

Calix convicted for drug sales

He has also been placed on immigration hold

Angel Calix, 53, of Staples, was convicted Feb. 3 in Todd County Court on four counts of first degree sale of methamphetamines. He is scheduled for sentencing in April. He's also awaiting trial in Wadena County on additional controlled substance crimes.

On Feb. 8 Staples Police and Todd County Sheriff's Department assisted Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents with arresting Calix at his home and placing him on an immigration hold.

Staples Police sent out a press release saying; the conviction was accomplished "after years of hard work and dedication by the

local drug task force agents and local law enforcement. This is a major victory for area law enforcement and definitely impacts the sale of meth in our area. It's another example of how fortunate we are in our area to have an outstanding team working between our task force agents and local law enforcement."

Staples Police assisted the drug task forces, on Feb. 8 with a search warrant at 314 McKinley St SW. As a result of that search, Sarah Miller, Staples was arrested for 5th degree possession of methamphetamines.

Other reports taken by See **POLICE** on page 2a



It's like replaying the favor

Bus driver Joe Zetah with Grant Bestland, who rides his shuttle from Motley to Staples each day after school. Joe said when he was young, his bus driver was Tom Bestland, Grant's grandfather. A replay in time.



All aboard.....

Karen Zetah with one of her students, Camren Jordan, as they get ready to head home after school. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

School district and students appreciate their bus drivers

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

The Staples-Motley School District has held a School Bus Driver Appreciation Day for the past several years. This year, the rest of the state is joining them, as Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed the first statewide celebration of school bus drivers on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Bus drivers are a huge part of the

Staples-Motley School district, which covers over 470 square miles. The bus routes also cover students outside the district in the Verndale and Pil-lager areas.

The Staples-Motley bus service runs 15 regular bus routes, has six contracted routes, plus daily runs of vans and cars for smaller groups going as far as Brainerd and Deer Creek. Besides the three buildings

in District 2170, they also provide transportation for Sacred Heart Area School and Freshwater ALC. On a normal day, the bus service transports approximately 900 students, which can become more than 1,000 if all the students are riding the bus that day. Staples-Motley bus drivers log approximately 30,000 miles per

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Wadena man indicted on murder charges

The grand jury convened in Wadena County has indicted Antonio St. Marie, 26, on nine counts, including murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree and kidnapping.

The indictments are related to the Nov. 7, 2016, death of Margaret St. Marie in Wadena.

According to the original complaint, St. Marie shot his estranged wife, Margaret St. Marie, 27, in her home on Bryant Ave. SW in Wadena after hold-

ing her and her brother at gunpoint, along with a young child.

Margaret St. Marie had obtained a court ordered domestic abuse no-contact order against her husband for a domestic assault that occurred on Nov. 4. Antonio was charged in that case but was let out of jail on bail the morning of the murder.

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

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

Authorities found Margaret St. Marie dead due to a gunshot wound in her head.

The next hearing is set for April 4 at 1:30 p.m. which is an omnibus hearing unless the defense files any motions challenging legal issues. After the omnibus hearing, the matter typically gets set for a settlement conference, then a jury roll call hearing, then a trial.

"I, on behalf of the State of Minnesota, am preparing for trial in this matter and I do not have any comment concerning settlement short of a jury trial in this matter at this time," said Wadena County Attorney Kyra Ladd.

St. Marie is currently being held outside Wadena County in a jail facility that can handle his medical needs. St. Marie attempted to flee the scene of the murder and led Wadena Police on a high speed chase that resulted in a crash.

"We are hopeful that we can get Defendant St. Marie back in our facility sooner rather than later so that we are not incurring the out of county boarding costs for housing him at another facility," Ladd said.

The specific charges in the indictment and their maximum penalties are:

- Murder in the First Degree - Premeditation, life imprisonment without the possibility of release.
- Murder in the First Degree - While Committing Kidnapping, life imprisonment without the possibility of release.
- Murder in the First Degree - While Tampering With a Witness, life imprisonment without the possibility of release.

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Minnesota Honor Society members

Ten new members were inducted into the Staples-Motley chapter of the Minnesota Honor Society Jan. 29. The previous members, seated, from left, are Hunter Berggren, Taylor Heldman, Alisha Johnson, Mardi Opheim, Chelsea Nanik, Katie Benson, Taylor Converse, Millie Klefsaas, Zach Strickland and Noah

Han. The new members, standing, from left, are Cade Bestland, Alex Erickson, Kelsi Peterson, Alexandra Davis, Claire Wolhowe, Sara Oberlander, Molly Lindgren, Samantha Svendsen, MacKenzie Zetah and Brian Sterriker. (Submitted photo)

Han wins third straight spelling bee

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Rose Han qualified for the Lakes Area Regional Spelling Bee for the fourth straight time, after winning the Staples-Motley District Spelling Bee for the third time.

Han correctly spelled "rheumatic" in the 17th round to outlast William Thew, who finished second.

"It just came to me, I knew it was a trick word with the "rh", said Han. Other words she spelled correctly included "vulpine," "mahogany," "legitimately," "potentialities," "pugnacious" and "pertin-



Rose Han



William Thew

nacity".

Han placed second at the district bee as a fifth

grader, and now has won the event as a sixth, seventh and eighth grader.

In her first trip to the regional competition, Han finished second, then eighth and second the following two years. In preparation for this year's region, Han plans to study word packets of language origins. "This year I studied way less, I'm glad they didn't get into the hard ones," said Han.

At this year's district bee, all the students passed the first two rounds, correctly spelling words such as "taxi," "banana," "untidy" and "supplies."

In the next two rounds contestants tripped up on "monkeys," "invisible,"

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Finding out what screens do to brains

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is offering a free showing of the movie "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age," about how American teenagers can spend nearly half their day looking at screens, including TV, videos, movies, social media, gaming and listening to music.

The event is a new direction for NJPA's Educational Solutions department, which normally puts on training programs for teachers and school administrators. But for Cassidy Rice, Manager of Education Solutions, and Lisa Morgan, Education Program Coordinator, the movie is a perfect extension of NJPA's mission.

"NJPA is about looking for needs of educators. It's driving everything we do," said Morgan.

"While we do training for teachers, ultimately



Screenagers planners

Lisa Morgan and Cassidy Rice of NJPA Educational Solutions will show the movie "Screenagers," about students spending time with video screens. The free event is Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at NJPA in Staples. The public is asked to register at NJPAcoop.org/edregistration. Rice said it is a great film for parents and middle-school or older students. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

we're here for the kids," said Rice.

And screens are playing a bigger and bigger role in education, even at schools where screens are forbidden. "Teachers tell us how their students are being distracted," said Rice. "Parents aren't fully aware of the damage it can do."

"We are hearing it all the time," added Morgan.

Morgan said film gives a background on understanding screen time and how it affects relationships, family and even achievement.

"We will also have solutions on how to continue to use devices in a healthy way," said Rice.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and the film begins at 6:30 with a running time of one hour and six minutes. Please register in advance. For more information, and to register, visit www.njpa.co/EdSolCourses. View the trailer at www.njpa.co/Screenagers.

Hello, Readers,

Minnesota got its taste of the nationwide savings and loan debacle when Hal Greenwood, Jr., former chairman and CEO of the failed Midwest Federal Savings and Loan Association, was sentenced on Feb. 20, 1992, by a federal judge in St. Paul to forty-six months in prison and ordered to forfeit \$3.6 million. Following federal deregulation of the thrift industry during the 1980s, savings and loans around the country had become over-extended, and many engaged in loans without sufficient reserves to cover themselves if the loans failed. Greenwood was one of the few savings and loan officials to be sentenced.

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On the first month of ‘17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, a giant bra from Wahoo Valley. Pictured above are members of the Staples World staff, recipients of the first gift from the giant lumberjack. Front row, from left, Robert McKimmy, Dawn Timbs, Brenda Halvorson. Back row, Jim Volleggraaf, Kathy Odden, Gary Mueller, Janice Winter. (Staples World photo)

Paul Bunyan highlights area landmarks during ‘The Twelve Months of ‘17’

Get your singing voice out and join the Staples World in highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, ‘The Twelve Months of ‘17.’

Sung to the tune of ‘The Twelve Days Of Christmas,’ the new lyrics have a northwoods flavor, with Paul Bunyan taking the place of the ‘true love’ who bestowed gifts during the familiar cumulative song.

Stay tuned to find out what the giant lumberjack delivers each month. A photo will be included in the paper and a video with the verse in song will be posted at

the Staples World website and Facebook page. Roving reporters will be recruiting participants willing to sing about Paul Bunyan’s generosity during the course of the year. Or call 218-894-1112 to volunteer.

Paul got off to a late start in January (apparently he and Lucette were celebrating their wedding anniversary in Hackensack), so the first two verses of the song will be featured during February.

‘On the first month of ‘17 Paul Bunyan gave to me...a giant bra from Wahoo Valley.’

CTC Board of Directors Elections

Consolidated Telecommunications Company (CTC) is accepting applications from members that are interested in joining the CTC Board of Directors for Director District 1 – Lincoln, Randall, Little Falls or Director District 4 – Leader, Motley, Pillager, Staples.

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Members of the CTC Board of Directors are responsible for representing the Cooperative membership and for developing strategies, policies and objectives for the Cooperative.

Those interested in becoming a candidate for District 1 or District 4 should contact our office at 218-454-1120 for an application.

Applications must be received by March 8, 2017.



