

Weather

	High	Low	2018
Feb. 20	19°	4°	4-5"sn
	Partly cloudy		
Feb. 21	23	13	18/-12
	Partly cloudy		
Feb. 22	26	10	10/-14
	40% Precip		
Feb. 23	20	8	7-8"sn
	Mostly Sunny		
Feb. 24	19	8	8/-14
	Snow Showers, 40%		
Feb. 25	19	4	4-5"sn
	Snow Showers, 40%		
Feb. 26	16	1	42/2
	Snow Showers 40%		

Average Temp.:
H = 23° Low = 0
Snow Total:
Nov.-Feb. 13 = 57"
Recall: Feb. 25,
2008, 18" snow

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher



The Staples Host Lions Speech Tournament held Feb. 9, at SM

Above, SM Speech Team members included; front row, left to right: Keegan Bestland, Katie Niemi, AJ Nienow, Macy Judd, Brooke Ferdon, Connor Judd, Luke Bates, Sadie Thompson, Jonah Johnson and Coach Delaney Larson. Middle: Coaches Brian and Heather Sams, Grace Allen, Alex Brings, Ari Brings, Cy Johnson, Iain Sams,

Andrew Bates, Samantha Mrazek, Torii Nienow, Caden Mrazek, Antonio Cuetara, Ethan Gilbertson. Back: Amber Deegan, Lilly Niemi, Jack Tyrell, Micah Larson, Jaydon Friedel, Emery Lorber, Kimberley Stachowiak and Coaches Alex Erickson and Coleman Klimek. (Submitted photo)

Speech team first at home meet

The Staples-Motley Speech team earned the first place trophy at the 41st Annual Staples Host Lions Speech Tournament held at Staples-Motley High School Feb. 9. Approximately 200 students from area schools participated in the meet.

First place trophies went to: Andrew Bates (Drama), Ari Brings, (Prose and Great Speeches), Caden Mrazek (Improv) and Jonah Johnson (Creative Expression). Second

place honors: Andrew Bates and Jaydon Friedel (Duo), Jaydon Friedel (Drama), Sadie Thompson (Humor), and Samantha Mrazek (Original Oratory). Third place: Caden Mrazek and Samantha Mrazek (Duo), Connor Judd (Humor), Ethan Gilbertson (Creative Expression), Sadie Thompson (Improv) and Torii Nienow (Informative). Fourth place: Alex Brings (Great Speeches), Cy Johnson and Iain Sams (Duo), Luke Bates

(Humor), Macy Judd (Extemp. Reading) and Sadie Thompson (Creative Expression). Fifth place: Caden Mrazek (Humor), Connor Judd (Improv) and Kimberley Stachowiak (Informative). Placing sixth were: AJ Nienow and Keegan Bestland (Duo).

Blue ribbons were awarded to: Amber Deegan (Dramatic Interpretation), Emery Lorber (Improv), Lilly Niemi (Info) Kimberly Stachowiak (Poetry), Amber Deegan

(Prose), Torii Nienow (Prose) and Andrew Bates (Story Telling). Red Ribbons for excellence: Alex Brings (Creative), Micah Larson (Creative), Katie Niemi (Extemp Reading), Grace Allen (Original Oratory), Brooke Ferdon (Prose).

The speech team competed in the Brainerd Invitational Feb. 16.

Upcoming meets include: Bemidji, Feb. 23 and Walker-Hackensack-Akeley March 2.

Hello, Readers,

We at the Staples World are looking forward to spring, when we come out with our annual Visitors Guide. Tell us what you think visitors will want to know about our community. When you have visitors, where do you take them? If you had a vacation day in this area, what would you like to do? Send us your best photo from the area that will help visitors get a feel for what we have here. Also think beyond the common sites that tourists always visit. Take a look at our community from the eyes of an outsider and ask yourself "what do we have here that we might take for granted, but others might find unique?"

You will discover that you live in a place rich with culture, and teeming with interesting people and places. To people from the outside, we live in an awesome place and we should be proud of our communities.

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Obituaries

Velma Line



City of Staples purchases housing lots, hopes for development

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Feb. 12, the Staples City Council approved purchasing 24 Valley View tax forfeited lots from Wadena County for \$20,837.

What to do with these lots, however, is not something the council seemed to be in total agreement with, based on comments made during a lengthy discussion prior to taking action on the matter.

Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator, explained that these lots were initially platted for duplex units. He felt it would be in the city's best interest to purchase the lots as a means to generate revenue into its debt service.

Council member Doug Case felt that the lots should be developed for single family housing, something that is lacking in Staples. People aren't building \$300,000 houses in Staples because lots are not available, Case said. He went on to note that the city already put \$1 million into this development a while back and nothing came of it. "Two wrongs don't make a right," he told the council.

Council member Roy Miles said he thought the city should purchase the land because it would be an investment. Mayor Chris Etzler agreed, mentioning that if a couple of parties built homes, it wouldn't take the city long to pay back the \$20,000.

Etzler said he didn't have a problem with duplexes being built on that property. He agreed with Case that single family homes would be the best route to go, but was open to giving the duplex plan "a shot." Etzler believes there could be room for both duplex units and single family homes at the Valley View

development. Case feels that professionals looking to build a single family home would not want to build next to a duplex.

Nelsen voiced his opinion that there are a lot of options surrounding these lots, but unless the city owned them, they couldn't do anything about them.

During the course of the conversation, the importance of landscaping was mentioned, including planting trees in the spring. Nelsen also noted that all of the individual lots have delinquent special assessments attached to them.

History

Located on the north end of Staples, just south of Central Lakes College, the Valley View subdivision was developed by Jim Vogel and Wayne Haglin over a decade ago under the name Voglin Properties.

In a May 11, 2016 Staples World article, news editor Mark Anderson reported that the city used a bond to bring utilities to the area, paid for through general taxes and special assessments. Soon after the Valley View development was constructed with sewer, water, electricity and paved streets, the housing turndown of 2008 hit.

In other matters at their regular meeting Feb. 12, the council:

• **HEARD** a presentation by Joseph Krueger, Prosecuting Attorney, Todd County. Krueger noted that petty misdemeanors were up 10 - 20 percent in 2017 - 2018. Regarding the civil side of his work with the City of Staples, Krueger said it had been a busy year. He thanked the city employees for their help in this area, noting that they have done a lot to bring in new business.

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Sun dogs go full circle

Cold temperatures introduced the area to "sun dogs," a unique atmospheric optical phenomenon. The photo above was captured by Lee Jenkins of Staples and features a halo which also forms around the sun. A halo is a ring or light that forms around the sun or moon as the sun or moonlight refracts off ice

crystals present in a thin veil of cirrus clouds. The halo is usually seen as a bright, white ring although sometimes it can have color. Jenkins took the photo at 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 13.

Below: The sun coming up on Valentine's morning at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 14. (Photos by Lee Jenkins).



School presents info on building project

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Nexus Solutions held an information session, Feb. 13, to several community groups interested in helping promote the school building project, scheduled for a May 14 referendum vote.

Rob Brown of Nexus Solutions told the groups that the final cost of the project has been reduced so that it is under the tax tolerance amount indicated by a survey conducted by the company.

The survey indicated that the community feels

they can't afford more than \$22 per month in taxes for a home at the median value, around \$120,000. Brown said the project is now projected to cost under \$20 per month for a median home, with homes valued less than the median paying less and higher priced homes paying more.

Brown said the school board and superintendent can't advocate for the project, but they can provide information to groups who would like to promote the project, such as a "vote yes" committee.

Brown said he would

attend the LEAP Board meeting on Friday Feb. 22, at 7 a.m. at Sourcewell in Staples. LEAP has indicated they could host a vote yes committee.

Teachers can only advocate for the project if they're not "on the clock" during work hours for the school. Brown said the teachers are the best source for letting the public know why there's a need for construction.

"People trust teachers," said Brown.

Although the survey showed good community See **SCHOOL** on page 12a

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Fans of the Staples campus

At the CLC alumni breakfast at the Staples campus on Feb. 6, from left, Dawn Verdon, Deb Sterriker, Tara Karels, Hara Charlier, Jana Shogren, Bruce Drone and Amy Matter-Hines. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Alumni breakfast offers look into campus happenings

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Central Lakes College is looking to engage with the members of the local community to form relationships with the college.

“We want you to engage with us, tell us how you want to interact with the campus,” said Jana Shogren of the CLC Foundation at an alumni breakfast held Feb. 6 at the Staples Campus.

