

Lakewood approves \$1.5 million to add walking track to school building project

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Lakewood Health System will add a walking track to the activities center if question two on the school referendum passes on May 14. Lakewood approved the donation at board meetings on March 28.

The walking track is an addition to the activities center, and will not replace the funding to be voted on in the referendum. The walking track is proposed to be located above

the gymnasiums at the elementary school site. Question one is to remodel the high school and elementary school, and build new learning spaces and gymnasiums. Question two is to add an activities center to the elementary site, with a swimming pool and fitness center.

From Lakewood’s perspective, the walking track would be an investment in health and in the community as a whole. Chief Financial Officer Lisa Bjerga said the money will come from funds that are already earmarked for long term growth and development projects.

“Instead of using the \$1.5 million towards a clinic expansion, we will use it for this,” said Bjerga.

The investment could also come back to help the health system financially in the future, because of the shift in how hospitals

get paid. Under the old system, hospitals were paid more if they treated more sick patients and performed more procedures. The country is switching to a community health perspective, in which hospitals are paid more when the community demonstrates healthier outcomes.

“We want people to become healthy, and we know that happens outside the walls of the hospital,” said Bjerga. “This is positioning us for when it changes from volume to value.”

Two of Lakewood’s physicians agree that the project has the potential to do a lot for community health. Dr. Jordan Moe and Dr. Christine Albrecht are on the hospital board that approved the walking track.

Moe said it is an investment in health, as well as an investment in children,

since the project is to be built in conjunction with the school.

Moe went farther to say that the project will be a community development project, a good way to attract people to the area and keep them in the area.

“It’s going to help everyone in the community,” he said.

Albrecht said a lot of patients drive out of town in the winter so they can walk at a mall or other indoor area. She said walking is great for people recovering from surgeries and also people with hips, knees, back and other joint problems. Moe added people with arthritis and heart and lung problems to the potential walking track users who could benefit the most.

Albrecht said the proposal fits with Lakewood’s goals, since their community health needs assessment has identified obesity as a major health concern in the area.

Lakewood CEO Tim Rice pointed out that the health assessment has led them to become involved in food and obesity reduction efforts, so this is one more step in that direction. They have collaborated with schools on food issues and the community center with free Saturday swims so kids can be healthy and to enhance the socialization and family time that can occur with the opportunity.

The health needs assessment “has led to discussions if we needed to construct some form of wellness center on our campus,” said Rice. For years, they have worked with the Staples Community Center on options to remodel and or replace the existing community center.

Rice pointed out that other area health systems

are also involved with fitness and wellness centers, including in Wadena, Brainerd and a new one opening in Long Prairie.

Rice sees the walking track as an economic development investment in the school system, which will help attract employees to Lakewood. He also said it could result in business growth, which will help pay for the investment.

“Lakewood cannot think of a more important investment than our children and the community we are here to serve,” said Rice.

The walking track contribution is contingent on both referendum questions passing May 14.

Lakewood will not be involved with the operation of the activity center or the school system, the school and activity center will determine the programming on the track.

Weather

This Week’s Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 3	43°	28°	Cloudy
Apr. 4	43	25	Cloudy
Apr. 5	46	25	Cloudy
Apr. 6	51	33	Cloudy
Apr. 7	56	37	Showers
Apr. 8	54	32	Showers
Apr. 9	53	32	Cloudy

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 3	25°	18°	Snow
Apr. 4	22	-2	Sunny
Apr. 5	25	10	Cloudy
Apr. 6	25	7	Cloudy
Apr. 7	31	10	Sunny
Apr. 8	25	0	Cloudy
Apr. 9	23	8	Cloudy

Average Temp.:

H = 48° Low = 30°

20 days since last rain (March 14)

Recall: 2017

Temps in 60s and low 70s

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Higher home values in Staples

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Property tax assessments are up this year, especially in the city of Staples north of Highway 10.

A state statute requires a minimum of six sales to be used in the annual analysis by the county assessor’s office. Todd County Assessor Chris Odden said every year 30 to 40 homes are sold in Staples, so his office gets a good sample of the prices homes in the city are selling for.

“If enough homes are sold, we can do a statistical analysis and break it down to see what the market is doing,” said Odden.

In Staples, “We saw a lot of sales, and virtually every one was low on the assessment,” said Odden, meaning all the homes sold for a price higher than their previous assessed value.

Odden said the higher sales prices were consistent across all types of homes, whether it was a small older home or large newer home. “The numbers were approximately the same,” he said. One category that had slightly higher sales prices was modular and manufactured homes.

With all of that factored in, Odden said homes in the city of Staples north of Highway 10 saw around a 25 percent increase in valuation, while homes on the south side of the railroad tracks saw closer to 10 percent increases. Odden said the Wadena County portion of Staples is more in line with the 25 percent

increases.

The state requires that the valuation can’t be more than 10 percent too low of the statistical analysis or more than five percent higher. Odden said the Staples area is around seven percent low, so higher evaluations could be coming in future years if the sales prices continue to rise.

Tax impact

Since all the homes in the area have a higher assessed value, the tax impact will be more evenly shared.

“If everybody went up at the same rate, it would have zero effect on taxes,” said Odden. For example, a person with a 25 percent increase in assessment value would not pay 25 percent more in taxes, unless they were the only home that had that increase.

But the assessments are not equal, they change with the market in each community. With the higher 25 percent increase in valuations concentrated in the city of Staples, those homes will be taking on a bit more of the tax burden. Commercial properties are not up significantly, so some of the tax burden will be shifted from businesses to homes.

That formula also applies to the upcoming Staples-Motley school referendum. Since the school district covers four counties and several communities, it is hard to determine how each property will be affected. Odden said the valuation on homes and agriculture land in northern Todd County is around a 10 percent increase

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Your ideas here

Two community visioning sessions about the Batcher Building Opera House will be held April 10, at Central Lakes College in Staples, from 3:30-5 p.m. and 5:30-7 p.m. The purpose is to get community ideas and input as the building is undergoing a feasibility study to apply for funding to open it up again. “Think big,” said Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher, “we want anything and everything in there.”



Flooding issues evident in Todd County

Todd County Sheriff’s deputies recorded a few flooding incidents within the county during the last week in March. Above: A portion of Quartz Road, south of Staples was closed. Below: A barn and farmsite were surrounded by rising water along the same road. The water did subside overnight.



The bridge on Cty Rd 7 over the Long Prairie River March 27. The ice jam headed towards Philbrook, causing water to back up on both sides. Usually the ice jam builds up on the opposite side of the bridge. (Submitted photos)

School building sessions, tours to be held April 9, 11

The Staples-Motley School District will host two informational evenings for community members to learn more about the proposed school building project, and give them a chance to tour the buildings where the construction project is proposed.

The meetings are Tuesday, April 9 at Staples-Motley Elementary School and Thursday, April 11, at Staples-Motley High School.

A project overview will begin at 6 p.m. each night, and rotating sessions will follow, allowing people to track different aspects of the project.

One option is to go on a building tour to see the sites of the proposed additions and

remodeling.

The online tax calculator should be operating soon, and will be available for people who want to look up their own parcel to see what the tax impact of the project will be.

Another option will be to learn more from school officials and project leaders.

Early voting is now open and applications for early balloting will be available at the meetings. Currently, anyone who wants to vote can go to the Staples-Motley District Office, at 202 Pleasant Avenue NE. The office is open for voting every day from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. until May 13, the day before the vote.



