



New chamber board members

Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Britney Bursch, left, led the applause as the chamber welcomed three new board members at their annual meeting on Jan.

17. Board members, from left, Stephanie Leslie, Amy Brichacek and Paula Johnson. Not pictured, Sandy Knosalla is also a newly elected board member. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Surrounded by love

Pine River-Backus basketball coach John Riewer talks to his team during a timeout at the boys basketball game on Jan. 17, with players wearing the warmup shirts honoring John's wife Kim, who died of cancer. Riewer is a Staples alumnus and resides in Staples.

"I knew nothing about the shirts until the first game," said Riewer. "Senior captain Torry Hirschey (#4) and assistant coach Mike Dinnel came up with it. At the first game, I saw the fronts and thought they looked pretty sharp. Then I saw the back and they had to help me back to the locker room."

"It's been an emotional roller coaster ride from Oct. 27 to now, but I'm a better person, stronger person because of it," said Riewer. "I've had a lot of support from a lot of people, but this (school) district welcomed me with opened arms."

Riewer believes the way the team has rallied around him is helping them play better on the floor, as they have sur-

passed expectations with a 12-2 record. "There is something magical happening here," he said. "The kids believe in me and I believe in them. Before we take the floor every game, I tell them that I love them."

It has resulted in great conversations before practices, during bus rides and during school, said Riewer. And it's not just the boys on the team. To top it off, Riewer was recently named the Teacher of the Year for the Pine River-Backus school.

"It just shows that you have an impact on kids," said Riewer. "They will never care until you show them that you care about them."

He said the real test of success is what the students become after they graduate.

"I love my home town, but Pine River-Backus turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me, personally and professionally," said Riewer.

Reminder

Staples residents - Please remember to keep snow clear from your fire hydrants.

Hello, Readers,

Next week's Staples World will feature the new publication date, coming out on Wednesday. The Staples World deadline for ads and stories has been moved to Friday's by 12 p.m.

On Jan. 30, the newspaper will be published on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. This change is being made to accommodate a new work week progression that will hopefully help us do a better job in telling your stories. Drop off email, or call us with your stories and advertising and get a jump on next week's news.

Another change, you will note, is that the newspaper is featured all in one section and includes more photographs as well as more sports coverage.

Office hours will continue Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Notices

Todd Planning Commission: **9A**

Obituaries

Arlee Dailey
Theron Tepley



Comedy at chamber dinner

Comedian John DeBoer interacted with the crowd as he entertained at the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on Jan. 17 at Ted & Gen's in Aldrich. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Rental home destroyed, no tenants at the time

Staples Fire Department battled a house fire in sub-zero weather at the corner of McKinley Street and Nebraska Ave. SW in Staples on the early morning of Jan. 18. The rental home had no tenants at the time. Neighbor Justine Lund said she and her husband called 911 and opened the door in case there were dogs in the house. She sent the above photos of the fire. In daylight (below), the house was revealed to be burned beyond repair. The Staples Fire Department sent a reminder about keeping fire hydrants cleared of snow during the winter season.



By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

For Keegan Harvey, a word meaning "beginning" was the end of a long and compelling spelling bee competition. Harvey outlasted Estella Bock in the 26th round of the Staples-Motley District Spelling Bee, correctly spelling "exordium," which means "a beginning or introduction, especially to a discourse or composition," according to Merriam-Webster Dictionary.

Harvey and Bock went back and forth for the final 14 rounds.

"It was crazy, very hectic," said Harvey.

"It was like intense," said Bock.

They didn't spell every word right, but they both missed in the same rounds to push on to the next round. Bock had two chances to win, but missed her extra word that would have clinched the title.

Some of the words Bock spelled correctly included: martyr, juniper, indelible, kelpies, and balsam. She cheered when she got "ligatures" correct, but Harvey matched her with "elec-



Last two standing

Estella Bock and Keegan Harvey battled for 26 rounds before Harvey won the Staples-Motley District Spelling Bee.

trolysis."

Harvey seemed confident spelling many of his words, but after the competition he said he was mostly guessing on the last few rounds. Some of the words he spelled correctly included: extricates, cliches, and chivalrous. In the 25th round, Harvey spelled "lobelia" correctly, and Bock missed on "Leipzig,"

setting up the final word.

Harvey said he learns words by reading books, and is busy with other activities so he doesn't have a lot of time to study spelling.

Both spellers qualified for the Lakes Bee Regional Spelling Bee, to be held Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Sourcewell in Staples.



District Spelling Bee contestants

Students who participated in the Staples-Motley District Spelling Bee on Jan. 17, front row from left, Summer Anderson, Kiya Pope, Estella Bock, Keegan Harvey, Levi Page, Xander Moench; back row, Kyra

Stangle, Nicki Carter, Heidi Zimmerman, Avaya Brandt, Cecily Moe, Eli Rutten, Grant Woodwick, Richard Page, Isabel Birkholtz, and Mandy Carter. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Thank you for subscribing!

Concerns raised about Motley’s animal ordinance

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Several residents were in attendance at the regular Motley City Council meeting Jan. 14, voicing concerns about the city’s ordinance regarding non-domestic and farm animals.

Horses, chickens and goats were among the animals discussed. One of the concerns had to do with whether or not an animal (such as a horse) that had been grandfathered in could be replaced if it died.

Duane Solga, who was on the agenda, mentioned that one of the reasons he purchased a large lot in the city is because he has had horses all of his life. They are his passion, Solga said, going on to note the considerable financial investment he has made on his property toward this hobby. He has put up fencing for his horses, as well as investing in an expensive truck. They are moving horses all the time, Solga said of his family, noting that they don’t just keep one horse until it is old.

Other city residents spoke up about this issue during the public forum. Ethan Ellingsen said that his family is making a concerted effort to “feed ourselves and get off pesticides,” in order to not get cancer. They have 15 acres on the east side of town, where they raise goats, quail and rabbits. He needs the baby goats for their milk, Ellingsen said.

Like Solga, Molly Skeesick expressed concerns about the possibility of not being allowed to have horses within city limits. Skeesick noted that she is an avid barrel racer and has invested in a barn as well as fencing. She is con-

scientious about keeping the property and ditches clean of manure. Skeesick said her horse, Cody, was grandfathered in by Mayor Bill Postel years ago. Cody is now 23. Another resident, Kathy Fuller, said she purchased her 15-acre property as a hobby farm for her horses and feared it would not have very good re-sale value if it was not listed as a hobby farm.

April Vogt said she and her family bought a home on 20 acres two years ago, with the intention of teaching their children about animals. They currently have chickens.

These questions surfaced after the residents received a letter from the city relating to animals and land use ordinances, as well as a request for exception form.

In a later discussion, City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja noted that these letters were mailed to residents with animals that were known to the city. There are a few exceptions regarding non-domestic and farm animals, but these need to be reviewed on a case by case basis. One of the biggest misunderstandings is that most of the residents seem to think they were allowed to have farm animals when they got them. But, for the most part, most of those animals were already excluded based on the zoning code.

The most important first step is that information about the animals currently existing in the city limits is received by the city. “If we don’t get the information, exceptions cannot be made and then people will definitely be in violation of the ordinance,” Smieja said.

Residents who own non-domestic and farm animals should pick up an exception form at city hall and fill it out as soon as possible.

At the council meeting Jan. 14, Mayor Al Yoder reminded people that a public hearing about this subject had been

held recently and no one showed up.

The council later approved a motion to bring the animal ordinance back to the Planning and Zoning Commission to be reviewed at their next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Yoder encouraged those residents with concerns pertaining to this subject to attend.

In other matters the council:

- **HEARD** a request from Pastor Jim Johnson (Motley Free Methodist Church) for permission to pray at the beginning of council meetings. All council members felt this would be okay, except Steve Johnson who expressed his belief that religion and government should remain separate.
- **HEARD** from Pastor Jim Johnson that the Motley Free Methodist Church would like to build a shelter at Converse Park, similar to the shelter at Veterans Park in Motley. This would be a donation to the city, with the church’s youth doing a lot of the work as a mission’s project. Pastor Johnson will confer with Bruce Brotherton, the city’s Public Works Director, as to how to proceed and the specifics of the shelter’s location, etc.
- **LEARNED** that the Motley Police Department (MPD) has hired a new police officer, Josh Pesta. He will begin his duties Feb. 4.
- **NAMED** all local banking institutions as the city’s official depository for 2019.
- **NAMED** the Morrison County Record the city’s official newspaper for 2019.
- **APPROVED** the following appointments for 2019: Acting Mayor, council member Steve Johnson; Assistant Weed Inspectors, Johnson and Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director. City Attorney, Pemberton Law. It was noted that Mayor Al Yoder is automatically the Emergency Management Director.