CLC President Hara Charlier spoke at the breakfast and agreed that connections with the community are important to the college. “We want the community to think of this as their college. We want to make sure you know what’s happening on campus,” said Charlier.

The college is growing with an increase in students this year. Charlier said the biggest increase is in career tech education, particularly on the Staples Campus. There’s been a national trend of declining enrollment for colleges and CLC is one of the few schools trending up, said Charlier.

Staples Campus Dean Tara Karels said it is her dream to fill the campus with students and programs.

Charlier said the college

has a new mission, vision, values and strategic plan. The strategic plan includes three parts: 1. inspire learning; 2. advance innovation; and 3. transforming lives. Charlier gave examples of how the college is doing all those things.

“We know we do it, now we want to let others know,” she said.

One example walked in the door during the alumni breakfast. Robotics instructor Nate Peterson brought in a graduate who was back on campus that day to recruit for his robotics company in Colorado.

Karels said it’s very common to have such visitors on campus. “People come from all over, a lot of them are alumni,” said Karels.

Alumni Bruce Drone was at the breakfast and asked about the farm program. He said he’d been there when it was an irrigation school and wondered if that program was going to come back. Charlier said the college is joining a 10 state consortium that will give the agriculture program another opportunity to expand. The college is already the headquarters of AgCentric, which coordinates agriculture education with multiple schools in the state.

Other changes coming

to the campus include a solar array to be put up in the spring and the Student Senate is planning to place barn quilts up representing all the programs on campus.

“This is one of the most gorgeous campuses in the Minnesota State system,” said Charlier about the newly renovated Staples campus.

Other CLC alumni events include:

February 24 – Love Letters in Memory of Joe Plut, 5-8:30 p.m. at Prairie Bay Grill, Brainerd. The “Love Letters” performance is to benefit the Joseph Plut Scholarship Fund. Tickets available at www.clcmn.edu/events/loveletters.

March 5 – Traveling Art Pub at CLC, 6 p.m. in the CLC Brainerd cafeteria think spring, create your own 16x20 painted canvas. Call Amy at 218- 855-8135 or email amy.matter-hines@clcmn.edu to RSVP by noon, March 3.

March 21 – Raider Rally, Roundhouse Brewery , 5-7 p.m.. Back by popular demand, meet to celebrate Raider athletics at Roundhouse Brewery, Brainerd. Complimentary nacho bar will be available, live music will be available, interact with student athletes and catch up with old friends.

Staples-Motley High School Honor Roll

Staples-Motley High School recently released the Honor Roll for Semester 1.

A Honor Roll

12th Grade: Jack Adamietz, Jeffrey Allen, Benjamin Bartczak, Jack Benson, Kiera Dumpprope, Ryan Gerard, Jorie Ihme, Amy Michel, Trenton Plopper, Elizabeth Stimac.

11th Grade: Tasha Achermann, Mackenna Bjerga, Owen Bjerga, Marie Brings, Isaac Christoffersen, Izaiah DeMars, Juanita DeWald, Kaila Erbe, Jaydon Friedel, Kailyn Gelle, Naneta Jirakova, Issac Kronenberg, Benjamin Olander, Alexandra Peterson, Riley Peterson, Rylie Rau, Trevor Rudenick, Cade Schmidt, Kaitlyn Smith, Alana Sullivan, Morgan Swecker, Joshua Trantina, Jack Tyrrell, Izabelle VanAlst, Ryan Wick, Emmitt Winkels.

10th Grade: Tabetha Allen, Emmet Anderson, Payton Bjerga, Alex Brings, Rebecca Brown, Jose Cuetara Velazquez, Abigail DiGiovanni, Beck Erholtz, Rose Han, Brooke Heldman, Jadyn Kincaid, Mary Lund, Alex McIlravy, Torii Nienow, Elizabeth Noble, Libby O’Neil, Tanner Robben, Ava Schneider, Amber Shequen, Kimberly Stachowiak, Maxwell Strickland, Kira Sweeney, Alexis Tweeter, Mikayla Williams,

Cole Windels, Zaynie Zigmund.

9th Grade: Morgan Becker, Drew Berg, Leah Bestland, Elizabeth Dukowitz, Bo Erholtz, Evelyn Gonzalez, Francesca Hanson, Brookelyn Huisenga, Madysen Hull, Sivert Klefsaas, Addison Lorber, Cassidy Radueg, Malaya Reem, Klaire Storry, Jaydyn Vogel.

8th Grade: Grace Allen, Luke Bates, Lucas Brownell, Amanda Carter, Nicole Carter, Riley Dabbs, Camryn Ferris, Isabelle, Halvorson, Jayce Kobliska, Allison Olander, Nathaniel Ritter, Ashley Robben.

B Honor Roll

12th Grade: Caitlin Becker, Danielle Carpenter, Bentley Christensen, Brayden Christensen, Blayne Dumpprope, Del Eckman, Nicholas Franzen, Derek Kennedy, Brittney Lisson, Shaine Magnuson, Spencer Miller, Evan Nanik, Nancy O’Rourke, Hailey Owen, Emily Roberts, Sophia Roberts, Chastity Runge, Lilian Schneider, Abbygayle Seamann, Jakob Stangle, Scout Strickland.

11th Grade: Tiffany Achermann, Jackson Berg, Ashley Black, Aleecia Fall, Connor Fox, Mariela Gallardo-Reyes, Tyler Gosch, Marlene Hinrichs, Hunter Klimek, Elizabeth Kobliska, Thomas Koval, Isabella Martin, Tyson Miller, Gabriel Misner, Heileigh

Mollner, Konner Morales, Mitsuki Nishihara, Sahyleigh Sumey, James Vold, Kayla Yoder.

10th Grade: Haley Cichos, Tanner Clark, Hannah DeWald, Jenna Dvorak, Alexander Giza, Elena Gomez Orzechowska, Hannah Heschke, Devon Losh, Vanessa Lozano, Connor Macheel, Charlize Martin, Katherine Michel, Adam Oberlander, Kyle Ottomoeller, Alexander Suliga, Logen Weite.

9th Grade: Dayton Anderson, Brooke Beto, Chandler Braith, Lyle Brownell, Brooke Converse, Adriana Dickey, Andria Dolezal, Abby Dukowitz, Gordon Enyart-Martinez, Dominic Gomez Orzechowska, Corey Hansen, Connor Judd, Allison Knosalla, Ryan Larson, Isabelle Mikel, Joshua Schimpp, Amber Sullivan, Calob Trantina, Alex Vernon.

8th Grade: Lily Albertson, Briana Benson, Keegan Bestland, Topanga Braith, Emilya Case, Elizabeth DiGiovanni, William Dolezal, Mariah Fisk, Megan Franzen, Starr Hofstedt, Corrine Japke, Caitlin Jasmer, Grace Jennissen, Blake Knudson, Wyatt Kobliska, Georgia Kruchten, Seth Larson, Jayma Lawson, Landon Mertens, Madden Roberts, Isaiah Schultz, Trinity Seamann, Jason Trantina, Meghan VanAlst.



Complimentary of the City of Staples

Joseph Krueger (standing), Prosecuting Attorney for Todd County, gave a presentation at the Staples City Council’s regular meeting Feb. 12. In addition to giving a re-cap of case work during 2017 - 2018 (he noted that petty misdemeanors were up 10 - 20 percent), Krueger praised the City of Staples employees for their help on the civil side of projects. Of the cities his firm represents, Krueger said that Staples has the most

going on at this time, in terms of bringing in businesses. Also pictured, from left, are Melissa Radamacher, SEDA Director; Rachel Johnson and Roy Miles, city council members; Mayor Chris Etzler; Mary Theurer, Doug Case and Thomas Toepper, city council members; Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator; Diane Archer, City Clerk; and Fire Chief Scott Braith and his son, Mitchell Braith. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Fire department officers listed

- ACCEPTED a report from the Staples Fire Department (SFD) as presented by Fire Chief Scott Braith, as well as the fire department officers for 2019. These include: Chief, Scott Braith; 1st Asst., Wayne Storry; 2nd Asst., Drew Yungbauer; 3rd Asst., Cole Yungbauer; Safety Officer, Jeff Berg.
- LEARNED that firefighter David Brusewitz recently retired from the department. The SFD currently has 23 members.

- APPROVED a resolution to set a public hearing on April 9, regarding the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-11 within Municipal Development District No. 1.
- ADOPTED a resolution approving and authorizing Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council. There is no membership fee.
- HEARD a committee report by Melissa Rader-

macher, SEDA (Staples Economic Development Authority) Director. Radermacher noted that there is a lot going on in the city. Highlights mentioned in her report included the sale of the Baby Steps building which was sold on a Contract for Deed, with the closing Jan. 17; an update on the Trail Feasibility Study Project; and an update on the Batcher Building project.