Leader Lions donate to Motley food shelf

The Leader Lions held a pancake breakfast at Swan Valley Lutheran Church March 17, with all proceeds (\$800) given to the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). Pictured above, front row from left: Sandy Smith, JoAnn Lund, Deb Alexander, Deb Shake, Stewart Weibesick, Linda Johnson. Back row: Bill Smith, Ed Sowers, Darla Malcore. At right, from left, Lion Deb Alexander hands a check to Sherry Miller Frisk, director of the MAFS. (Submitted photos)



Bank donates to Motley Area Food Shelf

First International Bank and Trust in Motley recently made a donation to the Motley Area Food Shelf. The total donation was 56 pound of food and a \$500 monetary contribution. Pictured

above, from left, are Florence Berndt, food shelf volunteer; Kate Skogstad and Joann Loidolt, bank representatives; and Jomyla Choate, food shelf board member and volunteer. (Submitted photo)

Cass County Sheriff's Office

Recent reports from the Cass County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) included the following:

- March 26 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 13000 block of Ace Dr. SW, Pillager.
- March 27 - The CCSO responded to an attempt to locate incident at the 5000 block of Red River Trail, Pillager.
- March 27 - The CCSO responded to an attempt to locate incident at the 12000 block of 61st Ave SW, Motley.
- March 27 - The CCSO responded to a complaint at the 3000 block of 112th St. SW, Pillager.
- March 29 - The CCSO responded to a crime at the 600 block of State Hwy 210 W., Pillager.
- March 25 - The CCSO responded to a criminal sexual complaint at the 700 block of Lake Placid, Pillager.
- March 24 - The CCSO responded to a report of fire at the 13000 block of Hardy Lake, Pillager.
- March 28 - 29 - The CCSO received reports of flooding at Sylvan Dam Rd. SW, Pillager; 1000 block of 85th Ave. SW, Motley; and 13000 block of Deborah Ln., Motley.
- March 26 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 700 block of Lake Placid, Pillager.
- March 25 - The CCSO responded to reports of an incorrigible person at the 13000 block of Ace Dr. SW, Pillager; and the 8000 block of 100th St. SW, Motley.
- March 26 - The CCSO responded to an incident at the 2000 block of Hidden Lake, Pillager.
- March 29 - The CCSO received a report of a potentially dangerous situation at the 12000 block of W Sylvan Dr., Pillager.
- March 30 - The CCSO responded to a property/land dispute at the 7000 block of 120th St. SW., Motley.
- March 24 - The CCSO responded to road situations at the 9000 block of 79th Ave. SW; and the 7000 block of State 64 SW, both in Motley.



Food items collected

Motley-Staples Middle School teachers Chris Kappler (left) and Sarah Decker delivered 671 pounds of food to the Motley Area Food Shelf recently. The food, along with \$80, was collected by students at MSMS during Food Share Month. The sixth grade class collected the most during the month and were treated to a pizza party by the Staples JC's, who worked with the students on this project. "I'm very proud of how the middle school students stepped forward collecting food for our Motley Food Shelf," said Sherry Miller Frisk, director of the food shelf. "Their generosity of helping those less fortunate than themselves is greatly appreciated," she added. (Submitted photo)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

- March 26 - The MPD issued a citation to Jason Kristopher Berulson, 42, for driving after revocation.
- March 26 - The MPD assisted a motorist who had run out of gas on Hwy 10 in Motley.
- March 25 - The MPD responded to a report of a vehicle accident at the 400 block of Pine Ave. in Motley. While backing out of the parking lot, the driver's vehicle made contact with another vehicle that was parked. The damage consisted of light paint transfer to the parked vehicle. No noticeable dents.
- March 24 - The MPD was advised that a vehicle had backed out of a parking space at the Dairy Queen in Motley and into the loaner vehicle that the police department was using. The loaner vehicle was parked in the 'Police Parking Only' space at city hall. A witness called in and said the driver had left the scene. A Morrison County deputy made contact with the driver and she admitted to being at the Dairy Queen but did not realize she had hit another vehicle. Photographs were taken of the damage which included a paint transfer scrape, dent and a broken tail light. A message was left with the driver regarding this and she called back with her insurance information.
- March 22 - The MPD assisted a family with a ride to BRICKS in Motley after their vehicle broke down on Hwy 10 south of Motley.
- March 21 - The MPD

assisted the Staples PD with a domestic/warrant arrest. The incident took place at the 1400 block of 3rd St. NE in Staples.

March 21 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Jose Dcosta Sabiniano, 56.

March 26 - The MCSO observed the listed subject as a passenger in the listed vehicle. The vehicle pulled into a driveway at the 3000 block of 270th St., Cushing. The deputy made contact with the subject and arrested him on his outstanding warrant.

March 26 - The MCSO issued a citation to Charles John Beckrich, 41, for driving with a revoked license.

March 25 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Brenden James Lawrence, 20.

March 22 - The MCSO responded to a report of a domestic that occurred at the 34000 block of Auger Rd., Motley. Subsequently, the suspect (Harold Michael Lentz, 34) was located and arrested by Aitkin County.

March 22 - The MCSO responded to a report of an attempted burglary at the 1800 block of 220th St., Motley.

March 21 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle that appeared to have been eastbound on Azalea Rd. in Motley when it went into the south side ditch near Bugle Rd. The vehicle took out Cty Rd. sign #2 with it. The deputy made contact with the registered owner of the vehicle, Chad Birkholtz, who admitted to driving the vehicle. He stated he was on his way home from Little Falls when he fell asleep and ended up in the ditch. He said he was unaware of the sign he had taken out.



Food Shelf donations

The Piecemakers Quilt Club in Staples recently donated \$100 to the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). Pictured above, from left, are Sherry Miller Frisk, MAFS Director; and Lisa Kajer, with the Piecemakers Quilt Club. (Submitted photo)

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Performers from the past

An archive Staples World photo from April 3, 1969, announced an upcoming talent show sponsored by the Student Council at the elementary school in Staples. Pictured, from left, are students Karen Ofstad, Dee Ann Hutchison, Dorla Gritz, Jeanne Polley and Scott Grossman. Norman Card, director of the show, announced that 30 acts would be presented, including a variety of musical solos and ensembles, gymnastic acts, poetry recitations and dance acts. Charles Holst was slated to serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

- April 6, 1944 - Two candidates were up for mayor of the City of Staples. Stan Eddy, a member of the city council for a number of years, defeated Harry Peirce by 170 votes. This post was eyed with great interest by the people of the city, as both men were in there “pitching” all of the time prior to the election. Mr. Eddy received 437 votes, and Mr. Peirce tallied 267 votes.
- April 6, 1944 - Due to increase in taxes, the Staples Beauty Shops

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announced that their prices changed April 1, as follows: Shampoo, 50 cents; Soapless oil shampoo, 50 cents; Shampoo with finger wave, \$1; Henna Rinse or Pack, \$1.50; Shampoo tint virgin head, \$3.50; Shampoo tint retouch, \$2.50; Hair dye virgin head, \$5; Hair dye retouch, \$3.50; manicure, 50 cents; Facial, \$1; Arch, 50 cent; Marcel, 50 cents; Permanent wave or end curl, \$4. These shops included Grace’s Beauty Shop; Ann’s Beauty Shop; The Powder Puff; Mooer’s Beauty Shop.

- April 6, 1944 - The Motley High School senior class spent all day Saturday preparing the stage set for their forthcoming play, “O Promise Me” to be presented Friday afternoon and evening, April 14. Paint brushes and needles flew while the actors rehearsed their lines. Both Miss Miller’s and Miss Stroman’s classes are cooperating in making posters to advertise the event.

The play concerns the efforts of one Barney Hollis, a millionaire, to find true love, as differentiated from mercenary love. He has given away a dozen or more fraternity pins, and the recipients of these pins narrow themselves down to an uncomfortable triangle. How Barney, played by Dale Henry, extricates his unhappy self from this nerve-wracking situation constitutes the core of the play. Others in the cast are Gloria Brown, Howard Hanson, Dorothy Dahl, Andy Thomson, Raye Borgstrom, Viola Stish, Dorothy Jurgensen, Geraldine Haney, Bernard Rosvold, Doris Frisk and Shirley Rassler. Miss Eleanor Hoveland is directing the play. Margaret Cantleberry and Marion Koons are in charge of ticket sales.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

- April 3, 1969 - Dr. Raymond O. Garland, dentist, was chosen by the membership of the Staples Rotary club at their election Monday evening to head the organization for the 1969 - 70 year. Dr. Garland will officially assume his duties July 1. He will succeed William Uhrich.
- Other officers elected to serve with Dr. Garland include James Williams, vice president; Stan Edin, secretary; Wayne Haglin, treasurer; Dick Lange, sergeant-at-arms; and M. A. “Whitey” Mueller and Dick

Lange, directors, each for a three year term.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Garland of this city, Dr. Garland opened his dental office here in September of 1961. He has been a member of the Staples Rotary club the past five years. He has served as the Scout committee chairman in this city for the past six years, with the Scouting movement being sponsored by the Staples Rotary. Dr. Garland is married to the former Helen Amundson, daughter of Mrs. Laura Amundson, also of Staples. They are the parents of four children.