Passion for horses

Motley residents Duane Solga and his daughter, April Solga, are pictured at their home property with Birdie (left) and Cisco, two of their horses. The Solgas live on ten acres within the city limits and have invested a lot financially in terms of their hobby, including building a fenced-in pasture for the horses and purchasing an expensive truck to haul them with. Having horses has been a

part of their lifestyle since purchasing their property several years ago and the Solgas are hoping they will continue to be able to own horses within the city limits. *There are a few exceptions regarding non-domestic and farm animals within the city limits and residents who own them are asked to complete a form at city hall to determine if their animals qualify.* (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

- **APPROVED** the following council liaisons for 2019: Police Dept., Pat O’Regan; Administrative Dept., Amy Hutchison; Maintenance Dept., Jace Carlson; Fire Dept., Steve Johnson.
- **APPROVED** a resolution authorizing the following signers for banking transactions in 2019: Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja; Mayor Al Yoder; Acting Mayor Steve Johnson; and council member Amy Hutchison.
- **APPROVED** having Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja as the responsible authority; and having EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) authorization from the

- Clerk/Treasurer.
- **APPROVED** all appointed committees and authorized them to schedule meetings.
- **APPROVED** the renewal of existing tobacco licenses at the following establishments, pending receipt of all application materials: Orton’s Motley BP, Motley Express, Bremer’s Bar, Northwind Grocery, Motley Discount Liquor, BRICKS Travel Center, Y Knot Package Liquor, Dollar General.
- **APPROVED** having Smieja attend the MCFOA Annual Conference, the MN Municipal Clerks Institute; and the League of MN Cities Annual Conference.

- **APPROVED** having Brotherton attend the MN Rural Water Association Technical conference.
- **APPROVED** having Police Chief Jason Borash and the new police officer, Josh Pesta, attend the Pursuit Intervention Tactics Driving School and TZD Conference.
- **LEARNED** that the Motley Fire Department had a total of 174 calls during 2018.
- **SET** next regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.
- **SET** next regular council meeting for Monday, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Jan. 2 - The MPD received a complaint from a caller who stated that the school buses are traveling too fast in the City of Motley and on Hwy 10. Caller also stated that the school buses don’t stop for the stop sign at the intersection of Front Street and Hwy 10 when they are leaving school in the afternoon.

Jan. 16 - The MPD received a call someone reporting a stolen motor vehicle from BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. The subject stated he was now in Little Falls and trying to figure out how to get home to Indiana with his family. The call seemed suspicious and the MPD had a Little Falls police officer make contact with the complainant. It was learned by the Little Falls officer that the vehicle was stolen in Big Lake at a truck stop, but he needed a police report for the insurance company and the complainant stated that the Big Lake PD wouldn’t help him. Caller was advised that the Motley PD could not fill out a stolen vehicle report for him and that he would need to contact Big Lake PD. He stated he understood.

Jan. 15 - The MPD received a letter from an

individual stating he had written some bad checks in 2016 at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley and that he would like to take care of them. The checks had since been sent to a collections agency and an attorney, and BRICKS said that they would contact the Todd County Sheriff’s Office to have them advise the individual as to how to proceed.

Jan. 10 - The MPD received a call regarding suspicious activity at the 200 block of Beaulieu St. W., Motley. The caller stated that on Jan. 8, a white male in his 20s stopped by her house at 1:30 p.m. and told her he was starting a new business and that she could sign up for a chance to win \$1,000. She said she told him she wasn’t interested and he left. She stated he returned with another white male in his 50s at about 8:30 p.m. and tried to get her to sign up again. She advised them both she was not interested and they left. She stated they were driving a dark colored car, but did not have any further description. The MPD advised her that they would try to provide extra patrol in the area.

Jan. 10 - The MCSO stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Hwy 10 and Hwy 210 in Motley for dark tinted windows. The driver, Christopher Niner, 22, was issued a verbal warning.



Slippery roads

A semi truck ended up in the ditch Jan. 21, on the south side of Hwy 210 outside of Motley, just east of the bridge. Several inches of snow fell throughout the area that day and MnDOT was kept busy keeping the highways plowed and salted. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Fun and games in Motley

A number of people gather at the Motley United Methodist Church on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month for ‘Game Day.’ The free event is held from 1 - 3 p.m. and is open to the public. Refreshments are served as well.

Pictured above playing ‘Hand and Foot’ are, from left, Janet Greig, Arla Allen, Arline Nelson, John Watson. Below, from left, are Gayle Quinn, Dee Thompson, LaDonna Peterson, Jill Holland. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





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DEADLINES

Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Poston to work on ag, justice reform committees

Rep. John Poston announced his committee assignments for the 2019-2020 legislative sessions. Rep. Poston was named to three committees: Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy, Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy, and the Subcommittee on Corrections.

"My committee assignments for the coming leg-

islative session will give me the opportunity to work on issues that matter most to my constituents like ensuring that agriculture remains a priority at the legislature and that our communities are safe," said Rep. Poston. "I look forward to getting back to work in St. Paul—representing the priorities of Wadena, Cass, and Todd counties. Please do not

hesitate to contact me with your ideas and thoughts on the coming legislative session, it would be an honor to hear from you."

Poston is set to begin his second term in the Minnesota House representing District 9A, which includes portions of Cass, Todd, and Wadena counties. The legislative session began January 8, 2019.



CEO visits Lakewood

An effective leader has a vision, clear direction, and the ability to create a positive culture for employees according to Tim Rice, President & Chief Executive Officer at Lakewood Health Systems. On Wednesday, January 9 he told the CEO students that all of the LHS employees are on one team. The students

were also treated to a tour of the main campus of Lakewood Health Systems by Rachel Delaney, Internal Communication Manager, pictured above. Lakewood Health Systems latest expansion project has made them an impressive, highly regarded, and up to date rural health care facility. (Submitted photo)

Young entrepreneurs can now apply for CEO program of central MN

The CEO program of Central Minnesota (Wadena-Deer Creek, Sebeka, Verndale and Staples-Motley) is now accepting applications for out-of-the box thinkers who are interesting in participating in next year's CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program.

The Central Minnesota CEO Program - partnering with the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship - is more than an entrepreneurship program. It's an experiential learning course that offers juniors

and seniors in high school the chance to participate in real life experiences.

CEO exposes students to business practices, connects them with leaders in their community and allows them to practice communication, problem solving and networking in a variety of settings.

Ultimately, it guides each team member through starting and running their own functioning business, all while cultivating essential skills and an expansive, long-lasting network of community members and business owners.

For students who are interested in participating, the deadline to apply is May 15, 2019. Email the facilitator, Cindi Koll, at ckoll@wdc2155.k12.mn.us or call 218-639-3032 for more information. An online application will soon be available at the program website at www.centralmnceo.com.

Area News Brief

Wadena - The community of Wadena welcomes a new business to town with the opening of Drastic Measures Brewing. A February grand opening is being scheduled by owner Brett Doebbeling. A hardware store has been transformed into a modern brewery complete with a taproom and canning equipment. Doebbeling is the former head brewer at Disgruntled Brewing in Perham, bringing a wealth of brewing knowledge, along with a passion for the art of producing alcoholic beverages. He estimates that over \$1 million has now been invested in this new venture.

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Otter Tail Lake - Otter Tail County Sheriff deputies reported that a man, unaware that his truck was in reverse, exited his vehicle, slipped on ice, and the vehicle rolled on top

of his legs, pinning him underneath the front driver-side wheel. 70-year-old Gary Anderson of Battle Lake was fishing on Otter Tail Lake and was able to use his cell phone to dial 911. Battle Lake firemen responded and used a pickup with a mounted hay bale lift to remove Anderson. He was taken to the Lake Region Healthcare in Fergus Falls and treated for minor injuries.

Correction

In last week's paper, the Staples World incorrectly identified the organization that recently made a \$1,000 donation to the Staples Food Shelf. It should have credited the Staples Host Lions, not the '93 Lions. The Staples World apologizes for the error.



Rescued hound

Paula Johnson of Motley sent in this photo of Bull Dozer, the dog that had gotten loose in downtown Motley recently and wouldn't mind his owner, Wally Smith (left) of Cushing. Wally's wife, Lillian Smith, wrote a letter to the editor in last week's Staples World, entitled, 'Found hound grounded.' She thanked Motley Police Chief Jason Borash (above right) and the three women (one of whom was Johnson) who helped catch their newly adopted dog Bull Dozer and get him back into the Smiths' car. Lillian Smith noted in her letter that Bull Dozer, an adult Catahoula Leopard hound, has been grounded.