Have You HEARD?

Presented by
Steve Trebil, BC-HIS

ALL ABOUT ATTITUDE

While some people work to conceal their hearing instruments from public view, many of those wearing behind-the-ear Bluetooth headsets often prefer to show off their devices; yet, these devices are more alike than they are different. Each is a high-tech, hands-free device that is designed to be worn around, behind, or in the ear, and both can work with a telephone. If anything, the hearing instrument is the more sophisticated of the two because it can be programmed for various listening environments, cancel out background noise, manage feedback, reduce impulse noise, and separate sound signals into discrete frequencies. Considering all this, you'd think that hearing-instrument users would be proud to display their high-tech devices. It's all about attitude.

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Keep up the good work

Many area residents are working overtime to shovel their sidewalks, especially this corner in Staples where a fire hydrant was shoveled out of a drift that would have buried it completely. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Steve Fields
Minnesota Attorney

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In praise of oaks

Minnesota has a roster of official state icons. On this lengthy list is our state bird, the loon; we have a state fish, the walleye; a state flower, the showy lady-slipper; even a state grain, wild rice. We also have a state tree, the red pine. It's often referred to as Norway pine, but based on my limited research, Minnesota is the only state where this Scandinavian substitute is routinely used. Given the Norwegian heritage of so many Minnesotans, this is no great surprise.

I've always been a big fan of our evergreens, of which the Norway pine is one. Included also are the white and jack pine, spruce, fir, and cedar. All are conifers, meaning their seeds form inside of cones. Tamaracks are also conifers, but unlike the rest they lose their needles all at one time, and are bare and lifeless - definitely not green - in winter.

Because most native conifers lose and replace their needles gradually over the course of the year, they are always - or "ever" - green. They seem unchanging and alive even in the depths of the coldest, longest, darkest winter. They're the most visible and ever-present evidence that life will eventually prevail, there for us when we most need it.

Lately this long-established prejudice of mine has shifted some. Having moved to a new home in the middle of the past year, I now have a commute of a half hour every morning and every evening. For much of the late fall and winter these commutes have been made in the half-light of dusk and pre-dawn. The route is also much different than the short urban drive I once had. Instead of houses and apartments, schools, commercial buildings, and a cemetery, the new drive is rural, much

of it bordered by forest and field. Given the timing of these commutes, I've seen a lot of sunrises and sunsets, skies just bright enough to show the surroundings in silhouette, with light typically too dim to give color and texture to the landscape through which I drive. Many different silhouettes stand out against the glow of pale pink or orange just above the horizon: power lines and telephone poles, water towers, the taller lighted towers that carry our mobile phone calls and data; and of course, trees.

Now that we're well into winter, virtually all of the remaining leaves have been torn from these trees. The last to lose them were the oaks. Their silhouette is now simple and uncluttered, and in this bare simplicity their shapes can be much better appreciated than when they're clad in leaves. I recently told my wife, an artist who spent more than three decades teaching the subject, that oaks in winter against the brightening sky are as delicate and intricate as an etching.

The "habit" of oaks in their branching is one of the things that makes them stand out from other trees, and gives them the aspect of art. Most trees' branches simply diverge from the trunk, and again and again in smaller repetitions, at simple angles that any student who knows his geometry could measure. But oaks are different. Their branching is indecisive, going first in one direction and then another; not just in the stout main branches, but all the way out to their tips.

You can almost imagine an oak's branches reaching out to clutch something in those finger-like extremities. If a tree were called on to serve as a prop in a horror movie, transformed into something with an inhabiting spirit, you couldn't come up with a better candidate than an oak.

Perhaps another reason I've been dismissive of oaks owes to my many years as a grouse and woodcock hunter; less so today, but avid in the extreme as a younger man. The forests that produced grouse

and woodcock were populated with aspen and birch, with alder at their borders where forest met lowland swamp or marsh. Forests thick with hazel and dogwood shrubbery, cover that sometimes clutched at you as you traversed it or plowed your way through it. Or, pole-sized aspen groves that were open at ground level where woodcock could probe for earthworms.

But not oak forests. Oaks - and there are several - are species of mature woodlands. Despite the food value of their acorns to grouse and deer, oak forests are not in the same league with aspen when it comes to producing these favorite upland game birds in quantity. Seeking the tangible reward of a grouse or two in my game vest, I tended to shun the oaks almost without exception.

When you see an oak as an artist's etching in silhouette against the morning skyline, without the motive of harvesting something, you may reconsider. And beyond the artistic, there are tangible good things that come from the oak. There is no better firewood for a stove, the fireplace, or a campfire. Pine logs throw sparks when their pitch pockets explode, and generate resins that can foul a stovepipe, or cause a chimney fire. Birch is fine for starting a fire - especially its bark - but burns faster than a hardwood like oak; best to save it for a friendly campfire.

Oak contributes good things to our lives in other ways. It's found in some of the highest quality furniture, and is used to add handsome accents - like structural trim - in our homes. It has qualities of beauty and durability that lesser woods - or wood substitutes - can't match. Before steel warships, oak was the top choice for planking and keels. Not to mention its use in barrels for aging some of the world's most popular and expensive spirits.

In many ways, oak is the "gold standard" among trees; even if it never displaces the Norway pine in the Minnesota state tree hierarchy.

Finding community during extra-curricular speech

By Dawn Timbs
Staff Writer

I went to the speech tournament at Staples-Motley High School Feb. 9, the first one I had attended since graduating from my alma mater in 1981.

What a fun, inspiring day! During the few hours I was there, I heard a variety of speeches delivered by talented young people from across the area (of course my favorites were from the Cardinal team). Some of them made me laugh, others had me close to tears and still others caused me to reflect on my roles as both a woman and an American.

Upon stepping into the school, I was flooded with memories from my own experience in extra-curricular speech decades earlier. The buzz of excitement in the hallway felt familiar and I found my stomach tightening a bit each time the judge would call up the next speaker. It tightened again as I waited with the team in the cafeteria to see whose names would be written on the infamous tag-board signs indicating those moving on to the final round of competition. Muscle memory, I guess.

"What a great group of kids," I thought to myself as I watched these earnest young people in action. In between rounds, I saw a few practicing their speeches

in front of lockers, and teammates exchanging high-fives and words of encouragement. Dressed in their finest attire, they were there to do their best both as individuals and as a team.

It was evident that the Staples-Motley speech team, led by coaches Brian and Heather Sams, Delaney Larson, Alex Erickson and Coleman Klimek, was a community. Wikipedia defines community as "a small or large social unit...that has something in common, such as norms, religion, values, or identity."

Community is so important to our overall health and is something I have seen manifested in the Staples-Motley area since moving back here in 2005. Churches, organizations, clubs and CARE Ministries all offer opportunities to be a part of a community...a safe place that feels like home.

Nearly 40 years ago, the Staples High School speech team was a place where I felt at home. I looked up to our coaches Tom Girtz, Frank Odell, Don Sanda, Rick Herder, Lucille Miller and others. We were a community and I belonged on that early-morning bus bound for the next speech meet. These were my people. We laughed together, practiced together and had each other's backs. I remember how

exciting it was to be a part of the team the year Scott Grossman took first place at state; and then two years later, when John Uhrich was named the Cardinals' next state champion in speech. I proudly smiled for the camera when our team won the district tournament and later placed at regions. My friend Kathy Edin and I enthusiastically named ourselves 'speech cheerleaders' but our reign lasted only one meet. Although we never cheered at a pep rally, our photo did make the Kardinal Chronicle...each wearing a uniform sweater with a paper cut-out 'SHS' pinned to it.

I am grateful for all of the things I learned while being a part of the Staples High School speech team. My coaches, fellow teammates and the collective experiences along the way had a part in shaping who I am today.

It did this alum's heart good to see that the Staples-Motley Speech Team is stronger than ever and continuing to make their mark in the Minnesota State High School League.

If you've never attended a speech meet, I would encourage you to do so. I guarantee you will be encouraged and inspired not only by the outstanding speeches, but by the camaraderie and talent of the Cardinal speech team.

Letter to the Editor

Snow heroes

Staples is a great place to live!

I especially want to thank those wonderful neighbors who help moved snow this year. Frank,

Steve, Chuck and those young guys who stopped by with scoop shovels to clear the heavy snow thrown in by the plow.