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School bus drivers do more than drive

month. So far this year, the bus drivers have driven for 323 extra-curricular events; including sports, arts and class field trips.

“They do an incredible job for the number of miles they drive,” said Norby Klimek, the bus garage manager.

Despite the large area, Klimek said they try to get all students home within one hour after school. “We are very close to doing that for the kids inside the district,” he said.

It takes a lot of coordination and puts pressure on the bus drivers to stay on schedule and make adjustments for students who are going different places each day, such as day care, a grandparent’s home or to a different parent’s home.

“The drivers are awesome, to be able to figure it out and to know if something doesn’t sound right,” said Klimek.

“We have a pretty good bunch of drivers, although driving is only about 50

percent of it, the other 50 percent is managing the students,” said Klimek.

Bus driver Karen Zetah agreed, saying “I like kids, it’s a good fit for me.”

She and her husband Joe both have a regular bus routes beginning near their home in the Lincoln Lakes area. They keep their buses at home overnight, saving themselves driving time and saving money for the school.

Karen’s been driving three years. She started with a car route, moved on to a short bus and now drives a full sized bus that’s wheelchair accessible. She has an aide that rides her route to help with special needs students on her bus. Joe’s been driving for 11 years and has done a lot of driving for sports teams. When Karen started driving, they stopped milking cows and downsized their farming operation.

Karen said the drivers have to time their routes right so kids aren’t sit-

ting too much in one spot. “As long as you’re moving, they’re okay,” she said.

As part of Joe’s daily route, he drives a shuttle bus between Motley and Staples. The students riding that bus were interested in the upcoming Bus Driver Appreciation Day and wanted to share some thoughts.

“He’s the best bus driver, he helps us with our problems,” said Maddison Stiner.

“He’s super funny and fun to talk to,” said Jeremiah Ford.

Joe told Jeremiah that the best gift he could get on Bus Driver Appreciation Day was for him “to be good.”

The school’s Bus Driver Appreciation Day will include a pancake breakfast Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 8:20 a.m. at Staples-Motley High School cafeteria. Klimek said they will bus some of the elementary students so they can take part in the celebration.



Organizing daily bus routes

Students at Motley-Staples Middle School hold up numbered signs for each shuttle bus, so students can line up and get on the correct bus. It’s one of the many secrets to organizing 900 students who ride buses each day. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Police receive domestic assault reports

the Staples Police Dept. include:

Feb. 2; Staples Police cited Aaron Anderson, 20, of Wadena for possession of a small amount of marijuana in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Feb. 3; Staples Police were advised of a possible domestic assault on the 600 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. Police investigating and will forward their report to the city attorney for possible charges.

Feb. 4; Staples Police responded to the 600 block of Wisconsin Ave SE for a disturbance. Police determined that a domestic assault had occurred and arrested Jamie Kreiner, 27, for domestic assault.

Feb. 10; Staples Police responded to a report of a dispute on the 100 block of 5th St NE. Police learned the parties had separated and no further assistance was needed.

Feb. 11; At approximately 12:30 a.m., Staples Police responded to a report of a suspicious person on the 700 block of 5th St NE. The reporting party stated as they were leaving their garage they saw a female subject, who

was not dressed for the weather, run to the south. Police were unable to locate the female subject.

Feb. 11; Staples Police received a report of theft of firewood on the 700 block of Forest Ave SE.

Feb. 12; Staples Police received a report of suspicious activity and possible burglary on the 300 block of Mckinley St SW. A garage door showed signs of forced entry and the front door of the house was unlocked. No items appeared to have been

taken.

Feb. 12; Staples Police received a report of a snowmobile riding on the sidewalk in the 500 block of 7th St SE. The snowmobile driver was located and advised/warned on where they could ride.

Feb. 12; Staples Police responded to the 500 block of Hwy 10 for a report of a dispute. The police, along with the Todd County Sheriff’s Department responded and separated the parties for the evening.



Street accident

On Feb. 9 a vehicle struck the back end of a stationary trailer at the intersection of 2nd Ave. NE and 3rd Ave. NE. The driver of the vehicle was transported to Lakewood Hospital with non life threatening injuries. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Top spellers at Staples-Motley spelling bee

Above front, from left; Rose Han, William Thew, Beck Erholtz, Nevaeh Fratzke, Amellia Smith, Maddy Hull and Addisyn Cichos; back, Brendan Macheel, Aaron Payne, Eli Smith, Keegan Harvey, Kaylee John-

son, Raven Hart, Mandy Carter, Wyatt Kobliska, Kayla DeYonge and Emali Jimenez. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Spellers go 17 rounds before winner emerged

“beckon”and even “contestants.” Rounds five and six were the toughest, as eight spellers were eliminated with words like “gnarled,” “coronet,” “precursor” and “marionette”.

After seven rounds, it was down to the final four: Han, Raven Hart, Beck Erholtz and Thew.

Hart correctly spelled “avian,” “Honolulu” and “avalanche” before slipping up on “conflagration” in round 11. Erholtz spelled “engineer-

ing,” “neutron” and “perpetrator” before missing “habanero” in the 11th round.

At the end of the bee, Erholtz qualified for third place by spelling “juncture” and “scuffle” so he’ll be the alternate for the regional bee.

Thew advanced to the 13th round spelling “feckless,” “catastrophic,” “insulin,” “allegiance” and “concussion.” He missed on “gesticulations” in the 13th round, giving Han the

opportunity to win, but she missed spelling “interminableness.”

“I just lost track of where I was,” said Han.

Thew came back and spelled “eucalyptus” but missed on the word “nautilus” on the 16th round.

Thew finished second at last year’s district bee and gained valuable experience at the regional bee. “It’s fun, there are a lot of kids there,” he said.

Long lifespans documented in Wing River Township

By Clarence Horsager
Wing River Township,
Wadena County

Correct or incorrect the thought has crossed my mind that we, in Wing River Township, Wadena County, have been blessed with more than our share of high age resident seniors. That is an area only six miles by six miles including most of the small town of Bluegrass. I want to share a bit of this history with you. Some folks are no longer with us; others are still on their own.

Early settlement of the township began in about 1880 following about 150 years of the fur business. Presently we’ve enjoyed about 140 years since the township was first laid out.

Records show our immigrants came from Sweden, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Holland, England, Denmark, southern Minnesota, North Dakota and elsewhere, each family looking for new opportunities.

I’m presenting a little information for your readingenjoyment. If my theory is true, you tell me why we have this many seniors. Is it in the water we drink? Is it this out wash sand we try desperately to grind out an existence from? Is it from the rocks we move to find a few square inches from which plants can grow? Is it because there were four schools in our township and we learned well? If my theory is true - that we have had more folks reach 90 years of age than the average, tell me why? If I’m incorrect, what do your records show?

A bit from Verndale’s fantastic “Pages from History” - Vol. I, page 265, I quote, “Mr. Wells, while attending the 1919 meeting of the Wing River Farmers’ Club (in the still standing Wing River Town Hall) indulged in reminiscences commenting on the fact that the people of the town (township) were gathered together for a most enjoyable social time. When I first came here people told me I was getting into the worst part of the county and when I did get here I thought so myself. I can show you bullet holes in the hall today and at one time a woman confessed to me she drank seven glasses of beer here. Now all this is changed.” The article mentioned that he went on to picture the



Mary and Clarence Horsager

great agricultural development of the vicinity and its attendant prosperity. Driving through Wing River Township it’s hard to realize that a little over a hundred years ago, this was mostly wilderness with a sprinkling of hardy settlers, who mostly made their living from logging and sawmilling.

A bit more information. In 1900, in the United States, the average age men lived to was 46.3 years and women was 48.3. By 1998, according to Google, it was 73.8 and 79.5 respectively. Today, in Minnesota, it’s 76.3 for men and 81.9 for women. The first burial recorded in our little Wing River Union Cemetery was Carin Larson, born in Sweden and died during childbirth in 1903. The first person I found reaching 90 years of age and is buried in our cemetery was John Olson in 1948. He was 91 years old and also born in Sweden. Coronary thrombosis claimed him. His marked the 101st grave in our cemetery.

The most common causes of death listed in our cemetery book are; pneumonia, pleurisy, prematurity, old age, cancer, Hodgkin’s, ALS, myocarditis, peritonitis, diabetes and non-communicable.

The following is a list of names of those in our township that are still living or have passed. The numbers indicate their current age

or the age they attained.

- LIVING**
101....Emily Crocker
96 Ida Anderson
93 Leona Wiebesick
92 Barlaam Cole
91 Betty Goche
91 Margaret Kern
90 Romeo Goche
90 Doris Anderson

- DECEASED**
103....John Cole
102....Francis Elfstrum
101....Melvina Kraft
101....Saraphine (Windels) Davis
100....Raymond Lee
99 ...Elsie Hess
99 ...Cliff Anderson
99 ...Vera Bounds
99 ...Floyd Thompson
98 ...Anton Kern
97 ...Evelyn Knudson
97 ...Macy White
97 ...Effie Smith
97 ...Elizabeth Shelton
97 ...Jennie Nissen Olson
97 ...Beda Kasperson
96 ...Dave Murdock
96 ...Dorothy Peterson Kingsley
96 ...Adrian Morton, Sr.
95 ...Vida Sorum
95 ...Anna Crocker
95 ...Gertrude Johnson
95 ...Richard Lynn Hess
95 ...Maria Breiseth
94 ...Anna Robb Fitzsimmons
94 ...Clara Hagerman
94 ...Percy Hagerman
94 ...Margaret Hess
94 ...Lauretta Mitchel Lukens
93 ...Forrest (Father Goose) Lee
93 ...Nick Goche
93 ...Joseph Kern, Jr.
92 ...Oliver Smith
92 ...Don Hess
92 ...Arnold Peterson
92 ...Esther Peterson
91 ...Rachel Morton
91 ...Eva Barrett
91 ...Elmer Bounds
91 ...Esther Olson
91 ...Peter Kern, Sr.
91 ...John Olson
91 ...Erma White
91 ...Irene Lee
90 ...June Morton
90 ...Gail Johnson
90 ...Thea Kolstad

Students to host fishing jamboree

The Central Minnesota CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) high school class will host a family friendly ice fishing tournament Saturday, Feb. 25, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Dower Lake.

