

Valentine’s Day gets sweeter with age

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Every day is Valentine’s Day for Cliff and Lydia Goodwater.

“We’ve never had an argument or spoken a cross word to each other,” Cliff said recently at the couple’s home in Motley.

Both 90, the Goodwaters have been married since 2001; but have known each other since they were kids.

Lydia, nicknamed, ‘Sis,’ when she was just a toddler, grew up in the house she now shares with her husband. Her parents were Otto and Minnie Pribbenow.

“There were 10 kids in my family...I was number seven,” she said. Apparently, her siblings complained that ‘Lydia’ was too hard to remember, so she

was always simply known as ‘Sis.’

Meanwhile, Cliff’s family lived on a farm just down the road from the Pribbenows. “It was located where the Countryside Restaurant is now,” he said.

His parents, Edward and Pearl Goodwater, raised a total of twelve children.

“I remember they would come to our farm and we’d all go swimming at Leaning Tree on the Long Prairie River,” Cliff recalled of Sis and her siblings.

Or, the Goodwater kids would walk to the Pribbenow place to play games in the back yard.

“We always had a lot of fun,” Sis recalled of those early days.

When Cliff was 12, his dad had a stroke, leaving Cliff the responsibility of



Sweethearts

Lydia and Cliff Goodwater of Motley were childhood friends but didn’t tie the knot until Sept. 8, 2001. “She ran so fast it took me all those years to catch her,” Cliff joked recently at their home. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

taking care of the farm. Sis knew her share of work as well. Life wasn’t easy for either of them, but it would serve to make them stronger for other difficulties along the way.

Cliff and Sis both grew up worshipping at St. John Lutheran Church and both attended the Motley School. They were friends, but never dated during high school.

Their lives took different paths as they neared adulthood and the two lost touch over the years.

In 1942, Cliff moved away from Motley, working a variety of jobs in North Dakota and Excelsior, including a stint as a tugboat pilot on Lake Minnetonka.

Later on, he was a sergeant in the army, serving in the Philippines during

WWII.

When he got out of the service, Cliff returned to the Twin Cities area, where he and his first wife raised their three children, Lynn, Kathleen and Richard.

During those years, Cliff worked as a security police officer, a job he held until his retirement in 1992.

After 31 years, his marriage dissolved and in 1980, Cliff married a second time. “Grace and I were together for 21 years, until she passed away. She had bone cancer.”

Sis, meanwhile, married at age 19; had a daughter, Nan; and spent almost 20 years living in Litchfield.

When her marriage did not work out, Sis moved back to Motley to care for

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School board hires facility consultant

Board participates in leadership style exercise

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Before adjourning into a work session Feb. 6 the Staples-Motley School Board awarded the contract to

lead an assessment to develop a long range facilities plan for the school district to Foster, Jacobs & Johnson (FJJ), Inc., Duluth.

The board heard presentations from three companies at a Jan. 30 work session. The other companies were Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN), Baxter; and Foss Architecture & Interiors, Fargo, N. Dak.

The discussion following the presentations narrowed the choices to WSN and FJJ. WSN had asked for more information before preparing a fee estimate for the work the school board was requiring. That fee proposal was presented at the Feb. 6 meeting.

The fee from FJJ was \$22,900. The fee from WSN

was \$59,000.

Bruce Lund asked why there was such a gap between the two fees.

Bryan Winkels said he thought WSN was trying to have all contingencies covered.

Greg Frisk reminded the board that at a previous meeting Superintendent Mary Klamm had disclosed that her brother was a principal partner in FJJ. He also noted that Lynn Dyer, one of the education consultants for FJJ, is a graduate of Staples High School.

“I think the public should know and I don’t think it’s detrimental,” said Frisk. “In fact, I think

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SMHS Sno Daze Queen and King

Staples-Motley High School seniors Grace VanAlst and Trey Skeesick were selected as the 2017 Sno Daze queen and king on Feb. 2. See more photos on page 3a, 8a, 1b and 3b. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hello, Readers,

Joseph Raymond McCarthy, a relatively obscure Republican senator from Wisconsin, announced during a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, on Feb. 9, 1950, that he has in his hand a list of 205 communists who have infiltrated the U.S. State Department. The unsubstantiated declaration, which was little more than a publicity stunt, suddenly thrust Senator McCarthy into the national spotlight. “McCarthyism” reached a fever pitch in 1953. In widely publicized hearings, McCarthy bullied defendants under cross-examination with unlawful and damaging accusations, destroying the reputations of hundreds of innocent citizens and officials. In 1954 Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower pushed for an investigation of McCarthy’s conduct, and the televised hearings exposed the senator as a reckless and excessive tyrant who never produced proper documentation for any of his charges.

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Marvin Brant
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Youth ministry alive and well in community

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Youth ministry remains a focal point at area churches, with leaders committed to providing spiritual guidance to the younger generation.

The Staples World recently met with a few full-time area youth ministers, learning what drew them to this line of work and what a typical week might look like for their youth group.

Helping guide students to embrace a life of faith is a priority no matter the denomination. The various leaders also shared a desire to provide a safe haven for young people...a place where they can find a listening ear and support from both adults and their peers.

Having to work around the busy schedules of teenagers today was a concern voiced by at least two of the youth ministers. In years past, Wednesday evenings were set aside as ‘church time’ and schools did their best to schedule events on other days of the week. That has changed in recent

years, which has presented a challenge for youth leaders to find a time that works for most students to attend youth group.

However, these same leaders have also been encouraged by the support they’ve received from both the Staples-Motley School District and the Staples Motley Ministerial Association. Recently, these two organizations sponsored a ‘Hunger No More’ activity day which was attended by over 80 youth. Other activity days are in the works.

Although the leaders

we spoke with are paid staff members, they rely on dedicated volunteers to help facilitate their youth programs. A number of other area churches have thriving youth programs that are led solely by volunteers. The Staples World plans to speak with them in the near future and include their stories in an upcoming edition.

In the meantime, learn about the work of these four youth ministers:

Monica Simmons
Monica Simmons is the

Youth and Young Adult Coordinator at the parishes of St. Michael’s in Motley and Sacred Heart in Staples. It’s a position she’s held for the past two-and-a-half years.

She works with students in grades 6-12, with Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. designated as youth night. “Students from both parishes are a part of this,” Simmons said.

There are three aspects of youth ministry, Monica shared. These include Faith Formation (a life-

long process), Community Building (relationships, service projects), and Prayer and Worship.

Although the dogma of the church remains the same over time, Simmons said that youth ministry changes with the culture.

“We need to communicate with kids in a way that their generation works,” Monica said. “Technology is a big part of their lives. We need to connect with them in this way.”

For Monica, youth ministry

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Monica Simmons



Richard Broberg



Mark Shea



Emelia Enquist

Updates given on Wadena Courthouse annex

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the Jan. 31 board meeting, Wadena County Commissioners heard updates from County Engineer Ryan Odden on the Annex building project and decisions the board would need to make on aspects of the project.

Odden explained the options for doors for the enclosed connecting link between the new annex building and the courthouse. There were three options Odden presented. Commissioners could

choose: a single door, a single door with side lights or a set of double doors. After discussion, commissioners voted to approve double doors on either end of the connecting link.

Odden next explained two options for heating the sidewalks from the parking lot to the connecting link. Heating the sidewalks with a hydronic (water) system or heating the sidewalks with electric heat. Odden didn’t have current cost figures for the two choices, but the hydronic option is probably the least expensive. Commission-

ers will wait to make a decision on this until Odden brings back the cost figures.

The issue of handling rain and ice melt from the building and connecting link roofs was the third item Odden presented to the commissioners. Currently, rain water and ice melt are pooling between the buildings, which is an undesirable situation. Odden is considering running the downspouts inside the building directly to the city sewer system. He doesn’t have cost figures for the downspout options, but will have those cost

figures for a future meeting.

Odden mentioned his appreciation for County Attorney Kyra Ladd’s assistance in selecting interior finishes and other aspects for the annex. Ladd’s department will be housed in the annex when the building is completed.

Commissioners heard from Sheriff Mike Carr that his department has hired Jacob Maros, as the new sheriff’s deputy, filling a vacant position. Maros will begin his new duties on Feb. 21. Maros was an experienced officer with

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Youth ministers work to provide safe havens for young people

istry is a callin and one that she first heard when she was a teenager.

Monica attended St. Anne's Parish in Crookston when she was growing up and at 16 she attended a Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) weekend. "That's where I met God," she shared.

The TEC weekend had a profound effect on her and

Monica knew from that point on that she wanted to work in youth ministry.

She went on to earn a music degree at Moorhead State University, and although music has remained an important part of her life, her focus has remained in youth ministry. "I have 37 years of experience in this work," Monica said, going on to mention her role as a youth leader at retreats, camps and church.

There is room for fun and creativity in youth work, which Monica loves. Playing games is important for developing relationships; and as kids bond with each other and church leaders, hopefully they learn that youth group is a safe place to be...and that there are people there who love and support them. "We have a wonderful volunteer team who help out," Monica said.

In the midst of laughter, there are often real needs and hurts that are voiced during a Wednesday night youth gathering. Bullying, mental illness, suicide and car accidents are just a few

of the issues that have been brought up. Monica is glad that the church provides a place for young people to discuss these things, as well as to pray about them. "Some of the tragedies have led to God-moments, teachable moments," Simmons said.

Life can be very busy, especially for students, but Simmons encourages kids to become involved at a church of their choice. She went on to note a study by the Barna Group which found that kids of faith have less alcohol and drug abuse and less suicidal tendencies.

Richard Broberg

Richard Broberg has been in ministry at Motley Free Methodist Church for the past several years, first as a volunteer and then as a staff member. He was hired on part-time in 2014 and full-time in 2016. Since last fall, he has been working with the youth of the church, along with church member Craig Weigel.