- April 3, 1969 - After having operated in Sta-



ple for over 30 years, the Deluxe Diner, also known as the Skelly Cafe, closed at Midnight Sunday evening, March 30.

- April 3, 1969 - Faith Lutheran church women will meet on Thursday, April 10 at 2 p.m. in Fellowship hall. In charge of devotions will be Mrs. Bea Olson. Mrs. Richard Hegre will have the program and the offering meditation

will be presented by Mrs. J. G. Randgaard.

- April 3, 1969 - Coach Jerry Riewer, along with his assistants, George Carter, Donald Kemp and Larry Mertens, welcomed a turnout of over 30 boys for spring baseball practice, which got underway Monday of last week.

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

- April 7, 1994 - The Staples Area High School Choirs’ production of Camelot will open its run on April 14 at 8 p.m. in Centennial Auditorium. The show will also be presented on April 15, 21 and 23.
- The cast for Camelot includes: Sir Dinadan - Eric Neznik; Sir Lionel - Nathan Kopka; Merlyn - Paul Gorton; King Arthur - Seth Sams; Guinevere - Heather Hasselberg; Nimue - Joanne Pettitt; Page - Jason Blessing; Lancelot - Chris Schock; Dap - Steve Hoemberg; Pellinore - Luke Weber; Clarius - Scott Moore; Lady Anne - Kari Knosalla; Sir Sagamore - Jamie Dolezal; Lady Sybil - Bobbi Huff; Herald - Dan Mueller - Mordred - Adam Judd; Sir Winchester - Jeremy Blessing; Sir Guillian - Robin Reichel; Ladies in Waiting - Corey Campbell, Christina Gallant; Tom - Aaron Fuller; Lords and Ladies of Camelot - Sally Anderson, Tammy Becker, Skip Brenny, Niki DesMarais, Rebecca Hinkle, Ryan Johnson, Kyla Kelly, Jacy Olson, Kassi Peterson, Traci Pettitt, Michael Rollins, Robin Rothstein, Stacia Sams, Melinda Venstad, Jacy Wilhelmson.
- April 7, 1994 - The Cardinal basketball team’s annual awards night and potluck dinner this Tuesday was highlighted by the awarding of several individual awards. Senior Trevor Peterson was

TCCA to recognize volunteers for seniors

All seniors and staff representing senior services are welcome to attend the Annual TCCA Volunteer Recognition & Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at 10:30 a.m., at the Clarissa Ballroom, Highway 71 North of Clarissa.

The public is invited, with registrations due by April 10.

Sign in for the event begins at 10:30 with a “Pop-Up Volunteer Recruitment” where anyone may visit with volunteer recruiters to learn of rewarding options to serve seniors.

Music will be by Paul Imholte, stringman, provided by the Great River Regional Library through the Legacy fund with a free chicken and ham dinner to be served for volunteers.

There will be an opportunity to make a free will donation for Bundled Meals Delivery.

Roll Call for each organization providing volunteer opportunities:

- TCCA Delegates
- Bundled Services Drivers
- Quilt Bingo Quilters & Volunteers
- Food Shelf Volunteers
- Senior Companions
- Great River Regional Library
- Nursing Home Volunteers
- Echoes Volunteers
- Americorps
- Bundled Services drivers/Coordinators
- Foster Grandparents
- RSVP-Food Shelf Volunteers- Todd County Driver Program-Eagle Bend Dining Center/LSS

- Treasured Treats Bakers
- NAPS
- Affordable Housing Volunteers
- Tax Aides

To register, call Florence Rickbeil, 218-756-3002 or Elsie Gustafson, 218-738-2209.

Funds for this event provided by Todd County Council on Aging and Bingo Committee Volunteers who sponsor Coach Purse or Cash Bingo and Quilt Bingo, and the Legacy Grant. Celebration Cake and Prizes provided by RSVP. Decorating provided by the Clarissa Ballroom and Mary’s Etc. in Clarissa. Bingo prizes donations from Coach Purse or Cash Bingo and Quilt Bingo Proceeds.



Food Shelf donations

The Staples Area Food Shelf recently received a \$100 donation from the Piecemakers Quilt Club. Pictured above, from left, are Frank Leidenfrost, food shelf volunteer; and Mary Theurer, with the Piecemakers Quilt Club in Staples. (Submitted photo)

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“I’ve been asked about what I believe about small towns, what brings us together, what our shared beliefs are. This

Creed is my answer,” said McCray.
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Community is our goal.

We try everyone’s ideas. We don’t let statistics and negative reports beat us up. Those numbers are nothing but a snapshot in time. What we do next is up to us. We aren’t changing our town to attract others to come save us.

We are valuing the people who are here now and what we all want to create together.

That means everyone, every single one. People of all ages, all ethnicities, all backgrounds, all incomes, people who are new in town and people who have been here for generations.

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Budget ignores needs of rural America

By Cora Fox
Policy associate, Center for Rural Affairs

Details on President Trump’s 2020 budget were released in March. In an attempt to rein in federal spending, the budget recommends a \$3.6 billion cut to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Unfortunately, the proposals set forth in this budget seem far-removed from the realities rural Americans face every day.

The budget makes cuts to conservation programs, and proposes elimination of the Conservation Stewardship Program. These recommendations would significantly reduce the ability of farmers to implement conservation practices that address important resource concerns on productive acres, such as soil health or water quality.

We are concerned with the push to eliminate funding for rural development programs, such as the Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, Value-Added Producer Grants, and Rural Cooper-

ative Development Grants. The administration claims these programs “have not been able to show evidence of improved outcomes,” but we’ve seen the impact of these programs firsthand. These small programs help entrepreneurs and small businesses take root in rural communities, and revitalize struggling local economies.

Lastly, we appreciate the continued efforts by the administration to call for reform of crop insurance and commodity subsidy payments, but disagree on the specific proposals outlined. This budget blindly shifts additional burdens onto the shoulders of farmers who are already assuming exorbitant risk, high input costs, and continued poor commodity prices.

Despite our concerns, we remain committed to advocating for programs that invest in our farms and rural communities. We are calling on congressional leaders to recognize the needs of rural America as they consider appropriating funds for fiscal year 2020.



Letters to the Editor

Taxation concerns

Now that the 2019 valuations from the County Assessor have arrived, I looked at the numbers pertaining to the proposed school bond election, relating to our farm. I do not know and question if the estimated assessment was referencing the 2018 valuations or the new 2019 valuations. Our 120 acre parcel, containing mostly farm fields, no buildings, increased 40 percent for next year. I also question if, as there are several, current and future TIF Districts will be assessed for the levy. Property owners must also be aware the current 40 percent exemption on ag land was not written in stone. This must be approved every two years. With the Governor and Legislature we now have attempting to spend

the state out of debt, this exemption could easily disappear which would reflect the numbers I have referenced below.

If my calculations are correct, based on the numbers provided by the school board, the cost to our home and farm will be:

Question 1 - 2018 valuation: \$1,047 per year
Question 2 - 2019 valuation: \$1,211 per year

When using the \$20.78 factor per \$125,000 valuation, an insignificant dollar amount is viewed. Using the increase amount based on a valuation of \$25.64 a somewhat increase in the insignificant amount is viewed. When multiplying by 12 or the yearly tax bite is used, that insignificance disappears and the number which will show up on next year’s tax statement will show up. I would have to assume business-commercial and recreation classes will have a bite as

well. I hope renters will not assume taxes do not reflect on the rent they pay.