The CEO Ice Fishing Jamboree will raise money for their class program.

CEO is a hands-on non-traditional business class that provides students from Staples-Motley and Wadena-Deer Creek High Schools with the opportunity to visit local businesses, learn from community leaders and entrepreneurs, and start their own personal businesses.

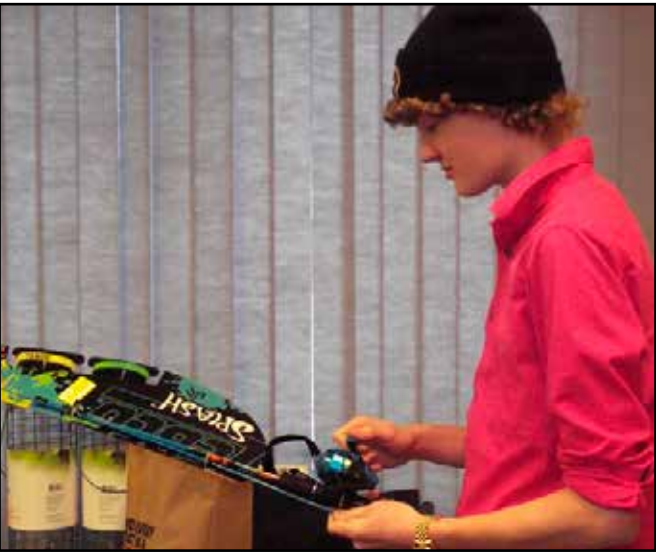
To learn more about operating their own businesses, students collaborate to host a community event.

“We wanted to plan an event that would bring families together to enjoy

the Minnesota outdoors,” Rachel Paskewitz said. “We thought that an ice fishing tournament would be a great way to bring the community together and promote CEO.”

In order to keep the contest fun for fishermen of all ability levels, prizes will be awarded not only to those catching the biggest fish, but also to those catching the smallest. The class has nearly \$3,000 in prizes that will be given away at the event including a guided fishing trip with Walleye Dan and a two-night stay at a resort on Lake of the Woods.

Tickets are available at in Staples at; Lefty’s, Ace Hardware, NAPA, Auto Value, Jon’s Family Foods, and the Staples-Motley High School Office. More information and complete contest rules can be found at www.centralmnceo.com.



Fishing tourney prizes

Jacob Krueger, a student in the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class, looks over an ice fishing rod, one of the many prizes to be awarded at the CEO Ice Fishing Jamboree, Feb. 25 at Dower Lake. (Submitted photo)



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A Roar-ing Storytime

The monthly storytime held in January, at the Staples Public Library was roaring with stories about different animals, as the children read. The craft was a fun lion mask, a long with animal crackers for snack time. Above with their lion masks are; Wyatt Patterson, Ethan Mertens, Matthew Jewison, Amelia Cuppy and Grace Hanson. This program was sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The February storytime, Reading Adventures will be Feb. 22 at 10:30 a.m. Stop by or call the library; 218-894-1401 to register. (Submitted photo)

Tech, Reading programs at Staples Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Tech Tutor – Feb. 21

The library will provide a Tech Tutor for adults on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 3-4 p.m. If you have questions about technology, or need help with your laptop, iPad, Kindle, Smartphone or other devices, find answers here. Registration is required.

Reading Adventures – Feb. 22

Families with young children are invited to a Reading Adventures family story hour on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. This storyhour will include stories, finger plays, flannel boards and crafts.

Book Club for Adults – Feb. 23

The Book Club for adults and teens will meet at the library on Thursday, Feb. 23, 5-6 p.m. Individuals that enjoy reading are invited to join the group and enjoy the fun discussion.

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

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

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



Mark Your Calendar

February 18

MINI-GOLF COURSE FUNDRAISING EVENT AT PILLAGER SCHOOL Sat., Feb. 18, 4 - 8 p.m. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the Pillager Education Foundation. For info., to sponsor/create hole for your business, call 218-746-2105.

February 22

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.

MEDICAL HOME PATIENT ADVISORY COUNCIL Mtg Wed., Feb.

22, Lakewood Health System, main campus, lower level classrooms. 2 - 3 p.m. All Lakewood patients welcome. For info., to RSVP by Feb. 21, call 218-894-8311 or email loiswalters@lake-woodhealthsystem.com.

February 23

STAPLES SR. CITIZENS will be assembling Sr. Echoes at the Staples Community Center Thurs., Feb. 23, 9 a.m. Volunteers appreciated.

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., Feb. 23, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Richard Miller, caller. For info., 218-894-1542.

Adverse Childhood Experiences movie

“Resilience,” a movie about adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), will be shown Monday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. at the Clarissa Elementary School, 106 Frank St. S. Clarissa.

Dinner and free child care will be provided by the Todd County Prevention Team along with the Todd County Collaborative.

This event is open to everyone. Pre-register on the Freshwater Education District website at www.fed.k12.mn.us.

For more information, call Corlie at 218-631-2281 ext. 1006.

The impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences can increase negative outcomes for lifelong health and wellbeing. This film focuses on strategies developed by professionals working in pediatrics, education and human services to mitigate these impacts by changing the way professionals and systems respond to children and adults who have experienced trauma.

Following the film attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion about local efforts to bring trauma

informed practice to systems in Todd County and in Minnesota.

“Resilience” is the follow up movie to “Paper Tigers”,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

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

Cushing

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

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

Cushing Baptist
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Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

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Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
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 Hoffer
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 School.....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 School.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....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 Kjeldergaard
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.

Do not fear. Do not be anxious.

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

The United States has just come through what is referred to as a peaceful transition of power. But the national mood does not seem peaceful. Anyone who follows the news has heard the voices on both sides of the political divide expressing strong anger and genuine fear. We've heard similar emotions expressed in our own face to face conversations. Our nation is troubled. Your heart may be troubled.

Jeremiah lived in even more tumultuous times. His city and nation were threatened with imminent invasion by the Babylonians. They faced war, famine and disease. In the midst of such troubles, God spoke through Jeremiah to tell them that those who put their hopes in a human solution to their crisis were like shrubs in the desert, destined to wither.

But then he offers these words of encouragement. **“Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes,**

for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:7-8 ESV)

God told the citizens of Jerusalem, who faced invasion and destruction, that by trusting in Him they would flourish like fruitful trees planted by flowing streams. Even when the land faces scorching drought, the flowing waters refresh them. Their leaves remain green. They still bear fruit. Those who trust in the Lord have hope and calm, even in the face of impending crisis.

Jeremiah's words are for all who trust God. The blessing of His peace is still offered freely. We need not be anxious about tomorrow's news. We ought not to fear for our nation's future. We choose instead to pray for God to bless our nation. Then we trust Him to refresh us daily.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Sara Erickson and John Kropuenske of Motley, a baby girl, Maryn Katherine weighing five pounds, four ounces on February 2, 2017.

Born to Michelle Holmquist and Bryce Frisch of Brainerd, a baby boy, Nathaniel James weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on February 2, 2017.

Born to Allison Wendt and Leo Simkins of Staples, a baby boy, Oliver Mitchell weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on February 3, 2017.

Born to Robb and Brita Kolodziej of Pillager, a baby boy, Alekzander Josef, weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces on February 4, 2017.

Born to Jacobi and Manasseh LaPrairie of Crosslake, a baby girl, Zephaniah Grace weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on February 4, 2017.

Born to Philip and Darby Martin of Pillager, a baby boy, Oliver Wayne weighing seven pounds, two ounces on February 4, 2017.

Born to George and Patricia Hausken of Brainerd, a baby boy, Jaxon Jesse James weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on February 8, 2017.

Born to Stephanie Jares and Jeremiah Svoboda of Pillager, a baby boy, Mason James weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on February 8, 2017.

Born to Greg and Dana Kaiser of East Gull Lake, a baby girl, Ruby June weighing eight pounds, six ounces on February 9, 2017.

Born to Nate and Kathren Braith of Nimrod, a baby boy, Emerson Alan weighing seven pounds, six ounces on February 7, 2017 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital, Wadena. Proud brother is Connor Michael Hopp; grandparents are Steve and Barb Braith, Duane Kern and Elizabeth Sero.

Born to Nathan and Emily Warner of New York Mills, a baby girl, Rebekah Margaret weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on February 11, 2017 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital, Wadena. Proud siblings are Kennan and Anna; grandparents are Bruce and Becky Fuhrman and Kevin and Margaret Grondahl, all of Staples.

