

“It’s a testament that he did recover from his broken heart and go on to make many friends,” Pastor Jim said. He went on to note something a foreign exchange student had written in one of Alan’s yearbooks. “He was the nicest person of all to me,” Pastor Johnson read.

Alan had a heart for the down and out person. “He was compassionate and loving...he genuinely cared,” the pastor said.

When he was in grade school, Alan embraced the Christian faith during Vacation Bible School at the Staples United Methodist Church, Pastor Johnson shared. He went on to say that Rev. Kathy Horn was the pastor at that time. “She sent a message saying what a delight Alan had been.”

Pastor Johnson recalled the morning Alan died. It was about 6:20 a.m. and he had been up reading the Bible when he heard the sirens. “I smelled smoke and I went to the window and saw the orange glow...I knew something was tragically wrong.”

All he could do was pray, Pastor Johnson said, noting that the temperature was hovering at 30 degrees below zero.

He later learned that the fire, about a quarter mile northeast of his house, had destroyed the home of his neighbors, Joseph and Alan Dumpprope; and taken Alan’s life.

Tragedies like this are a reminder that, “We are just passing through,” the pastor said.

Pastor Johnson went on to share a quote Alan’s mom, Angela, had posted on her Facebook page. “In the blink of an eye, everything can change. So forgive often and love with all your heart. You may never

know when you may not have that chance again.”

Devin Alexander

Snow and ice were contributing factors in Alexander’s accident, which happened on Hwy 210, one mile west of County Rd. 1 in Cass County. It was approximately 6:30 p.m. at the time.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Alexander, driving a GMC Sierra pickup truck, was westbound on Hwy 210 when he attempted to pass another vehicle, lost control and was struck broadside by a Ford F-250 pickup truck driven by Lane Blowers, 17, of Motley. Alexander’s vehicle came to a rest in the eastbound ditch; and Blowers’ vehicle came to a rest in the eastbound lane.

Both drivers were wearing their seatbelts and alcohol was not a factor, the state patrol said.

Blowers, along with one of his passengers, Edward Papenfuss, 17, of Browerville, were transported to St. Joseph’s Medical Center in Brainerd where they were treated for non-life threatening injuries. Blowers’ other passengers included Skyler Bittner, 15; Tyler Chounard, 16, Cushing; Conner Kasper, 15; and Kearra Mikel, 16, Browerville. None of these four were transported to a health facility, although Mikel was listed as sustaining non-life threatening injuries.

Pillager High School Principal Josh Smith said he will remember Devin for his great smile. Smith noted that the young man had completed basic training and was a member of the Army National Guard. He was anxious to graduate from Pillager High School this spring and move on to Advanced Individual Training (AIT).

“If you knew Devin, we ask that you remember him as a young man who cared for his family and friends dearly. If you did not know Devin, we ask that you help support his friends and loved ones during this terribly difficult time with kind words, thought and understanding,” Smith said in an email.

An estimated 800 people attended Alexander’s funeral service Jan. 16, held at the Pillager High School Gymnasium.

Alexander was given military funeral honors. Several Army National Guard members were in

attendance, providing the color guard, rifle salute and playing of taps. A United States flag was presented to Alexander’s mother, Lori White of Baxter.

People were given the opportunity to share memories of Devin during the service. A girl named Payton described her pal as being “sweet and funny.” She told the story of how her dog, Cash, would always jump into Devin’s truck with him and ultimately became his dog. “I wish I’d given Cash to him sooner, because they were best friends.”

Another young man said he had attended basic training with Alexander. “We were in the same company,” he said. “Devin was super nervous on the plane...it was his first plane ride.”

Devin’s art teacher, John, shared of the young man’s talent and of his positive impact in class. “He was almost like another son to me...I will miss him very much.”

Pastor Dan Johnson, one of the officiants at the service, said he had been privileged to coach Devin in football. He recalled the boy’s infectious smile and “eyes that shone with genuine care.” Devin also had a faith in Jesus, the pastor said.