"I felt called (to ministry) when I was 12 years old," Richard shared. He recalled going to Lake

Geneva Bible Camp at that age and praying at the altar where he first heard the call. It was something he would put on the back burner for quite a while.

He grew up in Frazee and attended the Assembly of God Church in Detroit Lakes. After graduating from Frazee High School, Richard attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis with the intent of going into full-time ministry. However, before earning his degree, he quit school to become a plumber, which he did for 15 years. "I owned Caliber Plumbing," Richard said.

He enjoyed his work, but the call to ministry was always there.

Upon moving to the Motley area, Richard attended Casino Assembly of God Church in Pillager, which was pastored by his dad, the late Michael Broberg. It was a position Pastor Broberg held until brain cancer claimed his life in 2005.

During the Casino years, Richard met his future wife, Kathy (Buscho), whose parents attended the rural church. He also had the opportunity to work as a youth leader at Casino.

As time went on, Richard and Kathy were married, had two daughters (Molly and Emma), and began attending the Motley Free Methodist Church. Richard volunteered as a Sunday School teacher and Awana leader, which he enjoyed very much.

One night, while having dinner with his wife at a restaurant, Richard recalled Kathy asking him if he felt he was supposed to be in ministry. "That was a real turning point," he said.

It wasn't long before he was hired to be on staff and he hopes to be ordained with the Free Methodist Church this coming June. "We have a real solid group of kids at this church," Richard said, noting that the youth group meets on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The first part

of the evening is game time followed by snacks and a time of worship. "We spend close to an hour on Bible study and discussion," Richard said.

Several of their youth group members belong to FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes/Academics/Arts), which meets at the Staples-Motley High School on Fridays at 7:13 a.m. They also participate in activity days which are sponsored by the Staples-Motley School District and the Staples Motley Ministerial Association.

Mark Shea

Mark Shea has been serving as youth minister at the Staples Alliance Church since September 2016. Prior to that, he worked at a church plant in Buffalo and as a recovery coach at Teen Challenge.

A native of Newton, Iowa, Mark went on to receive a degree in youth ministry at Crown College in St. Bonifacius.

He had played several sports in high school and intended to pursue athletics in college. "My plan was to go to the University of Iowa to play football," Mark shared.

That goal changed, however, after he participated in a mission trip prior to his junior year in high school. That's when God first broke his heart and challenged him to make a commitment to follow Him. The next summer he attended a national youth conference that was "life changing," Mark said. "I knew there was more to life than football and sports." From that point on, he wanted to help other kids get to know Jesus.

He's excited to be working at Staples Alliance, Mark said. The youth group (grades 7-12) meets at the church on Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m. "Every week is different," he said, although there are a few constants. There is always a large group activity, such as a video, followed by a lesson and discussion. "Recently, our focus has been on praying," Mark said.

This winter, he'll help lead the young people at a winter retreat at Big Sandy Camp in McGregor. Ironically, it's a camp he went to when he was a kid and he's excited to now attend as a leader. A missions trip to Chicago is also in the planning stages.

Because young people are so busy with school events, Mark tries to meet up with them outside of church on occasion. Sports has been a good connecting point, as has been the FCC group at school and the occasional 'Activity Day' sponsored by the Staples-Motley School District and the Staples Motley Ministerial Association. "We've had some good conversations," Mark said of times spent with the young people. "It's great to hear what God is doing in their lives."

Emelia Enquist

Emelia Enquist is the Director of Youth, Families and Christian Education at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. She started her job there this past December.

A native of Strandburg, South Dakota (named after her great-great grandfather), Emelia was baptized and confirmed at Tabor Lutheran Church,

of which her great-great grandfather was a founding board member.

Emelia attended a Wisconsin Synod Lutheran high school where she learned all about Christian theology. She recalled taking a test that indicated that "this student has gifts that could be used in public ministry."

Although she enjoyed her theology classes, Emelia was also very interested in theater, music and communications. She went on to study advertising and public relations at Drury University in Springfield, Mo., with a minor in music.

Two key events occurred during her college years that would have a major impact on her life, Emelia said.

The first was spending a semester in Sweden, where Lutheran Christianity is the largest religion of the country. It was a time that confirmed her interest in the church.

Secondly, she had a public relations internship with the Springfield Regional Opera and found she had a passion for marketing. Could she combine the two?

After graduating from college in 2014, Emelia worked in the areas of brand management and corporate marketing. She recalled taking the train out to Portland, Ore., to work as an intern at a company called North. "I went through Staples at 2 a.m.," Emelia said, adding that she remembers thinking, "Wouldn't it be neat to live and work in a small Midwestern town like that someday?"

Little did she know. After six months in Portland, Emelia worked briefly in South Dakota, then held marketing jobs in Arkansas and Minneapolis.

She realized that she wasn't completely happy in that line of work, Emelia shared. About that time she came across an advertisement for the job she currently holds at Faith Lutheran Church. Something in her said that she needed to reach out and learn more about this.

After a series of interviews (one of which included students, which impressed her), Emelia learned she had been selected for the job. Her first day was Dec. 1, 2016.

She's still learning the ropes, Emelia said, but is excited about the opportunities for youth that are offered at Faith Lutheran. The Bridges program is for students in grades 9-12 and Crossroads is for students in grades 6-8.

Crossroads caters to students going through Confirmation and the Bridges curriculum includes devotions and a variety of activities, often centered on upcoming missions trips.

Although she has a lot of interaction with the young people, Emelia said a lot of her work is behind the scenes in program development and management. "We have a lot of great Sunday School and Confirmation teachers here," she said.

Emelia is looking forward to getting to know the youth involved at Faith Lutheran and to helping them discover the same passion for the church she did as a student in South Dakota.

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Sno Daze candidates and royal court court

Staples-Motley Sno Daze royal court included; front from left, under class members, Jenna Dvorak, Daniel Lozano, Emmitt Winkels, Kaila Erbe, Kiera Dumpprope, Spencer Miller and Sarah Oberlander. Back, senior candidates and royalty; Mackenzie Zetah,

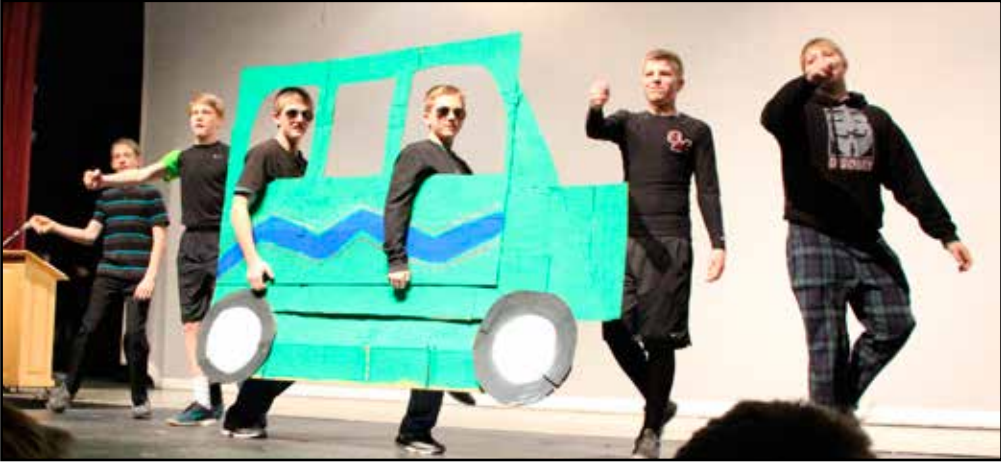
Melissa Zetah, Jenna Trantina, Chelsea Nanik, Queen Grace VanAlst, King Trey Skeesick, Mason Rychner, Brady Holub, Noah Han, Cade Bestland and under-classman Dominic Simon. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Dawn Paurus, and Steve Fligge. Obscured in photo were, Lorna Bendson, Val Turner and Tab Erickson.

Some ‘crazy’ kind of costumes

With Andrew Bates as a mermaid and Sophie Roberts as a shark, the sophomore class put on a lip synch performance that included a number of different costumes.



Rollin’ in their mini-van

Logan Weite and Payton Bjerga cruise their mini-van through the lip synch contest, with fellow 8th graders Tanner Robben, Adam Oberlander, Max Strickland and Beck Erholtz.

Everyone loves a star

Owen Bjerga takes the spotlight during the freshman class lip synch performance on Feb. 2.



Foot powered motorsports

Staples-Motley students competed in pedal cart races as one of their Sno Daze activities. Pictured from left, Logan Weite, Kristian Thompson and Isiah Demars take off in a race.

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Long time friendship grows into marriage

her parents who were in poor health. She had seen Cliff at a school reunion in 1974, but had not kept in touch with her childhood friend.

That changed in 2000. “After Grace died, Sis’s brother, Dave, called to ask if I would come visit him in Fayetteville, N.C.,” Cliff said. “I told him I couldn’t drive all that way by myself and he told me, ‘Well, you call Sis. Maybe she’ll go with you.’”

Cliff called Sis and told her about her brother’s proposal. “She said, ‘When do we want to leave?’” he recalled. They drove 2,000 miles in Cliff’s Dodge Spirit, chatting non-stop along the way. Neither one of them thought anything about it, Sis said. “Oh, no, we were just friends.”

A month later, the childhood friends made a trip to Utah to visit Sis’s daughter, Nan. “We were still just friends,” Sis insisted.

Somewhere along the line, “We might have kissed once,” Cliff shared.

Sis recalled the day she learned her brother John had passed away. She teared up when telling Cliff and he took her hand. At that point, she knew that they were now more than ‘just friends.’

On Sept. 8, 2001, Cliff and Lydia were married at St. John Lutheran Church in Motley, where they first knew each other as kids. Cliff recalled his memories of young Sis...long legs, pigtails flying in the air as she raced the other neighborhood children. “I always tell people that she ran so fast, it took me all these years to catch her,” Cliff joked.