I suggest property owners and taxpayers actually take a look at the valuation notices from the assessor and figure the yearly cost to their property to avoid “sticker shock” when the property tax statement shows up in the spring of 2020.

Roger Dukowitz
Browerville, Minn

Rights for crime victims

Every year, millions of people’s lives are forever changed by crime. They are our families, neighbors, friends, and colleagues. Crime victims often struggle to work, pay bills, or support their loved ones. Many have

life-changing injuries and need long-term care and support. April 7-13 is National Crime Victims’ Rights Week – a wonderful opportunity to renew our commitment to underserved crime victims, to create partnerships, and to enhance the services and offerings from local providers to ensure that all victims of crime receive the necessary support to address their victimization and begin the healing process on their terms.

This year’s theme, “Honoring Our Past. Creating Hope for the Future,” encourages commemoration, honor and respect toward the crime advocates, allied professionals, and selfless volunteers who have courageously worked for increased rights for crime victims. The theme also invites us to look toward the future of inclusive, accessible, and innovative resources

and services for survivors.

During this year’s National Crime Victims’ Rights Week let us reaffirm our commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime and express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving this response so that all victims of crime may find the relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace they deserve.

Barb Dinkel Goodrich
General Crime Services
Coordinator
Hands of Hope Resource
Center

School project is about the future

School is where dreams are born and futures are determined. I want my kids to dream big! That’s why, this May, I’ll be voting in favor of the proposed building renovations for Staples/Motley Schools.

My youngest will be heading off to kindergarten next fall. I get teary eyed just thinking about it. The school day seems so long. She seems so little. If you’re a parent, I’m sure you can relate. The transition to school is a big one.

I’m concerned about her future, her safety and her ability to dream. Simply put, our school buildings are old, cramped - and in some cases - crumbling. We cannot expect our schools to help our kids if we don’t help our schools. Schools should be inspiring environments.

We can shuffle students from building to building, but it doesn’t change the fact our buildings don’t support modern education.

Unless we invest in renovations, our district will start to backslide.

For starters, our elementary school needs a new kitchen. Our cooks perform daily miracles by feeding our kids with the current set-up. Our classrooms are also horribly outdated. Education is changing to meet the ever-changing demands from employers and society. Why aren’t we?

The high school needs even more work, especially considering it’ll be housing three more grades next fall. Space is needed and so are many, many updates. We can’t just house our students, we need to maximize their potential. Teachers can do their best work with the right tools.

The gyms at both schools are begging for attention. If approved, the high school and elementary will get gyms designed for the needs of all our students. Considering my youngest is blessed with Down syndrome, I applauded the detail and thought put into these plans. Each school will be equipped with adaptive amenities for all students that are specific to their needs. I love that this plan will not only help our kids exercise their minds but also their bodies. The plan does not add court space. It does add opportunity.

We are blessed with some great teachers in this community and some exceptional students. They need our support. They need to know we value them and believe in them. They need us to vote YES this May.

Next fall, when I hug my youngest and wish her well on her first day of school, I know she’ll feel my support. Will she feel yours?

For more information on why you should vote yes, visit: www.voteyes2170.com.

Jennifer Hines,
Staples, Minn.

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Award winning a cappella group

Tonic Sol-fa, known as America's premier vocal group, will perform at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. Pictured, from

left, are band members Shaun Johnson, Jared Dove, Theo Brown and Greg Bannwarth. For ticket information, visit www.tonicsof.com.

Mark Your Calendar

April 3

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

April 6

KIDS HELPING KINSHIP KIDS EVENT Sat., April 6, 7-9 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Featuring local youth performing their musical and speech talents. Free will donations to support Kinship Partners, Inc., Youth Mentoring Programs, Staples/Motley area.

TODD COUNTY FARM BUREAU MTG Sat., April 6, at The Cafe Browerville, 9 a.m. breakfast; 9:15 a.m. presentation by Long Prairie Packing; 9:30 a.m., meeting.

April 12

PAWS ANNUAL MEETING (PETS ABANDONED WANTING SUPPORT) Fri., April 12, Aldrich Community Building, 5 p.m. Potluck. For info., 218-639-7297 or pawsmn@outlook.com.

April 13

FIDDLER'S CONTEST Sat., April 13, 3 p.m., at the Pillager High School's new gymnasium. Doors open at 2 p.m. For info., 218-330-8383.

April 16, 17

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK-IN sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., April 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., April 17, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., April 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., April 17, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at Staples City Hall. Items on the agenda include:

- Conduct Public Hearing for creation of TIF 1-11 for The Mill Townhomes
- Consider Resolution 1768 approving the establishment of tax increment financing district 1-11 within municipal development district 1, and adoption of the tax increment financing plan relating

Easter Eggstravaganza is April 13 in Staples

Children age 10 and under are invited to meet the Easter Bunny Saturday, April 13, from 9:30-11 a.m. at the Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE.

The games, crafts and other activities are sponsored by the Staples '93 Lions and the City of Staples.

'Christ in the Passover' presentation in Motley



Speaker

Amer Olson is a senior missionary at the New York branch of Jews for Jesus. Originally from Minneapolis, Olson's mother was Jewish and his father a Gentile. During college, Olson began exploring his Jewish heritage which led to his discovering the Jewishness of Jesus and the New Covenant. He currently resides in New York with his wife, Paige, and their five children.

on the cutting edge as the ministry has expanded and established branches in eleven countries, including the United States, Brazil, Israel, Russia, France and South Africa. "We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide," Brickner states. "There are still a few that haven't heard of us."

Amer Olson will be happy to answer questions after the presentation. There is no admission charge.

Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Amer Olson of Jews for Jesus will re-create the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection in a presentation called, "Christ in the Passover" at St. John's Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m.

Olson will set a table with items traditionally used at the Passover meal and detail their spiritual significance. He will also explain the connection between the events of the first Passover in Egypt and the redemption that Jesus accomplished, as well as the deep bond between the ancient Passover feast and the Christian communion celebration today.

Jews for Jesus has presented "Christ in the Passover" at over 38,000 churches. It has been enthusiastically received by Christians who appreciate learning more about the Jewish backgrounds of their faith. Moishe Rosen, who founded Jews for Jesus in 1973, has also co-written the book, "Christ in the Passover" with his wife, Ceil. This seminal work included a look at Passover in ancient times and how it is practiced today. It will be available after the presentation. Also available will be a DVD of the Christ in the Passover presentation with David Brickner, the executive director of Jews for Jesus, officiating.

Brickner, a fifth-generation Jewish believer in Jesus, succeeded Rosen as Executive Director in 1996. Brickner has kept Jews for Jesus on the cutting edge as the ministry has expanded and established branches in eleven countries, including the United States, Brazil, Israel, Russia, France and South Africa. "We exist to make the Messiahship of Jesus an unavoidable issue to our Jewish people worldwide," Brickner states. "There are still a few that haven't heard of us."

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- Consider request to close Community Center parking lot on June 1st from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for Sacred Heart 5K.
- Consider 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 520 Rental Housing Maintenance Code
- Consider fees for Rental Housing Licensing
- Consider approval of Fire Contracts for 2019 to 2021
- Consider approval

of Solid Waste Haulers licenses for 2019 for Long Prairie Sanitation and Waste Management

- Consider setting the start time for the April 23rd meeting at 6:15 p.m. for MuniCode Meetings training followed by the regular meeting
- Committee Reports: Public Works Commission, Staples Economic Development Authority

Tonic Sol-fa brings their vocal band to Staples April 12

Emmy-winning a cappella group Tonic Sol-fa will bring their family-friendly show to Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Expect to hear an eclectic mix of music from this Minnesota quartet, including pop, country and gospel. It's the sort of concert that the entire family can agree on, "from kids to grandparents and everyone in between," said Jared Dove, the group's bass singer and longtime member.

Other group members are Shaun Johnson, lead singer; Greg Bannwarth, tenor and vocal percussionist; and Theo Brown, baritone, percussionist and vocal percussionist.