Others remembered how Devin had been kind to them at school, how he had been a friend to those often bullied. One young girl shared that Devin had been her first date at a seventh grade dance. Another girl still holds on to a ring he gave her when they were both eight years old. “It doesn’t fit anymore, but I still keep it,” she said through tears.

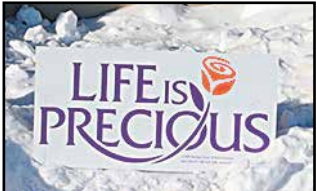
Greg said he moved to Pillager last year and “knew Devin enough to know that he did not like Fords.” Last week, Greg went on, Devin came to his rescue when his car broke down, offering a ride in his Chevy and calling for a tow truck.

As noted in Devin’s memorial service bulletin, “He liked Chevy trucks, especially his truck.”

A photo of Devin and his beloved Chevy GMC graces the cover of the bulletin. Inside, is inscribed one of Devin’s favorite quotes. “Truth is, you don’t know what’s going to happen tomorrow. Life is a crazy ride and nothing is guaranteed.”



Remembering a life gone too soon



There was standing room only at Motley Free Methodist Church Jan. 17, as hundreds of mourners came to pay their final respects to 20-year-old Alan Dumpprope of Motley, who died

Jan. 13, as the result of a trailer home fire. A sign at the front of the church, “Life is Precious,” was a reminder to all who attended Dumpprope’s Celebration of Life service, officiated by Pastor Jim Johnson. In lower photo, four students at Staples Motley High School, sang the Leonard Cohen song, “Hallelujah” during the service. From left are Draven Lane, Noah Han, Chris Stanton, Coleman Klimek. The boys are friends of Alan’s younger brother, Jacob Maloney, who attends SMHS, where Alan graduated in 2015. “We all knew Alan, too,” said Klimek. “I also went to the same Sunday School as him when we were younger. He was a really nice guy.” (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Military funeral honors

Members of the Army National Guard offered a rifle salute and played taps at the funeral of 18-year-old Devin Alexander, a member of the Army National Guard and senior at Pillager High School. Alexander died Jan. 10; and his funeral was held Jan. 16, at the school. Pictured above, members of the Minnesota Patriot Guard, Brainerd sector, provided a non-military flag line as family and friends came to pay their respects. An estimated 800 people attended the funeral service, officiated by Dianne Ciesluk, pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in Pequot Lakes; and Dan Johnson, pastor at Casino Assembly of God Church in Pillager and one of Devin’s coaches in high school sports. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com

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bingo and a raffle.

- Approved hauler licenses for nine garbage haulers for 2017: City Dray, AAA Roll-off, City Sanitation and Roll-off, G & T Sanitation, Long Prairie Sanitation, Wadena Hide and Fur, Waste Management of Minnesota, City Sanitation Services LLC and Steve’s Sanitation.
- Asked the fair board and historical society to meet with a structural engineer to determine whether the schoolhouse on the county fairgrounds can be used in its present condition or needs work.
- Discussed ideas for changes in board meeting dates, frequency of meetings, content of meetings, use of a consent agenda and legality of meetings via telephone or Skype when board members cannot attend in person.

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CCOs perform intermediate administrative support work dispatching emergency and non-emergency calls for Swift County, and the Cities of Benson and Appleton; answering 911 calls; entering data; booking suspects; overseeing the custody, welfare and security of inmates; logging inmate activity; assisting deputies with booking or any other duties, and related work as apparent or assigned.

To be considered for the position, a Swift County Application, resume, and cover letter must be submitted. The application packet for the position can be downloaded from the Swift County website at <http://www.swiftcounty.com/jobs>. The application packet includes complete educational and other requirements. Application material will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on January 27, 2017 (received not postmarked), at the Swift County Administrator’s Office or can be mailed to the Swift County Administrator, P O Box 207, Benson, MN 56215. Questions can be answered by calling 320-314-8399.

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The other side of poaching

By Ray Gildow

On August 25, 2015, a Zimmerman, man pled guilty to a 2014 case of illegally taking multiple deer in the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge. The man admitted to killing thirteen deer illegally from the Sherburne Refuge and the Sand Dunes State Forest over a period of years.