I hope other "elderly" have as great neighbors as I do.

Now if someone could organize a posse and try to find the fire hydrant.

LaVonne Selleck
Staples, Minn

Politics' great divide

By Lee H. Hamilton

One of the more striking political developments of the last few years has been the partisan sorting of American voters. It used to be that both the Republican and Democratic parties covered some ideological ground. Now, it's so habitual for conservatives to make their home in the GOP and liberals in the Democratic Party that party and ideological labels stand in for one another.

Still, you have to be careful. Because when you're talking about something as complex as Americans' political beliefs, there's really no such thing as uniformity.

Sure, liberals put a lot of emphasis on collectively helping individuals who are in trouble, and they tend to be more inclusive and open to change. Conservatives, as their name suggests, are more likely to support tradition and authority, and to support conformity to traditional values. Both have strong

senses of right and wrong - they just define them differently.

Yet I often run into conservatives who hold surprisingly liberal positions on one issue or another, and vice versa. So while we tend to place both ourselves and others within particular boxes, their sides are porous. It's very easy for political elites to overstate the degree to which ideological categories actually apply to real people.

Then, of course, there are all those Americans who don't believe they fall into either category, liberal or conservative, and who don't identify with either party. We tend to label these people independents - as they do, themselves. In truth, though, even independents usually lean one way or the other, sometimes quite noticeably. They're much more liberal or conservative than they think of themselves as being.

The divisions that separate liberals and conservatives are real. On social issues, many find themselves sharply divided: over same-sex relationships, the place of marriage and family in our society, and, of course, abortion. This last may be the most divisive issue of all. Liberals tend to have more tolerance for abortion; very few conservatives I encounter have that feeling, although a few do.

And they are sharply divided over the role of government and government intervention in the lives of Americans on economic matters. Conservatives tend to believe strongly that government regulations do more harm than good, and that government itself is wasteful and inefficient. The differences are especially stark on health care - conservatives abhor the mandate on purchasing insurance policies; liberals see it as a necessary step toward the larger goal of expanded coverage.

This is part of a broader division over welfare and the degree to which government should be involved in programs to alleviate poverty or to protect working

people from the bumps, bruises, and hardships dealt out by the national economy. Conservatives tend to think those roles ought to be taken up by the private or nonprofit sectors and by individuals themselves. Liberals, of course, believe government can be helpful.

But even here, the divisions are not as sharp as they used to be. You hear a good number of conservatives open to government assistance and government involvement in social and economic issues. I've been surprised by the number of times I've run into conservatives who support particular government programs, and liberals who take a libertarian view on some question or another.

Over and over, I'm reminded that learning a voter's views on a given issue may tell you next to nothing about his or her views on others, or could actually mislead you.

It's pretty common these days to bemoan the ideological divisions evident in our politics, especially when the differences are weaponized for partisan purposes. But I'd argue that far from being debilitating, ideological divisions are fundamentally a sign of the vitality of our politics. The political debate they give rise to is a sign of the vigor of the political system.

Sure, trying to deal with deep-seated differences is difficult for a politician. But it's also part of the attraction and the challenge of politics. And if you see voters as the complex opinion-holders they are, common ground may not be as impossible to find as it can seem at first glance.

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New SMHS inductees in Minnesota Honor Society

New inductees for the Staples-Motley Chapter of Minnesota Honor Society were named at ceremonies held Jan. 27 at Timbers, Staples. Above, front row juniors; Cade Schmidt, Jack Tyrrell, Rylie Rau, Kaitlyn Smith, MacKenna Bjerga and senior Jack Adamietz.

Back, juniors; Emmitt Winkels, Ryan Wick, Alixandra Peterson, Benjamin Olander and seniors; Ryan Gerard, and Jeffrey Allen. (Submitted photos)



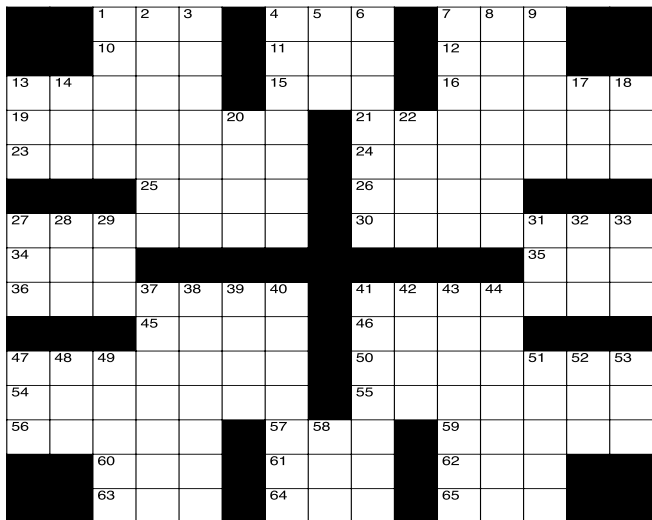
The SMHS Minnesota Honor Society members

Ceremonies for the induction of new Honor Society students was hosted by current members including; Ben Bartczak, Andrew Bates, Jordon Carlson, Kiera Dumpprope, Lilian Schneider, Scout

Strickland and Krystal Yoder. Above photo includes the new inductees along with current members. (Submitted photo)

Crossword Puzzle

Week 8



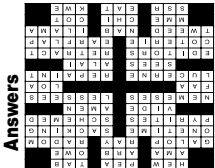
CLUES ACROSS
1. Chop or cut
4. Green veggie
7. Bar bill
10. Doctors' group
11. One who buys and sells securities (slang)
12. Be in debt
13. Lively ballroom dance
15. Singer Charles
16. Polish city
19. Former
21. Dismissing from employment
23. Minerals
24. Plotted
25. Consult
26. After a prayer
27. Agents of one's downfall
30. Leaseholders
34. Supervises flying
35. Voodoo god
36. Alfalfa
41. Apply another

coat to
45. Witnesses
46. Jai ____, sport
47. Ones who proof
50. Recant
54. Small group with shared interests
55. Part of warming headgear
56. Woolen cloth
57. Snag
59. Central American fruit tree
60. Woman (French)
61. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
62. Type of bed
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Consume
65. Japanese freight company (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN
1. Czech monetary unit
2. Able to arouse intense feeling
3. Elk
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Geological time
6. Depths of the ocean
7. Burns to the ground
8. Becomes cognizant of
9. Cause to shade

13. US political party
14. Refers to some of a thing
17. Single
18. Type of beer
20. Ancient Iranian people
22. Grocery chain
27. Gridiron league
28. English river
29. __ and cheese
31. Peyton's younger brother
32. Long time
33. High schoolers' test
37. Respects
38. Organize anew
39. Filippo __, Saint
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Cheese dish
42. Ancient Greek City
43. Patron saint of Ireland
44. Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
47. Shock treatment
48. __ Jones
49. Things
51. Having wings
52. Panthers' QB
53. Third-party access
58. Satisfaction

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Firearm safety classes offered for ages 11-plus

Firearm safety classes will be offered in Motley and Staples beginning Monday, April 22. A field day will be held Saturday, May 4, in Staples.

This MN DNR certified program is open to youth ages 11 and older. Students must attend all firearms safety classes and field day instruction to receive their certificate.

Firearm safety classes and the field day experience allows students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the handling of firearms. It includes live fire on a rifle range. The Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.

To purchase a hunting license in Minnesota, DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after Dec. 31, 1979. A student must be born before Nov. 10, 2007, because they must be 12 years old before the last day of the hunting season.

Students must pre-register for the classes, with a maximum of 24 students

in each session. Register online at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us and follow the Community Education link. Registration includes both classroom AND field day.

Online classes are available in combination with the field day. Youth can complete the 12 hour online course at www.huntercourse.com. After completing this course, attending a local field day is required. Register online with SM Community Ed for field day only.

Additional information is included below:

Staples

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg
- Phone: 218-894-2255
- Dates: April 22, 23, 25, 29, 30, May 2. A parent is requested to stay Mon., April 22, for 15 minutes.
- Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGivern Park)
- Cost: Free

Motley

- Instructor: Bob Koenig
- Phone: 218-352-6390
- Dates: April 22, 23,

25, 29, 30, May 2. A parent is requested to stay on Monday, April 22, for 15 minutes.

- Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Motley City Hall

• Cost: Free
• DNR online classes available in combination with SM Community Ed field day. Youth can complete the 12 hr. course at www.huntercourse.com. After completing this course, attending a local field day is required. Register online with SM Community Ed. for field day only.