Knowledge Bowl meet at CLC, Staples

Middle school students from Region 5 competed at a Knowledge Bowl competition Jan. 17, at Central Lakes College in Staples. The event was sponsored by Sourcewell of Staples. There were 72 teams that were part of the competition, with four to six students in each team. Pictured above, Sarah Simpson of Brainerd reads a question as a team from Motley-Staples Middle School discusses a possible answer. From left are

Aiden Stevens, A.J. Nienow, Zack Wilhelm and Heidi Zimmerman. The Cardinal team took first place in that round. Pictured below, MSMS teacher Allison Vangsness reads a question to teams of students representing schools in Sebeka and Browerville. Staples-Motley High School will compete Thursday, Jan. 24, at CLC in Staples. The next middle school meet is Jan. 31. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Knowledge Bowl in full swing

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

Students from Staples-Motley High School and Motley-Staples Middle School are once again participating in Knowledge Bowl. Competitions began in January.

Staples-Motley students are part of the Region 5, North Central District, sponsored by Sourcewell of Staples. Katie Embree, Sourcewell, is the Knowledge Bowl Coordinator for Region 5.

Embree explained that Knowledge Bowl is similar to the game show 'Jeopardy!' which is a quiz competition. Students are divided into teams of up to five or six members, with each team answering a variety of questions during the

course of each meet.

Information about Knowledge Bowl at Sourcewell's website says, "Facing off against other teams, students work together to answer questions related to all areas of learning. Students recall, solve problems, think critically, and sharpen teamwork skills. Competitions are in January, February and March - with top teams in grades 9 - 12 advancing to the Minnesota State Knowledge Bowl."

Region 5 senior high students will participate at a Knowledge Bowl meet Thursday, Jan. 24; and the next meet for Region 5 middle school students is set for Thursday, Jan. 31. Both meets take place at CLC in Staples.

THANK YOU for making a difference!

Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Left to right: Miguel Bravo, Kimberly Bryniarski, Stacy Line, Sheila Blue, Cindy Griffith

Miguel Bravo Radiology Technician, Imaging

Nominated by Ashley Wallgren, Hope Middendorf, Pokie Kobliska and Cindy Lemke Browerville Clinic staff, "We have seen an influx of Spanish speaking patients in our clinic. When Miguel is scheduled, he not only provides outstanding customer service to our patients, but assists our receptionists, nurses and providers by translating for our Spanish speaking patients. Miguel allowed us to ensure we are providing 5-Star service to all patients. He provides staff and patients with the confidence that our communication is clear and understood for the best possible care."

Kimberly Bryniarski LPN, Quality Improvement Manager

Nominated by Lynn Rice, Vice President Support Services/Strategy, "Kimberly took on the telehealth project which continues to develop. She worked with Children's Hospital to implement emergency pediatric telehealth programming in our Emergency Department. She collaborated with the Emergency Department manager and the providers in getting the program off the ground. Kimberly is now working with CentraCare and the telehealth programming for the clinic and the hospital. Kimberly is always looking for opportunities to improve patient care."

Stacy Line RN, BS, DON, Care Center

Nominated by Heather Iverson CRA/TMA, Care Center, "A resident benefited by Stacy taking action and figuring out a solution to end the resident's discomfort in a timely manner. Stacy was a comfort to the resident by being a familiar face at an appointment. Stacy is an excellent advocate for the residents and knows how to use all her resources to take care of any challenge that arises."

Sheila Blue RN, Care Center

Nominated by HOPE Committee, "Sheila took the time to sit down with a family and go through the hospice book during her shift. This was of great help to the family in understanding what to expect with their family member. Our residents know when Sheila is working that they will receive the quality care they deserve. Her co-workers know that they can depend on her to be there and support them through any situation. We are excited to have Sheila on our team and can't wait to see what she brings to us in the future."

Cindy Griffith RN, Hospital

Nominated by Chelsi Markham, "Cindy has taken exceptional care of my mom. Every time my mom needed something she handled it promptly and with a smile. If my mom would start to feel worse, she had an answer for her within minutes of what the next steps would be. Cindy went above and beyond to make sure my mom was well cared for. I want to thank Cindy and recognize her for her superior care giving skills."

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Pub notes

I was exhausted. How many felt this exhaustion Sunday evening after watching two unbelievable overtime football games setting up the Feb. 3 Super Bowl?

I felt like the Kansas City defense in those closing seconds of their loss. The games went as predicted, with the exception both started as potential blowouts, but a couple turnovers here and an OCCASSIONAL missed call there – game on!!!

How about those quarterbacks? Youth battled toe-to-toe with veteran, creating an envy for a devoted Viking fan. I was beginning to feel sympathy for the Kansas City defense in dealing with Tom Brady and his methodical play. Time and time again the Chiefs created a third and long. Time and time again Brady threw over the middle for another set of downs. And once again, probably the greatest quarterback of all-time will play in another Super Bowl.

Another shootout? Very likely, but how could the football season end on a higher note than we watched Sunday? This is why football is America's number one sport – hands down!!!

As time goes by in my senior citizen status, couch potato moments result in abundant television.

Very likely, too much. This was not the way it once was and attributed to a busy work schedule, family of six, and involvement in organizations.

There were shows I targeted, and in the span of 25-35 years, one of my favorites - Saturday Night

Live (SNL). But like a roller coaster, viewing depended on who took center stage. Many great ones came and left, including Eddie Murphy, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Tina Fey, Jane Curtin, Bill Murray, Chris Farley, Adam Sandler, Jimmy Fallon and others. Lots of laughs created by outstanding entertainers.

This week's Pub Notes has little to do with SNL with the exception of a comment made Nov. 17, 2016, following an election like no other, and the election of someone like no other.

SNL host that evening was black comedian Dave Chapelle. He is highly regarded, and yet, maybe a little "much" for some. His monologue went straight to the election of Donald Trump, and his final words struck a note.

Chapelle briefly touched on President Trump's predecessor, noting something many of us felt – Barack Obama was a good person, he did a good job, and compared to what we have now, he is missed.

Chapelle said he is very proud to be an American, despite the great division of our nation. Yes, black versus white – racism.

In Chapelle's final words, he wished Donald Trump the best of luck, adding, "I will give him a chance".

In return, "I only hope he gives us one too". Following that election in November of 2016, or two years later, I recall Chapelle's final words. Time's up. 2020 will not come soon enough.

My dislike of Donald Trump started long before 2016. Questionable tactics on how he created a business empire, how he handled people, how he treated women and how he would make America great again created these negative views. Compared to past presidents, he is deserved of record low marks of support, including being a role model statesman for our nation.

I blame the donkey party for allowing this to happen.

Despite Hillary Clinton's controversial issues, she was narrowly defeated. What does this say for both parties. Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders? Democrats set the stage for this outcome.

Moving forward to November 2020, potential candidates are now coming forward to seek DFL endorsement. Many are women, including Minnesota's Amy Klobuchar. Many of these women candidates are highly regarded and respected – but are they electable? In my opinion, very questionable.

Will the Democrats get this figured out? Heat seems to be mounting towards impeachment, but whenever a fire is built, time extinguishes a motion that would resound throughout government chambers. It is a motion we will never hear. November 2020 will not come soon enough.

And by the way, I really like Joe Biden.

Let me share something lighter:

As I grow older, names slip my mind. Many times during a conversation, the name of someone known just won't come, and a few minutes or hours later, there it is.

Anyway, there were three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 living in a house together. One night, the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sister, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94-year-old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses. "Was I going up the stairs or down?"

The 92-year-old is sitting in the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood."

She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."



Towns that turn it around with aplomb

A few weeks ago I wrote about the Rural That Works conference I attended, and how rural communities are doing amazing things just using their local resources and local ingenuity. Now I will give a few examples from that conference.

The small town of Jewell, Iowa, had 14 empty downtown buildings, plus a hole in the downtown from a building destroyed by fire. Some local people decided to change that and bought one building for \$500, started cleaning it up with volunteers, then got a \$25,000 grant from the city to apply for bigger grants. One by one, the group eventually got five buildings fixed up, and it became so successful, private individuals jumped on board and did seven more buildings.

Now the group's focus is on promoting the town and helping the businesses be successful. They started new events to bring people in and see what they had done. Many of the new businesses are vintage, antique or craft shops, which inspired their Junk Jaunt event.

By Mark Anderson Editor



Now they talk about the pride residents have, and how they invite people from all over to visit their town. Just fixing up empty buildings turned the town completely around.

Example two: Like a lot of towns, Mount Vernon, Iowa had one big summer event where they put all their resources and had a hectic weekend with dozens of events.

They decided to spread that out and create more, smaller events, so they allowed groups and individuals to come up with new ideas.