Over the past 15 years, the sweethearts have been making happy memories together.

They enjoy eating meals together at home. “Cliff makes a wonderful oyster stew,” Sis shared. They also enjoy picking wild chokecherries and making home-made jelly.

Neither of them likes to watch a lot of television, but they make an exception for the show, ‘Walker, Texas Ranger.’ “We both like that one,” Cliff says.

Giving back to the community is important to both Cliff and Sis and they believe doing things for others draws them closer to each other. “We’re both members of the Lions Club and used to do Meals on Wheels every week, until the program ended in Motley. I miss that, it makes you feel good to do something for someone else,” Cliff said.

They do some things on their own, which gives them something else to talk about over dinner. Sis helps out at various church functions and Cliff is active in the American Legion. He is a member of the Tri-County Post #124 and a life-time member of Post #1625 in Blaine.

Cliff and Sis are grateful to have found each other later on in life and hope to share many more Valentine’s Days together.

What’s the secret to their happy relationship? “I think it’s important to know each other’s family backgrounds, to like the same things and to do things together,” Cliff said. “You have to be forgiving, too.”

Sis added, “You have to listen to what the other person says. That’s very important. Talk things out...don’t let a bad day get to you.”

And with that, Sis pours some freshly brewed coffee and passes around the peanut butter cookies Cliff just finished baking. Ah...life with your true love. How sweet it is.

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Park camping fees up in 2016

the Staples Police Dept. and was selected from seven candidates who were interviewed and tested for the position.

Commissioners heard an annual report from Deana Malone on the departments she directs: Zoning, Parks, GIS and Passports. Malone said that permit fees in 2016 were less than in 2015, but the number of passport applications remained the same. Camping fees from county parks were higher in 2016, bringing in a total of \$19,482. The county is now in 80 percent compliance with state requirements for individual septic treatment systems in residential properties.

In other business, the board

• Held two closed meetings during the Jan. 31 meeting: one for pending litigation and one for labor negotiation.

• Approved appointments for the Public Health Advisory Committee: Marie Johnson, Sally Gorton, Darlys Hoemberg, Diane Petus, and Terri Kern. Two positions remain unfilled.

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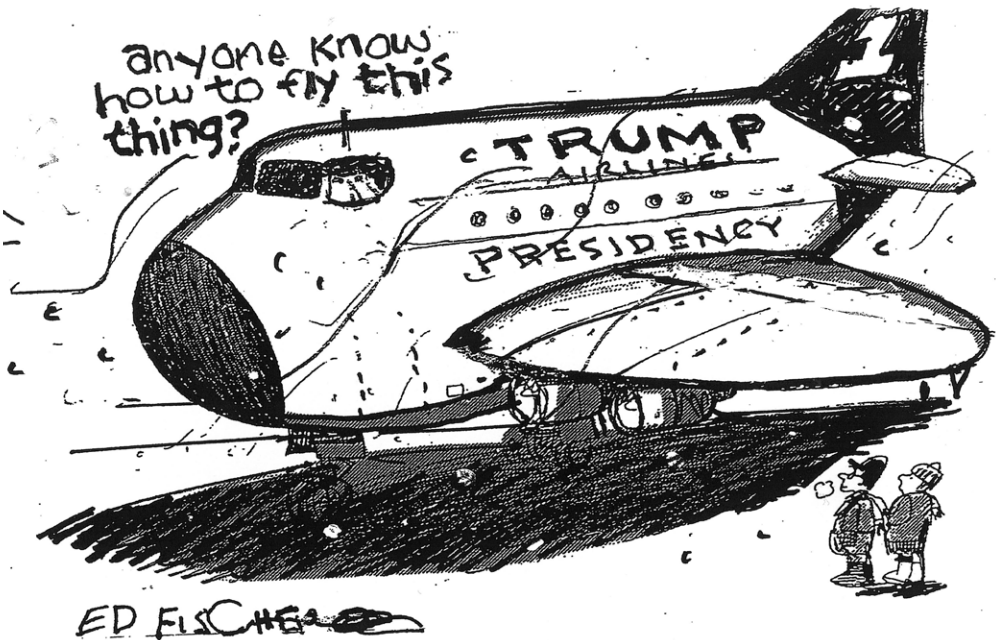
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Wetterling’s newspaper connections mattered

By Joe Spear
The Mankato Free Press

There is nothing more compelling at a newspaper convention than Patty and Jerry Wetterling telling their story to 300 journalists.

The Jan. 27 luncheon at the Minnesota Newspaper Association convention offered an almost surreal look at the connection between news and family tragedy, and ultimately a closure that was healing for the Wetterling family.

There were connections that mattered. The Wetterlings recently connected with Mike Jacobson, president of the Minnesota Newspaper Association and owner of the Paynesville Press. This was the small town newspaper that covered Jacob Wetterling’s abduction in 1989 and whose archives helped solve the case.

Wetterling’s killer, Danny Heinrich, was a resident of Paynesville.

The Wetterlings also knew John Bodette, the editor of the St. Cloud Times, who was honored at the MNA convention with its most prestigious award, the Al McIntosh Award, just before the Wetterlings spoke.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar also spoke at the luncheon and noted her longstanding close relationship with the Wetterlings.

Patty Wetterling has known Jacobson recently and Bodette for years as they were the first news media to cover Jacob’s disappearance. She addressed both of them and the other 300 journalists in the room.

“I do want to thank you,” she said. “I do love what you do.” The local media and the media all over Minnesota, Wetterling said, helped bring Jacob home. The attention they gave to the 27-year-old case, she said she believes, put attention back on authorities to revisit and solve it.

She had special fondness of the print media in this age of the internet and online news.

“The print media allowed us to sit down, talk from our heart. We didn’t have to worry about sound bites. You helped.”

Jacobson’s family paper,

with hard copy archives, was an instrumental resource in solving the case. A blogger went back to those archives and helped find a dozen or so other victims, one of whom’s case provided the DNA to link Heinrich to the murder.

Print archives were invaluable and not easily replaced, Wetterling said. “I doubt they’re going to go to the tweet archives.”

The Wetterlings went on courageously to describe what they went through for eight days between the time they were told there was a break in the case to the court hearing that described in detail how Jacob was murdered. Because Heinrich was so volatile and prosecutors worried he would go back on his deal to confess, even the Wetterling’s closest family members could not know the details until they were described in court.

Once the Wetterlings had agreed to the plea deal, there was a rush for prosecutors to get the signed papers back to court proceedings and bring the case before a judge, again before the volatile Heinrich could back out.

“This was our chance,” said Patty.

The Wetterlings were asked if they wanted to go the site of where Heinrich told authorities Jacob was buried. They said yes. On the drive to the Paynesville burial site they called their other children and for the first time told them what was happening.

Then the roller coaster began. At first, there were inconsistencies with the remains found at the site. The jacket they found didn’t have Jacob’s name on it. Patty was sure the one he was wearing that night did have his name on it. The remains at first were those of an animal. The Wetterlings waited in pain for more news over a couple of days.

Then they heard again from investigators who found Jacob’s soccer shirt with his name and found other remains that were human. Closure. Finally.

One of the biggest hurdles to the deal was for the Stearns County prosecutor to agree not to prosecute Heinrich for the abduction or other crimes. “That

wasn’t easy for her to do,” Patty said.

The rest is history that will reside not only in the archives of the Paynesville Press, but archives everywhere. Incredibly, Patty and Jerry look to the good that has evolved from the case.

Local teams all sported No. 11 jerseys in memory of Jacob. The Twins followed with a commemorative patch on their jerseys and the Vikings followed with a fundraiser. Other Minnesota High School teams sported the No. 11 also.

Patty Wetterling’s first community meeting after the case ended was in Springfield, a small town of 2,000 people in Brown County. She lauded the kids for coming up with positive messages. One of them was “Be gentle with others.” Said Wetterling: “That’s the spirit we’re fighting for.”

In the end, Wetterling said the journalism in Minnesota she came in contact with was kind and gentle and caring and sensitive, noting it’s not like that everywhere.

The family is still healing from this closure, she said, and appreciates that the news media has been considerate of the nearly three decades of suffering they have endured, and not only helped tell the story, but also brought about positive change.

“Thanks for giving us a safe space to begin healing,” she said.

Of course, the topic of the public’s trust of the media came up more than once during the convention, and how the nation’s leader was calling the media “very dishonest” at every opportunity.

We suspect he hasn’t heard Patty Wetterling’s story, or the hundreds of thousands of stories like this that play out every day in American journalism highlighting the special place journalists play in building our communities but also in helping heal them.

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‘Making a Mental Note’

A collaboration of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus and Lakewood Health System

By Teresa Fisher
Lakewood Health System, COO/CNO

with comments by
Dr. Erik Dovre, Lakewood Health System OB/GYN, and President of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus

Lakewood Health System is honored to partner with the Staples Area Men’s Chorus on Mar. 4 to present “Making a Mental Note.”

“Making a Mental Note” is a night of mental health awareness with discussion, food and music with the Staples Area Men’s Chorus.

“The Staples Area Men’s Chorus has a long tradition of community involvement and collaboration with other local groups,” said Dr. Erik Dovre. “The group will be returning in late February from a command performance of the signature piece ‘Testament of Freedom’ at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The men wish to share this piece with the Greater Staples community, so a collaborative venture such as this is ideal.

“The performance of this piece is the essence of how much a group can accomplish when working together, in a way that is powerful for the performers and the audience alike. The Staples Area Men’s Chorus is interested in exploring new forms of outreach into the community, and the board decided that a men’s health event would serve the community in a manner beyond mere musical performance.”

This event will focus on bringing awareness to the mental health issues affecting men and their families in our community.