Care Center

Sun., Feb. 19, 2 p.m. Assembly of God singers

Mon., Feb. 20, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., Feb. 21, 2:15 p.m. Church - St. John's Lutheran; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/ Marge

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To one and all,
as Mother answered
"HEAVEN's" call -
A plain and simple
heartfelt "Thanks"
seems somehow small
to be quite frank.
The physical and
spiritual care...
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our family was
always so relieved.
Our loved one
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Thank you,
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Obituaries

Brent Sinotte

Brent Michael Sinotte, 31, of Pillager, passed away February 8, 2017 at St. Joseph Medical Center, in Brainerd.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, February 18, at 1 p.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church, Brainerd. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

There will be a private family interment.

Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Care, Baxter Chapel.

Brent was born August 29, 1985 to Michael and Annette (Des Marais) Sinotte in Staples. He attended school and graduated from Staples Motley High School. Brent's joy of life was music. His life touched many people, especially during his school years and through his employment at Quality Enterprises. Brent fought the good fight against ALS until God called him home.

He is survived by his parents; three sisters, Rhea (Neil) Schmitt, Nina and Alexi Sinotte; nieces, nephews, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and other family and friends.



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Rosella Ross

Rosella "Sally" (Marr) Ross, 94, of Staples, passed away February 11, 2017 at Lakewood Helath System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 16, at 2 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, in the spring.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel of Staples.

Rosella (Sally) Violet was born January 11, 1923 in Johnson, to Emil and Lydia (Spilker) Modrow. Sally was confirmed in 1936, graduated from Clarissa High School in 1941 and moved to the Grand Rapids area where she worked candling eggs before the war. Sally married Harold "Elmer" Marr on June 4, 1947. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School and was involved in many church activities. Sally was a Den Mother for Cub Scouts, enjoyed gardening, yard work, being outside, loved music and playing the guitar and piano. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Elmer passed away in 1976. Sally worked at Batcher's Dept Store in Staples and later she married Richard Ross and they moved to Grand Rapids. Richard passed away and Sally moved to River Hills Assisted Living in Cambridge. In 2009, Sally moved to the Lakewood Care Center in Staples. Sally was a member of the care center choir and was named Queen of the Care Center for the Railroad Days celebration held in Staples each summer.

She is survived by two daughters, Andrea (Elmer) Johnson, of Isanti and Dianne (Curt) Meyers, of Foley; two sons, Mallory (Sandra) Marr, of Waubun and Glen (Karen Shea) Marr, of Champlin; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; one granddaughter, Melissa; five sisters, Tina, Caroline, Darlene, Barbara and Betty; and one brother, Mike.

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Joan Furzland



Joan B. Furzland, 78, of Staples, formerly of Princeton, passed away on February 7, 2017 at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, February 17 at Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services.

Interment will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, in Minneapolis.

Arrangements are the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples. Joan was born on December 14, 1938 to Edward and Mary (Beauchane) Osieczanek in Minneapolis.

She is survived by three sons, Greg (Sheryl), Ron (Theresa) and Brad; one daughter, JoAnne; 10 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; one sister, Judy Rolfe and other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl and one granddaughter.

Memorials are preferred to the American Diabetes Association.

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In Memory of Our Beloved Son, Steven M. Dunn

Steven passed away at the St. Cloud Hospital on January 1, 2017. He was born on July 15, 1960.

He is preceded in death by his stepfather, Ross V. Kilbury and his brother, Jeff M. Dunn.

Steven is survived by his mother, Nancy L. Kilbury of Staples; his father, Harvey M. Dunn of New Jersey; stepdaughter, Chanda Nordstrom, MN; stepson, Eric Nordstrom, MN; his sister, Stacy L. Eckhoff of Staples and his sister, Kim Dunn of New Jersey.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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'Lady veteran' honored

Retired Sgt. First Class Karla Richardson of Verndale (center) was recently honored by the Staples American Legion Auxiliary Unit #70. Also pictured are Arlene Grover (left), Staples American Legion Auxiliary President; and Theresa Soltis Rudnicki, 6th District American Legion Auxiliary President. (Submitted photo)

American Legion Auxiliary honors Sgt. Richardson

The Staples American Legion Auxiliary Unit #70 recently presented Retired Sgt. First Class Karla Richardson, Verndale, with a certificate of appreciation. Honoring a 'lady veteran' has been a tradition of the local Auxiliary unit for the past eight years.

In attendance at the Jan. 25 program were members of the Staples American Legion Auxiliary; 6th District American Legion Auxiliary President Theresa Soltis Rudnicki, Waite Park; and a representative from both the Staples American Legion Post #70 and the Motley American Legion Post #124.

During the program Sgt. Richardson spoke of her 21 years in the military, of which 16 years were spent in various cities within Germany. She told of her duties and the impact that this service to the United States has had on her life.

Sgt. Richardson also spoke about one of the

programs she especially enjoyed, which was giving aid and assistance to families of those deployed. She continues to work with/for veterans today by being a member of the Patriot Guard Motorcycle Club. If requested, this club will travel to and be present at any veteran's funeral with-in the five-state area.

At the recent program, Sgt. Richardson was presented with a framed Certificate of Appreciation for her years of service, a red-white-and blue 'veterans' magnet for her car; and a small pocket flag which fits inside a two in. baggie which can be put in a shirt pocket. The Staples Auxiliary Unit has folded and sent over 2,000 pocket flags to deployed service persons overseas, along with a note thanking them for their service to our country.

Following the program, refreshments were served and the group enjoyed visiting with Sgt. Richardson.

Todd County Historical Society

The Todd County Historical Society held their regular meeting Feb. 6, at the museum. Vice President Ron Wienhold called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

November 2016 minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer's report for November was approved.

De's museum report included:

- We've received our annual county payment.

- We were given 41 deeds of gifts in 2016. Three of the largest were; the organ from the Leslie Church, a sulky from Henry Wilberts and an old phonograph from Pete Thieschafer.

- Joan Pesta and Annette Skiftun are still working on the country school project.

- We had 308 visitors and 80 fourth graders tour the museum in 2016.

- Syd and Nancy Kjeldahl made donations in memory of Ken and Alma Lindstrom and Russ Gjerstad.

- A new phone system has been installed.

- The cost of the security system plus three cameras was \$3,249.68. Visitors can now be viewed on a computer screen in the office.

- Cards and a gift have

been sent to Gary Stracek.

Marilyn Gibson has been updating our church files.

We've hired a new assistant curator, Bunny Johnson from Swanville, there's a six-month probationary period.

Lorna Hunter is compiling a cookbook as a fundraiser for the Christie House and is gathering recipes for the book. Anyone interested in submitting old family favorite recipes along with their history or recent recipes, can send them to; Christie House, PO Box 25, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

We our plant sale will be held May 19, during the city-wide garage sale.

Nancy Kjeldahl has donated the book "School Days and Farm Chores" and can be checked out by museum members. The book has stories written by people, of their memories of Northwestern Minnesota, including Todd County.

Our next meeting will be on March 6 at 1:30 p.m.

After the meeting, Ron Wienhold gave a short program on the Christmas cactus.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Siegle, Secretary

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(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

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

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Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
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NOTICE
TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1) **Melvin and Bonita Thomes:** Sect-26 Twp-129 Rng-35 Lot 5 of Block 1 of ASSELEN Subdivision
Site Address: 15090 County 10 Osakis, MN 56360
PIN: 15-0070000

Variance request 1. To reduce the structural setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 81 feet on west end of dwelling and to be 64 feet instead of 100 feet on the east end of the dwelling 2. To reduce the setback for the home from the road right of way from 20 feet to 15 feet.

2) **Mark and Tracy Moe:** Sect-1 Twp-131 Rang-33 Block 1 Lot 4 of Whispering Pines
Site Address: 28364 Owl Dr. Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PIN: 11-0061900

Variance request to reduce the setback from 150 feet to 102 feet from the OHWM of the lake to build a new cabin.

3) **Richard and Debra Klaphake:** Sect-25 Twp-127 Rang-33 Lots 10 and 11 of Tiemann's Subdivision Govt Lot 3
Site Address: 28841 Antelope Trl, Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PIN: 03-0054100

Variance request to reduce the setback from 100 feet to 80 feet for addition to living area of existing home.

4) **Jeff and Karen Sawyer:** Sect-25 Twp-127 Rang-33 Part of Govt Lot 1
Site Address: 10991 Apple Trl, Grey Eagle, MN 56336
PIN: 03-0020300

Variance request 1.) Reduce the setback from 100 feet to 75 feet for proposed new dwelling. 2.) To increase the height from 18 feet in the shoreland setback to 29 feet.

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
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ASSUMED NAME:
Lakeland Dental
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: **616 4th St NE Staples MN 56479 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 GRAVEL SURFACING PROJECT

Closing date:
March 14, 2017

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 14, 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 project:

CP 17:82, CP 17:84, CP 17:86
Graveling Surfacing Project
Various County Roadways (15.556 miles)

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Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
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MINUTES ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT # 6004 1/25/17 STAPLES, MN

CALL TO ORDER
BY- 2016 Chair: C. Funk at 5:30 p.m., Conf. Rm. A of the Freshwater Education District. Board Present: A. Bailey- Eagle Valley; C. Funk- Sebeka; P. Benning- Browerville; C. Wolf- Long Prairie/Grey Eagle; R. VanDenheuvel- Bertha/Hewitt; V. Hinojos- Wadena/Deer Creek; R. Thalmann- Henning; S. Veronen- Verndale; J. Kangas- Menahga. Superintendent: Dave Fjeldheim, Staff: J. Nesland, L. Murdock, S. Thiel, M. Ward, Others: K. Porter

ROTATION OF OFFICERS- MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Benning to recognize the following officers for calendar year 2017 as per the FED Bylaws: Chair: C. Wolf, Long Prairie/Grey Eagle, Vice Chair: V. Hinojos, Wadena/Deer Creek, Clerk: S. Veronen, Verndale, and Treasurer: A. Bailey, Eagle Valley. VOTE- U/C

TRANSFER OF THE GAVEL TO THE 2017 CHAIR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING THE ORDERS OF THE DAY WITH ADOPTING AN ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING AGENDA- C. Wolf at 5:34 p.m. is now 2017 Chair.

MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Bailly to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE- U/C

VISITOR COMMENTS- Introduction of M. Ward, Carly Perkins Co-ord. and FY-16 Financial Audit Presentation; K. Porter, CPA.

APPROVAL OF PAST BOARD MINUTES- MOTION BY Bailey and seconded by VanDenheuvel to approve the 11/16/16 minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C

2017 ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD- SIGNATURES: MOTION BY Benning and seconded by Veronen to authorize the use of a signature plate to sign documents. VOTE- U/C

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES: MOTION BY Thalmann and seconded by Kangas to name the following as official depositories: 1st International Bank of Staples, MN, and MN School District Liquid Asset Fund, and any other MN FDIC financial institution, and to authorize J. Nesland, S. Parker, M. Ladwig, and S. DeMars to invest funds in these institutions evidence of sufficient collateral. VOTE- U/C

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFERS: MOTION BY Bailey and seconded by Hinojos to authorize designated staff to make electronic fund transfers as outlined by State Statutes. VOTE- U/C

BOARD PER DIEM RATE: MOTION BY Veronen and seconded by VanDenhuevel to approve the Board per diem to remain the same for regular/special and committee meetings at \$60 for meetings four (4) hours or less and \$120 for meetings in excess of four (4) hours. Allowable mileage will be reimbursed at the current Federal rate. VOTE- U/C

MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: MOTION BY Benning and seconded by Thalmann to set regular Board meeting dates as normally being the fourth Wednesday of the month with November being the third Wednesday starting at 5:30 p.m. as follows: 1/25/17 - Staples Freshwater; 4/26/17 - Wadena Wellness Center; 6/28/17 - Wadena Wellness Center; 8/23/17 - Staples CLC and 11/15/17 - Wadena Wellness Center. VOTE- U/C

OFFICIAL NEWSPA-

Freshwater Education District

PER: MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Funk to name the Staples World as the official newspaper. VOTE- U/C

REPORT OF COMMITTEES AS NAMED BY THE 2017 CHAIR: The Chair announced his appointments to the Personnel Committee: C. Funk, R. Thalmann, and S. Veronen.

2017 AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS BY THE CHAIR: Service Coop. Dist. #924: S. Veronen, Otter Tail Cty Collaborative: R. Thalmann, Todd Cty Collaborative: Russ VanDenheuvel. The two Supervising Superintendents: D. Fjeldheim/L. Westrum.

MANDATED ANNUAL REVIEW OF POLICIES: MOTION BY Bailey and seconded by Veronen to approve the annual review of Policies and action to direct the Executive Director to maintain the FED Policy Manual in accordance with any MSBA recommended legal revisions and/or legislative mandatory revisions. VOTE- U/C

ACTION REGARDING NAMING A FY-17 FINANCIAL AUDIT FIRM: MOTION BY Bailey and seconded by Veronen to accept the FY-17 Professional Financial Audit proposal in the same amount of \$14,250 from the firm of Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd. VOTE U/C

NAMING THE 2017 DESIGNATED SCHOOL LAW FIRMS: MOTION BY Funk and seconded by Thalmann to name Hitesman & Associates, P.A., Maple Grove; Kennedy & Graven, Minneapolis, Kennedy, Carlson & VanBruggen, Wadena; as well as Pemberton Law, Fergus Falls as the 2017 Consulting Law Firms for FED and assigning the rights to contact these firms solely to J. Nesland, Ex. Director, L. Murdock, SpEd Director and the FED Board Chair. VOTE- U/C

ACTION TO AUTHORIZE E-SERVICE ROLES: MOTION BY Thalmann and seconded by VanDenheuvel to name S. Parker, and M. Ladwig as FED E-Service. VOTE- U/C

DESIGNATION OF IDENTIFIED OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY FOR THE MDE EXTERNAL USER ACCESS RECERTIFICATION SYSTEM: MOTION BY Kangas and seconded by Funk to authorize J. Nesland to act as the Identified Official with Authority for the Freshwater Ed District. VOTE- U/C

OLD BUSINESS- Review of Superintendent Advisory Mtg Minutes - 11/17/16 and 1/18/17; Legislative Day Summary - 12.6.16; Senator Gazelka Mtg - 1.11.17; 2017 Superintendents Mtg Dates and Locations and Supervising Supts Work Session - 1/4/17.

NEW BUSINESS AND REPORTS- ECFE/ SCHOOL READINESS REPORT:

ACTION TO APPROVE READING FOR THE FUTURE (RFF) DONATIONS: MOTION BY VanDenheuvel and seconded by Benning the following donations for the Reading for the Future (RFF) Program: \$100~Star Bank, Bertha, MN; \$40~Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples, MN; \$150~Long Prairie Packing Co, Long Prairie, MN; \$25~Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd, Staples, MN; \$100~American Legion Post 124, Motley, MN; \$100~Faith Lutheran Church Men, Staples, MN; \$50~Bailey D.D.S. Staples, MN; \$50~Midwest Family Eye Center, Staples, MN; \$200~Trident Seafood, Motley, MN; \$50~Unity Bank, Rush City, MN; \$300~Lions Club of Clarissa, MN; \$75~Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Staples, MN; \$200~Lincoln Area Business Association, Lincoln, MN; \$100~MN National Bank, Sauk Centre, MN; \$250~Murray Enterprises, Inc., Elk River, MN VOTE- U/C

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT: Update on B-3

Referrals increase in referrals and need to hire additional staffing.

ALC/TARGETED SERVICES REPORT: Reviewed Member Extended Time Revenue Retainage.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT: Reviewed Menu Option of Internet Connection Hosted by FED.

MEMBER SERVICES: Reviewed FED Member Group Health Insurance Rates; Monthly HRA and Operating Funds Cash Flow Levels; Final FY18 Menu Options; Voc Rehab Services activity status; Price Quote from Kinney & Sons for moving expense.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES AND CONSULTANTS: Reviewed minutes from 11/16/16 Board Personnel Committee Mtg; 11/28/16 Tdd Cty Collaborative Mtg; Information of upcoming 2/1/17 E-Rate Training.

BUSINESS, FINANCE AND NEW BUSINESS FINANCIAL

REPORTS AND CURRENT BILLS: MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Bailey to approve the 11/17/16 through 1/25/17 cash reports and payments of checks numbered 118976 through 119186. VOTE- U/C

Reviewed Member Summary of Services.

ACTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECIEPT AND REVIEW OF THE FY-16 FINANCIAL AUDIT: MOTION

BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Benning to acknowledge receipt and review of the FY16 financial audit and direct the auditing firm to forward a copy to MDE. VOTE- U/C

ACTION TO APPROVE FRESHWATER LEASES: MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Bailey to continue the current lease rate for FY-18 and FY-19 of the facilities with LPGE, and for FY-18, FY-19 and FY-20 of the facilities with WDC School District. VOTE- U/C

ACTION TO COMMIT AN ADDITIONAL \$775,000 TO THE FACILITIES RESERVED ACCOUNT:

MOTION BY Benning, seconded by Hinojos to commit \$775,000 to the facilities reserved account for future use of Freshwater owned facility improvements. VOTE- U/C

ACTION TO COMMIT AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 TO THE OPEB RESERVED ACCOUNT: MOTION BY

VanDenheuvel, seconded by Funk to commit \$25,000 to the OPEB reserved account for future OPEB obligations. VOTE- U/C

PERSONNEL TOPICS- MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Thalmann to approve the items as follows: FMLA leave of L. Wright and J. Smith; Increase in days of A. Dinkel-VanValkenburg; Approval of Special Ed Director three (3) year contract. VOTE- U/C

ADJOURNMENT- MOTION BY Bailey, seconded by Funk to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. VOTE- U/C

Respectfully submitted:
Scott Veronen, Clerk
Freshwater Education District #6004

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Public Notices

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT

Moran Township will hold their Board of Audit meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 8:00 p.m., 2017 at the town hall.

The regular monthly March meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. with regular agenda.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS DOWER LAKE RV PARK EXPANSION

Owner: City of Staples
Address:
C/O JEREL NELSEN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
122 6TH STREET NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

Separate sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for the complete construction of the Dower Lake RV Park Expansion will be received by the City Council of the City of Staples, MN at City Hall until March 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall. The bids will then be tabulated and it is the intent of the City Council to initially consider the bids at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the Council Chambers.

The proposed work includes, but is not limited to, the following major items:

with the Bid and the other Contract Documents.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.wsn.us.com by clicking on Bidding Documents in the upper right hand corner or at www.questcdn.com by inputting Quest project #4850837 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information. You may download the digital plan documents electronically for \$30.

Women or minority-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

The City reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	APPROXIMATE QUANTITY
CLEARING AND GRUBBING	ACRE	1.9
SELECT GRANULAR BORROW	CU YD	2,300
AGGREGATE SURFACING, CLASS 5	CU YD	200
3" PVC WATERMAIN PIPE	LN FT	1,345
4" PVC SEWER PIPE	LN FT	1,229
WATER WELL AND WELL HOUSE	LUMP SUM	1.0
SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT SYSTEM	LUMP SUM	1.0
WATER SERVICE RISER	EACH	18
SAN. SWR. SERVICE RISER	EACH	18
ELECTRICAL SERVICE	LUMP SUM	1.0

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid made payable without condition to the Owner, as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will promptly execute the Agreement in accordance

No bidder may withdraw his / her bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2017.

Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator

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TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Closing date: March 14, 2017

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S.P. 077-070-008

Ground In Wet Reflective Epoxy Edge Lines

Various County Roadways (16.560 miles)

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Loren Fellbaum

Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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ASSUMED NAME: Lakeland Dental - Clarissa

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.

SIGNED BY:

Restoration ordered in Birch Lake issue in Todd County

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

Sherry Kutter spoke candidly to the Todd County Board of Commissioners during the open forum prior to the start of the regular board meeting on Feb. 7.

Kutter and her husband live on a small farm near Big Birch Lake. She talked to the board about the “blatant violations” that have been committed by Blake Elliott who owns property on Birch Lake.

Kutter said that Elliott has removed a lot of trees without permits to do so. She is worried about the erosion that could be caused on the narrow strip of land that connects to an island.

She said that Elliott had shown “very deliberate disrespect” for the ordinances in the county.

“The response of the county is being closely watched to see if the county settles or holds him responsible,” she said.

She said that if a settlement were made by the county there would be a loss of trust and respect and would send the citizens a message that the rich can do whatever they want and the “rest of us have to follow the rules.”

Commissioner David Kircher said that he has been in touch with Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber and a member of the Big Birch Lake Association. He said they were also seeing if the Sauk River Watershed District could get involved.

“He needs to be taught a lesson about our rules,” said Kircher.

“This is a blatant violation and it needs to get pushed through,” said Kutter.

Stieber commented that the court case had been heard the previous day and that Elliott had been fined \$300.

The plan for restoration was supposed to be designed by an engineer, but Elliott did not want to pay for that so he is doing it on his own. Stieber said his worry was that the county will have to hire an engineer to make sure it is done correctly.

Stieber said that Elliott pled guilty to the violations and has to complete the restoration project which Stieber described as returning the area to a stable vegetative state. He said the cart way out to the island will also need to be removed.

In other business:

- Approved a seasonal On sale, Off sale and Sunday liquor license for Birchwood Resort, effective April 15 - Oct. 15.
- Approved a one year On sale and Sunday liquor licenses for the Long Prairie Country Club and Saukinac Campground effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.
- Reappointed Al Loken, District 4 and Dave Determan, At-Large member, for new terms, Jan. 1, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2018, to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board.
- Approved Todd County to enter an agreement with the Minnesota Dept of Transportation to use Todd County State Aid Highway #41 as a detour route during the construction on Trunk Highway #238. MnDOT will pay Todd County \$2,321.78 for the road life consumed by the detour.
- Approved the purchase of several pieces of equipment for the public works department (all at state bid price) including:
 - Mack Truck from Nuss Truck & Equipment for \$110,646.50 (includes trade).
 - Box and plow equipment from Towmaster, Inc.

- for \$91,488.
- Dodge Ram 1500 Truck from Nelson Auto Center for \$25,080.89.
- CAT 316 FL Excavator from Ziegler Equipment for \$136,320.

The purchase of the excavator is believed to help save the county in the long term because they currently budget \$6,000-\$8,000 a year for the rental of a machine. Engineer Loren Fellbaum said they reduced this year's budget by \$6,000.

“This machine will pay for itself in 20 years and have resale value,” said Fellbaum.

Fellbaum said they’ve been fortunate and have been able to rent this machine in town, but the machine is aging and the next nearest rental is in Henning or St. Cloud, which takes time and effort to go get.

“By owning it we will save time, money and won’t waste a half a day to a whole day going to get it,” said Fellbaum.

Commissioner David Kircher said that when the department had purchased the crack filler and steamer the productivity of the workers went up because they didn’t have to go get the machine and there was no downtime.

“We’ve a big number of jobs to do in the summer and a short time to do them,” said Fellbaum.

The 2017 Public Works Budget contains \$400,000 in funding for the purchase of various pieces of maintenance equipment. The amount will be \$390,535.39.

- Accepted the resignation of full-time jailor/dispatcher Sherry Bryniarski and gave approval for her to begin the position on a part-time basis effective Feb. 3.
- Approved, with Kircher opposed, to advertise for a full-time jail programmer. The position is in the budget.

Sheriff Don Asmus said that they could lose their license, if they don’t hire a programmer.

Kircher said they never fine them and they threaten to, but never close the jails (for not having this position filled).

Asmus said the position would be jail programmer and would also fill shifts as needed. He will advertise the position in-house first.

- Decided that additional security is needed in the court building and that

- a full-time court security employee should be hired. This position is in the 2017 Court Security budget.
- Approved hiring Andrew Mattson and Jacob Fasching as part-time jailor/dispatchers.
- The board approved the carryover of funds into 2017 from earnings from inmate texting and telephone calls. The sheriff wants this revenue to be used toward a new security camera system. The revenue amount incurred in 2016 is \$4,979.79.
- Accepted the resignation of Brandon Spanswick from his position as court security officer effective Feb. 4.
- Approved posting in-house and advertising for part-time deputy/court security personnel and to establish a pool for future employment needs.
- Approved the carry forward of funds for Planning and Zoning totaling \$81,359.82; for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program totaling \$51,306.76; and for Fund 605 for \$10,000 for vehicle purchases from 2016 to 2017 fiscal year.
- Approved an extension until Aug. 7 for three preliminary plats: 1) Maple Hill, 2 lot subdivision on Big Swan Lake, owner Darrell Bacon. 2) Pine Island Cove, 1 lot plat on Pine Island Lake, owner Pamela Borg, 3) First Addition to Ivan Addition, 2 lots, owner Larry Hansen.
- Approved the 2017 County Delegation Agreement with South Country Health Alliance. Health and Human Services Director Jackie Och said that there were no major changes to the agreement.
- Approved the request for HHS to recruit and hire a child support supervisor to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Beth Shell.

The county had been contracting with Morrison County for 12 hours per week, from May 1, 2014 through March 28, 2016.

The position will be full-time.

Kircher said he thought they should have an additional support staff because of the demands on the staff.

Och thanked Kircher for recognizing those demands on her staff.

Kircher said he knew they were meeting their benchmarks, but that they needed to keep an eye on this.

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March 4th, 2017

Doors open at 4:45 p.m.

Welcome at 5:15 p.m.

Presentation of Colors & Star Spangled Banner at 5:20 p.m.

Speakers start at 5:35 p.m.

Dinner served at 6:15 p.m.

SAMC performs at 7:30 p.m.

Door prizes at 8:10 p.m.

Q & A opportunities at 7:00 & 8:15 p.m.

Featuring an

encore performance of

Randall Thompson's

"Testament of Freedom"

as preformed at Carnegie Hall by the Staples Area Men's Chorus

Centennial Auditorium

Dinner will be catered by Ted & Gen's Bar BQ

Single tickets for \$15, \$25 for couples

Tickets can be purchased at The Shoppe at LHS, Nelson Insurance or SAMC website

Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 26th.
Tickets are available online at www.staplesmen.org, The Shoppe at Lakewood Health System, or Nelson Insurance Agency, 325 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, 218-895-5046.

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Celebrating school wrestling wins and pins records

Alex Erpelding is congratulated by former record holder Mark Carlson as teammates and fans stand and applaud his school record of 171 wins and 100 pins. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Erpelding sets records with 171 wins, 100 pins

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Alex Erpelding wasn't aware he was about to set a school record for wins at the dual wrestling match against United North Central on Feb. 9. "I knew something was up but I didn't know what," he said. After pinning his opponent with his powerful cradle, "I turned around and saw all the people and posters," said Erpelding. "It was pretty cool."

Erpelding's 171st career victory led to a standing ovation from the home crowd, and the old record holder at 170 wins, Mark Carlson, came onto the mat to present Erpelding with a gift.

Carlson also had the old school record with 97 pins. "It's an honor," said Erpelding, "It feels really good to accomplish something like that."

With postseason wrestling coming up, Erpelding still has around a dozen

matches remaining in his career, and he is looking to get more wins.

"There are still goals I want to achieve," he said.

For the rest of the match on Feb. 9, the Cardinals rested a couple of wrestlers and it hurt them in the team score, as they fell 38-33.

The most exciting match of the night was at heavyweight, where Kyle Serich battled into four overtime periods before winning with an escape.

Team results

Staples-Motley 33, United North Central 38

106 - Payton Bjerga L 6-1; 113 - Conner Dobson L fall; 120 - Brayden Christensen L fall; 126 - Spencer Miller W fall; 132 - Owen Bjerga W ff; 138 - Jasiah Paskewitz L 12-10, 1OT; 145 - Cade Schmidt L fall; 152 - Isaac Swensrud L 5-1; 160 - James Ehresman L fall; 170 - Jonathan Lisson L 17-2; 182 - Alex Erpelding W fall; 195 - Shaine Guggenberger W fall; 220 - Braden Tyrell W fall; 285 - Kyle Serich W 3-2, 4OT



Set up the 100th pin

Alex Erpelding engages his cradle hold as he goes on to his 171st career wrestling victory and 100th pin. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers advance in section playoffs

The Staples-Motley wrestling team recorded 10 pins and two forfeits in defeating Breckenridge 72-12 in the first round of the Section 6A tournament on Feb. 14.