Field Day

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg; Bob Koenig
- Phone: 218-894-2255 or 218-352-6390
- Date: May 4
- Time: 9 a.m.
- Location: Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGivern Park)
- Cost: Free.

All students must bring 'Carry Firearm.' Absolutely no ammunition.

Mark Your Calendar

February 20

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 10, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

February 23

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Sat., Feb. 23, 8 - 10 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. Free. For info., 218-352-6466.

February 26

CARE COMMUNITY MEAL Tues., Feb. 26, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, 310 4th St. NE, Staples. Free. For info., 218-894-2296.

March 16

'DIGNITY OF WOMEN' SPRING LENTEN RETREAT sponsored by The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Sat., March 16, at Seven Dolors Catholic Church, Albany, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Register by March 1. For info., 612-804-5629 or email juliemoorhead@gmail.com.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

February

• **ALL DISTRICT ORCHESTRA CONCERT, GRADES 6 - 12** Feb. 25, 8 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

• **SUB-SECTION INSTRUMENTAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST** Feb. 27, at Staples-Motley, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

March

• **CONNECTIONS PROJECT SHOWCASE NIGHT** March 4, 6:30 p.m., Sourcewell in Staples.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinees Sat. & Sun. Feb. 23 & 24 at 1:25 pm

Screen 3
HELD OVER 2ND WEEK! ALITA: BATTLE ANGEL PG-13
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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
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Staples World newspaper; First International Bank & Trust, Staples; First International Bank & Trust, Motley.

Tickets at the door: \$25. We sold out for this performance last year; be sure to email us about ticket availability.

Underwriters:



Big move for a big pin

Gordon Enyart sinks a half-nelson deep to turn his opponent and eventually get a pin against Bertha-Hewitt/Vern-
dale/Parkers Prairie. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers make a push at section tournament

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Every team's goal is to be at their best for tournament time, and the Staples-Motley wrestling team used that formula to give the section's top seed a scare, before falling in the second round of the tournament on Feb. 12.

The Cardinals beat Breckenridge 54-19 in the opening round, then lost 46-30 to top seed Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie, in a match where a couple of changes could have made it a nail biter.

"We talked throughout the season about winning and learning and getting one percent better each day," said Coach Mark Carlson. "I believe we accomplished that. These kids won many matches and have learned some valuable life lessons involving adversity, discipline, resilience, accountability and work ethic."

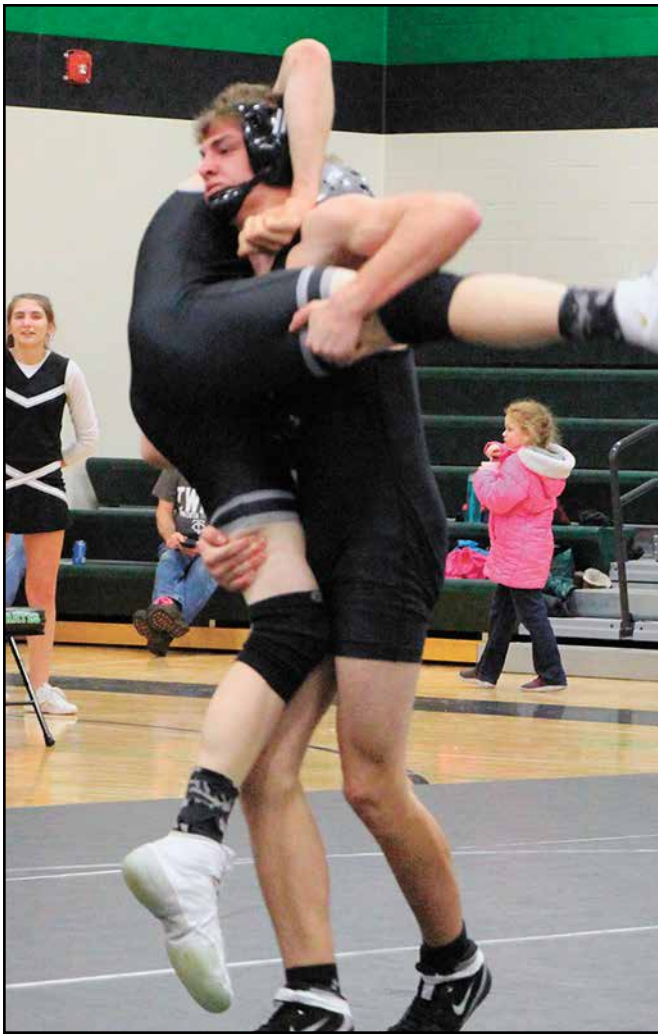
The Cardinals won six matches against BHVPP, capped off by Gordon Enyart and Shaine Guggenberger earning pins against tough opponents. They had two matches where the wrestler was even but got caught and pinned. They only lost five matches on the mat, but had to give up three forfeits where they did not have a varsity wrestler at the weight.

"It's been difficult this year with not having a full squad," said Carlson. Team wrestling has 14 weight brackets, ranging from 106 pounds to 285.

"It's been difficult for most rural programs to fill 14 varsity weights now with declining enrollment as a rural trend in general," said Carlson. "That's why some schools have been successful developing cooperatives with other schools to field wrestling programs with good numbers."

"We have the quality, but are just lacking the numbers to make us more competitive," said Carlson. "We are focusing on the future with improving our quality and quantity at all levels."

The youth program is going strong under coach Dan Bjerga, said Carlson.



High flying takedown

Logen Weite dumps his opponent for a takedown in the team section tournament.

Individual section

The Cardinals will wrestle at Wadena-Deer Creek on Saturday, Feb. 23, in the individual section tournament, where the top two in each weight class advance to state.

"We have quite a few guys that have a good chance to qualify for the state tournament," said Carlson. "I'm excited for the guys and I know they are excited for tournament time and are putting in the hard work to achieve their individual goals, while learning valuable lessons along the way."

"Our kids wrestled well at team sections overall. It's been rewarding seeing the improvement in the kids. Our coaches have done a fantastic job preparing the kids for tournament time."

Team results

Section 6A team tournament
Staples-Motley 54, Breck-

enridge 19

106 - Owen Winter W ff
113 - Issiah Tabatt W ff
120 - Dalton Wells L 20-4
126 - Payton Bjerga W ff
132 - Brayden Christensen W fall
138 - Conner Dobson L 17-1
145 - Blayne Dumpprope W fall
152 Logen Weite W fall
160 - Spencer Miller W fall
170 - Owen Bjerga W ff
182 - Gordon Enyart W ff
195 - ff
220 - Shaine Guggenberger L

285 - double ff Staples-Motley 30, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie 46

106 - Winter L 10-1
113 - Wells L fall
120 - P. Bjerga L fall
126 - Sam Jennissen L fall
132 - Christensen W 6-3
138 - Dumpprope W 11-0
145 - Weite L fall
152 - ff
160 - Miller W fall
170 - O. Bjerga W 20-5
182 - ff
195 - Enyart W fall
220 - Guggenberger W fall
285 - ff



Speed leads to score

Brayden Christensen used his quickness to get around his opponent in the section team tournament. Christensen won both his matches to help the team.



Game saving celebration

The Staples-Motley bench erupts after Allison Knosalla made a three point shot with two seconds left to tie the game against Pillager at 55. (Submitted photo)

Knosalla's miracle 3-pointer forces OT

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Trailing Pillager by three, Allison Knosalla was all alone with the ball four feet behind the three point line with six seconds left in the game. She looked for teammates to pass the ball, but they were all covered so she turned and launched a high shot at the basket. The ball swished through with 2.9 seconds left, tying the score and causing the home crowd to go crazy.

Knosalla had only entered the game because two of the Cardinal regulars were injured and two had fouled out.

The overtime period was much the same as the regulation, with both teams trading big plays, including Klaire Storry's rebound basket to tie the game late, but Pillager made the final free throw to pull out a hard fought win as Staples-Motley missed one last chance.

The Cardinals also lost 47-40 to Osakis on Feb. 12 and 66-40 at Crosby-Ironton on Feb. 15.



Big plays in the lane

Left, Tabetha Allen tips a rebound; right, Klaire Storry hits a shot in OT.

Cardinals taking losses but still building program

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The young and undermanned Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost three road games in the past week, 84-35 at Crosby-Ironton, 70-35 at Park Rapids and 91-32 at Detroit Lakes.

"We were not competitive, but the kids continue to try regardless," said Coach Nick Doll.