Men and women experience many of the same mental health disorders, but the willingness to talk about their feelings are different. This is also the reason their symptoms differ. Men in particular tend to hide or mask their emotions and often times turn to alcohol or drugs in coping with their emotions.

According to Mental Health America, the top mental health problems affecting men include depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, psychosis and schizophrenia and eating disorders. Over six million men suffer from depression every year and often go undiagnosed.

Suicide rates in the U.S. are found highest with Caucasian men over the age of 85. Suicide is the seventh leading cause of death among males, accounting for 2.2 percent of all male deaths in 2011.

At Lakewood Health System, our team is dedicated to helping our communities care for mental health illnesses and conditions. Lakewood offers four types of mental health services: clinical counseling, intensive outpatient, Lakewood Reflections and nursing home consulting.

Clinical counseling is available to all patients, regardless of age. Lakewood’s counseling services provide the tools and resources one needs in dealing with any situation, by

building positive behaviors and developing emotionally-healthy outlooks.

One of the many benefits of working with a behavioral health professional at Lakewood Health System is the close partnership the team has with our medical providers. They work in the same clinic and communicate as necessary about patient diagnoses and treatments, while ensuring careful attention to confidentiality. Through this partnership, we are able to help patients live healthier lives.

“The teamwork embodied by the Staples Area Men’s Chorus is strikingly similar to the teamwork demonstrated by the healthcare professionals at Lakewood Health System,” said Dr. Dovre. “This gives further credence to the collaborative nature of this event and a wonderful way to give something back to our community. Staples is fortunate to have these two teams, and in turn, the two teams flourish because of the support given by the Staples community.”

We hope you can join us for this spectacular event on Mar. 4 at 4:45 p.m. at Staples Centennial Auditorium. Tickets include dinner catered by Ted & Gen’s and can be purchased at The Shoppe at Lakewood Health System; Nelson Insurance Agency, 325 2nd Ave. NE, Staples; or the Staples Area Men’s Chorus website: www.staplesmen.org.

Deadline for tickets to be purchased is Saturday, Feb. 26.

Support reading in ‘I Love to Read’ month

I love to Read month is upon us and boy, did our committee of teachers and staff plan some fun events for students!

During the month of February, we really like to ramp up our reading and get books into the hands of all students.

This year, our Staples-Motley Elementary Book Fair theme was “Camping Out With Good Books,” and ran from Feb. 2-7. We had many visitors and sold a lot of great books. Thank you to those who were able to stop by and shop.

Each classroom received a Book Bingo card and when a classroom gets a BINGO, every student in the class will get a brand new book. Thanks to National Joint Powers Alliance for making this possible and for their support for our schools.

We also have mystery readers each week, where classes try to guess who it might be. Winning

Staples-Motley Schools



By Kathy Johnson
Staples-Motley Elementary Principal

guesses go into a drawing for a special prize. Our entire school will try this month to read a cumulative 2,000 minutes, equaling about 400 minutes of reading for each child in our school. I think they can do it!

We are hoping parents and grandparents, aunts, uncles, and special friends will encourage our students to READ, READ, READ! If students reach their goal of 2,000 minutes, they get to watch their teachers and principal play a game of Hungry Human Hippos at the end of the month. The teachers are hungry and ready to play, so we hope the kids are going to read like crazy.

Often, we tell students the more they read, the better they read. So thank you for supporting the kids you know become the best readers they can be.

Happy I Love to Read month!

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League of Legends competitive team

Coaches Trevor Kruse and Dawn Paurus have registered Staples-Motley High School's first League of Legends competitive team for the spring season. The team will begin competing next week against another team in their time zone. The subsequent matches will be based on the team scores. From left are Connor Macheel, Paul Peterson, Zeke Cline, Deven Paskewitz, Liz Flansberg and Dominick Simon. Bryce Weber was unavailable for the photo. To follow the schedule see <http://lol.hsstarleague.com/spring-2017-schedule/> (Submitted photo)

First time for Staples to host feedlot meeting

Per request of Todd County livestock producers, this year's feedlot meeting will go north to the Staples area for the first time Thursday, March 16, at Central Lakes College (CLC), from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

With the ever-growing number of attendees, CLC can accommodate the crowd in its newly renovated and spacious forum area. Last year's meeting filled all 170 seats and 2017 topics are equally likely to pique the interest of just as many.

A new addition this year

is TODTalks - Ideas Worth "Spreading" (a spin-off of MPR's TED Talk radio series). TODTalks will feature local producers discussing "The Status of Ag in Todd County - Decisions and Transitions Made to Survive the Ebb of Agriculture."

Among the list of presentations for the day is: Integrating Livestock into Cropping Systems, Kent Solberg; Uncovering the Myths of Cover Crops: What Works? What Doesn't? in Todd County, James Schroepfer, Ag Resource Consulting; and "I

Just Can't Picture It!" Vegetative Treatment Areas and other Feedlot Solutions, West Central Technical Engineers.

Deja Anton, SWCD, and Russ Kleinschmidt, NRCS, will tackle the theme of "Pasture Vs. Feedlot and other Topics we Don't Like!"

This year's event and buffet, catered by Ted and Gen's, is free to producers within Todd and Crow Wing counties (limited). The coffee and pastry social begins at 9:30 a.m. Call 320-732-2644 to RSVP.

Tips for income tax filers

Minnesota taxpayers could begin filing their state income tax returns Jan. 23. This is the same date the Internal Revenue Service will begin accepting federal income tax returns. Taxpayers have until Tuesday, April 18, to file their state and federal income taxes.

The department offers tips to income tax filers as they prepare to file their taxes:

- **E-file and choose direct deposit.** Electronically filing your return and choosing direct deposit for your refund is the most secure and convenient way to file your taxes and get your refund. Visit our website to learn more about your electronic filing options and the benefits of choosing direct deposit.

- **Enter your name, and any dependent's names, exactly as they appear on Social Security cards.** Double check bank routing and account numbers used on tax forms for direct deposit. Incorrect information on tax forms can result in refund delays.

- **If you do file on paper, do not staple or use paperclips on your paper return.** Staples and paperclips on tax returns need to be removed by hand and can slow down processing.

- **If you move after filing your return, contact us right away.** That way anything sent to you will reach you, such as refund checks or requests for more information. You should do this even when requesting a direct deposit. Call us at 651-296-3781 or 1-800-652-9094 (toll-free) to change your address.

- **File your return by the April 18 due date,**

even if you owe more than you can pay. Pay as much as you can by the due date and contact us as soon as possible to set up a payment agreement for the remaining balance. Acting quickly can help to minimize any late payment penalties. For more information about making your payment electronically, visit our website.

- **If you owe.** You can include your banking information on your return to make the payment on or before the due date. Another payment option is to pay electronically with our e-Services Payment System. You can specify when the payment will be taken from your checking or savings account, in advance or on the due date.

After you file:

- **Track Your Refund.** You are able to track where your refund is in the process by using our Where's My Refund? system. You will be able to track which of the four stages your refund is in and whether you need to take any action to allow us to complete the processing of your refund. You will see the date your

refund was issued when it is finished processing.

- **Do not spend your refund until you see the money in your bank account.** Returns may take longer to process because of the increase in attempted refund fraud due to scams, stolen personal information and identity theft. The department will take the time necessary to review returns to make sure taxpayer dollars are not getting into the hands of criminals. Visit our website to learn more about our efforts to protect your information.

Staples City Council agenda

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

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider request from Sacred Heart Catholic Church for permission to conduct bingo on April 9.
- Discuss establishing a lodging tax
- Hear committee report from the Public Works Commission, the Staples Economic Development Authority and the Airport Advisory Board.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

Tickets on sale for 'Making a Mental Note'

Encore of SAMC Carnegie Hall performance

Tickets are now on sale for the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) encore performance of Randall Thompson's "Testament of Freedom" Saturday, Mar. 4, at Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

The concert is part of "Making a Mental Note," an evening of music and education plus dinner in collaboration with Lakewood Health System. The doors will open at 4:45 p.m. The program will begin at 5:15 p.m.

Tickets are available at Nelson Insurance Agency, 325 2nd Ave. NE, Staples; The Shoppe at Lakewood Health System, 49725 County 83, Staples; and at the SAMC website at staples-

men.org.

The tickets are all pre-sale and must be purchased by Feb. 26 in order to have a count for the dinner to be catered by Ted and Gen's Restaurant. Tickets are limited.

The Staples Area Men's Chorus will be joining other men's choruses at Carnegie Hall in New York City Feb. 19 where they will perform "Testament of Freedom" under the direction of Dr. Lee Nelson.

Although the schedule for the chorus is packed with rehearsals and performance time, many members have carved out time to enjoy such things as Broadway musicals, Ellis Island, Statue of Liber-

ty, the 9/11 Memorial and many other sites that are trademarks of NYC.

The traveling entourage of 28 chorus members and 28 other friends and family will leave Thursday, Feb. 16, and settle in for a four-hour rehearsal Friday, a three and one half hour rehearsal Saturday and a two hour rehearsal Sunday morning.

The concert will be performed at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, in the famous The Isaac Stern Auditorium, the main location inside Carnegie Hall. It will be followed by a gala celebration of all participants and their wives which is sponsored by Distinguished Concerts International of New York (DCINY).

Free tax preparation sites are now open

Income tax season is in full swing and there are now more than 220 sites across the state offering free tax assistance for those filing income tax and property tax refund returns, the Minnesota Department of Revenue announced.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and AARP Tax-Aide programs are two free tax preparation options where volunteers help taxpayers prepare their federal and state income and property tax returns.

In general, you can get help at a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site if you are:

- Age 60 or older.
- A person with a disability.
- Speak limited or no English.
- Your annual income is less than \$54,000.

In addition, the AARP Tax-Aide program offers free tax preparation for all taxpayers, particularly those who are age 50 or older. AARP Tax-Aide sites do not have income restrictions.