Tony Edson, an avid deer hunter from Otsego, has hunted the Sherburne Wildlife Refuge since he was a kid back in 1991. His family also owns 80 acres that border the refuge, so he would hunt both on the family land and the refuge during the hunting season.

It was around 2011 or 2012 that Tony started seeing, while hunting and on his trail cameras, a very nice six-point buck. This was not the typical basket six-pointer. It was huge with very long tines and a big body. The next year he saw the same buck as an eight pointer but never had a chance to harvest it. The following year he saw it again and it was even bigger and sported ten-points. Tony watched this deer grow from a six pointer to a real monster. Not only was it big, it was smart.

The closest encounter he had during hunting season was when the big buck was moving in low light conditions along some cedar trees. It was near the stand where Tony was sitting, but the buck spotted Tony, dropped on all four knees and crawled behind the cedar trees and out of sight. On another occasion, during muzzle loading season, Tony watched from his tree stand as the big deer joined a group of deer along the edge of a field. It was after shooting hours so he could only watch the big buck with his binoculars. He was amazed at the size of the animal compared to the other deer standing by him. Tony watched that deer for four years just waiting for the right oppor-



Majestic deer poached

Top photo, the trail camera view of the Sherburne Refuge Buck (Courtesy Tony Edson). Bottom photo, six poached bucks from Minnesota TIPS, the Sherburne Buck is second from left (Courtesy of Dennis Mackedanz, Executive Director).

tunity to have a shot at him.

Tony is also a shed antler collector and between his trail camera and two years' worth of sheds he found, he had an excellent record of what the deer looked like.

Two years passed and Tony never saw the buck again, never heard of anyone shooting it, and assumed it had been killed. Then he heard about the arrest of a hunter shooting big bucks illegally on Sherburne Refuge and started to wonder if that was one of the bucks he had been scouting.

It was at the Minnesota State Fair that he saw the big buck on the Wall of Shame display. His heart sank. That was the buck he'd been hunting for almost five years. It matched

the buck exactly on his trail camera. It was not that Tony believed this was his buck, but he felt deprived of the opportunity to hunt it again because someone had illegally taken it.

This is the back side of poaching, illegally hunting or fishing and depriving honest and ethical outdoor folks the opportunity to harvest their game fairly. It affects all of us.

To help protect Minnesota Resources turn in game and fish violations to Turn in Poachers (TIP Hotline 800-652-9093). TIP can also now be found on Facebook.

Up and down week for Cardinal boys' hoops

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team had a breakout game, over Park Rapids 79-29, on Jan. 12, but slipped back the next day, falling to Mounds View 87-55.

"We played exactly the way we wanted to play," Coach Micheal Poncelet said about the Park Rapids game. "Our half court defense was so stifling that they really struggled to put together good possessions. Mason Rychner was really our catalyst on defense. When he's flying around putting good pressure on the ball we can create some

turnovers."

Traveling to Mounds View was a very different type of game. "I started my coaching career there and I knew exactly the type of atmosphere we were going to be in, which is tough," said Poncelet. "It's a very small intimate gym, there were approximately 150-175 kids there and they were on our guys from the tip off."

The Cardinals struggled offensively in the first half, but the defense held the score close at first, but eventually the team couldn't keep up.

Poncelet said Mounds View double-teamed Gavin Smith the entire game, but he scored 24 points despite

the pressure. In the second half, they sent a third defender at Smith, leaving open shots for other players.

"It was a good experience to play in that environment, definitely a playoff atmosphere," said Poncelet.

Team results
Staples-Motley 79, Park Rapids 29

Scoring: Gavin Smith 24, Derek Kennedy 12, Trey Skeesick 10, Mason Rychner 9, Jack Fietek 6, Hunter Carlson 4, Josh Lombard 4, Brayden Losh 4, Travis Eisel 4

Staples-Motley 55, Mounds View 87

Scoring: Smith 24, Kennedy 12, Fietek 10, Skeesick 5, Isaiah Ross-Bahn 2, Losh 2

Wrestlers rebound to compete hard

The Staples-Motley wrestling team got a little closer to full health as they had two competitive duals on Jan. 12 and then placed fifth at the Parkers Prairie/Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale tournament on Jan. 14.