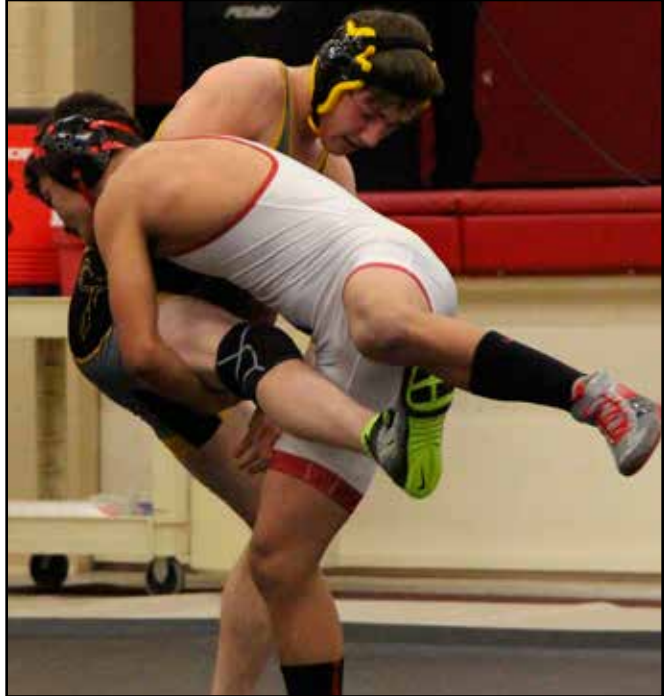
The Cardinals will now face third seeded Barnesville on Friday, Feb. 17, at 6 p.m. at Breckenridge High School. The winner of that match will wrestle for the section championship that same evening, at 8 p.m.

Top seed West Central Area and fourth seed New York Mills are the teams in the other semifinal matchup.

The individual section tournament will be Saturday, Feb. 25, at Wheaton High School.

Team results

106 - Payton Bjerga W ff; 113 - Brayden Christensen W fall; 120 - Spencer Miller W fall; 126 - Owen Bjerga W fall; 132 - Blayne Dumpprope W fall; 138 - Eri Lisson W fall; 145 - Jasiah Paskewitz W fall; 152 - Cade Schmidt L fall; 160 - Jonathan Lisson W fall; 170 - Isaac Swensrud W fall; 182 - Alex Erpelding W fall; 195 - Shaine Guggenberger L fall; 220 - Braden Tyrell W fall; 285 - Kyle Serich W ff



Spinning takedown

Jasiah Paskewitz dances around his opponent for a takedown. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Young wrestlers form successful team

The Staples-Motley wrestling team took a large contingent of wrestlers in grades 5 through 9 to a junior varsity dual at Aitkin on Feb. 11. The Cardinals came out on top by a score of 66-53. Before the match, the Aitkin wrestling boosters served the teams a lunch. The event was set up by Staples-Motley alumni Jason and John Cline.

Pictured, front row from left, Ladanian Bartle, Liam Jennissen, Chase Mikel and Taylor Serich; middle row, Caden Dobson, Conner Anglin, Peyton Bjerga, Jayma Lawson, Jason Trantina, Nate Nyhus, Dalton Wells, Conner Dobson and Issiah Tab-batt; back row, Kristian Thompson, Sam Jennissen, Alex Ross-Bahn, Mitch Lisson, Cade Schmidt, Gilberto Terrones, Caleb Jasmer and Miles Seals. (Submitted photo)

Smith surpasses 1,000 points, sets records in wild hoops game

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

After passing 1,000 career points, Gavin Smith set Staples-Motley basketball records scoring 43 points with 10, three pointers as he fueled an incredible comeback against Detroit Lakes on Feb. 10, only to fall short by two points in a 84-82 loss.

"Gavin's performance in the last two minutes was something none of us will likely see again," said Coach Micheal Poncelet. "He was hitting every shot he was taking."

Smith's point total in the game surpassed Jordan Riewer's school record of 42 and the 10, three pointers tied Erik Kelly's school record. He had 16 rebounds, four shy of the school's record.

Poncelet said Smith scored 18 points in the last two minutes, after the team was down 14 with four minutes remaining. It wasn't just Smith. "It was as if the guys were willing themselves to win," said Poncelet. Josh Lombard made some key steals, Trey Skeesick pulled in the rebounds, Derek Kennedy made a big three point shot and Mason Rychner added a clutch basket. Even when it looked like the team had run out of time, Jack Fi-

etek "had the where-with-all to slap the ball and take a delay of game to stop the clock with 4.9 seconds left," said Poncelet.

DL made their free throws down the line to maintain the lead. Smith made a half court shot at the buzzer for the final score of his historic night. He earned his 1,000 point on a free throw in the first half.

Poncelet said the Cardinals fell behind 26-7, early as DL made a lot of outside shots. He said the team's defense was pretty good from that point on.

The Cards played Crosby-Ironton on Feb. 7, falling 68-54. Poncelet said Staples-Motley played better than their first meeting with C-I, but so did Crosby-Ironton. "We improved our shooting percentage from 38 to 50 and our three point percentage from 36 to 46, but a lot of credit to C-I," said Poncelet, "they just didn't turn the ball over."

Skeesick had 13 rebounds in that game.

Team results

S-M 54, C-I 68

Scoring: G. Smith 22, T. Skeesick 16, J. Fietek 8, D. Kennedy 3, Josh Lombard 3, Max Giza 2

S-M 82, DL 84

Scoring: Smith 43, Skeesick 15, Lombard 8, Kennedy 6, Fietek 6, Rychner 2, Hunter Carlson 2

Comeback win sets up conference showdown

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team will play for the outright conference championship on Friday, Feb. 17, at home in their last conference game against Crosby-Ironton at 7 p.m.

The Cardinals beat Detroit Lakes 55-45 after falling behind by 13 points early in the first half.

The win gave the Cardinals a 6-1 record in the Mid-State Conference, with Pequot Lakes in second with a 4-2 record. After a slow start this season, Crosby-Ironton has evened their conference record at 3-3, including an upset over Pequot Lakes.

Against Detroit Lakes, Staples-Motley fought back from that early deficit to pull within four at halftime.

"We did not shoot well from long range so we had to attack the basket," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "Fortunately, we maintained our tough defense to hold them to 20 at half and 45 for the game."

"We started the second half the way we ended the first half with good defense, attacking the basket,

and making the extra pass," said Wolhowe.

The Cardinals took their first lead midway through the second half. "Even though we did not shoot well from the free throw line, that clinched it for us late in the game," said Wolhowe. The team was 13 for 26 on free throws.

Staples-Motley got another road win at Frazee on Feb. 9, weathering hot shooting from Frazee, who hit nine shots from the three point line.

The Cardinals built a 20 point lead but Frazee stormed back to cut the deficit.

"I thought we played a little too conservative in the last four minutes," said Wolhowe. "This is something we will have to improve on for tournament time."

Team results

Staples-Motley 55, Detroit Lakes 45

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 20, Kelsie Weite 16, Chelsea Nanik 7, Sam Schimpp 5, Kaitlyn Longworth 4, Amber Robben 3

Staples-Motley 53, Frazee 40

Scoring: Schimpp 14, Robben 14, Ashley Smith 8, Wolhowe 7, Weite 6, Longworth 2, Nanik 2

Carlson signs with Valley City State

Valley City State University (VCSU) football coach Dennis McCulloch announced that Staples native Hunter Carlson has signed a letter of intent to attend VCSU and play football for the Vikings this fall.

A 6-foot-5, 275-pound lineman, Carlson is currently a senior at Staple-Motley High School. He's the son of Bobbi Blanchard and Leo Carlson.

Valley City State University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and plays in the North Star Athletic Association (NSAA) conference.

VCSU is coming off a 6-4 season in 2016 and a second-place finish in the NSAA standings. The Vikings have won four conference championships in the last six seasons and advanced to the NAIA National Playoffs in 2014. The Viking football program is 29-6 in conference play since 2011.



New colors

Hunter Carlson shown in his new Valley City State University jersey. (Submitted photo)



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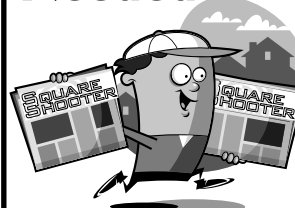
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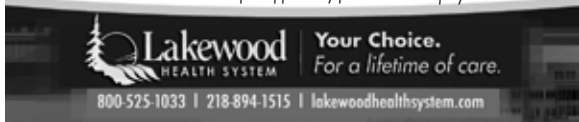


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Swearing in ceremony

Jace Carlson, right, is sworn in as the newest Motley City Council member at the council's regular meeting Feb. 13. Also pictured, from left, are City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja, who conducted the ceremony; council member Nate Douglas; and Mayor Al Yoder. Carlson was one of four candidates who submitted a letter of intent for the open council seat. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Transmission line project underway



Tree clearing in progress

A number of trees have been cleared recently along the west side of Hwy 10 south of Motley as part of the Motley Area 115-kV electricity transmission project. Pictured above, crew members with Reliable Tree Service of Cambridge work to chip the wood. Below is a home located a few miles south of Motley, one of 67 property owners that are affected by the 16.5-mile project which covers portions of Cass and Morrison counties. The three utilities involved in this project include Great River Energy, Maple Grove; Crow Wing Power, Baxter; Minnesota Power, Duluth. A detailed story will be included in next week's Staples World. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Authorities still seek information in Brisk murder

Reward increased to \$30,000

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office continues to ask for the public's assistance in the investigation of Terrence "Terry" Brisk's death that occurred this past Nov. 7, in Belle Prairie Township.