"Qualifying taxpayers should take advantage of the hundreds of certified volunteers who are offering their time to ensure taxpayers are able to file their taxes accurately and on time while receiving the refundable credits they may qualify for," said Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly.

All volunteers from both programs are certified by the Internal Revenue Service

to prepare basic tax returns in communities throughout Minnesota.

Most sites are open now through April 18. You can search for a site near you on the department's website using an advanced search feature and our new interactive map. The search feature allows you to search for a location by zip code or county, as well as sites with interpreters, and volunteers certified to complete military returns. The new interactive map features search options by city, county, or zip code.

Be sure to print off the list of items to bring with you when visiting a site.

In this area free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers, especially those age 60 and older; at the Staples Community Center, located at 425 4th St NE; Wednesdays, from noon - 3:30 p.m., until April 12. For more information, call, 218-894-5772.

No appointments needed.

Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, 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.

Taxpayers can also call 651-297-3724 or 1-800-657-3989 (toll-free) to search for a site by phone.

Watch our video to learn more about free tax preparation sites available in Minnesota.

Mark Your Calendar

February 9

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., Feb. 9, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples (note the location change). Larry Johansen, caller. For info., 218-894-1542.

February 15

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, noon - 3:30 p.m., through April 12, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For people 60 and older, low-moderate income. For info., 218-894-5772.

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Mtg Wed., Feb. 15, 5:30 p.m., lower level of Twisted Sisters, Staples. Public invited.

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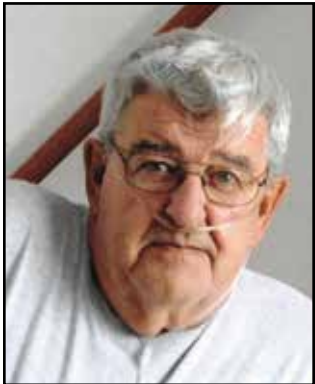
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Obituaries



Leroy Flickinger

Leroy Flickinger, 72, of Motley, passed away February 4, 2017, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 at the Motley United Methodist Church in Motley, with Pastor Greg Ciesluk officiating.

Interment will be at the Motley Public Cemetery, with Military Honors provided by the Motley American Legion Post #124.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Leroy was born August 3, 1944 in Maple Ridge to Karmon and Mary (Wright) Flickinger. He graduated from Motley High School in 1962, where he played baseball, basketball and football in school. Leroy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1962, serving his country for four years. Leroy married Janet Swartz on March 12, 1963 in Frazee. They moved to Fort



Knox, KY. Leroy was later deployed to Frankfurt, Germany, for two years. Following his Honorably Discharge, they returned to Motley where Leroy farmed, worked at Montgomery Ward in Brainerd, drove school bus for 16 years for Motley and was a rural mail carrier in Motley for 10 years. Leroy still farmed by administration. He enjoyed having coffee at the Countryside Restaurant, Sudoku, crossword puzzles, talking sports, deer hunting and fishing.

Leroy is survived by his wife of 53 years; four sons, Leroy, Jr. (Aletha), Brian (Louise), Kevin and Mike all of Motley; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one brother, Chuck (Bernie) of Motley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one uncle, Earl Wright; father-in-law, Earl Swartz and mother-in-law, Ida Swartz.

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Marvin Brant

Marvin F. Brant, age 88, of Motley, passed away on February 4, 2017, at his home.

A memorial service was held February 8, 2017 at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley with Pastor Jim Johnson, officiating.

Interment will be at the Poplar Cemetery in Poplar Township.

Arrangements were by Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

Marvin was born January 30, 1929 to Glen and Olive (Matthews) Brant in Poplar Township.

He is survived by his wife, Chiko; one son, Tony; two daughters, Nyomi and Tammy; six grandchildren; one sister, Elva; sisters-in-law, Ruth and Leone; many nieces, nephews, devoted friends and neighbors.

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Vladimir and Alexia Wogen of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Mabel Jane weighing six pounds, 12.7 ounces on January 20, 2017.

Born to Chad and Ashley Wallgren of Staples, a baby boy, Beckett Chad weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on January 27, 2017.

Born to Cassandra Miller and Jerry Walden of Little Falls, a baby girl, Alayna Rose weighing seven pounds, six ounces on January 28, 2017.

Born to Peter and Rebecca Smith of Motley, a baby boy, Maverick Peter weighing six pounds, one ounce on January 30, 2017.

Born to Faith Rud and Preston Peterson of Staples, a baby girl, S'vanah Renee Avanelle weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on January 31, 2017.

Born to Adam and Molly Gerads of Swanville, a baby boy, Becket Adam weighing seven pounds, four ounces on January 31, 2017.

Born to Kendra Petersen and Edwin Lund of Staples, a baby boy, Ethan Andrew weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on February 1, 2017.

Born to Mercedes Deering and Luke Rosekrans of Pillager, a baby boy, Lukas Christopher weighing eight pounds, one ounce on February 1, 2017.

Born to Nathan and Donata Kist of Little Falls, a baby boy, Alan Donald Sparta weighing seven pounds, six ounces on February 1, 2017.

Born to Brandy Ryan and Parker Schilling of Hewitt, a baby girl, Avery Jean weighing eight pounds, one ounce on February 2, 2017.

Born to Nicholas and Lonna Dille, a baby boy, Lonny Nicholas Dille weighing six pounds, seven ounces on February 3, 2017 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena. Proud brother is Easton. Proud grandparents are Lonny and Cathi Dumphrope.

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Care Center

Sat., Feb. 11, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Feb. 12, 1:45 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Tues., Feb. 14, 2 p.m. Entertainment; 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Church of Christ; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge



Connections High School Showcase



and John Statema, If You Bought It, A Trucker Brought It; and left, Lizzie Boyer and Rylie Juliana Rau with Long Lasting Flowers. Top photo shows a group discussion of students, teachers and parents. (Submitted photo)

Connections High School held their winter Project Showcase Jan. 26 at NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) in Staples. Three main presenters shared their projects on the big screen while several students exhibited their projects around the room. Big screen presenters included; Isaac Kern, Operation Christmas Child; Isaac Colsen

LHS Care Center receives grant

Resident dining experience to be enhanced

Lakewood Health System Care Center recently received a grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services Nursing Facility Performance-Based Incentive Payment Program (PIPP) to enhance the dining room experience for its residents. The \$425,377 grant will be given out between January, 2017 and December, 2018.

With these grant funds, Lakewood plans to focus on the implementation of a new dining room process which will give residents a more "at home" feeling when dining. An interdisciplinary pro-

cess improvement team has been meeting to develop a project plan to address a new dining process, equipment needs, a communication plan and education to nursing staff and providers, which will include an evaluation and auditing plan.

"This grant allows us the freedom to explore options for improving our meal service to residents without having cost restrictions," said Lakewood Director of Nutrition Services, Jill Heinen. "The ultimate goal is to provide a meal service that satisfies all resident's needs."

New savings plan offered for people with disabilities

Minnesotans with disabilities and their families can save for goods and services to improve their lives under the new Minnesota ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Plan.

The plan allows a maximum of \$14,000 a year, to a total maximum of \$100,000, to be contributed to an account for an individual before the individual's public benefits are affected. Participants can choose to put their money into what operates as a regular checking account or into one of six investment options.

The Minnesota ABLE Plan has several features:

- ABLE accounts are not limited to people with disabilities on public programs. The accounts are exempt from eligibility

consideration if people are on Medical Assistance, Supplemental Security Income or other public programs. Currently, people with disabilities may lose eligibility for public benefits once they reach \$2,000 in savings.

- Earnings on accounts and distributions for qualified expenses are not counted as taxable income.

- Minnesota ABLE Plan accounts can be opened online at mn.savewithable.com. Parents of eligible minor children may open an account for their child.

- Any person can contribute to an ABLE account. Contributions can be made by check, through an employer's payroll direct deposit, or directly from another checking or

savings account.

"The Minnesota ABLE Plan helps people with disabilities, including those who want to work and build earnings, and families who want to contribute funds that can be used to maintain health, independence and quality of life," said Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper. "People will now be able to save for education, housing, assistive technology and a variety of other things that are not included in public benefits."

Ascensus College Savings is the firm that will administer the Minnesota ABLE Plan. People who are interested in the Minnesota ABLE Plan may visit mn.savewithable.com or call 888-609-8872.

Student Achievements

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2016. To qualify, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Local students named include:

- Haley Potter, Pillager
- Katherine Bakken, Staples
- Claire Roberts, Staples.

REBECCA SOUKUP, Staples, has been named a member of Delta Theta Kappa at Bemidji State University. Soukup, a freshman majoring in marketing communication, is a rookie in the

sorority.

SAMANTHA GAVIN, Staples, has been named to the 2016 Fall Semester Dean's List at Valley City State University, N.D. To qualify, students must complete 12 semester hours or more and earn a grade point average of at least 3.5.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2016. To qualify, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of at least 3.7. Local students named include:

- Shawn Deegan, Staples
- Megan Han, Staples
- Brianna Poppenga
- Daniel Spandl
- Brooke Wollhove.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-CROOKSTON has announced its list of fall 2016 graduates. Local students include:

- Leslie Ding, Pillager

- Christina Smith, Staples.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2016. To qualify, students must maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average and carry 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- Tressa Aspros, Pillager
- Carly Bell, Pillager
- Michael Denny, Staples
- Courtney Lissou, Staples
- Rebecca Miller, Pillager

- Josie Nanik, Staples
- Andrew Nelson, Staples
- Zachary Schmitz, Staples

- Lindsay Spilman, Pillager.

OLIVIA KLEFSAAS, Motley, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, for the 2016 Fall Semester. To qualify, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

Dairy princess candidates sought

The American Dairy Association of Todd County is looking for candidates to participate in this year's dairy princess/dairy ambassador program.