"Our kids deserve our

respect and support for continuing to step up to the plate. It is not easy at all with the season we are having," said Doll. "Yet they keep on doing the work. I am proud to coach this group of young men, and I am excited about the future of Cardinal boys basketball."

Doll said the team has some young players who are looking to improve year round.

"The communities

around us are raising their expectations. They are playing and practicing a lot outside of practice during the season, and outside of the season," said Doll. "They are also lifting weights year round. Families in our community are taking notice, and kids are starting to do the same. Our kids, families and community need to stay the course and understand that it takes year round consistency."



Team joy

Allison Knosalla, left, is congratulated by her teammates after making the game tying three pointer. Bella Martin, front, and Klaire Storry, right, gave Knosalla some love after the shot. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)





Controlling the action at the section tournament

Above left, Conner Dobson holds on to an arm as he wrestles from the top position. Right, Spencer Miller flips an opponent to earn near fall points in one of his two wins at the team section wrestling tournament. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Heavy throw

Owen Bjerga moved up a weight but still had plenty of power to lift his opponent to the sky for a takedown.



Eye on the ball

Addison Lorber tracks down a loose ball in overtime of the Pillager game. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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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
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program).....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 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.....10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich
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
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free
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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Sell.....218-371-7189
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SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m....Meal.....6:30 p.m...Groups

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

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

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Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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"My Folks Didn't Choose Me"

Pastor Donald Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

My folks didn't choose me. I'm not saying they would have refused me; they just didn't choose me. I have a friend who likes to say that he was chosen. Adopted at an early age, his adoptive parents selected him out from a number of possible sons. My folks didn't get to choose. They got stuck with me. I wasn't perfect either. I did have my ten fingers and ten toes but I also had a large brown spot on my right cheek - a birthmark in a very noticeable spot. It bothered mom and her brother once speculated that mom may have done something wrong to

have a kid with a spot like that. Still they loved me and gave me not only their home, but their lives. They may have gotten stuck with me at birth but they've chosen me every day since. God chose you. You weren't perfect either but He chose you anyway. He loved you, cared for you, offered you His home and gave you His Son's life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Adopted! He chose you; He chooses you newly each day.

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263



Birthdays and anniversary celebration

The Staples Senior Center held a combined January, February and March birthday/ anniversary party Feb. 13 at the Staples Senior Center with a Valentine theme.

Celebrating birthdays during those month are,

front, left to right: Virginia Pogreba, Rita Stone and Arvilla Dyer. Back are Roland Pogreba, Jean Medley, Rose Hoemberg, Dorothy Balkin and Jeanie Huebner. Celebrating their anniversay are Liz and Del Lindgren. (Submitted photo).

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

• Feb. 24, 1944 - Another Staples young man has been awarded the Purple Heart medal for service, and wounds while in actual combat with the United States military forces in war theatres through the world. Lloyd W. Heaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Heaver of Staples arrived here Sunday evening to spend time with his wife, the former Bonnie Coleman, and his parents and brother.

Since August of 1943 Heaver has been in active combat zones in the South Pacific, and it was while there he was wounded in action against the Japanese. "I am glad to be back

to the United States, and to Staples, which has always been my home, but I shall also be glad to get back into action, and continue on with this combat until the Victory is ours," he stated.

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• Feb. 24, 1944 - The Greyhound bus bumped into a deer out by Lake Shamineau Saturday and killed it. The deer, which was a yearling buck, was brought into Motley, where it was dressed by Dan Vogtman and taken to the Cities. Mr. Vogtman said the deer was in fine shape. Fat as though killed in November.

• Feb. 24 - 1944 - Andrew Anderberg, for the past 42 years clerk of Staples Township board, will retire from the position he has filled since the village of Staples was incorporated into a city, thus severing connections with Staples

Township. Mr. Anderberg is truly a pioneer of the Staples vicinity. In 1883, he homesteaded in Thomas-town Township and farmed there until 1889 while proving up his claim. In 1889 he traded his farm for a blacksmith shop and house at Dower Lake, another lumbering community which was already fading since the timber was almost all cut.

After a visit to his old hometown in Sweden, Mr. Anderberg returned to Staples and moved his blacksmith shop in from Dower Lake and located it where the Severson Produce company now stands.

Mr. Anderberg, although nearly 86 years of age, is in good health and still is active in many affairs of his township. He feels that after having lived in this community for the past 61 years, and serving as township clerk for the past 42 years, that it is time someone else assumed the responsibility of his office.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

• Feb. 20, 1969 - Fourteen members of the Class of 1969 at Staples High School were initiated into membership of the National Honor Society at impressive ceremonies held Thursday morning, Feb. 13, in the Staples auditorium.

The new members initiated into the society were Alan Christopherson, Teresa Ingebritson, Carolyn Jensen, Thomas Becker, Barbara DesMarais, Theresa Jares, David Kemp, Patricia Dyer, Dennis Johnson, Theresa Eskelson, Mark Roline, Marjean Martin, Irene Hall and Robert Rengel.

The seven members of the National Honor Society who were initiated last May performed the induction ceremonies. They were Roger Rengel, Brenda Bredemeier, Leslie Johnson, Dale Williams, Timothy Wilhelmson, Jerome Jansen and Alan Gaugert.

• Feb. 20, 1969 - The February meeting of the Faculty wives will be held at the Elementary School library at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. Mrs. Naomi Stone will present the topic, "Hints for Homemaker." Hostesses will be Jeanne Huebner, Dorothy Glynn, Sue Storbakken, Mitzie Hurd, Sonja Nefstead and Jeanne Leifermann.

• Feb. 20, 1969 - Matthew John Nelsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nelsen, was born Feb. 13, at the Staples Municipal hospital, weighing nine pounds three ounces. His two brothers are Dean Gerald and Jerel Peter. The grandparents are Congressman and Mrs.

Ancher Nelsen of Hutchinson and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Nefstead, Sr., of West Allis, Wisc.

• Feb. 20, 1969 - A new family recently welcomed to Staples by the Staples Jaycees were Mr. and Mrs. Loren Haugen, who reside at 605 NE Sixth Street. Mr. Haugen is a supervisor for the Benson Optical Company in this city. Mrs. Haugen is employed as a secretary at the Staples Area Vocational-Technical School.

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

• Feb. 24, 1994 - A former school librarian for the Staples School District has died at her home in Hibbing. Mary Olive "Molly" Boone, 80, of Hibbing, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 1994, at her home. Funeral services were Monday at the Dougherty Funeral Home in Hibbing. Burial was in a cemetery there.

"Molly" Boone, a direct descendent of the pioneer Daniel Boone, was born Dec. 9, 1913 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. She had attended Hibbing schools and graduated from the University of Minnesota Library school. She was the first Women's Army Corps member from Hibbing and had worked for the Army as a librarian in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. She came to Staples in 1972 as the school librarian and was here until retiring and returning to Hibbing in the late 1970s.

• Feb. 24, 1994 - Matthew Beebe and his daughter Madeline, of Motley, collected the prize this week in Newspaper Bingo. Their \$50 in Bingo Bucks was

weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on February 6, 2019.

Born to Rishona and Kyle Ashman of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Gavin Kyle weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on February 8, 2019.

Born to Amanda Leeper and Nick Johnston of Wadena, a baby girl, MaKenzie Mae weighing six pounds, five ounces on February 10, 2019.

Born to Chelsea Ahrendt of Wadena, a baby boy, Kamden Eugene weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on February 11, 2019.

Born to Tara and Casey Greer of Verndale, a baby girl, Eliza Rae weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on February 12, 2019.

won on a card from Two Rivers Supermarket in Motley.

• Feb. 24, 1994 - The 64 Spot in Leader advertised that the band 'Earth Angels 'would be performing Sat., Feb. 26; and that Pool Tournaments would be held every Wednesday evening at 8 p.m.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

• Feb. 19, 2009 - Workers at Twin City Optical in Staples were treated to a dinner at T Maxwell's Restaurant Feb. 11, in honor of their plant receiving the Lab of the Year award for Essilor Laboratories of America plants in their size category. Over 100 Essilor labs across the U.S. were involved in this competition, with Staples one of four receiving the award. "The award is based on productivity, quality, efficiency and the number of jobs turned out," Joe Hassler, plant manager, said.

• Feb. 19, 2009 - First Lieutenant Jordan Sams, a 2002 Staples Motley High School graduate, is currently serving a 12-month tour of duty in the U.S. Army, stationed at Balad, Iraq. In a submitted photo, Jordan Sam and his flight crews displayed a flag that he later sent to Gwen Landis. "She was my third grade teacher at Lincoln Model School back in 1991-92," Sams shared.