Some of the events they now have include Magical Night, Antique Festival, Comedy Festival, Chocolate Stroll, Trivia Night, Murder Mystery (theatre fundraiser for library), Uptown Theatre Honors (for arts supporters like teachers, musicians, dance teachers...), and Uptown Theatre Telethon A Go-Go on local access TV.

And it isn't a big burden on the chamber or city, the festivals must fund themselves, and the committee does the fundraising. The city helps with resources like tents, tables, recycling, compost and event day support, but they are happy to do it because that's what makes their jobs more fun.

Other ideas were added to the festivals, such as a walking baseball card, social media scavenger hunt and a celebrity cook-off.

Another example was what one of the presenters called the "Scooby-Doo theory" of marketing,

which is making up something ridiculous in order to draw attention to your town. Like in the Scooby-Doo cartoons, the mansion or carnival owner would invent a ghost to get people to visit. And they would have gotten away with it...

One guy who did get away with it is from Stanhope, Iowa. One day he made a hat with the words "Stanhope State" on it, as if there was a college there. The tiny town doesn't have a college within many miles, but now people can sign up for this pretend university, and he will send you an admission letter, ramen noodles, and window stickers for this "ghost" college.

These formerly moribund communities all had one thing in common: they changed their culture and tried something new and different. They didn't copy other towns and try to recreate the same thing, they used their own unique identity and launched it into the future.

The way to do that is to develop relationships and start getting people to brainstorm together. Networking social events like Biz and Beers can get ideas flowing.

If the idea is the right fit for the community, it will be easy to find volunteers and raise funds to pull it off. And it doesn't have to be a yearly celebration, you could do it once and be done.

So what is unique and interesting about our community that can be celebrated into the future?



Abuse of ag trade aid costs U.S. taxpayers

By Cora Fox, Policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

In 2018, President Trump pledged \$12 billion to provide direct aid to corn, cotton, dairy, hog, sorghum, soybean and wheat producers. Through

the Market Facilitation Program, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has administered this aid to provide short-term relief to producers who are feeling the effects of ongoing trade disputes with foreign governments.

However, a recent report from the Environmental Working Group highlights two major flaws: 1) Some farming operations are receiving excessive payments because they are taking advantage of loopholes, like having numerous absentee managers or family members claim "active personal management." 2) Some of these payments are going to individuals who do not live or work on the farm.

According to the report, 85 recipients received more than the cap of \$125,000. One received nearly \$440,000. Likely, USDA made more payments of this size: The information shared covers only \$356 million in direct

aid to farmers, while USDA states nearly \$840 million has been paid out in the first round of relief.

How is this happening? A few of the largest farming operations claim several individuals and/or legal entities are "actively engaged," and current policy makes it difficult for USDA to determine whether or not their contribution is significant enough to qualify. This allows for numerous "managers" and/or family members to stake claims for payments, even when they may have never stepped foot on the farm.

This exploitation of loopholes and abuse of taxpayer dollars by some farming operations is a heavy burden on the shoulders of American taxpayers. Congress' poor policies are driving farm consolidation and hurting our rural communities. The time for change is now.

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Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m., Feb. 6 - April 10. No appointments needed. Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, social security cards for all

family members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, property tax statements, rent form and donations to charity. The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-5772.

Community health survey to be mailed

This is your opportunity to help improve the health of your community. Every three years the Morrison-Todd-Wadena Community Health Board along with CentraCare Health Long Prairie, CHI St. Gabriel's Health, Lake-wood Health System and Tri-County Health Care work collaboratively to administer a community health survey.

The information gathered by this survey is used to identify health priorities and needs in our region. Past surveys have helped address issues such as substance abuse, food insecurity, access to mental health services and senior nutrition.

In the coming weeks, the Morrison-Todd-Wadena Community Health Survey will be sent to a random sample of household addresses across Morrison, Todd and Wadena Counties.

If your household receives the survey, it is designed for one adult age 18 or older to fill out. If you have more than one adult in your household, give the survey to the adult who has most recently had a birthday.

Completing this survey is completely voluntary. All answers to the questions are strictly confidential and no personal information will be linked to any of the responses.

By completing the survey, you are helping us to improve the health of people living in your community.

If you have any questions contact Katherine Mackedanz at 320-732-4452 or katherine.mackedanz@co.todd.mn.us

Mark Your Calendar

January 26

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST Saturday, Jan. 26, 8 - 10 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. So. For info., 218-352-6466.

January 28

BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MTG Mon., Jan. 28, 5 p.m. in the activities room at Lake-wood Health System Care Center, Staples. All breast cancer survivors welcome. For info., 218-894-2627.

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

January

- **SNOW DAZE CORONATION** Mon., Jan. 28.
- **CONNECTIONS SHOWCASE NIGHT** Wednesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Sourcwell in Staples.

February

- **SNOW DAZE** Feb. 4 - 8
 - **HIGH SCHOOL BAND CONCERT** Mon., Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
 - **HOME SPEECH MEET** Sat., Feb. 9.
 - **PROSTART DINNER** Mon., Feb. 11, Craguns
 - **HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Mon., Feb. 11.
- All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.*

Reminder

Staples residents - Please remember to keep snow clear from your fire hydrants.



Speech flies into third place in early bird competition

The Staples-Motley Cardinals Speech Team placed third out of 20 teams at the Pequot Lakes Early Bird Tournament held Jan. 12. There were five tournament Champions at this first tournament of the year: Jonah Johnson, Creative Expression; Andrew Bates and Jaydon Friedel, Duo Interpretation; Ari Brings, Great Speeches and Samantha Mrazek, Original Oratory. Also earning awards at the tournament were Sadie Thompson, 3rd, Humor and 6th in Creative Expression; Ari Brings, 4th in Drama; Samantha Mrazek and Caden Mrazek, 4th in Duo; Caden Mrazek, 5th in Humor; Torii Nienow, 5th in Informative; Andrew Bates, 6th in Storytelling. Receiving ribbons for nearly qualifying for finals: Amber Deegan and Jaydon Friedel, Drama; Iain Sams and Cy Johnson, Duo; Keegan Bestland and AJ Nienow, Duo; Alex Brings, Great Speeches and Kimberly Stachowiak, Poetry.

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Above, front row, left to right: Keegan Bestland, Connor Judd, Allie Johnson, Olivia Leslie, Sadie Thompson, Andrew Bates, Coach Coleman Klimek, Coach Brian Sams, Coach Heather Sams. Second row: Caden Mrazek, AJ Nienow, Grace Allen, Katie Niemi, Alex Brings, Ari Brings, Samantha Mrazek, Ethan Gilbertson, Jonah Johnson, Antonio Cuetara, Amber Deegan. Back row: Torii Nienow, Kimberly Stachowiak, Lilly Niemi, Iain Sams, Cy Johnson, Jack Tyrrell, Coach Delaney Larson, Jaydon Friedel, Coach Alex Erickson, Emery Lorber, Micah Larson. Not pictured: Jadyn Vogel. (Submitted photo)

CLC alumni are invited to college events

Central Lakes College alumni are invited to coffee, rolls and conversation with President Hara Charlier from 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 in the Dryden Theatre, Brainerd campus. A Staples campus breakfast will be Wednesday, Feb. 6.

All alumni of the college are invited, including Brainerd Community College, Brainerd Junior College, Staples Technical College, Brainerd Technical College, Brainerd Technical Institute, and Brainerd Staples Technical College.

"Whenever I have a chance to visit with our alumni, I learn so much about the history of our college," Jana Shogren, Director of Resource Development & CLC Foundation. "Events like this are a great opportunity for alumni to connect with one another as well as favorite

staff and faculty members. We hope to see old friends and connect with new faces at these events."

Charlier will share updates with the group at about 8:30 a.m. To RSVP, please call Amy at 218-855-8155 or email amy.matterhines@clcmn.edu by Jan. 22 at noon.

Other alumni events

• Friday, February 1 - Alumni night at CLC Performing Arts, special rates for alumni. Masters of Guitar starts at 7:30 p.m. Call the box office at 218-855-8199 and mention "CLC alumni offer." For more information about the show, go to: www.clcperformingarts.com.

• Wednesday, Feb. 6 - 7:45 a.m. coffee, rolls and conversation with President Charlier at the Staples Campus. Breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:30 a.m. with time for catching up with old friends. Presi-

dent Charlier will share updates with the group at approximately 8:30 a.m. Call Amy at 218-855-8155 or email amy.matterhines@clcmn.edu to RSVP by Feb. 4 at noon.

• February 13 - Alumni night at Raider Basketball. Women's game at 5:30 p.m. and men's game at 7:30 p.m. Admission is complimentary for alumni and Tee Hive will be on hand from halftime of the women's game through the start of the men's game for alumni to make a CLC t-shirt. There will be a designated area for alumni to catch up with one another and Raider coaches as well as enjoy light refreshments. Call Amy at 218-855-8155 or email amy.matterhines@clcmn.edu to RSVP by Feb. 11 at noon.