Dairy princesses and ambassadors serve as good will ambassadors for the dairy industry by appearing at various promotional events and speaking to the public. The princess contest will be held Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Browerville Community Center.

A dairy princess must be a high school graduate by July 1, 2017 and not yet

24-years-old. Dairy ambassadors must be in ninth, 10th, 11th or 12th grade. She or her parents must be actively engaged in the production of milk for sale to a licensed plant during the current year. A candidate also qualifies if she or her parents are employed on a dairy farm in a dairy-related capacity.

County dairy princesses are eligible to attend a statewide promotion training seminar to be held this May and may apply to be considered as a finalist for the Princess Kay of the

*To everyone who has supported us following the death of our mom, **Wanda Cestnik**.*

Thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, and sharing memories with us about our mom. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Staples Hospice Team, Staples Care Center staff and nurses, Pastor Barry Klein and Church of Christ, along with Brenny Funeral Home staff. Your many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

Sincerely, the family of Wanda Cestnik

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FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Annual Board of Audit for Fawn Lake Township will be held on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017 following the regular monthly meeting. Any questions please call the clerk at (218) 531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
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TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MEETING

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Todd County Justice Center, 221 First Ave. S, Suite 200, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant
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PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: 214 Main St W, Clarissa, MN 56440 USA

NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name: Dominic Gagnon, D.D.S., P.L.L.C.
Address: 31508 291st Ave., Browerville, MN 56438 USA

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

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TODD COUNTY 2017 BITUMINOUS PROJECTS

Closing date: March 7, 2017

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 7, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

- SAP 077-616-007
- SAP 077-618-012
- SAP 077-631-006 / SAP 049-631-004
- SAP 077-636-003
- SAP 077-639-003
- CP 17:61
- CP 17:79
- CP 17:106 / CP 049-219-013
- CP 77-17-01
- CP 77-17-06

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
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NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

The Villard Town Board will hold the Annual Board of Audit meeting on February 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastwood Inn Conference Room in Motley. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

Connie Mosack,
Villard Township Clerk
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NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL AUDIT

The Annual Audit of Byron Township will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

Beverly Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township
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NOTICE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY

The annual meeting for Evergreen Hill Cemetery will be held Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2017, 1:00 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Pres.
Evergreen Hill Cem.
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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 3, 2017

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 3rd day of January, 2017 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 with Kneisl arriving a few minutes late.

Oaths of Office

The Oath of Office was administered for elected candidates beginning their new term of service to the citizens of Todd County: Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner - District 1, Rodney Erickson, Todd County Commissioner - District 3 and Randy Neumann, Todd County Commissioner - District 5.

The Oath of Office was administered for appointed officials beginning their new term of service to the citizens of Todd County: Christopher Odden, Todd County Assessor.

Approval of Agenda

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

Board Organization

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Erickson as the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2017 proceedings.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Neumann as the Vice-Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2017 proceedings.

Community Corrections

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

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERSHIP Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

This is a resolution appointing membership to the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board.

WHEREAS, In accordance with MN Statutes Chapter 401, in 1976 Todd and Wadena Counties entered into a joint powers agreement and established Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, and

WHEREAS, On July 19, 2016, Todd and Wadena Counties reaffirmed their continued commitment to providing community corrections in their respective counties through Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, by approving the updated joint powers agreement, and

WHEREAS, Membership of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board needs to be appointed by the Boards of Commissioners in Todd and Wadena Counties, and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the members of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee are appointed as follows:
1. David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
2. Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
3. Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
4. James Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
5. Naomi Moyer, Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
6. Jane Gustafson, Vice-Chairperson of the Com-

munity Corrections Advisory Board.

7. Honorable Sally Ireland Robertson, District Court Judge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board are appointed as follows:

1. Mark Hepokoski, Citizen Member.
2. Naomi Moyer, Citizen Member.
3. Gail Honek, Citizen Member.
4. Vacant, Citizen Member.
5. Connie Nelson, Victims Services.
6. David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
7. Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
8. Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
9. James Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
10. Honorable Sally Ireland Robertson, District Court Judge.
11. Jane Gustafson, Prosecuting Attorney.
12. Kyra Ladd, Prosecuting Attorney.
13. Sarah Federle, Public Defender.
14. Timothy Churchwell, Public Defender.
15. Melissa Birkholtz, Police Chief.
16. Michael D. Carr, Wadena County Sheriff.
17. Don Asmus, Todd County Sheriff.
18. Sandra Ahrendt, Ethnic/Minorities Representative.
19. Cindy Pederson, Health Professional.
20. Mike Willie, Social Services Representative.
21. Patrick Sutlief, Educational Administrator.
22. Dacia Kreklau, Corrections Agent.
23. Katherine Langer, Correctional Administrator.

Auditor-Treasurer

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

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2017

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.12 requires the annual letting of bids for publication of official proceedings of the County Board and similar statutes require the publication of delinquent tax lists, County Financial Statements, and local transportation project bid advertisements, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement bids were opened to be designated as the official newspaper for Todd County on January, 3, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the bid from Staples World, with a bid of \$9.95 per column inch to be the Official Newspaper for the year 2017 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County website (www.co.todd.mn.us) be also designated as an official publication for all statutory requirements.

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

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN EXTRA PUBLICATION NEWSPAPER FOR 2017

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.12 requires the annual letting of bids for publication of official proceedings of the County Board and similar statutes require the publication of delinquent tax lists, County Financial Statements, and local transportation project bid advertisements, and;

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2017 TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD PROTOCOL (Copy of full file available in the Auditor/Treasurer's Office)

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to continue to hold the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Todd County Historic Courthouse and Work Sessions following the regular board meetings on the third Tuesday of the month or by Board Chairperson designation. The Commissioners also approve that the July 4, 2017 board meeting be rescheduled to July 5, 2017 and the year-end board meeting be set for December 28, 2017.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2017

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners have wide ranging and diverse responsibilities, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Commissioners to be assigned to Committees for the purposes of advocating for the County, and to effectively complete the work of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached Committee Roster (Attachment A) is hereby adopted as the County Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2017 and will remain on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 29, 2016 as presented.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Auditor Warrants number 228701 thru 228863 in the amount of \$961,946.43.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To transfer funds from account 01-201-000-0000-6104 Part-Time Wages to 01-201-000-0000-6106 Elected Officials Salary of \$1,569.00 for the 2017 Budget.

City of Long Prairie/Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve waiving the rental and utility fees for the MS Tram event organized by the Long Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce/City of Long Prairie at the Todd County Fairgrounds on July 19, 2017.

SWCD

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve hiring of Lewis Noska for Wetland Conservation Coordinator at Grade 10-B starting January 6, 2017.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann See TCC on page 8a

SECTION 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS TODD COUNTY DITCH NO. 18 REPAIRS TODD COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY IONA & REYNOLDS TOWNSHIPS, MINNESOTA ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 16-19782

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repairs project will be received by Todd County Drainage Authority, at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, until 2:00 p.m. local time on February 16, 2017 at which time the Bids received will be read aloud. The Project consists of constructing the following major quantities of Work:

Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repair Quantities					
Item No.	Construction Item	Unit	Quantity	Unit Bid Price	Amount
2021.501	MOBILIZATION	LS	1	\$	\$
2105.603	DITCH CLEANING	LF	76,582	\$	\$
2105.603	HEAVILY VEGETATED CLEARING (NUMEROUS LARGER TREES)	LF	14,175	\$	\$
2105.603	OPPOSITE SIDE HEAVILY VEGETATED CLEARING (TREES HANGING OVER)	LF	665	\$	\$
2575.601	LIGHT VEGETATED CLEARING (CHIPPING SMALLER TREES & BRUSH)	LF	36,235	\$	\$
Total of All Unit Bid Items					\$

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available for download online at Quest Construction Data Network, www.questcdn.com for a fee of \$20.00 or in person for the same fee. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 4809453. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info.questcdn.com.

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

By: Nancy Uhlenkamp
Title: Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector
Owner: Todd County Drainage Authority

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Behavioral health unit receives national awards

Lakewood Health System's behavioral health department recently received three national awards from the Horizon Health organization: Program of the Year, Customer Service of the Year, and Program Director of the Year for Dr. Shawna Kovach. The behavioral health department consists of the Reflections inpatient and outpatient programs for seniors, as well as clinic therapy and nursing home consultations. Programming and services are available for patients of all ages, from adolescents to senior citizens.

Winners for each award are chosen based on professional, clinical and personal achievements, when compared to others in the same category. Supporting documentation for determination of the winners comes from submitted data and statistics, census numbers, customer services scores and personal nominations.

The Program of the Year award was awarded for consistent census, positive customer/family satisfaction ratings; and high survey scores from the Department of Health for the inpatient program; 20 percent increased productivity of therapists, 40



Award recipients

Horizon Health administration presented the Program of the Year award to the behavioral health team of Lakewood Health System on Feb. 1. From left; Connie Moe, LP, PsyD; Tim Rice, President/CEO; Lauree Davis, Clinic Behavioral Health Scheduling; Paul Davis,

percent increased revenue and improved access to services and hospital/clinic integration; the program has also worked to increase their service lines from three to five in the past two years.

The Customer Service award was awarded for having the highest ratings for exemplary customer services from patients and families compared to other mental health programs nationwide. The program achieved 100 percent patient follow-up contacts, consultation opportunities

and bringing personalized training/education into the facilities and organizations with whom they partner.