Tonic Sol-fa has established itself not only as the most in-demand vocal group in the Midwest, but also one of the most successful independent acts in America. They've released 10 albums and sold over two million copies, been a part of three PBS television specials; and have shared the stage with a number of recognizable performers including Jay Leno, Jeff Foxworthy, Lonestar, Montgomery Gentry, Shawn Colvin, Weird Al Yankovic and Bryan White.

The New York Times has described Tonic Sol-fa's sound as "A vocal kaleido-

scope...unique to the human voice."

Tonic Sol-fa has earned a reputation as America's premier vocal group. They won their first Emmy in the "Musical Composition/Arrangement" category for a song performed in a Toys for Tots PSA (Public Service Announcement). Most recently, the group won two Independent Grammys for Best Original Holiday Song and Best Pop Song out of 650,000 entries worldwide. They were also inducted in the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame alongside Prince.

Although they are known for their unique blend and tight harmonies, Dove said they are "not just four guys singing pretty music." Their show is a very entertaining performance, he went on, noting that there is a lot of audience interaction and joking between group members. They enjoy what they are doing and hope to share that joy with others every time they perform.

For more information about Tonic Sol-fa and to listen to samples of their music online (including youtube videos), visit their website at www.tonicsof.com.

Tickets for the April 12 concert are available at Timberlake Hotel in Staples and at the group's website.

Concert for Kinship

Kids Helping Kinship Kids event April 6

Staples-Motley High School music and speech students will perform acclaimed pieces to help raise funds for Kinship Partners, a youth mentoring program.

The event will be Saturday, April 6, starting at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium. The concert is free with a free-will offering available to benefit Kinship.

"It is a way of showcasing students in the music and speech departments, and a chance for them to give back in honor of the mentors who helped them over the years," said Kristi Carlson, Staples/Motley Kinship Coordinator.

The local Kinship Advisory Board came up with the idea and talked to students who received honors in their music and speech competitions.

Attendees will also be able to learn more about the Kinship program and mentoring activities in the area.

Performers on the schedule include:

Scout Strickland, Jaydon Friedel, Andrew Bates Tabetha Allen, Rose Han, Jadyn Kincaid, James Vold, Samantha Mrazek, Jack Tyrrell, Sadie Thompson, Cole Winkles, Emmitt Winkles, Alex Brings, Torii Nienow, Alex McIlravy, Macy Judd, Abby Brown, Max Strickland and Caden Mrazek.

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

April

- **SUB-SECTION INSTRUMENTAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST** April 3
- **SUB-SECTION VOCAL SOLO/ENSEMBLE CONTEST** April 10
- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL** April 17, at SMHS
- **PROM** April 27
- **FFA STATE CONVENTION** April 28 - 30
- **BELL CHOIR CONCERT** April 29, 7 p.m. at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

May

- **DFS AWARDS NIGHT** May 8, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.
- **FINALE CONCERT** May 17
- **BACCALAUREATE** May 19, Staples Alliance Church
- **COMMENCEMENT CONCERT** May 24
- **CORDS AND AWARDS** May 31, 10 a.m.
- **GRADUATION** May 31, 7:30 p.m.

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

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Matinees Sat. & Sun. April 6 & 7 at 1:15 pm

Screen 2
DUMBO PG
Held Over 2nd Week!
Fri. thru Thurs. April 5 - 18
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinees Sat. & Sun. April 6 & 7 at 1:25 pm

Screen 3
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Held Over 2nd Week!
Fri. thru Thurs. April 5 - 11
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:15 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
Matinees Sat. & Sun. April 6 & 7 at 1:30 pm

WHAT SHE SAW CHANGED EVERYTHING PG-13
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ENROLLMENT NIGHT

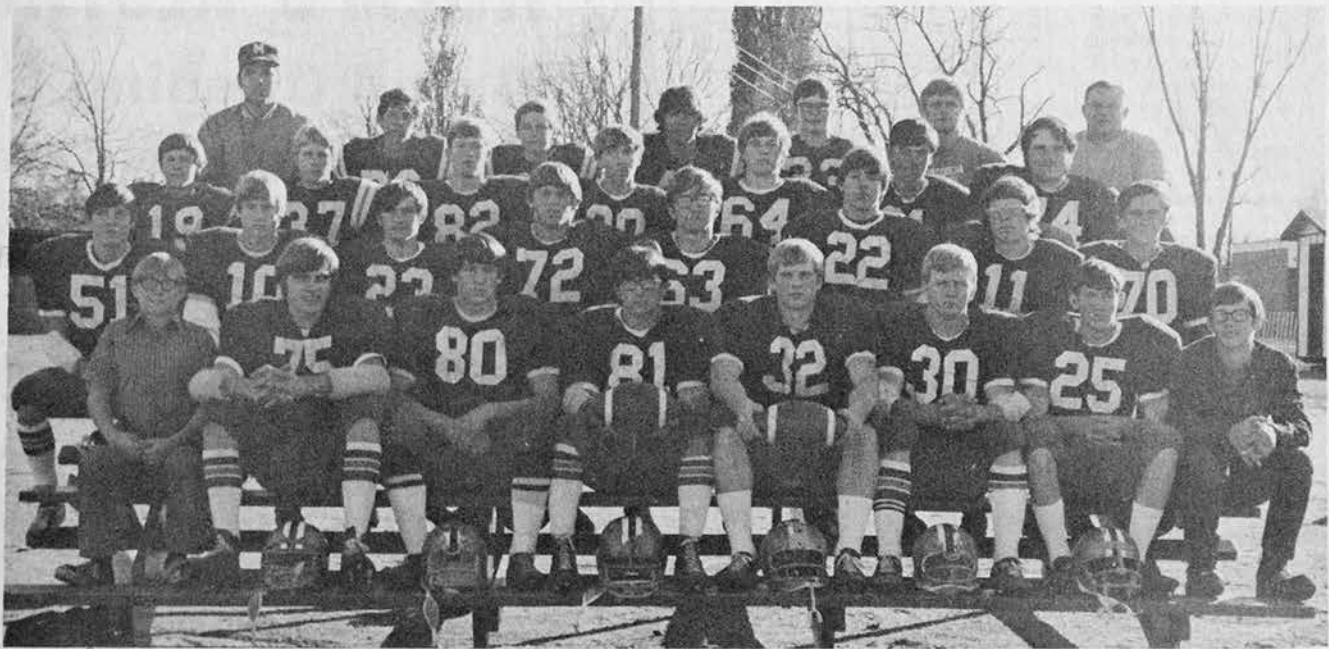
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- Meet & Greet Teachers
- Preschool Sessions at 5:30 & 6:30
- JS Kindergarten & Kindergarten Options
- Bus rides at 6:00, 6:15, & 6:30

Motley Football Team



One of the most successful football seasons was completed at Motley High school last week as the men of Coach Bill Finn captured the championship of the Longbow Conference and were consistently in the top one or two in the Minnesota ratings for nine-man football.

Members of the championship team are, front row, left to right, Tim Sampson, manager; Bill Simon, Kevin Swecker, Larry Converse, Randy Frisk, Gary Ward, Mark Bettis, and Randy Ritzenhouse, manager.

Second row, left to right, Kevin Stelck, Marlin Frisk, Steve Cook, Bill Christenson, Russ Hart, Keith Skeesick, Joe Guerts and Kelly Boldan.

Third row, left to right, Brad Silgjord, Mark Frisk, Jim Neelan, Roger Zetah, Dale Robinson, Bryan Silgjord and Mike Lorber.

Back row, left to right, Bob Torgrimson, assistant coach; Ned Digiovanni, Jim Albrecht, Dave Briggs, Clarence Cronin, Mike Sullivan, and Bill Finn, head coach. Not pictured was Kim Jenkins, manager.