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Nice one!

Emmitt Winter of Staples displays a Northern almost as tall as he is. He was ice house fishing with his grandpas and dad on a cold Jan. 18, at an undisclosed spot. The fish weighed 9-1/4 lbs. and was 34 inches long. (Submitted photo)

Cardinals hit free throws in win

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team came out on top in a hard fought game against Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Jan. 18, winning 50-41.

The Cardinals did not shoot well to start the game, but they kept driving to the basket and were rewarded with free throws. Their final eight points in the first half, and first two points in the second half came from the free throw line. Most of that was done by Jenna Dvorak, who scored 12 points in the first half, including six made free throws.

LPGE also wasn't hitting from the outside, and Staples-Motley had a 19-12 lead at halftime.

In the second half, Katie Smith hit a three pointer to bump the lead over ten points. Later on when LPGE started crawling back into the game, Smith hit two more from long range to stop the runs.

The team made four of their final six free throws to seal the win.

Team results
Staples-Motley 50, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 41
Scoring: Jenna Dvorak 14, Tabetha Allen 12, Kaitlyn Smith 10, Haley Cichos 7, Alix Peterson 5, Kaila Erbe 2



Ready to score

Jenna Dvorak slips past the LPGE defense to get to the basket while Kaila Erbe boxes out. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers compete against big schools

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team was short-handed for the Cambridge-Isanti duals on Jan. 19. But the wrestlers who were healthy and able to go faced some very good competition against big schools.

The marquee match-up on the day was Owen Bjerga facing Class AAA's fourth ranked wrestler at 160 pounds from Cambridge-Isanti. Bjerga wrestled a smart match and came out on top with a 2-0 win.

Other Cardinal wins against C-I were Dalton

Wells, with a pin at 113 pounds, Logen Weite with a pin at 145 and Gordon Enyart, with a pin at 182.

Against Mora, Bjerga, Weite and Shaine Guggenberger all had wins.

Against Prior Lake, Payton Bjerga, Weite, and Owen Bjerga got the wins for the Cardinals.

Owen Bjerga got the team's only win against Forest Lake, a team in the top ten of Class AAA.

The team hopes to get their injured wrestlers back soon, including three seniors, Spencer Miller (18-3), Brayden Christensen (18-13), and Blayne Dumprepe (10-1).



Emerging from the crowd

Tabetha Allen pulls down a rebound between three LPGE players.



Concentration

Alix Peterson drives to the basket.

Down to eight, Cardinals rally to show improvement

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Due to injuries and absences, the Staples-Motley boys basketball team was down to just eight players for their game against Pine River-Backus on Jan. 17, as one starter turned his ankle during warmups.

"Despite this, our guys gave a great effort against a very skilled and well coached team," said Coach Nick Doll.

They pushed the 12-2 team well into the second half before a 13-5 run put them behind for good, and they ended up falling 62-47.

"Izaiah DeMars stepped up in a major way and learned some things about himself in this game," said Doll. "We are hopeful he continues to make himself a threat." DeMars and Isaac Christoffersen had four assists each in the game.

"We were able to do some things to take some of their

players' strengths away, but they are a deep team, so it was kind of like picking our poison," said Doll. We were pushing the ball in transition and putting pressure on Pine Rivers defense all night.

Another positive sign was hitting 10 of 13 free throws.

The Cardinals also had some bright spots in a 61-43 loss to Pillager on Jan. 15.

Ryan Wick had 15 rebounds to lead the team.

"Ryan is really giving a great effort lately and learning a lot about his game and what he can do," said Doll. Jordon Carlson also had six offensive rebounds.

"We need to focus on playing a full game," said Doll. "Our last eight minutes we had a let up, we did not keep them off the boards like we are capable. We need to have great position or we will struggle to rebound."



Fast break basket

Adam Oberlander gets to the basket on a fast break. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Eyeing the prize

Izaiah DeMars gets off a shot over the Pine River defense. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Act of kindness sets up anglers for national success

A simple act of kindness can change the life of a child. For teenagers Blair Erickson and Walter Lusti, that act of kindness came as the gift of a portable fish house from their friend Jon Chapman.

Jon had been a CLAM Outdoors pro-staffer for several years. As part of that role, he acquired nice fishing equipment to try. Jon is a longtime family friend of Blair’s dad, Jason and grandparents, Maurice and the late Joyce Erickson from the Wahoo Valley area. When Jon found out Blair was a member of a high school fishing team, he surprised Blair with his fish house. A year later, Jon gifted one to Walter as well, after meeting him through mutual friends JR and Cindy Cooper, also CLAM Outdoors pro-staff.

The boys had experience competing in high school open water tournaments, but this year they decided to try the Inaugural North American Ice Fishing Circuit (NAIFC) Highschool National Championship on Mille Lacs Lake. Teams from many different states participated including North Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and of course Minnesota. Being a two-day tournament, Walter and Blair knew they were going to need to bring their A-game. They later found out that they were one of the few teams to be walking out to their spot without an ATV or snowmobile to pull their gear.

The First day of the NAIFC tournament was cold. -13 degrees Cold... But they each had a heater and their fish house from Jon. In an Ice Fishing Tournament, a fish house is a great way to be discreet on the ice and keep other teams from seeing you catch fish. They started the tournament targeting jumbo perch. “We knew we could get a respectable bag to start off day one. After that, we’d have to see how the other teams did to decipher our game plan for day two.” said Blair.

Day one was a solid day. Walter said he was, “blown



Cash and trophies

Walter Lusti, left, and Blair Erickson with their scholarship check and the “wood,” second place plaques. (Photos submitted by Melissa Erickson)

away by the size of the perch” they caught. After the weigh-in was finished, they landed in 4th place with 5.20 pounds of perch. This put them 5.24 pounds behind the leaders who were one of the few teams who had been able to find the elusive crappies.

It seemed like a long shot to win after the first day, but the boys put their heads together and decided that they would have to go out on day two targeting crappies. They decided to “send it.” Which basically means, “go big or go home.” That was the only way they could make the comeback. “Coming into it, we knew that if someone was able to find the crappies, they would be leading the tournament. The problem was, we had never marked one pre-fishing nor had we seen any using our underwater cameras. Having the disadvantage of walking out, we were not sure we would be able to fish the area we had planned to with the other teams making it to their spots several minutes before us,” said Blair.

The NAIFC is awesome at teaching kids’ new information about ice fishing. After dinner Saturday night, Blair and Walter attended a seminar put on by Scott Brauer of Ma-

ki-Plastics. Scott is well known for his extensive knowledge of zooplankton and how panfish interact with their forage in different bodies of water. After the seminar, they took to their hotel room and began experimenting with different baits in their hotel sink. “We used the sink not only to find a presentation that looked natural to Mille Lacs fish, but also to figure out the best cadence of our jigging that made the bait look the most lifelike,” said Blair.

On day two, as expected, they were the last team to arrive at their starting location. The odds were not good. However, Blair suggested a spot to start the day and they drilled a couple holes.

At the first hole they dropped their Aqua-Vu camera down, they were greeted by the view of a large crappie. Then they looked in another hole and ...They looked at each other and knew what they needed to do, but it wasn’t time to start fishing yet. Finally, the tournament began and they got down to business. They proceeded to catch their limit. The crappies were all bigger than average. It was amazing. When they weighed in, they had the largest bag of the tour-

nament sizing up at 13.80 pounds of crappie. With an average weight of 0.86 pounds per fish, they made an epic comeback. When it was all said and done, they took second place, and earned a \$750 college scholarship along with a piece of the highly sought after “wood.”

Walter said “What saved us, is that we had a consistent average. That is how you do well in these tournaments.” Needless to say it was one of the happiest days of their lives and the best part was when Jon arrived and surprised them at the weigh-in. He was there to support them and watch the events unfold.

To learn more about NAIFC tournament opportunities go to www.NAIFC.com.



Ice shelter

The portable fish house that helped the boys to get their winning catch.



Mighty haul

The bucket full of large crappies on day two weighed, 13.8 pounds, the largest bag of the tournament.



Fishing on foot

Blair and Walter pulling gear and houses in from day one of the tournament.

Disappearing forests, disappearing wildlife

By Ray Gildow

A study led by researchers from the University of Queensland in Australia and the Wildlife Conservation Society in New York recently released a report that paints the first global picture of the threat to the world’s remaining forested land. It is a very bleak report.

According to the report, today, more than 77 percent of land on Earth, excluding Antarctica, has been modified by human industry. “We’re on a threshold where whole systems could collapse and the consequences of that would be catastrophic,” said James R. Allen, one of the study’s authors.