Sheriff Shawn Larsen states that there is up to a \$30,000 reward from local donors for information that leads to the arrest of the person who shot and killed Brisk.

The sheriff's office is joining with the statewide nonprofit Crime Stoppers of Minnesota inviting the public to come forward easily and anonymously with any information, large or small, about this case.

Crime Stoppers will forward the information to the investigators while preserving the anonymity of any person submitting information.

In addition, the Morrison County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's assistance in locating a Winchester Model AE 30-30 lever action rifle belonging to Brisk. The rifle is de-

scribed as an older model, with a wooden stock and forearm with no sling attached. Brisk was known to carry the rifle in the woods while hunting and at this point in the investigation, it has not been located.

If you have information about this case you can report it and stay anonymous by contacting Crime Stoppers of Minnesota at their website www.CrimeStoppersMN.org; by calling the toll free number 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) from anywhere in Minnesota; by installing the Submit a Tip APP on any smartphone; or by sending a text message beginning with TIP674 to CRIMES (274637). All contact with Crime Stoppers is anonymous and you may qualify for a reward of up to \$1,000 from them if your information leads to an arrest.

Brisk, 41, died from blood loss resulting from a gunshot wound. He leaves behind his wife, Pamela; and children, Johnathon, Nicholas, Frances and Michael.

Jace Carlson appointed as Motley City Council member

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Jace Carlson is the newest member of the Motley City Council, filling the seat that was vacant since the beginning of 2017.

The council voted to appoint Carlson to the position at the beginning of their regular meeting Feb. 13. He was sworn in immediately after and took his place at the council table, joining Mayor Al Yoder and council members Nate Douglas, Amy Hutchison and Steve Johnson.

Carlson was one of four candidates who submitted a letter of intent regarding the vacant seat. Other letters were received by Pat O'Regan and Rob Sampson, each of whom previously served on the council; and Robert Follis, who was on the ballot for Motley City Council this past November.

The vacancy was created when Yoder, who previously served as a council member, was elected mayor, beginning a two (2) year term effective Jan. 4, 2017. There were two (2) years remaining on Yoder's council term.

Prior to voting, the council discussed who they felt would be "a good fit."

Johnson said he believed all four would do a good job, but in the end nominated Carlson. "It's nice to have new people here, with fresh ideas," Johnson said.

The motion was seconded by Douglas and was unanimously approved.

"Congratulations," Mayor Yoder said to Carlson. "Now the work will begin." Yoder thanked everyone who had submitted a letter of intent and echoed Johnson's sentiments that he believed all four would have done a great job for the city.

Carlson has lived in Motley for the past 15 years. He and his wife, Holly, have three sons: Zachary, 17; Jordan, 16; and Garrett, 15, all of whom attend Staples-Motley Schools.

He has a great appreciation for the Motley community and the local area, Carlson said in a later conversation. He noted that he grew up in the Philbrook area and graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 1998.

"I like being involved in the community," Carlson said, when asked what inspired him to pursue the vacant council seat. "I see this as one more way to help out."

In his letter of intent, Carlson noted that he is currently on the Motley Fire Department, a position he has held for the past 11 years. He is involved in the Boy Scout program, serving 12 years as Cubmaster and eight years as Asst. Scoutmaster. For three years, he has been a certified firearms instructor for the DNR.

Carlson is employed as a sales representative at Manion Lumber and Truss in Pillager, a position he has held for the past 16 years.

"With all the years I have dedicated volunteering for the community I would be a good fit for the position and would like to have the chance to be more involved with the community," Carlson included in his letter of intent.

In other matters the council:

- HELD a public hearing prior to their regular meeting to hear and consider public input regarding the vacation of the 20 ft. alley lying between Lots 1 - 6 and Lots 7 - 12 of Block 10. There was no public comment and the council later approved a resolution in favor of vacating the alley, which is located behind the new Dollar General Store.

- LEARNED that the owners of Dollar General have provided a utility easement to the city; and a Letter of Credit to ensure a water valve is installed prior to July 1, 2017.

- APPROVED a motion to begin collecting the city's portion of the building permit fees. According to Inspection Services, the city's flat fees are in-line with surrounding communities but its scaled rates (based on dollar value of project) are much lower than others.

- APPROVED a tobacco license for Dollar General; and a gambling permit request from St. Michael's Catholic Church for April 9.

- APPROVED request from Bob Koenig to hold a Spring Firearm Safety Class in the meeting room of city hall, 7 - 9 p.m. on April 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27.

- HEARD from Lisa Kajer and Mary Noska of Barn Quilts of Central MN regarding a barn quilt trail that's been established in this area. In addition to providing visual art, Kajer and Noska said the trail is intended to bring economic development to the area by attracting tourists. The organization offered the City

of Motley two barn quilts, with the stipulation that they be mounted by June 15 and the city would pay for them to be mounted; and that they remain on the property for five years.

- APPROVED accepting the two barn quilts offered by Barn Quilts of Central MN, along with the stipulations.

- DENIED a request from Diana Eisel of Motley Motel to waive utility penalty fees incurred from June - September of 2016.

- APPOINTED Troy Davis as the city's fire marshal.

- APPROVED a request from Fire Marshal Davis to update the open burning regulations. Per the request, the city will follow DNR requirements as to when a permit is necessary (removing burning restrictions for certain months out of the year); and will add in that burning leaves is not allowed.

- APPROVED final pay request from Young Excavating in the amount of \$108,229.29 for work completed on Cimarron, Postel and Lil Street Improvements.

- APPROVED adding Cliff Goodwater to the Streets Committee. Other members include Bruce Brotherton, Steve Johnson, Lacey Smieja, Nate Douglas.

- APPROVED the fire department's mutual aid agreement with Todd/Wadena counties.

- APPROVED request to have six firefighters be re-certified. Total cost is \$150.

- LEARNED the fire department had 17 calls during the month of January; and that they have three applications for new firefighters. Chief Todd Judd would like to set up interviews in the near future.

- LEARNED that the police department had 165 calls in January. Chief Ron Smith noted that the Motley Police Dept. is "right up there" with the Staples Police Dept. in terms of the amount of calls and Staples has a lot more officers.

- APPROVED request from Police Chief Ron Smith to renew membership to the MN Police Chiefs Association. The fee is \$165.

- APPROVED request from Smieja to purchase two new office chairs in the amount of \$897. Smieja said she believes the city has a rebate account balance from NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) in the amount of \$1,033; and

perhaps these funds could be used for the chairs. The chairs currently in the office are not comfortable and one has broken arm rests.

- HEARD positive remarks from Holly Cuffe during the public forum, regarding the work of Motley Police Officer Jason Borash and Chief Ron Smith.

- HEARD a reminder from Mayor Yoder that in order for an item to be acted on, it must be on the agenda.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.

Motley Police, MCSO reports

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

Feb. 7 - The MPD arrested Dennis Vasquez, 23, for DUI.

Feb. 6, 7 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Michael Unger, 29; Mark Ritchie, 58.

Feb. 3 - The MPD responded to a report of a theft at Auger's Motley Express. According to the report, an adult male and a child came in to the store, paid for gas and some other items and then went back to their car. The adult then returned, took a gallon of milk and a soda and ran back to his car and drove away.

Feb. 3 - The MPD received a call from the parent of a fifth grader at Motley-Staples Middle School, upset about some bullying that was taking place at the school. Chief Ron Smith proceeded to speak with the school principal about the matter; and the principal said he is aware of the problem and is addressing it.

Feb. 2, 3 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Taylor Denny 24; Kelsey Hales, 29.

Feb. 4 - The MCSO received a report of vandalism in the men's restroom at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley.

Feb. 4 - The MCSO received a call regarding disorderly conduct at the Ten Hi Bar in Motley.

Energy assistance in Cass Cty

Funding is still available for households in Beltrami and Cass counties for help with heating and electric bills. If you haven't already applied this heating season and meet the income guidelines, you may be eligible. Deadline to submit applications is May 31, 2017.

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3	\$9,910
4	\$11,798
5	\$13,686
6	\$15,574
7	\$15,928
8	\$16,282
9	\$16,636



Welcoming Dollar General in Motley

Representatives of the City of Motley and the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce (SMACC) attended the Grand Opening of Dollar General in Motley Feb. 11. Pictured above at the ribbon cutting ceremony are, from left: Barb Cline, SMACC Executive Director; Bruce Brotherton, SMACC board member and public works supervisor for City of Motley; Sandy Knosalla, SMACC board member; Ron Smith, Motley Police Chief; Stephanie Jordahl, SMACC board member; Amy Hutchison, Steve Johnson, Motley City Council members; Al Yoder, Motley Mayor; Nate Douglas, Motley City Council member; Charlie Leonard, Dollar General Manager; Jane

Verbeck, Staples, customer; Amber Nelson, Dollar General Assistant Manager; Rhonda Amundson, Motley Fair Board member; Greg Frisk, member of Motley June Fest committee. Over 200 people were in line by 8 a.m. for the grand Opening celebration. A number of prizes were given away throughout the day, including gift cards and Dollar General tote bags. "We're excited to be here," said store manager Charlie Leonard of Motley. "I'm looking forward to meeting people in the neighborhood," he added. Dollar General is located at 648 Hwy 10 South in Motley. It is open every day from 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)