The Cardinals beat Pine River-Backus 34-32, then lost to Park Rapids 37-31 in the dual matches.

Spencer Miller and Owen Bjerga were the team's champions in the tournament, with Blayne Dumpprope, Alex Erpelding and Braden Tyrrell getting second in their weight brackets.

Team results
Staples-Motley 34, Pe-

quot Lakes/Pine River-Backus 32

106 Payton Bjerga L fall, 113 Brayden Christensen L 4-1, 120 Blayne Dumpprope W 7-1, 126 Spencer Miller W 4-2, 132 Owen Bjerga W ff, 138 Blake Gerard L 4-3, 145 Eric Lisson W fall, 152 Matt Miller L fall, 160 Isaac Swensrud L fall, 170 Jonathan Lisson W 12-3, 182 John Statema L fall, 195 Shaine Guggenberger L 7-5, 220 Braden Tyrrell W fall, 285 Kyle Serich W fall

Staples-Motley 31, Park Rapids 37

106 P. Bjerga W fall, 113 Christensen L, 120 Dumpprope W fall, 126 Miller W 11-3, 132 O. Bjerga L fall, 138 Gerard L 1-0, 145 E. Lisson W 8-6, 152 Miller L fall, 160 Swensrud L fall, 170 James Ehresman W dq, 182 John Statema L fall, 195

Tyrrell W 3-0, 220 Guggenberger L fall, 285 Serich W 6-0

Parkers Prairie tournament:

120 - Spencer Miller 4-0 1st place
126 - Owen Bjerga 3-0 1st place
126 - Blayne Dumpprope 2-1 2nd place
132 - Eric Lisson 3-1 3rd place
138 - Blake Gerard 3-1 3rd place
182 - Alex Erpelding 2-1 2nd place
195 - Braden Tyrrell 2-1 2nd place
220 - Shaine Guggenber 2-2 5th place
285 - Kyle Serich 2-2 4th place

Girls hoops start 3-0 in conference

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team defeated Park Rapids 73-57 on Jan. 13, running their Mid State Conference record to 3-0 as they head into the thick of the conference schedule.

After a nonconference game at Hawley on Jan. 19, the Cardinals have three big conference games as they travel to Pequot Lakes Saturday, Jan. 21, host De-

troit Lakes on Tuesday, Jan. 24 and Pequot Lakes again on Thursday, Jan. 26. The team's record is 10-2 overall.

Team results
Staples-Motley 73, Park Rapids 57

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 21, Chelsea Nanik 17, Sam Schimpp 15, Kelsie Weite 10, Amber Robben 5, Ashley Smith 3, Kiera Dumpprope 2

Thursday Twilight League Bowling		
Wadena Lanes		
JANUARY 12, 2017		
1. Spectrum Marketing	26-10	
2. Ted and Gen's	25-11	
3. Mason Bros.	21-15	
4. Staples Vet Clinic	17.5-18.5	
5. Lefty's	13.5-22.5	
6. Ghost Team	5-31	
HIGH TEAM SERIES-		
Staples Vet Clinic	1646	
HIGH TEAM GAME-		
Staples Vet. Clinic	591	
HIGH IND. SERIES/ HIGH GAMES		
Ruth Lugert	659	225-223-211
Marge Harrison	547	203-183
Jackie Perius	539	190-180-169
Judy Tiede	483	183-171
Lori Murdock	423	155-137
129 average		
Corlie Carter	409	159-148
128 average		
Tia Freitag		191
Gail Judd		166
Karen Vukelich		161
109 average		

Financial assistance for woodland owners

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is encouraging family forest owners to take advantage of cost-share funds available in 2017 to improve their woods.

"The DNR is here to help woodland owners with forest management advice and financial assistance to keep your woods healthy and productive," said John Carlson, DNR private forest management coordinator. "We have cost-share funds to help you complete a wide variety of woodland projects."