Deforestation, the removal of trees without replacing them, is also a major cause of the elimination of wildlife. Researchers at the World Wildlife Fund and the Zoological Society of London predict that the number of wild animals living on Earth is set to fall by two-thirds by 2020. Some studies have suggested that we have lost fifty to sixty percent of the world’s wildlife since 1970. Determining if these studies are accurate is another issue but the bottom line is that we are losing both trees and animals at an alarming rate. Almost all scientists agree with that notion.

Plants and trees help to soak up greenhouse gases, so cutting them down can also accelerate the world’s problem of global warming. It is estimated that we are losing 137 species of plants, animals and insects daily due to deforestation.

In Minnesota since 2006, about 275 square miles of forest in the Upper Missis-

sippi watershed have been deforested and changed into row crop farming according to a study done by the University of Minnesota. Another area of the state that is affected by rapidly growing agriculture needs is Central Minnesota, the area with the highest deer populations. Trees are being cut down to make room for more farmland. 12,000 acres of forests in Central and Northern Minnesota have already been converted to potato farms with a potential of 15,000 more acres converted for that use.

In 1600, in the United States, there were about 4 million square miles of forests, today that number

is about 3 million square miles. More than 70 percent of the wilderness areas in the world can be found in Russia, Canada, Australia, the U.S. and Brazil. These are the nations that need the most attention in the future if the deforestation trend is to be slowed down or reversed.

So, the challenge that we all face is figuring out how to feed the world without destroying it. We need to recognize that cutting down large areas of wilderness impacts everything; animals, water, temperature and people. We cannot get caught up in the blame game to solve this problem. We must all work together to find solu-



Austere

A field converted from forest. (Photo by Ray Gildow)

tions that encourage the wise use of land, water and trees. Time is running out. It is not too late—but the clock is ticking.

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Crossword Puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Part of a can
4. A form of discrimination
10. Doctors’ group
11. Expression of joy
12. Spanish “be”
14. A mongrel
15. Helen was from here
16. With many branches
18. Fussy
22. Male fertilizing organ of a flower
23. Trap
24. Long, angry speeches
26. For instance
27. Sticky, waterlogged soil
28. Fasten
30. Card game
31. Seaport (abbr.)
34. Dresses worn in S. Asia

36. Midway between south and southeast
37. Of the mouth
39. Capital of Yemen
40. Branches of a bone
41. Very much
42. TV host Leeza
48. A way to change integrity
50. Plants with dark green, glossy leaves
51. Seedless raisin
52. Agency
53. Wear this when eating ribs
54. Martial artists wear this
55. Peanut butter
56. Drinkers sit on these
58. Pie ___ mode
59. Hebraic
60. River in India

CLUES DOWN

1. City in Washington
2. Entertained
3. Nakedness
4. Exclamation of surprise
5. Instinct
6. Making a mistake
7. “Borgias” actor Jeremy

8. Phrases
9. Millihenny
12. Long ago
13. Self-immolation by fire ritual
17. Disfigure
19. Horseshoe extension
20. Regions
21. Philippine Island
25. Appropriate for a particular time
29. Small constellation in the Milky Way
31. Categorizes
32. Malaysian boat
33. Natives of Sri Lanka
35. Type of vessel
38. Prescribe
41. Ranking
43. Knickknack
44. Funeral
45. Mineral can be extracted from this
46. Tide
47. Lump in yarn
49. Food on a skewer
56. Letter in the Albanian alphabet
57. Midway between south and west
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Answers



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Born to Michelle and Michael Kulzer of Fort Ripley, a baby girl, Ella Mae weighing seven pounds, five ounces on January 11, 2019.

Born to Lauren and Derek Sumption of Longville, a baby girl, Hazel Magnolia weighing nine pounds, nine ounces on January 11, 2019.

Born to Torri Thompson and Chance Shereck of Perham, a baby girl, Colbee Lyn weighing five pounds, seven ounces on January 14, 2019.

Born to Jessica Keppers of Verndale, a baby girl, Emmalyn Grace weighing eight pounds on January 15, 2019.

Born to Megan Bittner and Nathan Peek of Crosslake, a baby boy, Thomys Joseph weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on January 15, 2019.

Born to Brittany and Stephen Springer of Henning, a baby girl, Amelia Faith weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on January 15, 2019.

Born to Molly Preiner and Ryan Seegers of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Ransom Wayne weighing six pounds, five ounces on January 16, 2019.

Born to Dyana Rasinski and Cody Bietz of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Grady Lee weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on January 16, 2019.

Born to Julia and Michael Zinter of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Carson Donald weighing seven pounds, two ounces on January 17, 2019.

Lakewood’s Radiology Department earns ultrasound accreditation

Lakewood Health System has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in ultrasound as the result of an extensive review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). Ultrasound imaging, also known as sonography, uses high-frequency sound waves to produce images of internal body parts to help providers diagnose illness, injury or other medical problems.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice

Parameters and Technical Standards, following a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field. Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

Student Achievements

JACQUELINE ANDERSON, Staples, was awarded the Mary Beth Wedum Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2018 fall semester at St. Cloud State University.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD has announced its 2018 Fall Semester Dean’s List. To qualify, students must be in degree-seeking status and maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average while completing a minimum of 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- Shania Glenz, Staples
- Emily Kautz, Pillager
- Micayla Klinghagen, Motley
- Brian Sterriker, Staples.

JORDAN WARNER, Staples, was awarded the Mary Wedum Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2018 fall semester at St. Cloud State University.

THE COLLEGE OF ST. SCHOLASTICA - DULUTH has announced its list of conferred graduates for Fall 2018. Local students named include:

- Michael Cole, Pillager, Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.
- Annie Gillespie, Staples, Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

TAYLOR HANSON, Pillager, recently graduated from North Dakota State University, Fargo, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance.

ASHLEY SMITH, Staples, has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Chancellors List at the University of Minnesota - Crookston. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 4.0 grade point average.

Care Center

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne Brown, February 4; Marge Pearson, February 1; Betty Winters, February 12; Iona Smith, February 12; Gene Gordhamer, February 14; Jan Beitz, February 15; Violet Wohler, February 19; John Beitz, February 22; Eleanor Welling, February 24; George Buhl, February 26; Peggy Whitley, February 28.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Fri., Feb. 1 - 1:00 p.m. Cappuccino

Sat., Feb. 2 - 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., Feb. 3 - 1:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Tues., Feb. 5 - 2:15 p.m. Church, Lincoln evangelical; 3:45 p.m. Bingo w/

Marge

Weds., Feb. 6 - Snow Days Royalty Crowning King and Queen

Thurs., Feb. 7 - 10 a.m. Bible Study, Paul Johnson; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by Tinity Lutheran; 4 p.m. Cheers

Fri., Feb. 8 - 9:30 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday w/ Faith Singers

Sat., Feb. 9 - 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Sun., Feb. 10 - 1:30 Activities Choice

Mon., Feb. 11 - 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., Feb. 12 - 2:15 p.m. Church, Motley Free Methodist; Bingo w/Marge

Weds., Feb. 13 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Church of Christ Quilters

Thurs., Feb. 14 - 2 p.m. Valentine’s Party w/entertainment; 4 p.m. Cheers

Sat., Feb. 16 - 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Obituaries

Theron Tepley

Theron Edward Tepley, 84, formerly of Brainerd, passed away January 12, 2019 in Bardstown, Kentucky.

Memorial services will be held at a later date; spring 2019.

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Thank you... for reading the Staples World

Arlee Dailey

Funeral Services will be held for Arlee Dailey, age 70, of Wadena, on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley. Visitation will be held at the church from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral & Cremation Service, Wadena.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski
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
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesdays 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
Church.....
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 a.m.
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
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
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

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

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 Wellwood 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.

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
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

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 Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
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.

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.

The Wisdom of Old Folks

Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days.
- Job 12:12

It is worthwhile spending time with folks who have “been around the block a time or two.” Older folks have been around long enough to have picked up some valuable wisdom along the way. I recently heard Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer being interviewed, and he mentioned that his father didn’t give much advice, which is usually wise, but that before he died he told him to stay on the payroll and to do your job, i.e., to do your job well. That reminds me of something my father always said, which was to always give your best.

The first time I recall taking the time to sincerely listen to one of my elders was when I was in college and stopped my daily run to

talk to an elderly gentleman from my neighborhood who was always out walking his small dog. He always smiled and said “hello” and so I decided one day to cut my run short and talk to him for a few minutes. His advice was a simple reflection of his own life. Smile and say “hello” to everyone you meet was his kind advice. And then he told me to “be your own doctor.”