Dr. Shawna Kovach received Program Director of the Year. "Dr. Kovach has a gift for seeing the big picture when it comes to department and system goals," noted Dr. Paul Davis, Lakewood psychologist in his personal nomination. "She also possesses a keen eye for details and has a knack for recognizing how the details need to be implemented to ensure

LP, PHD; Jack DeVaney, President, Horizon Health; Dr. Shawna Kovach; Heidi Hoppe, APRN/CNS; Dr. John Halfen, CMO; Amanda Mithun, LAMFT; Teresa Fisher, CNO/COO; and Breanne Kenney, ADC/CEM. (Submitted photo)

attainment of big picture goals. She has been actively involved in several new areas (at Lakewood) such as Community Health and Community Mental Health while including providers and staff in those endeavors. She is also an active participant with the MN Hospital Association and the MN Department of

Health and Human Services. While her accomplishments in the areas of numbers, expansion and revenue the past two years at Lakewood are impressive, the most impressive things about Dr. Kovach are more personal. She is caring and compassionate, concerned about all. She is committed to ensuring

her department is a fun place to work and staff can feel connected and part of a team with a director who genuinely cares about them."

Corlette Fezzia, Vice President of Operations for Horizon Health, said, "Congratulations to Shawna Kovach and the Lakewood Behavioral Health team on being selected as the 2016 Program of the Year. This program was chosen from over 100 Horizon Behavioral Health programs located in various states throughout the country. The program team continually receives high satisfaction scores from their clients, medical staff and patients. They have a highly effective community outreach/community education program and maintain a superior relationship with hospital leadership, as well as other programs. The program's overall performance exceeds the hospital's performance goals and demonstrates excellence in quality patient care."

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve accepting of grant C17-6950 that provides low income landowner septic cost share and proceed with implementing the grant within the Long Prairie DWSMA.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann opposed:

SOLID WASTE TIPPING FEES-MSW-2017

WHEREAS, this the Todd County Board has approved increased Municipal Solid Waste tipping fees for 2017 at the Todd County Transfer Station.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the increase in tipping fees for Municipal Solid Waste become effective on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2017 tobacco license applications for Clarissa Municipal Liquor, Clarissa, MN; Don and Dave's Store, Staples, MN; The Hub Supper Club, Burtrum MN; Jon's Family Foods, Clarissa, MN; Oscar Jacobsen American Legion Post 417, Long Prairie, MN; Rohde's Midway Gas, Bar and Grill, Long Prairie, MN; Saukinac Bar and Grill, Sauk Centre, MN; Seven Oaks Express, Clarissa, MN.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Lisa Thielman, Social Worker, to fill the open Care Coordinator position at Grade 10, Step 2 - \$24.43/hr contingent upon successful completion of required background check and employee physical.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Jackie Ballou to fill the open Eligibility Worker position at Grade 6, Step 2 - \$19.35/hr contingent upon successful completion of required background check and employee physical.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Michelle Pietz to fill the open Eligibility Worker position at Grade 6, Step 1 - \$18.79/hr contingent upon successful completion of required background check and employee physical.

Human Resources

Hire County Coordinator was tabled until the January 17, 2017 meeting.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Adjourn

Commissioner Erickson recessed the meeting until January 17, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AM. HERITAGE BANK.....	\$2,147.00
COMPUTER PROS	4,467.00
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,499.00
LP SANITATION INC	3,261.79
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	233,741.50
TODD CO AUD-TREAS.....	15,795.50
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST.....	69,141.00
VERIZON	2,635.94
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....	3,299.15
Payments less than \$2,000	8,096.88
ALLIANCE BUILDING CORP.....	20,045.00
AM. HERITAGE BANK.....	41,663.68
CARD SERVICES COBORN	3,403.60
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	3,778.25
GENE-O'S COUNTRYSIDE REST LLC	6,200.65
LP OIL COMPANY	6,982.96
MARCY'S EXC INC.....	6,450.00
MN POWER & LIGHT	14,473.14
MITCH'S FUEL SERV	13,650.00
MN DEPT OF FINANCE... ..	5,737.50
MORRISON COUNTY.....	9,003.15
PHEASANTS FOREVER	14,342.92
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH	77,173.40
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	221,100.50
STEP	3,290.00
VOYANT COMM, LLC	3,178.14
Payments less than \$2,000	10,494.15
AMERICAN HERITAGE... ..	6,251.62
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	13,170.65
PETERS & CHURCHWELL.....	4,190.50
REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN	31,664.46
US POSTAL SERVICE.....	9,400.43
Payments less than \$2,000	12,626.94
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	2,541.64
CENTRAL SPECIALTIES INC	37,332.32
STOECKEL JAHNER INC	10,750.00
VERIZON	2,976.75
WIDSETH SMITH & NOLTING INC.....	7,664.57
Payments less than \$2,000	17,324.75
Total	\$961,946.43

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 3, 2017 were duly approved by unanimously vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on January 17, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
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Drum roll please.....

Betty Tepley was crowned LHS Care Center Queen by Deb Pickar, from the activities department and Staples-Motley Sno Daze candidate Jenna Trantina. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



And the Care Center King is.....

Friends, family and staff look on as Walter Wiese was crowned Lakewood Health System Care Center King on Feb. 2, by Staples-Motley Sno Daze candidate Trey Skeesick. Wiese will represent LHS Care Center for the coming year. Don and Gloria Norton were chosen as runners up for king and queen.

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Understanding leadership style important

it's a plus. They know this district."

Dave Hoemberg voted against hiring FJJ but the motion passed 5-1.

At the special meeting the board also agreed to change the date of the regular February meeting to Feb. 27 because of scheduling conflicts.

Work session

Joe Hill from Giant Worldwide led the board in an exercise to discover their individual styles of leadership.

Giant Worldwide offers leadership training and is a partner with NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) in Staples. Supt. Klamm, board chair Mary Freeman and Staples-Motley district principals Chris Halverson, Kathy Johnson and Mike Schmidt have been part of a cohort with administrators from other school districts in

NJPA's service area who are engaged in this continuing training.

Hill gave some background on the training and asked the board to assess how they think they function using six criteria: synergy, communication, alignment, relationship, capacity and execution.

His main focus was on what he described as "Five Voices." They are:

- Nurturer
- Creative
- Guardian
- Connector
- Pioneer

Each voice has different characteristics and each person can speak with each voice at varying times as necessary. However, most people have one or two "foundational voices" that they use most of the time in their work and home relationships.

The point of the exercise was that if you understood your own "foundational voice" and that of others in your group or, in this case,

on the board, you will be better able to communicate and come to decisions.

"In any group, I think you need a mixture," Lund said as the board discussed the exercise. He added that people sometimes have to be a situational leader, speaking outside of their main voice because the situation demanded something different.

"As a board we need to function as well as we can so the district can function as well as it can, not that we all have to agree all of the time," Lund said.

"Trust and relationships are key to functioning as a board," Winkels added.

Chad Longbella noted that his father had been clerk of the Staples School Board for many years. His father ran the School Board Code of Ethics in the Staples World newspaper once a year every year he served as clerk. It was a reminder to the community of how the board should operate.

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One-twenty-five and counting

After recording his 125th career varsity win, Eric Lisson got right back to work, earning a pin in his semifinal match at the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley tournament. (Submitted photo)

Wrestlers preparing for postseason

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Eric Lisson recorded his 125th varsity wrestling win at the Walker-Hackensack-Akeley meet. Lisson earned two pins and a 10-2 victory in the final match at 132 pounds, for his third straight win at this tournament.

Staples-Motley had two other champions at the invite, Spencer Miller at 113 pounds and Alex Erpelding at 170. Miller won 8-5 in his final match and Erpelding had two pins in his two matches.

Jasiah Paskewitz was back on the mat for his first varsity action of the season, finishing fourth at 138

pounds. Isaac Swensrud wrestled well, recording two pins in his fourth place finish.

The Cardinals have one home meet before the section meet. They will host United North Central, Thursday, Feb. 9. They should get a home match for the postseason, as Coach Dave Anglin expects them to be the second seed in Section 6A. The first playoff round will be Tuesday, Feb. 14, with the finals Friday, Feb. 17, at Breckenridge.

The individual tournament will be held Saturday, Feb. 25, at Wheaton.

"The kids are working hard," said Anglin. "They've set their goals

high and are working to achieve them. They have to believe in themselves and they can get it done."

Staples-Motley has been shorthanded for the past few weeks with injuries and illness keeping some kids out, but they should be close to full strength for the postseason.

Team results

W-H-A Invitational

113 - Spencer Miller 2-0, 1st; 120 - Brayden Christensen 2-3, 6th; 126 - Owen Bjerga 3-1, 3rd; 132 - Eric Lisson 3-0, 1st; 138 - Jasiah Paskewitz 2-2, 4th; 152 - Isaac Swensrud 2-2, 4th; 160 - Jonathan Lisson 0-2; 170 - Alex Erpelding 2-0, 1st; 182 - Shane Guggenberger 2-2, 4th; 195 Braden Tyrrell 3-1, 3rd.

Cardinals hold on for two big basketball wins

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team took early leads in two games, then held on for the win, Jan. 31 against Osakis and Feb. 2 at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.

"I stressed to the guys that this time of year we have to be working on our playoff mindset, we couldn't afford to come out slow," said Coach Micheal Poncelet.

Against Osakis, the Cardinals were short-handed with missing players and one of the players got injured early. "They really struggled against our press but we got tired with the short rotation," said Poncelet. The team's 10 point lead was reduced to three by halftime.

In the second half, Staples-Motley fell behind for a stretch. "We were not active in our half court and we allowed them back in it," said Poncelet.

The Cardinals regained the lead and held on late, despite missing seven straight free throws that could have sealed it. The team was also cold from the outside, hitting just three of 16 from three point range.

Gavin Smith led the team with 22 points and added 9 rebounds and 5 assists. Trey Skeesick had 8 rebounds and two blocked shots, while Josh Lombard was active on defense with five steals.

Against DGF, Staples-Motley jumped out to a 19 point lead at halftime. They kept the double-digit lead until late in the game when DGF hit some outside shots to make the final score look close.