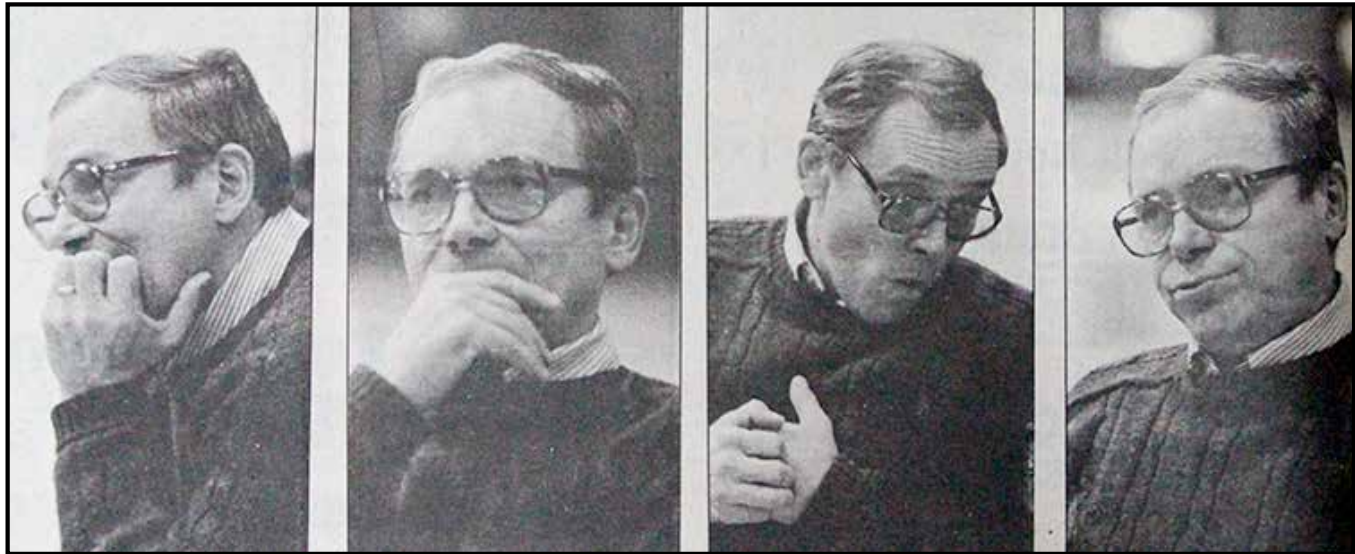
A year to remember and a coach to honor

Bill Finn, top row, far right, and his 1972 Motley football team that won the Longbow Conference title and were rated in the top two of nine man football all

season. Finn, also a basketball, baseball and track coach at Motley, died in 1990, but will be inducted into the Staples-Motley Hall of Fame on April 5.

Hall of Fame bookends

Two hall of famers in one photo. Coach Jerry Riewer, left, with the 1973 District 24 baseball trophy won after beating Brainerd and Aitkin. At right is Hall of Fame inductee Warren Mertens. Between the two are Doug Cizek and Joe Neznik. The team lost in the region finals that year.



The many faces of coach Dravis

Hall of Fame wrestling coach Don Dravis went through a lot of emotions at the 1985 district wrestling tournament (4 photos above), but had calmed down by 1988, giving advice to wrestler Darren Heldman, right.



Staples-Motley Hall of Fame ceremony April 5

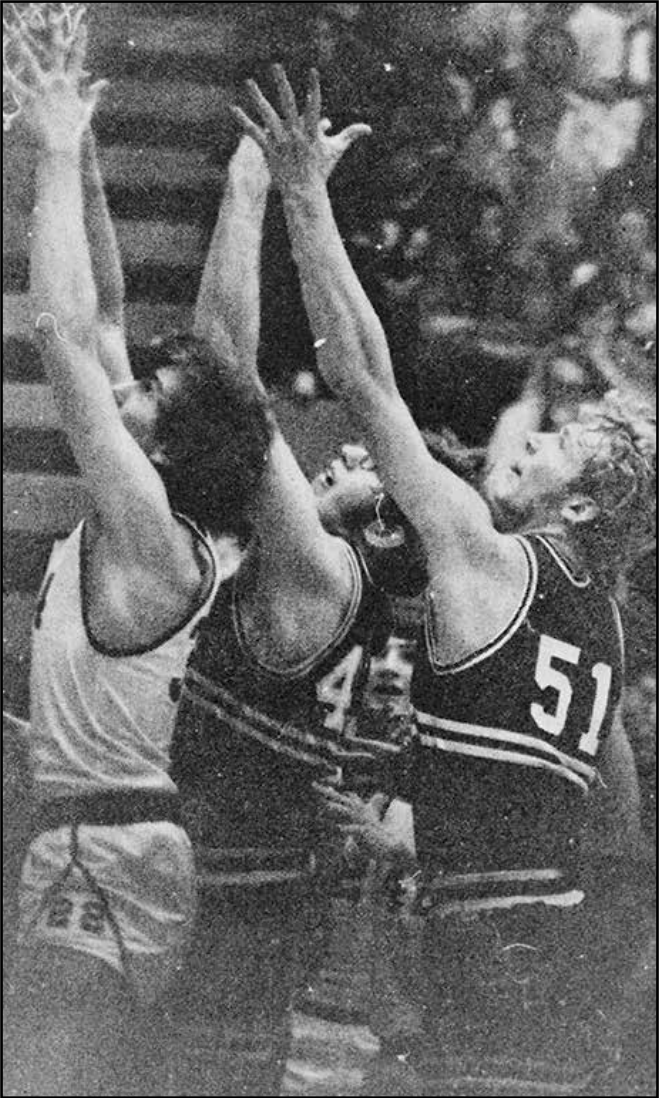
Coaches Don Dravis, Bill Finn and Jerry Riewer, athletes Del Cerney, Arden Beachy, Warren Mertens and Bob Peterson, the 1985 Staples girls basketball team and the 1988 Staples-Motley football team, plus supporters Derald and Juanita Miller as at-large inductees.

The Hall of Fame Committee will host an award presentation ceremony on Friday, April 5, at Staples-

Motley Centennial Auditorium. Doors open at 6 p.m. with a reception and the program will start at 6:30.

Following the induction ceremony, a gathering is scheduled for Timbers Restaurant Event Center for social time with the inductees.

This week features Staples World photos from the three hall of fame coaches, plus two of the hall of fame athletes.



Two sport star

Warren Mertens (51) goes up for a rebound with teammate Bob Rego in the Mid State game against Little Falls. Staples won 76-52outrebounded the flyers 30-18. Mertens also scored 38 points in a game that season. In baseball, Mertens was a star pitcher and hitter who was also inducted in the Bemidji State University Hall of Fame and pitched for the Minnesota Twins farm system for three years.

Boys basketball banquet, season award winners

Hi. Here are some of our awards given out at our end of year banquet and some comments.

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team held their year end banquet, with the following awards given out:

MVP - Sivert Klefsaas
Most Improved Varsity - Issac Kronenberg
Most Improved JV - Lyle Brownell
Coaches Award - Max Strickland
Cardinal Award - Jordon Carlson

Most Points - Sivert Klefsaas
Most Defensive Rebounds - Ben Olander tied with Ryan Wick
Most Offensive Rebounds - Ben Olander
Most Steals - Sivert Klefsaas
Most Assists - Max Strickland

Highest field goal percentage - Issac Kronenberg
Highest free throw percentage (84%)
All conference honorable mention to Sivert Klefsaas.

Section Academic champions as a team
Coach Nick Doll had some comments about the season:

"It was such an honor to coach the boys basketball team at my alma mater this season. We didn't have the kind of on-court success that everyone wants, but the foundation for our program is in place and there

is a new norm for what hard work is and how it is done. The future of Cardinal basketball is bright and I can't wait to see what we bring to the table next season. The spring is already underway with guys investing their time and energy into improving their skills and athleticism. We have a great summer planned for these guys, and as long as they continue to show up and continue to do the work, it will be fun to watch the continued improvement. This applies all the way down to our elementary teams. We have several groups that have positive parental involvement, and kids loving the game and doing the work. It is a great time to be a Cardinal, and a great time to be a Cardinal basketball player."

"Wishing good luck to Jordon Carlson, our lone senior."