Funds can be used to re-plant woods after a harvest. Funds can also be used to protect newly planted trees by removing competing vegetation and protecting

them from deer browse by applying bud caps, adding tree tubes or constructing a fence. To help prepare the woods for a future harvest, woodland owners can use cost-share funds to do a thinning.

Many woodland owners enjoy wildlife watching and hunting. Planting native trees and shrubs suitable for wildlife habitat are eligible cost-share activities. Creating a native prairie to increase food supply and cover for wildlife is another option.

Family forest owners wanting to protect ponds and streams in their woods can use cost-share funds to create riparian woody cover by planting trees.

Many years ago, when first working as a member of the outdoor press for a regional magazine, I heard an expression that I remember still word-for-word. At the time, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was wrestling with advancements in fishing technology. Perhaps the highest profile issue at the time involved the transition from

simple echo-sounding flasher-type "fish finders," to visual image graphs. Many recognized that this would be a significant advancement both in anglers' understanding of the lakes they fished and actually locating fish as graph images were translated from sound waves penetrating the depths below. Some in the DNR believed this would give fishermen too great an advantage in their pursuit of fish.

During the debate, one of the best-known voices in the Minnesota outdoor press at that time made a statement I've never forgotten: "Manage fish, not fishermen." The implication was that it was the DNR's job to find a way to produce enough fish to meet angler needs, not dwell on rules to restrict the tools used to catch them. It was a catchy phrase, something that today we would call a "sound byte." It was a slogan intended to put the onus on a faceless government agency, a clear "us and them" challenge that would be especially appealing to those who find it easy to blame government when they're unhappy.

In the end, there were no restrictions placed on the sale or use of what were then called graph-type locators or depth finders. Fish populations didn't crash, and the fishing-industrial complex moved on to other developments. Fast forward 40 or so years to the present. Fortunately, we are enlightened enough to dismiss simplistic and simply wrong-headed - as well as divisive - slogans. It's pretty clear that when managing naturally-sustained fish populations - not just raising fish in hatcheries and dumping them in to be caught - you have to manage fishermen. How we fish, when we fish, how many fish we can keep - and which fish those are - are factors that can have a major effect on the health and productivity of fish populations. And thus, an impact

on our success and enjoyment.

Some major adjustments in "managing fishermen" in Minnesota are under consideration; adjustments in the form of reducing possession limits on walleye and panfish. Panfish is the generic descriptor for the group that includes crappies and bluegills, the latter's name commonly interchangeable with "sunfish."

If you asked a multi-species angler which Minnesota fish are most likely to need special harvest regulations on certain waters, chances are they would begin with walleye, and point to places like Mille Lacs and others with size and quantity limits; in rare cases even to the point of "no kill." There is also a minimum size limit on muskies. Only one northern pike over 30 inches, out of a legal limit of three, can be kept. But with rare exception, panfish have not been the target of special regulations. Their possession limits of 10 crappies and 20 sunfish generally apply statewide, the exception being an occasional rare lake that becomes the target of especially intense angling pressure.

How about the possibility of facing reduced limits on both walleyes and panfish? Such outcomes are "in the wind" as potential future directions for fisheries management, based on input from the DNR's annual Fishing and Hunting Roundtable. There's talk of reducing the basic walleye limit - apart from special regulations waters - from six walleye to four. There has not been a change in the basic statewide walleye limit for 61 years, the last being in 1956. The last adjustment before that was in 1927, the year of the first solo transatlantic air flight by Charles Lindbergh, when the statewide limit was dropped from 15 walleyes to eight.

The other limit reduction being considered is for panfish, the current limits being 20 for sunfish and 10 for crappies. Compared to walleye or northern pike or bass for that matter, these figures as raw numbers may seem generous. But the way anglers view these species is very different. Walleye, northern pike and even bass have a certain trophy charisma. If you come off the lake and tell the guy dropping his boat in at the landing that you caught two pretty nice walleye, he's likely to compliment you on a decent outing. But if you tell him you caught two pretty nice sunfish, he's more likely to say "Better luck next time."