"Overall, it was a great week for our team," said Poncelet, "hopefully we can carry over this momentum."

Team results

Staples-Motley 62, Osakis 57

Scoring: Gavin Smith 22, Josh Lombard 12, Jack Fietek 10, Trey Skeesick 7 Derek Kennedy 5, Max Giza 4

Staples-Motley 77, Dil-



Sneaky score

Jack Fietek gets the ball past two taller Osakis defenders for a basket. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

worth-Glyndon-Felton 73

Smith 30, Skeesick 18, Fietek 9, Lombard 9, Kennedy

3, Mason Rychner 3, Giza 3, Brayden Losh 2



Looking for back points

Braden Tyrrell earns back points, on his way to a third place finish at 195 pounds in the W-H-A Invite. (Submitted photo)

Strong defense leads Cardinals to a win

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Playing a big school on an early Saturday afternoon, after not having played a game in eight days,

the Staples-Motley girls basketball team could've been in for a letdown.

"It was not one of our better games, but we got the win," said Coach Craig Wolhowe about the team's

51-40 victory over Bemidji on Feb. 4.

The Cardinals held Bemidji to 14 second half points. "Our defense was solid," said Wolhowe, "another key was we had only nine turnovers."

The team shot better from behind the three point line, where they were seven of 15, than from inside the arc, where they were just 36 percent.

Claire Wolhowe led the team with 21 points, seven rebounds; two shot blocks. Other scoring: Kelsie Weite 11, Chelsea Nanik 10, Sam Schimpp 5 and Amber Robben 4.



Sno Daze volleyball

Cody Noble returns a serve, as teammate Isaac Swensrud looks on during the Staples-Motley High School's powder-buff volleyball tournament held Feb. 2. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



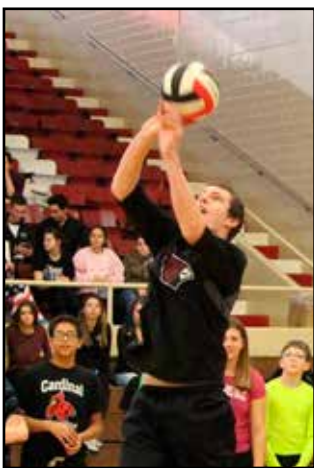
Switching sports

Alex Giza, James Eheresman and Travis Eisel get in on a little volleyball action during the Staples-Motley High School's powder-buff volleyball tournament held Feb. 2. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Strong to the hoop

Josh Lombard takes the ball to the basket against Osakis. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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A swarm of appreciation for teachers

Staples-Motley High School science teacher Lorna Bendson runs through a line of students during halftime of the boys basketball game held Jan. 31. The Staples-Motley staff were introduced as part of a Sno

Daze activities in appreciation of the teachers. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Part of the team

Staples-Motley art teacher Jill Schneider gets high fives from students during the teacher introductions at halftime of the boys basketball game on Jan. 31. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Motley Dollar General store open

Grand opening celebration February 11

Dollar General's newest store at 648 Hwy 10 South in Motley is now open. In its new location, Dollar General will offer area residents a convenient new place to shop for everyday essentials at low prices.

Dollar General will celebrate the store's official grand opening on Saturday, February 11 at 8 a.m. with free prizes and special deals. Additionally, the first 50 adult shoppers at the store will receive a \$10 Dollar General gift card and the first 200 shoppers will receive a Dollar General tote bag, among other giveaways.

"Dollar General is committed to delivering a pleasant shopping experience that includes a conve-

nient location, a wide assortment of merchandise and great prices on quality products," said Dan Nieser, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We hope our area customers will enjoy shopping at Dollar General's new location."

Dollar General stores offer convenience and value to customers by providing a focused selection of national name brands and private brands of food, housewares, seasonal items, cleaning supplies, basic apparel and health/beauty products. The store's fresh layout is designed to make shopping simple for customers. Seasonal products are displayed in the center

of the store, departments are easily recognizable with visible signage and coolers are conveniently located at the front of the store.

Traditional Dollar General stores employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the need. Anyone interested in joining the Dollar General team may visit the Career section at www.dollargeneral.com.

Dollar General gives its customers more than everyday low prices on basic merchandise. Dollar General is deeply involved in the communities it serves and is an ardent supporter of literacy and education. At the cash register of every Dollar General store,

customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for their high school equivalency test can pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$127 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping nearly more than 7.9 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com.



New business in town

A new Dollar General store has opened in Motley. A Grand Opening celebration will take place Saturday, Feb. 11. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Police reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) included the following:

Feb. 1 - The MPD arrested Zachary Billman, 27 on an active GM warrant. According to the report, Officer Jason Borash initiated the traffic stop, but the vehicle did not stop. Later, Billman voluntarily stopped and was arrest. He was charged with Felony fleeing, Driving Under the Influence, refusal to test, driving after cancellation; and obstructing legal process with force.

Feb. 2 - The MPD received a call regarding a stolen winning scratch-off ticket. The caller stated he had bought a winning ticket at BRICKS in Motley worth \$21,000 and that his daughter and her boyfriend had taken it and cashed it. Chief Ron Smith reports that he spoke with the clerk who sold the ticket; and he verified selling it.

Feb. 1 - The MPD issued a citation to Kelinsia Harris, 25, for driving after suspension and no proof of insurance.

Jan. 31 - The MPD issued a citation to Jason Keith, 40, for driving without a valid license.

Jan. 31 - The MPD issued a citation to Gregory Trana, 39, for speeding.

Jan. 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Peter Johnson, 49, for driving after suspension.

Jan. 29 - The MPD arrested Richard Gehlen, 49, for not having a valid driv-

er's license.

Jan. 29 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Abraham Lang, 28.

Jan. 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Ashley Dickmann, 27, for Driving After Revocation.

Jan. 28 - The MPD issued a citation to Fawn Smith, 46, for Driving After Suspension and for no proof of insurance.

Jan. 28 - The MPD issued a citation to Christopher Faulk, 32, for Driving After Suspension.

Jan. 28 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Michael Burris, 20.

Jan. 27 - The MPD issued a citation to Taylor Butticevi, 18, for driving with a loud muffler.

Jan. 26, 27 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Kristen Lloyd, 37; Budd Rauser, 30; Alexander Foster, 24; Kells White, 41; Eric Bergman, 29; Benjamin Dieter, 38.

Jan. 27 - The MPD arrested Clint Kasten, 19. According to the report, Kasten had had a verbal argument with his former girlfriend at her apartment on Pine Ave. in Motley. He proceeded to throw food at her and shove her and their mutual child out of the apartment and locked the door. Kasten no longer lives in the apartment and is off the lease. When the apartment manager used the master key to gain entrance, the dead bolt broke off in the door jam due to something the subject placed in the dead bolt.

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Children's Church 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group..... 5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Verndale

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church..... 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldgaard
Sunday School - Worship 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship..... 10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Bible Study groups, all ages

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

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

A prayer for our civil authorities

Fr. Joseph E. Korf
Church of the Sacred Heart, Staples
Church of St. Michael, Motley

This coming Sunday, February 12, is the traditional day on which our country celebrated the observance of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. Eventually this observance was combined with the observance of George Washington's birthday and is celebrated on the third Monday of February as President's Day. As we recall these two great presidents and their leadership of our country during times of struggle I would suggest that a prayer for the leadership of our country today might be appropriate, for the adjustment to a new president and his leadership team causes nervousness on many levels. It is well for us to heed the advice of St. Paul in his first letter to Timothy 2:2-3 to pray for all those in authority. It is in this vein that I propose the following prayer I came across as an appropriate way of carrying out St. Paul's recommendation.

"O, Lord, the whole world is full of Your glory. We commend our country to Your merciful care, that we may follow Your guidance and live in peace. Give to the President of these United States, and to all civil authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do Your holy will. Fill them with the love of truth, honesty and righteousness. Make them always remember that they are Your servants called to lead and serve this nation. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and governs with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. "

Amen

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Week 6

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Baseball team
5. Hymns
11. Actor Jared
12. Fragrance
16. ___ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
17. Nordic god
18. Weighed down
19. Coppola's mob epic
24. Nanogram
25. Famed street artist
26. Identifier
27. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
28. In addition
29. Micturated
30. Shock
31. Accept
33. Allotment
34. Eras
38. Emerges
39. Cape Verde capital
40. ___, United Arab Emirates capital
43. Small amount
44. Back of the foot
45. Pakrit language
49. Home of "60 Minutes"
50. Condemn
51. Ailed
53. Elevated railroad
54. Rebelliousness
56. Ancient Greek city
58. Clothing company (abbr.)
59. Member of the cabbage family
60. Softens or smooths
63. Mass of coagulated liquid
64. Problems
65. Irish Republic

CLUES DOWN

1. Dress
2. Deadlly
3. Says aloud
4. PT Anderson film
___ Nights"
5. Teacher (abbr.)
6. Anesthetized
7. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
8. ___ and behold
9. French young women (abbr.)
10. Scorch
13. Notre Dame
14. Express disapproval
15. Cars need these
20. Not off
21. Unit of mass
22. You
23. Concealed
27. Parent-teacher organizations

29. Approximately 3,14159
30. Chinese conception of poetry
31. Satisfaction
32. College degree
33. Formerly Ceylon: ___ Lanka
34. Effeminate
35. Something to solve
36. Horses like these
37. Intelligence organization
38. Blood type
40. Exhibition
41. Poisonous plant
42. Aluminum
44. Possesses
45. Penetrate with a sharp instrument
46. Ring-shaped objects
47. Speaks at church
48. Form in the mind
50. Selectors
51. Probability of default
52. 2001 Spielberg film
54. Where to get a sandwich
55. Newts
57. Modus operandi
61. Exists
62. Politico-economic union
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