His message was essentially that you know what’s good for you and what’s not, what to eat and how to keep your body healthy, so be your own doctor. Good advice coming from someone who was probably in his nineties at the time.

—Christopher Simon

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store
"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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Granite Memorial
For Your Family?
I Can Help You!



Diane M. Hahn
Call 218-445-5685 or 218-640-2341
24 years serving our area!

Rep. for Fergus Falls Monument Co.



Public Notices

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP

The Annual Board of Audit meeting will be held immediately following the regular monthly meeting on February 5, 2019, at 7 p.m.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1. Hollermann Family Dairy Inc - Shawn Hollermann: NW4 SE4 & Gov't Lot 3 Ex Part Platted as Spring Beach Addition and Lot 4 & SW SE4 Ex Part Platted

Site Address: 18200 Dunlin Road. PIN: 06-0022600 and 06-0022700

1) Conditional Use Permit request to increase existing feedlot from 765 animal units to 999 animal units.

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

Todd County Planning Commission Michael Wiener, Chairperson

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TODD COUNTY PUBLIC OUTREACH NOTICE

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has enacted a requirement that all local agencies with greater than 50 employees or who are slated to receive federal funding included in the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) must develop and adopt an ADA Transition Plan or be substantially working towards completion of the plan. If the local agency does not have their Transition Plan completed or in progress, the agency risks losing federal funding for transportation projects.

Each agency is required to complete a self-evaluation/survey of its facilities, policies and practices as it relates to the requirements set forth in The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Repair or replacement of deficient facilities must be noted and addressed in a formal transition plan.

This document has been created to specifically cover accessibility within the public rights of way and does not include information on Todd County programs, practices, or building facilities not related to public rights of way.

The draft Todd County ADA Transition Plan is available on the Todd County website at the following address: https://www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/public_works/public_works_frontpage_panel. Hard copies of the draft are also available at the Todd County Public Works Department (see address below).

The County is seeking public comment through February 25th, 2019. Any comments should be directed to Loren Fellbaum, Todd County Engineer at the following physical or email address:

Loren Fellbaum, Todd County Engineer 44 Riverside Drive Long Prairie, MN 56347 lorenfellbaum@co.todd.mn.us

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Public Notice Advertising Protects Your Right To Know

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD JANUARY 2, 2019

Public Comment

De Eberle presented information on behalf of the Todd County Museum and Jeff Lucas regarding a request to scan the War Memorial Monument located on the Historic Courthouse grounds for a potential time capsule.

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 2nd day of January, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Oaths of Office

The Oath of Office was administered for elected candidates beginning their new term of service to the citizens of Todd County as of January 7, 2019: Charles Rasmussen, Todd County Attorney, Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer, Gary Kneisl, Todd County Commissioner - District 2 and David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner - District 4. The Oaths of Office will be administered on January 7, 2019 at Todd County Court Administration for Linda Daoust, Todd County Recorder and Steven Och, Todd County Sheriff.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented with the removal of 11.1 Hiring of Resource Conservationist and addition of 12.1 Request to Scan War Memorial Monument.

Board Organization

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Kneisl as the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2019 proceedings.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Kircher as the Vice-Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2019 proceedings.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 27, 2018 as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer

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

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR 2019

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement bids were opened to be designated for those parties interested in being named as the official newspaper for Todd County on January, 2, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the bid from Staples World, with a bid of \$10.20 per column inch to be the Official Newspaper for the year 2019 and;

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

On motion by Erickson

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

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN EXTRA PUBLICATION NEWSPAPER FOR 2019

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement bids were opened to be designated for those parties interested in being named as the extra publication newspaper for Todd County on January 2, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the bid from Long Prairie Leader with a bid of \$7.80 per column inch to be the Extra Publication Newspaper for the year 2019.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE 2019 TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BOARD PROTOCOL

(Copy of full resolution language available in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office for public inspection.)

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to continue to hold the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Todd County Historic Courthouse and Worksessions designated by Board Chairperson or three members of the County Board as deemed necessary. The Commissioners also approve that the December 3, 2019 board meeting be rescheduled to December 4, 2019 due to the AMC yearly conference and the year-end board meeting be scheduled for December 30, 2019.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Becker and Commissioner Erickson to the Policy Committee.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Committee Roster (Attachment 1) is hereby adopted as the County Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2019 and will remain on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To adopt the 2019 County Fee Schedule per the attached document on file in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

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

2019 DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES, INVESTMENTS & ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 118A.02, subdivision 1 (a) states "The governing body of each government entity shall designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions." and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statute § 118A.01 through § 118A.08, the County Board of Commissioners has the official role to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to select depositories and make investments of funds under Minnesota Statute § 118A.01 to 118A.08 or other applicable law for and on behalf of the County of Todd and;

WHEREAS, in accordance to Minnesota Statute § 385.07, the County Board of Commissioners has the official role to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer the use electronic funds transfers where deemed appropriate, expeditious and in the best interest of the County of Todd.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer to select depositories and make investments in accordance to Minnesota Statute § 118A.01 through § 118A.08 where the following financial institutions are currently in place:

- American Heritage National Bank
- Minnesota National Bank
- Unity Bank
- US Bank

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer the use of electronic funds transfers where deemed appropriate, expeditious and in the best interest of Todd County.

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections

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

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

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

agreement and established Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, and

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

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

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the members of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee are appointed as follows:

1. Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
2. David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
3. James Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
4. Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
5. Kyra Ladd, Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
6. Jason Sellnow, Vice-Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
7. Honorable Daniel Benson, District Court Judge.

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

1. Eric Monson, Citizen Member.
2. Naomi Moyer, Citizen Member.
3. Lane Waldahl, Citizen Member.
4. Connie Nelson, Victims Services.
5. Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
6. David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
7. James Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
8. Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
9. Honorable Daniel Benson, District Court Judge.
10. Jane Gustafson, Prosecuting Attorney.
11. Kyra Ladd, Prosecuting Attorney.
12. Sarah Federle, Public Defender.
13. Jason Sellnow, Public Defender.
14. Melissa Birkholtz, Police Chief.
15. Michael D. Carr, Wadena County Sheriff.
16. Steve Och, Todd County Sheriff.
17. Sandra Ahrendt, Ethnic/Minorities Representative.
18. Cindy Pederson, Health Professional.
19. Mike Willie, Social Services Representative.
20. Jackie Och, Social Services & Health Professional
21. Patrick Sutlief, Educational Administrator.
22. Dacia Kreklau, Corrections Agent.
23. Katherine Langer, Correctional Administrator.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Sergeant Lonnie Marcyes as Chief Deputy

for the Todd County Sheriff's Office.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Anthony Tiesler as a part-time Correctional Officer effective January 2, 2019 at a Grade 6, Step 1.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Child Welfare / Juvenile Justice Screening Grant for CY 2019.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Health & Human Services to provide CMH-TCM services in-house and authorize the hiring of one social worker and one office support specialist II.

Administration

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of Kim Bosl to fill the vacant deputy recorder position at pay Grade 6, step 2 based on her previous two interviews and experience working with the recording software, with a tentative start date of January 3, 2019 or as soon as possible.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of Angelina Karnes to fill the vacant Public Health Nurse position at pay Grade 12, step 1 based on her previous experience, with a start date to be determined.

Todd County Museum

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request by Jeff Lucas to scan the War Memorial Monument located on the front lawn of the Historic Courthouse for a potential time capsule existence confirmation.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer has nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended and projects in-progress.

Recess

Chairperson Kneisl recessed the meeting until January 15, 2019.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 2, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on January 15, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl, County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

• Jan. 27, 1944 - Pvt. Dale Hollister of Staples was selected the ‘Man of the Week’ in the 27th Medical Training Battalion, Camp Grant, Ill. The article noted that Hollister was a graduate of Staples High School who had planned to attend a veterinarian college but the war interrupted these plans.

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Compiled by
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• Jan. 27, 1944 - Mrs. Charles Akin, the Staples World Correspondent in Motley, reports that Louis Minor received a serious knee injury Wednesday of last week like hauling a load of saw logs to the mill for Martin Quade. The sled broke and the logs started to roll and he jumped but some of the logs caught the knee, throwing it out of joint and tearing the ligaments loose. He was taken to the Staples hospital, where he stayed until Monday of this week.

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• Jan. 23, 1969 - Sharon Koth has been named the 1969 Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow for Staples High School on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude test on homemaking given to senior girls here Dec. 3. Sharon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Koth of rural Staples. Her sister, Barbara, received this same honor one year ago.

• Jan. 23, 1969 - Robert Kurpius, son of Mrs. Mabel Stecher of this city, was promoted to the new position of Traffic Design Engineer by Minnesota Highway Commissioner N. T. Waldor. A native of Staples, Kurpius graduated from Staples High School in 1950. In the fall of 1950, he entered the University of Minnesota and completed the five-year civil engineering course and received his B.C.E. degree in 1955.