• Feb. 19, 2009 - Joe Joeger, former Staples Motley High School tennis coach, will be one of two coaches inducted into the Minnesota Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame Sat., March 7, in St. Paul.

Obituary

Velma Line

The funeral service for Velma Line of Verndale will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 23, at the Verndale Alliance Church in Verndale with Pastor Tony Stanley presiding. Visitation will be held at the church Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a time of prayer and remembrance at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Velma, age 90, passed away with family at her side on Feb. 12, 2019, at the Lakewood Health System, Staples.

Velma was born to Walter and Ruth (Furnas) Kellem January 6, 1929, in the family home five miles North of Wall, SD. She attended schools in Quinn, SD, Sebeka, MN, Venice and Compton, CA. At the age of 16, her family moved to Verndale.

She was united in marriage to Joyce O. Line on October 19, 1949 in Verndale. They started their family on a farm north of town. In 1954 they moved onto the dairy farm which they purchased from Velma's parents and there they raised their family of eight.

Velma taught Sunday School for many years. She



babysat for many local children and came to love them as her own. She and Joyce were members of the Central MN Beef Growers, and could be found frying hamburgers at the county fair and other local celebrations. She also served as an election official at the Aldrich Town Hall and enjoyed being a member of the local Mystery Sisters Club and Homemakers Club. She was a huge fan of the Verndale Pirates and enjoyed watching all who participated. She was an avid watcher of the MN Twins.

She enjoyed tending to her flower and vegetable gardens; cooking, baking, and canning the products of her hard work. Velma found joy in sewing, crocheting and embroidery. She savored time with her friends and family, always having coffee on for whom ever came through her

open door. She liked watching the birds and riding around on the 4-wheeler. She found peace reading her Bible.

Velma was preceded in death by her husband, Joyce, on October 10, 2010; her parents, Walter and Ruth; siblings Darrell, Dean (in WWII), Vernon, infant sister and a great-granddaughter, Grace.

Velma will be remembered by her children, Donald (JoAnn) of Verndale, Anita Line of Verndale, Dwight (Mary Ann) of Wadena, Linda (Jerry) Korfe of Clarissa, Jerry (Diane) of Grey Eagle, Richard (Bonnie) of Staples, Mary (Dean) Sloan of Annandale and Jennifer (Chris) Line-Chapman of Buffalo; 31 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Michael McGrane, Gabriel Line, Weldon Crider, Jamie Line, Symon Tschida, Dwight Line, Jr., Sarah Eisenmenger and Sophia Chapman.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, with Pastor Daryl Jacobson officiating.

Arrangements with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 15, 2019

Public Comment
With the County Boardroom at maximum capacity, numerous concerned citizens provided public comment regarding the agenda item Use of Expo Building for Hockey.
Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of January, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 4.5 Gambling Permit - Todd County Ag Society and 5.4 Policy Committee Alternate Appointment.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 2, 2019 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - MIDWEST OUTDOORS UNLIMITED - PRAIRIE PARTNERS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited - Prairie Partners through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Midwest Outdoors Unlimited - Prairie Partners to hold a raffle event at the Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on March 16, 2019.

GAMBLING PERMIT - PHEASANTS FOREVER

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Pheasants Forever through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Pheasants Forever to hold a raffle event at the Birchwood Resort in Birchdale Township at the address 22182 Birchwood Loop, Sauk Centre, MN on June 15, 2019.

GAMBLING PERMIT - STAPLES SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Staples Sportsmen's Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Staples Sportsmen's Club to hold a raffle event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Rd, Clarissa, MN on March 9, 2019.

GAMBLING PERMIT - TODD COUNTY AG SOCIETY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Agricultural Society through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Agricultural Society to hold a raffle event at the Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township at the address 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN on

March 16, 2019.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the December 2018 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900167 through 900183 in the amount of \$79,677.16, (Manual) 506 through 506 in the amount of \$795.10 and (Regular) 232937 through 233091 in the amount of \$897,803.53 for a total of \$978,275.79.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400106 through 400116 in the amount of \$25,269.91 and (Regular) 50696 through 50806 in the amount of \$143,471.46 for a total of \$168,741.37.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514677 through 514741 in the amount of \$135,099.08 and warrants number 704179 through 704295 in the amount of \$65,227.12.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Commissioner Kircher against: To approve Commissioner Neumann as the alternate appointment to the Policy Committee.

Administration
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and failed by majority Roll Call vote with Commissioners Erickson, Kircher and Kneisl against: Move to put the use of the Todd County Expo Building and cost of renovation on the 2020 General Election Ballot. Allow the Long Prairie Hockey Association the use of the Expo Building until Spring of 2021 depending on the voter outcome in the 2020 election. That the Todd County Board of Commissioners receive bids to remove the mold by removing the lean to portion of the Expo Building after the 2019 Todd County Fair. That the Todd County Board of Commissioners hire an architect to get a cost estimate on renovating the Expo Building to present to the voters in the 2020 General Election.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and failed by majority roll call vote with Commissioners Erickson, Kircher and Kneisl against: To table the 'Use of Expo Building for hockey' topic.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority Roll Call vote with Commissioners Becker and Neumann against: To approve the use of the Expo Building for Hockey.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Wisdeth Smith Nolting & Associates to conduct the user study of the Todd County Expo Building.

Ditch/Ag Inspector
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Budget Carryover Request from the Ditch/Ag Department to carryover \$450 from the 2018 Budget County Car Expense to the 2019 Budget County Car Expense to be used to purchase tires for the truck purchased in December of 2018.

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2018 BITUMINOUS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACT
WHEREAS, the contract with Tri-City Paving (which is now part of the Knife River Corporation) for the 2018 Bituminous Highway Construction Contract known as SAP 077-609-009, SAP 077-614-019, CP 18:76, CP 18:77 and CP 77-18-01 located on various routes in Todd County has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2018 with the value of the total work certified being \$3,567,601.40, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$3,336,841.99 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$230,759.41 still remains to be paid to Tri-City Paving.

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

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Revised Joint Powers Agreement for the 2019 Fish Creek Project on CSAH 47.

An announcement was made regarding the 2019 CSAH 26 Bridge Project Funding Award of \$376,360.00.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of Mr. Jason Primus to fill the vacant Public Works Heavy Equipment Operator position at Grade 7, Step 1.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of one 2019 Chevrolet 1500 Crew Cab Pickup from Ranger GM of Hibbing, Minnesota for \$29,611.70.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to purchase one truck from Nuss Truck & Equipment for \$117,899.65 and plow equipment from Towmaster Truck Equipment for \$107,562.50.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To sign and deliver the prepared letter requesting that SRWD no longer require Erosion Permits of Todd County landowners.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the carry forward of funds within the SWCD Division as outlined on the Budget Request Forms.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP request by Mr. Bruder for parcel 18-0028802 to operate a diesel repair shop on the property with conditions prepared by the Planning Commission.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the subdivision request to create a five (5) lot subdivision named Summer Shores First Addition on Lake Osakis with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.
A summary report for 2018 accomplishments for the Planning and Zoning Department was provided for discussion and review.

Soil & Water
On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted

by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of Reba Van Beusekom to fill the vacant Resource Conservationist position at pay Grade 10, Step 1 based on her previous experience, with a start date to be determined.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Licensing Specialist Services - Family Day Care Agreement between Todd County, member of Region 5, and Sourcewell.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve members serving on the Todd County Public Health Advisory Committee.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on projects in progress including the upcoming March Township election filings and Payable 2019 preparations.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended and projects in progress.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the meeting was adjourned for the month of January 2019.