Panfish can be feisty fighters, especially when they're of decent size. But they're also widely regarded

as relatively unglamorous, freezer-stocking fish. Whereas anglers may relate tales of having released a large bass or northern pike, that's not something you're as likely to hear about panfish. You may be more likely to hear "We kept 10 of the biggest ones for the freezer." It may be an oversimplification, but for many anglers panfish are a numbers game.

Each year the Minnesota DNR holds an invitation-only Roundtable to brainstorm and gather input on hunting and angling issues. The invited are generally (though I hate to use the word) "experts" in the sense of being deeply involved in some aspect of fishing or hunting. There are professional fishermen, guides, writers, researchers, resort operators and others who are closely attuned to what goes on in fishing and hunting in Minnesota.

Do the DNR get input from everyone with opinions and insight into important hunting and fishing issues? Perhaps not as much as it should. Are all interests represented? Probably not. But the DNR's outreach is attempting to create a relationship with stakeholders, and gather many perspectives and insights as it goes about the business of managing complex fish and wildlife issues.

Working groups have been established, and meet regularly throughout the year to address a narrower topic of interest in greater depth. There are working groups addressing issues associated with walleye, panfish, bass, muskie, etc.

It's been reported elsewhere that the ability of our waters to sustain the kind of panfish harvest now taking place in Minnesota was the most talked-about issue. Advanced technologies, better equipment and almost instantaneous sharing of sophisticated fishing information are putting great pressure on fisheries resources; and not just panfish. It's chiefly feedback from sources like the Roundtable that has raised the issue of reducing both walleye and panfish limits. It should be noted that these are not recommendations from the "average Joe" member of the public. It is not that those opinions are not valued. But general consumer surveys are more likely to reveal what the general public wants, than to identify unpleasant but necessary management steps for a natural resource, such as a fish population.

All eyes will be on the DNR as we await the 2017 fishing regulations.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

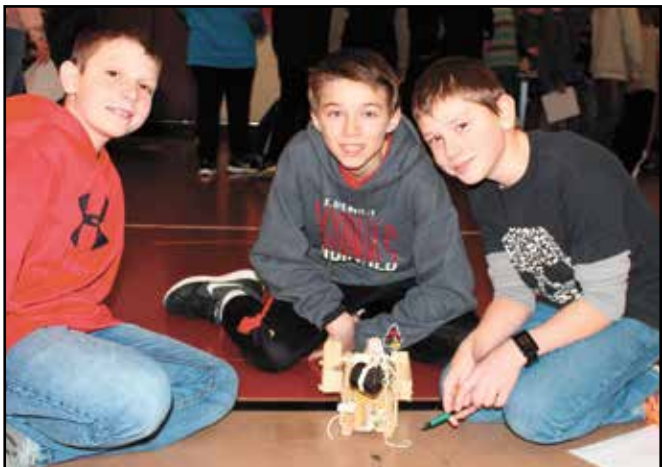
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Middle school students present Career Technical Education (CTE) Showcase



Creative minds at work

Pictured above, from left, Luke Bates, Taylor Serich and Seth Larson, students at Motley-Staples Middle School, explain their engineering project to other students attending the CTE (Career Tech Ed.) Showcase. The boys are in LaRaye Bjorge’s Extreme Eccentric Engineering CTE class and built numerous model buildings out of popsicle sticks. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Catapult builders

Motley-Staples Middle School 6th graders in La-Raye Bjorge’s elective CTE class, Extreme Eccentric Engineering, are pictured with a catapult they built. From left are Landon Mertens, Noah Greenwaldt, Ethan Zerfoss. The boys said that their catapult was able to shoot a marble up to 130 ft. in the school hallway.

Two-vehicle crash in Scandia Valley Twp

The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office responded to a two vehicle crash with injuries, at approximately 10:47 a.m. on Jan. 13, near the intersection of 330th St. in Scandia Valley Township, south of Pillager.