Doll said the season was made possible with thanks to the following:

My wife and kids, Kermit Klefsaas, Cy Bestland and their families, Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters, Trevor Wentworth (8th grade coach), Adam Bach (7th Grade coach), Craig Wolhowe and Loren Brownell, Players families for team meals and snacks and other forms of support, Staples-Motley School District and administration.

Cerney and Lelwica win state gold

"How good are Staples' swimmers Del Cerney and Mark Lelwica?" This question was answered Saturday afternoon at Cooke Hall on the U of M campus. Cerney and Lelwica are state calibre swimmers, each with medals to attest to their abilities.

Senior Del Cerney won the 50-yard Freestyle and teammate, junior Mark Lelwica won the 100-yard Freestyle for their gold medals. Gold wasn't all they won. Cerney finished second to Lelwica in the 100 and Lelwica finished fourth in the 50.

Cerney went into the state meet with the fastest time in the state for both the 50 and 100. Lelwica was the second fastest in the 100 and fourth in the 50.

It was head-to-head competition for the two best friends. It was a tough decision for the two swimmers and Coach Mel Nefstead to make before the sectional meet in Grand Forks. Both Cerney and Lelwica could have swum in any number of events at sections and qualified for state. But, Nefstead and the pair looked beyond sections to known competition at the state meet. They evaluated top times compared to their own and what their chances would be.

"I agonized over this for a long time," Nefstead told the homecoming crowd Sunday. "I felt we had to go for the highest possible placings at the state level."

The decision was made — both would swim the 50 and 100. Once the decision was made for sections, the commitment was made. They could not change events after that. The only other time the two had gone head-to-head in competition was in the same two events in the Fergus Falls invitational early in the season. There Cerney finished first in both races and Lelwica second. At sections it was the



What are you going to say?

Mark Lelwica (left) and Del Cerney (center) appear to be consulting each other on what to say to the homecoming crowd Sunday. The pair of state champions were the reason Staples finished sixth

as a team this year. With them is the third member of the Staples/Motley team to compete in state, diver Hank Larson.

stroke (55.35), and two relays. Lelwica had records in the 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, and the same two relays.

Cerney was an eight time All-American swimmer for the University of Minnesota and was recently inducted into their Hall of Fame.

Winter makes a hasty exit

Two weeks ago, few would have predicted the speed with which snow has disappeared. Seasonal transitions are normally more gradual. Summer eases into autumn. Leaves change color at an unhurried pace, and we finally notice evening temperatures demanding a jacket or sweatshirt. Autumn takes its time, too, giving us overnight frosts and crisp, sunny days, before a hard freeze and the first snows announce winter's arrival.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

As for the departure of winter, it has a nasty habit of teasing us as it gives way to spring. Melt a little, then more snow to keep us from getting our hopes too high. The lakes lose their uniform bright white and take on mottled tones of gray, rough and rutted. But holes bored by die-hard anglers tell us the mantle of ice has thinned hardly at all. The transition of winter to spring is often a test of patience and endurance, virtues Minnesotans wish we didn't need so much of.

This year seems different. In less than two weeks, many winter-bound parts of our state have gone from ankle and calf-deep snow to bare ground. Snow lingers in the woods and other shaded places, and where peculiarities of terrain and polar vortex winds left deep accumulations. There are regional exceptions, too; the North Shore of Lake Superior, for instance, where winter often lingers longest. But here, daytime air temperatures, the sun's radiant energy, and early rains have combined to make bare ground the rule rather than the exception. Overnight temperatures still dip below freezing. But that's a plus, slowing runoff that could lead to flooding.

The past fortnight has shown that Nature is ready to force the issue. My notes say it was St. Patrick's Day when I heard the familiar sound high overhead, a sound that had not been heard since November. That's when the trumpeter swans had been forced out of the bay in front of our cabin by ice sealing off the last open water. My eyes finally caught the motion of their wingbeats, a pair in brilliant white plumage angling northwesterly; little more than specks, their long-necked silhouettes unmistakable when their trumpeting does not give them away.

Trumpeters will winter as far north as there is open water, sometimes where river current is too rapid to allow freezing. The lake where the cabin sits has only a sliver of open water along some of its shore now, certainly not enough to accommodate these bomber sized birds. But there are several rivers within a short flight, and no doubt this

pair was heading for one of them.

This was also the day when the first chipmunk of the season showed itself on the deck, looking as alert and energetic as if it were summer. Chipmunks hibernate in winter, though it might be more fitting to coin the term "hibernap." They do hibernate, during which the heart rate slows and body temperature drops dramatically. For a chipmunk, the heart rate drops from as much as 350 beats-per-minute to as few as four, and body temperature drops to match that of their burrow, which—even in the depths of winter—is well above outside air temperatures. But because they rely on stored food rather than body fat, chipmunks must wake every few days to feed. Stored food is generally cached in their winter burrow, so these midwinter awakenings mostly go unnoticed.

It's well known that moving water freezes last, and reopens first. Here in Minnesota it gets cold enough to put an icy cap on rivers and streams, except where the speed of riffles and rapids keeps them open. But as daytime temperatures rise, those frozen areas soon reopen. Many migrating waterfowl use them to accelerate their northward migration, not waiting for open water on lakes and wetlands.

You notice it first where a narrow ribbon of iron-blue has broken through and made a meandering crease in the ice. The next day it will be wider, and in a surprisingly short time the moving water will have undercut and gnawed away the icy margins, and the stream will be moving water from bank to bank.

On two major streams that I cross almost daily, I watched first Canada geese, then buffleheads, then common mergansers appear. The geese are foraging on grasses and bankside vegetation laid bare by the melting snow. The buffleheads and mergansers are of the class of ducks called "divers," and feed mostly on small fish, aquatic insects, snails, and other foods from the animal kingdom. Every little while you'd see one slip head-first beneath the surface on this feeding mission.

One morning, when eyes could define silhouettes but still not distinguish color, a pair of wood ducks screamed over the roadway near a pond not far from our driveway. Their speed made the sight fleeting, but their characteristic wingbeats and body profile made identification easy. The woodies may have been checking out a nearby pond where wood duck boxes have been placed, though—except for its very edges—it's still locked in ice.

A farmer's field near this pond has in recent years become a place to view and listen to sandhill cranes, which now take up summer residence in the area. Their high-pitched calling suggests to me a turkey's gobble, but more persistent and vocal; perhaps a bit prehistoric even. One late afternoon while

walking out the long driveway to retrieve our trash can, I faintly heard the familiar call. It took some scanning, but my eyes eventually locked onto a soaring bird at a stratospheric height. Its broad narrow wings and pencil-shaped body confirmed the ID. A sandhill crane's long, stilt-like legs, long neck and dagger-shaped bill suggest a great blue heron. But the crane is a creature of the land, while a heron is a creature of the ponds, wetlands, lakes, and river edges.

The first great blue heron was also spotted during this two-week wildlife explosion. They're hard to miss with their slow, lumbering flight—reminiscent of a heavily loaded cargo plane—and unmistakable S-curved neck. In addition to the streams now open, they will be stalking the shallow margins of small ponds and lakes as these edges become ice-free. There you'll see them standing statue-like until a frog or minnow ventures

fatally close, and they demonstrate their amazing striking speed.

With snow cover off many fields, deer are having a field day—so to speak—feeding on waste grains left from last fall's harvest. I've seen congregations of 20 or more, suggesting a herd of cattle more than wildlife. With the snow depths of just several weeks ago, this could have been a time of serious deer mortality; or at least compromised birth and survival of fawns. But the rapid snowmelt, except for some limited areas well to the north, seems to have mostly erased that threat.

But before we become too cocksure, we should remember that wintry events of snow and extreme cold have been known to revisit us in late April, and even into early May. Still, any vengeful return of winter will inevitably be short-lived. Spring, officially here—and the new life that comes with it—will soon prevail.

Indoor track meet starts spring season

The Staples-Motley track and field teams competed in the Heart-o-Lakes Conference Indoor Track & Field Meet held March 26 at Concordia College in Moorhead.