• Jan. 23, 1969 - The Staples Cardinal Wrestling squad, coached by Don Dravis, continued in their winning ways as they pin losses on the C-I mat team and Pine River wrestlers in separate matches during

the past week. (The article mentions co-captains of the Cardinal team were Al Goeden and Bob Rengel).

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

• Jan. 27, 1994 - A 57-year-old Staples woman narrowly escaped death Monday morning when she walked away from a car-train accident just west of Staples. Carolyn Edith Nelson, Staples, was treated and released at Lakewood Clinic after her car collided with a Burlington Northern freight train at the Todd County Road 9 crossing four miles west of Staples. “The Lord looked over me. He protected me,” she said at her home just 24 hours after the BN locomotive demolished her 1989 Ford Tempo.

• Jan. 27, 1994 - A Staples family lost their home and all their belongings in a house fire at the height of the cold spell last week, but no lives were lost. The Tuesday night fire, Jan. 18, destroyed the home of Gene and Mary Rasmussen in Thomastown Township about four miles northwest of Staples just off Wadena County Road 2. Staples Fire Department members were on the scene in just over six minutes from getting the call, but found the house in flames. “When we arrived, there was fire in both the lower and upper

levels of the home,” Fire Chief Doug Case said. Firemen attempted to fight the fire, but were hampered with temperatures in excess of 30 below and a wind chill that approached 80 below. The cause of the fire was believed to be a chimney fire.

• Jan. 27, 1994 - Lars Nelson, president of the Staples Rotary Club, recently presented Ed Perry with the 1994 Rotary Vocational Service Award in recognition of Perry’s years of community service, including 23 years on the Staples City Council.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

• Jan. 22, 2009 - Staples Motley instructor Gene Mattila has been honored this past week with the announcement of local and state Teacher of the Year awards from the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

• Jan. 22, 2009 - The annual Staples Motley Dollars for Scholars benefit auction was held Monday night, raising almost \$11,000 prior to expenses.

• Police Chief Kyle Huber and Sgt. Doug Case, along with the other police officers, are looking forward to Jan. 29, when they expect to occupy the new Staples Police Department headquarters at the former Mueller Motors building.

Fleeing subjects arrested in Verndale

A Wadena County Sheriff’s Deputy was led on a chase stemming from an attempted traffic stop around 1:30 p.m. Jan. 10.

The Wadena County deputy, along with an agent for the West Central Drug Task Force, attempted to stop a vehicle on Oink Joint Rd. south of Hwy 10 outside the city of Wadena when the driver and passenger fled. The chase led deputies on a pursuit that lasted approximately seven miles with speeds reaching over 100 MPH on tar roads and speeds near 70 MPH on dirt, ice covered roads. The vehicle eventually fled back onto Hwy 10, where it turned north on Clark Drive in the City of Verndale and the vehicle stopped.

The driver, Aaron Richard Bounds, 25, of Verndale, was arrested and found to be in possession of a meth pipe and a large amount of US currency. The passenger, Amber Lynn Sutherland, 34, of Wadena, was also arrested at the scene.

Later that day a search warrant was completed upon the vehicle, where

approximately 15 grams of Methamphetamine was found along with a digital scale and numerous small individual baggies.

Bounds was charged with Felony Fleeing in a Motor Vehicle, Felony 2nd Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell, Felony 3rd Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Misdemeanor Reckless Driving and Misdemeanor Driving after Suspension.

Sutherland was charged with Felony 2nd Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell and Felony 3rd Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The case will be prosecuted by the Wadena County Attorney’s Office. Release conditions and bail were set on both individuals in Wadena District Court.

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Staples Sportsmen's Club

2018 Year in Review

By Jess Thew
SSC President

This past year the Staples Sportsmen's Club (SSC) was again privileged to serve our community through a variety of opportunities.

Fulfilling our mission of providing classes for youth and maintaining the ranges at McGovern Park keeps many members busy. Louis Ostrowski for one, can be found at the rifle range several times a week if not daily, keeping the ranges clear of debris and safe for users.

Firearm, Trap/Skeet, ATV and Snowmobile Safety instructors include Jon Hamberg, Darlys Hamberg, Mark Holper, Bob Koenig, Mike Koppes, Randy Wilson, Jim Hoemberg, Steve Benson, Troy Holsapple and Jess Thew.

In addition to safety classes, the SSC supports many youth programs including Hooked on Fishing, Toys for Tots, Staples Lions Club Christmas for

Kids, 4-H Shooting Sports/Wildlife Program, Sacred Heart's Children's Carnival, Staples-Motley Cardinals Trap and Skeet Teams, and Staples-Motley Grad Blast. New activities in 2018 included the SSC Youth Fishing Contest and the True Value Youth Big Buck Contest.

"Though I am proud of my fellow club members and our accomplishments, it is not the sole reason that I am submitting this article," Thew said. "We would like to express our deep appreciation to the communities, businesses and individuals that contribute to our organization. Without your generosity the youth in our communities would not have many of the opportunities that they do. Our accomplishments are your accomplishments, because they are only possible with your support. Again, the members of the Staples Sportsmen's Club thank you for another great year."



Fun before the comedian

Volunteers at the chamber dinner performed stunts and tasks to earn prizes from Ted & Gen's in Aldrich. Pictured from left, Britney Bursch, Ahna Bur-

sch, Ashley Seely, Dan Orth, Angela Ziegler and Karen Dauer. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

When to file a VA Claim Notice of Disagreement

By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

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Junior Spelling Bee winners announced

Fifth grade students from Motley-Staples Middle School participated in the annual Junior Spelling Bee on Jan. 9.

There were 22 contestants that qualified for the spelling bee by taking a written exam. It took

eleven rounds to determine this year's champion, Cecily Moe; and the runner-up, Xander Moench.

The top four spellers from this level will advance to the District Spelling Bee on Jan. 17, at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.



Advancing to district bee

Pictured above are the top five spellers at the Junior Spelling Bee. Front row, from left, are Ember Munger (alternate), Summer Anderson, Xander Moench. Back row: Kiya Pope and Cecily Moe. Moe and Moench were the top two spellers at the junior bee. (Submitted photo)



T-e-r-r-i-f-i-c spellers

Pictured above are fifth graders who participated in the Junior Spelling Bee at Motley-Staples Middle School Jan. 9. Front row, from left: Kiya Pope, Addison Fonteyn, Natalie Miller, Cecily Moe, Annavaha Black-

etter, Reed Judd, Reed Olds, Xander Moench. Back row: Sophia Misner, Zofia Ostrowski, Ember Munger, Summer Anderson, Owen Carlson, Rylee Nielson, Emmalee Dobson, Carson Mertens. (Submitted photo)

CAD moves forward with 2019 programming

After a rigorous and thorough strategic planning effort, Todd County CAD members recently voted on their top strategies for 2019. The coalition's projects for 2019 will be based on this work.

After reviewing local rate, state comparisons, trends, risk ratios, and mix of individual, family, peer and community factors, CAD coalition members, with guidance from Kelly Felton, West Central Minnesota Regional Coordinator, used a prioritization matrix to narrow down local conditions.

The top local conditions were refined and potential strategies were then researched by subcommittee members Bob Hepokoski, Mary Theurer and Penny Olsen, with help from CAD's evaluator, Melissa Adolfson.

Members then scored individual strategies and those strategies were brought to the full coalition for approval at their November monthly meeting. The following list shows the final approved strategies for 2019:

- Brief Motivational Interviewing Program
- Developmental Assets Campaign
- Everfi's Alcohol Edu and Character Playbook Curricula
- Social Marketing Campaign on Risks (both Alcohol and Marijuana)
- Mentoring/Lunch Buddies Support Program
- Active Parenting Curriculum
- Talk: They Hear You. Parent Education Program
- Festival Best Practices Activities
- Sticker Shock Events

CAD members are cur-

rently developing Action Plans for each of the above strategies.

Todd County CAD's Mission is to strive to prevent the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs by youth in Todd County; and its Vision is a culture that inspires youth to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free. Todd County CAD is currently funded through a Drug Free Communities (DFC) federal grant, and is targeting three substances: alcohol, marijuana and tobacco.

If you have questions, or are interested in being involved in any of the above projects, contact Connie Burns, Drug Free Communities Grant Coordinator at Connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us, or 320-732-2221.



CAD plans drug free strategies

CAD Members met with the West Central Regional Prevention Coordinator, Kelly Felton, to begin strategic planning. In November, CAD's 2019 strate-

gies were voted on, and Action Planning is currently taking place. (Submitted photo)

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