AUDITORS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	\$16,083.88
HOULE EXCAV. LLC	20,478.21
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	24,343.04
LP SANITATION INC.	4,241.28
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE	18,174.17
TODD CO AG. SOC.	2,027.86
19 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	7,016.19
AM. HERITAGE BANK	2,721.00
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	45,360.61
COUNTIES PROVIDING	
TECHNOLOGY	4,958.00
COUNTRYSIDE REST	6,014.40
FARM TEK	3,470.28
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK	5,242.10
JOHN WIESE FORD INC.	12,000.00
MCIT	2,500.00
MORRISON COUNTY	6,547.10
PETERS' LAW OFFICE, P.A.	4,709.00
SEACHANGE PRINT	
INNOVATIONS	14,919.58
SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
GROCERIES	2,721.29
STEP	4,445.95
26 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	11,457.59
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK	42,970.97
BAKKE/JOHN	43,583.00
BAXTER/SUSAN	16,502.50
CARD SERVICES	
COBORN'S	2,623.86
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	2,264.59
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	9,000.00
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	3,856.84
HELLE/ROBERT	7,669.71
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.	5,835.38
MIDDENDORF/DENISE	111,132.12
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	6,540.50
RAMPS AND MORE	2,116.22
RANGER CHEVROLET	57,743.25
RINDE FARMS	23,310.29
SOURCEWELL	194,045.93
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	10,451.93
US POSTAL SERVICE	6,563.75
VOYANT COMMS. LLC.	3,428.97
31 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	14,716.27
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT	16,131.31
REGENTS OF THE	
UNIV OF MN.	33,186.57
8 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	807.00
AMERICAN HERITAGE	8,187.79
BHH PARTNERS	3,390.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC.	3,220.14
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	3,320.23
NOW MICRO INC.	2,198.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,664.46
STOECKEL JAHNER INC.	9,160.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	2,096.25
TODD TRAILS ASSOC	63,268.06
20 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	11,051.39
1 PAYMENT LESS	
THAN \$2,000	795.10
MINNESOTA ENERGY	
RESOURCES CORP	22,790.10
TODD CTY MIS DEPT	2,000.00
VERIZON	3,338.28
17 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	7,110.85
Total	\$ 978,275.79

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS	
FOR BUSINESS	6,536.31
CARGILL SALT DIV	39,072.84
CENTRAL STATES	
WIRE PROD INC	2,342.25
COMMISSIONER OF	
TRANSPORTATION	3,457.00
INFO. SYSTEM CORP	6,897.00
M & I LOCKBOX MCCC	10,450.00
MCCC, MI33	7,009.83
MCIT	23,862.00
METRO SALES INC	9,954.86
MN COUNTY	
ATTORNEY'S ASSOC	3,530.00
MN TRANS. ALLIANCE	2,025.00
STAPLES WORLD	2,308.04
SURVEY SYSTEMS	13,930.00
THOMSON REUTERS	
WEST	2,572.00
108 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	34,794.24
Total	\$168,741.37

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ASSOC. OF MN	
COUNTIES	2,216.00
DHS - SWIFT	16,080.51
OTTER TAIL CTY	
HUMAN SERVICES	2,553.00
V#15315 - COST EFF	
HEALTH INS.	4,314.00
113 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	40,063.61
Total	\$65,227.12

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
# 14813	\$2,157.60
# 15336	3,460.84
CENTRAL MN MENTAL	
HEALTH CENTER	3,430.00
CULLENS HOME	
CENTER OF ALEX INC	9,500.00
#15681	4,379.80
#11326	3,919.60
HOLISTIC FAMILY	
EDUCATION SRVS	3,533.90
#15511	5,774.37
LUTHERAN SOCIAL	
SERV. OF MN - ST PAUL	3,392.96
#10746	2,437.84
MID MINNESOTA	
DRUG TESTING INC	5,932.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL	
HLTH CTR IN	25,759.00
OAKRIDGE HOMES INC	
BRAINERD	12,015.00
#13849	4,650.00

#15571	2,559.98
#15286	4,047.05
#15615	2,980.74
STEP	5,545.36
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	29,673.04
Total	\$135,099.08

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 15, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 5, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING

The regular monthly meeting for Thomastown Township will be held Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the annual audit of the books

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
8-9pnc

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

February 20, 2019

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency
400 Wabasha Street North, Suite 400
St. Paul, MN 55102
Katie Moore,
(651)-296-6354

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about March 8, 2019 Minnesota Housing Finance Agency will submit a request to the HUD administering agency for the release of HUD Risk Share Mortgage Insurance Program under Section 542 (c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992 to undertake a project known as The Mill Townhomes for the purpose of construction of 42 units of permanent residential housing for Multifamily use, estimated projects costs \$11,177,817. The project is located on Michigan Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, 400 Wabasha Street North, Suite 400, St. Paul, Minnesota 55102, where the ERR can be examined or copied weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the

project may submit written comments to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. All comments received by March 7, 2019 will be considered by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency certifies to HUD that Katie Moore in her capacity as Certified Environmental Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; (b) Minnesota Housing Finance Agency has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to Ken Doreksy U.S. Department of HUD, Minneapolis Field Office, 920 Second Avenue, South, Suite 1300, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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JCI Staples receives state and national recognition

JCI Staples received a number of awards at the JCI MN Annual All State Convention, held Jan. 18-20, in Plymouth.

The Staples chapter walked fourth in the Parade of Chapters, took third place for Most Chapter Road Runs and second for Most Chapter Road Run Miles. They were also awarded Silver for Local Community Empowerment Program PMG, for their Boowlaween project.

The JCI Minnesota Statesman honor, is a lifetime achievement award for members, the highest state honor a Jaycee can receive. Zachariah Johnson was the recipient of this honor for his outstanding contributions to the Jaycee organization.

Samantha Krause, president of the JCI Sta-

ples, was awarded Bronze for Outstanding Chapter President, a Silver Key, the Presidential Medallion and the coveted Charles Kulp Jr. Memorial Awards.

Vice Presidents, Megan Haber and Paige Lenk, both were presented with Gold Vice President awards. Lenk also took first place for Most Individual Road Run Miles, second for Most Individual Road Runs and first in the Speak Up competition. She now advances to the JCI USA National competition in Texas.

JCI Staples is an organization of young active citizens, ages 18 to 40, along with Alumni and Associate members engaged and committed to creating impact in their communities. For more information, visit Facebook, JCI Staples page.



Up on the rooftop ... with a roof rake that is

Dennis Hanson, Staples is seen roof raking snow from his home's roof on Feb. 12, in hopes of preventing ice dams forming when as the snow melts and

refreezes. Hanson said he's already shoveled the roof earlier this winter, but it's piled up just as high again. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Drip, drip, drip ...

The sun's rays are hitting a little stronger in February, prompting snow to start melting in spite of sub-zero temper-

atures, and creating some artful winter scenes in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Turkey crossing time

How many turkeys does it take to cross Hwy. 210 at sunrise on a Monday morning....? Three. The wild turkeys are out foraging the side ditches and fields. The birds appear to to sneaking across

the road; as soon as a vehicle gets close they disappear quickly. If hit, the large birds can cause extensive damage to a vehicle and still run away from the scene. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter).

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Survey reveals demographics; questions

support for the project, Brown said "we have no assumptions that the referendum is going to pass."

The survey also revealed demographics that could be harmful to the project, such as the strongest support coming from parents who have students in the

school system, but that's also the least likely group to vote.

Brown said the committee needs to answer the question "How do we get them to the polls?"

The survey indicated 59 percent of the district felt they were "financially comfortable," but Brown guessed that figure will be lower now because of stock market and trade changes.

For general elections, the area has around 81 percent turnout, which Brown said is "fantastic." But for the 2013 operating levy,

there was a 16.5 percent voter turnout.

Brown also said the committee needs to be ready to make a big push six weeks before the May 14 vote.

"That's when we get the feet on the street," said Brown.

He said the school's web site will have all the available information, including a property tax calculator, which will let homeowners know how much extra the project will cost them if the referendum vote passes.

School building plans close to final draft

After input from students, school staff and the community, the architect plans for the Staples-Motley School building project are close to completion.

The grade split for the two building project stays the same as it's been, grades Pre-k to 4, at the elementary site in Staples and grades 5-12 at the high school site.

The elementary site will have an option for a community center piece, which will include a six lane lap swim pool and a second pool for recreation like a splash pad for younger kids.

Mike Angland of the Withseth Smith Nolting architect firm said they are fairly close to the final proposal that will be submitted to the state and then to voters.

The elementary site plan calls for two new gymnasium floors, a new kitchen and cafeteria. The cafeteria will be accessible from the gym area and Angland said it's larger than it needs to be so it can handle event traffic, such as if a tournament is being held. The new elementary gym can be used for varsity

competition while the high school gym is being torn down and rebuilt.

"There's still work to be done to coordinate the community center piece," said Angland.

The high school plans call for the current media center be remodeled into classrooms, the hallway and inside classrooms to be remodeled for common space with multipurpose uses.

Plans call for tearing down the music rooms and building new ones, upgrading the auditorium and shop spaces.

This year the school plans to move the district offices to the recently purchased Twin City Optical building, remodeling the current district offices into classrooms, to accommodate moving middle school grades to that building.

"That will be money well spent," said Angland, as it will fit with the construction proposal.

The project will be discussed at the next Staples-Motley School Board meeting Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. at the high school media center.



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