According to the sheriff’s office, Shawn Scheerle, 52, of Cushing, was traveling south on Dove Road. Scheerle stated that he swerved to avoid a deer in the roadway, lost control of his vehicle and collided with an oncoming vehicle driven by Joann Beto, 63, of Motley. Beto’s passenger was identified as Judith Bellamy, 66, of Motley. Bellamy suffered minor injuries and was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office was assisted at the scene by the Scandia Valley First Response Team and Gold Cross Ambulance.



Surprise party at the middle school

Art students at Motley-Staples Middle School, along with their teacher Amanda Olson, decorated the office of school secretary Maggie Borg Jan. 13, in honor of her 40th birthday. Borg (above) said she was very surprised when she arrived at work that day; and very touched by the thoughtfulness of students and faculty. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley-Staples Middle School students in grades six and seven had the opportunity to present their Career Technical Education (CTE) Showcase Jan. 13, for projects completed during the first semester.

The CTE classes are electives representing Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). They are held each Friday for one and a half hours. Throughout this school year, the students will each have the opportunity to take two CTE

classes.

“Kids are really enjoying these classes,” said Kasey Odden, who teaches the CTE class, From Cooking to Science. “They choose something they are interested in; and there’s a lot of creativity involved.” Odden went on to note that the teachers are responsible for coming up with the various CTE classes.

The CTE class options for both semesters of the 2016 - 2017 school year include:

- From Cooking to Science
 - Extreme Eccentric Engineering
 - Fantasy Football
 - Movie Magic
 - Nutrition and Wellness
 - Picture Perfect Publishing
 - Robotics
 - Tinkercad
 - This and That
 - Virtual Vacations.
- Students will now begin work on their second semester CTE classes.



Future world traveler

Grace Jennissen, 6th grader at Motley-Staples Middle School, put together a digital demonstration about the country Madagascar for her CTE class Virtual Vacations, taught by Julie Richgels.



Robot

Joshua White, 6th grader at Motley-Staples Middle School, is pictured with a robot he built and programmed during his elective CTE class taught by Linda Card.



Food project

Nevaeh Fratzke, sixth grader at Motley-Staples Middle School, researched the job of chef for her “Cooking to Science” project. The class, taught by Kasey Odden, was one of 10 elective CTE classes offered to students this past fall.

ATM and gas pump skimmers

Criminals are constantly using new types of technology in order to steal consumers’ credit and debit card information. It’s important that consumers are aware of these methods so that they can better protect their money and credit. Recently, criminals are attaching credit or debit card readers, known as “skimmers,” to ATMs and gas pumps.

So what are “skimmers?” And how can you protect yourself?

What are “skimmers?”

A skimmer is a small device, often smaller than a deck of cards, that can scan and store credit or debit card data from the card’s magnetic stripe. Once a card is run through the skimmer, the data is stored, and the criminal can later use that information. Criminals often install a skimmer onto an ATM or gas pump and then collect it a day or two later.

For debit cards, criminals will also place a small camera in order to secretly record the cardholder enter their Personal Identification Number (PIN) onto the keypad. The cameras

are usually a small “pin-hole” camera that can be hidden in a manner that blends in with the machine.

Once the criminals retrieve the skimmer and camera, they can either sell the information over the internet or create counterfeit cards to use for shopping sprees. Often times, the card holder does not know about the theft until they get their card statement. The newer credit cards that have security chips installed still have information on the magnetic strips that can still be recorded by a skimmer.

Is this a crime?

Yes. Stealing the data stored on the magnetic strip of another person’s credit or debit card is a crime under Minnesota law. Just possessing a skimmer or equipment to create counterfeit cards is a felony under Minnesota Statutes Section 609.527, subdivision 5b (2016).

How can you tell if a skimmer is attached to a gas pump or ATM?

One way is to look at other nearby gas pumps or ATM machines. They should all have the same set-up. If the card reader at the gas pump or ATM you are using looks different from the others or looks like it has been tampered with, do not use it.

Look for security tape. Many gas stations are now putting a piece of security tape over where the card reader is installed. The security tape is modified so that any tampering will be obvious to the casual observer.

Look for tampering. Some criminals have the time and expertise to break into the gas pump or ATM and install the skimmer inside the machine. However, there will usually be signs of the break-in: different colored parts that don’t match the rest of the pump or ATM, graphics that are not lined up or signs of tampering at keypad or card reader itself.

Wiggle everything. If you cannot see any visual differences, push at different parts of the machine, especially the card reader. ATMs and gas pumps are solidly constructed and

should not have parts that are loose.

Use your best judgment. If you suspect that either an ATM or gas pump have been altered, do not use it. Then notify the bank that operates the ATM or the gas station employees of your concerns. When dealing with banks, it is best to ask for their Corporate Security Dept. as they deal directly with the security of the ATMs.

How can I protect myself?

If you can, pay with cash inside the gas station to ensure any card information remains safe. If that is not an option, only use a credit card at the gas pump or choose the credit card option for your debit card. There’s significantly more fraud protection for credit cards than debit cards. Also, by using the credit card option for your debit card, you will not have to enter in your PIN and that information will not be recorded.

When using your debit card at an ATM, use your other hand to cover the keypad as you enter PIN. That should block any cameras from recording your PIN.

If you believe your card information was stolen by a skimmer, report that immediately to your bank or credit card company and the police. Since criminals act quickly with this type of stolen information, you need to report the matter as soon as possible so that you can limit your liability for any fraudulent transactions.

Regularly review your bank and credit card statements for any unauthorized charges to your account. If you think someone has fraudulently used your card information, contact your bank or credit card company as soon as possible. There are laws to protect you from certain unauthorized charges if you promptly report them.

For help with a consumer problem, contact the Attorney General’s Office at:

Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, MN 55101, 651-296-3353, www.ag.state.mn.us

Police reports

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

Jan. 11 - The MPD assisted in a pursuit of a stolen vehicle which resulted in the arrest of Grant Elmer Stokes, 47. According to the report, MPD Chief Ron Smith heard a broadcast that a gold colored Jeep Liberty had just been stolen from the Staples Express store. Chief Smith located the vehicle traveling east on Hwy 10. As it was turning east onto State Hwy 210, Chief Smith activated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle. The vehicle failed to stop and accelerated at high rate of speed to elude police. After a lengthy pursuit, the driver, identified as Stokes, was eventually caught. According to the MCSO, the vehicle eventually went into the ditch on Emerald Rd. in Motley. The driver bailed on foot and was pursued by Deputy Jordan Geise who later arrested Stokes and transported him to jail.

Jan. 11 - MCSO Deputy Al Yoder responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley. The owner of the vehicle, Richard Pride, told officers that he had stopped to get a cup of coffee, leaving his vehicle running and the keys in the ignition. When he returned, his vehicle was gone. He stated he had a loaded 45 Cal Ruger in the center console and three other long rifles in the back seat. Chief Smith arrived and took down information about the guns that were stolen. The value of the missing items is \$12,500. According to the report, employees at Four Legged Lodge in Motley said they had witnessed the stolen vehicle traveling west on Hwy 10 around the time of the theft.

Jan. 10 - The MPD assisted Minnesota State Patrol with a one-vehicle rollover at Hwy 10 No. and Aztec Rd. in Motley.

Jan. 5 - The MPD assisted state patrol with a one-vehicle accident on the Hwy 210 bridge in Motley.

Jan. 10 - The MCSO received a call from John Schmitz, who reported that someone had burglarized his fish house located on Lake Alexander south of Haystack Island. No damage to the fish house, but Schmitz is missing a buddy heater, a 20 lb. propane cylinder, propane lantern, tackle box and a radio, a total value of \$300.

Jan. 9 - The MCSO assisted at the scene of a two-vehicle crash along Hwy 10 near Cushing.

Jan. 8 - The MCSO responded to a call regarding two trailers on East Jade Trail in Cushing with no plates or markings. Deputy Mitch Tavares located one of the trailers and attempted to make contact with the homeowner next to the trailer but was unable to do so.

Jan. 5 - The MCSO assisted a man whose van went into the ditch on Hwy 10 in Cushing. The man warmed up in the squad vehicle until the tow truck arrived and pulled his van out of the ditch.

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