Girls results
55 - 6. Aften Robinson 8.15, 11. Brooke Ferdon 8.34, 20. Aleeah Halverson 8.69, 23. Malaya Reem 8.81

200 - 14. Ferdon 33.01, 16. Reem 33.43
400 - 5. Robinson 1:05, 14. Abby Dukowitz 1:13
800 - 8. Addison Lorber 2:49, 9. Kiera Dumpprope 2:50
1,600 - 14. Addisyn Cichos 6:34

3,200 - 1. Kyanna Burton 12:51, 3. Ashley Robben 13:33
4x200 - 6. (Ferdon, Halverson, Reem, Dukowitz) 2:06
4x800 - 2. (Robben, Burton, Robinson, Dumpprope) 10:50
High jump - 11. Lorber 4'2", 13. Halverson 4'2"

Shot put - 5. Tabettha Allen 29'0", 21. Madysen Hull 22'2"

Boys results
55 - 3. Jordan Carlson 7.10, 7. Chase Davis 7.17, 17. Cael Sams 7.42, 20. Isaiah Ross-Bahn 7.52, 22. Corey Hanson 7.64, 28. Garrett Carlson 7.73

200 - 2. J. Carlson 24.86, 14. Sams 25.81, 17. Davis 26.24, 19. G. Carlson 26.56

400 - 13. Hanson 1:01, 14. Jeff Sundstrum 1:01, 21. Evan Nanik 1:09, 22. Jacob Schmitz 1:10

800 - 6. Bentley Christensen 2:21, 8. Matthew Fisher 2:25, 19. Nanik 2:52

1,600 - 5. Hunter Klimek 4:48, 10. Isaac Christoffersen 5:36, 16. Ben Bartczak 5:52
3,200 - 2. Emmet Anderson 10:17, 8. Tanner Robben 11:19, 11. Jack Tyrrell 12:04

4x800 - 2. (Robben, Fisher, Klimek, Anderson) 9:16; 5. Tyrrell, Christoffersen, Sundstrom 9:34

High jump - 2. Davis 5'6", 9. Ross-Bahn 4'10"

Shot put - 9. Scout Strickland 39'7", 26. Isaac Kronenberg 30'10"

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
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sightlight (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
Church 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
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
218-924-2020
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.

"Challenging Word(s)"

Pastor Greg Leslie

Motley United Methodist Church and Staples United Methodist Church

As I read my Bible, and work through the Gospels I always want to challenge myself. One thought that came to my mind recently was this, what is the most controversial thing that Jesus said. I am sure at this moment you are running through the read letters in your Bible and in your mind. But I have taken time and thought about this and my conclusion is this, "Love your enemies".

How many of you reading this today have someone who you dislike?

How many of you have avoided a person because of them wronging you in some way?

And I know the list can go on and on but to love someone who has hurt you is difficult, plain and simple. Jesus tells us in the second half of

this verse from Luke to "Do good to those you hate." But we can expand on that even more, we are supposed to bless, pray and give to our enemies.

During this season of Lent, we know we are heading, and that is to the death on the cross and the resurrection. And even while Jesus hung on the cross, He still gave us the same encouragement by saying, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing."

To love everyone is a challenge but the words that we read and practice are what challenges us to be better Christians. During this Lenten season I ask you to follow Jesus to that moment and live the Word fully through Him.

Job Opportunity
Assistant County Attorney

The Swift County Attorney's Office is currently accepting applications for the position of a full-time 36hr/week Assistant County Attorney. The individual selected for this position will handle a mixed caseload including criminal matters, social services cases, and general county legal advice. The caseload will involve court hearings and trials as well as office practice. There will be an emphasis on courtroom skills and legal research abilities. In addition, the successful applicant must possess strong written and verbal communication skills.

Juris Doctorate required, with a recommendation of a minimum of five years of experience as an attorney or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this position. Must pass the Minnesota State Bar Exam and remain certified throughout employment. A valid driver's license in the State of Minnesota is required. 2019 wage range is \$29.82-\$40.11 per hour based on qualifications. The position is a .9 FTE position and includes excellent full-time benefits.

Deadline for applications is 4:30 PM, Friday April 19, 2019. Application packets can be found on the Swift County website at www.swiftcounty.com/jobs under Current open positions: Assistant County Attorney. Include your application, supplemental application, and resume with letter of interest to County Administrator Kelsey Baker before the deadline listed above.

Swift County is an equal opportunity employer.

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"The Prescription Store"
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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

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

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Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263



Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Samantha and Nathan Keehr of Pierz, a baby girl, Scarlett Kennedy weighing six pounds, eight ounces on March 22, 2019.

Born to Jennifer and Nickolas Bunio of Staples, a baby girl, Matilda Jane weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on March 22, 2019.

Born to Vanessa and Todd Koning of Randall, a baby girl, Ericka Lee weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on March 23, 2019.

Born to Molly and Daniel Erickson of Clarissa, a baby boy, Oden Daniel weighing eight pounds, two ounces on March 25, 2019.

Born to Sierra Richter and Gage Brown of Hewitt, a baby girl, Ivy Hope weighing seven pounds, six ounces on March 27, 2019.

Top Edina Realty REALTORS recognized

Edina Realty, a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate and the Midwest's largest residential real estate firm, recently announced that the following REALTORS from the Staples/Motley office were recognized for outstanding sales performance, market knowledge and customer service as members of Edina Realty's President's Circles:

- Nikki Bjerga, President's Circle
- Sandy Knosalla, President's Circle.

Membership in Edina Realty's Circles



Nikki Bjerga



Sandy Knosalla

places them in the top 41 percent of Edina Realty agents.

"Agents who earn membership in Edina Realty's Chairman's, Master's, President's or Leadership Circles perform at the highest levels in real estate. They are very knowledgeable about market trends and are also very well-connected," said Greg Mason, Edina Realty Home Services president and CEO. "Edina Realty leads the market for the 19th consecutive year thanks to the dedication, diligence and professionalism of our agents."

Care Center

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Iras Chapin, April 8; Iras Farr, April 17; Donna Simkins, April 21; John (Jack) Nelson, April 23; Audrey Zimmer, April 27.

APRIL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Weds., April 3, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Thurs., April 4, 10 a.m. Bible Study, Rick Kubitz; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted

by Motley UMC

Sat., April 6, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist singers

Sun., April 7, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Mon., April 8, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Church

Tues., April 9, 2:15 p.m. Church, Lincoln Evangelical; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Weds., April 10, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Fri., April 12, 9:30 a.m. Church, Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday w/ Faith Lutheran

Sat., April 13, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., April 14, 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Services; 1:30 p.m. Coffee Chat

Mon., April 15, 7 p.m. Women's Chorus

Tues., April 16, 1:15 p.m. Egg coloring; 2:15 p.m. Church, Motley Free Methodist; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., April 17, 2 p.m. Bingo/Trinity Lutheran

Thurs., April 18, 10 a.m. Bible Study, Jim Johnson; 10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Fri., April 19, 10 a.m. Good Friday Service

Sat., April 20, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., April 21, 2 p.m. Assembly of God Singers

Mon., April 22, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., April 23, 2:15 p.m. Church, Thomastown; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., April 24, 2 p.m. Bingo/by Activities

Sat., April 27, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., April 29, 7 p.m. SMHS Band

Tues., April 30, 2:15 p.m. Assembly of God; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Individual unemployability available to veterans

Veterans Notes

By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

Individual Unemployability (IU) is a benefit service-disabled veterans can claim if they have service-connected disabilities that prevent them from substantially gainful employment. IU pays the veteran at the 100 percent rate even if the VA has rated them less than 100 percent. To be eligible, a veteran must be unable to maintain substantially gainful employment as a result of his/her service-connected disabilities. Additionally, a veteran must have:

- One service-connected disability rated at 60 percent or more, **OR**
- Two or more service-connected disabilities with a combined rating of 70 percent or more, with at least one individual disability rated 40 percent or higher.

Special consideration will be given to veterans when the following criterion is met:

- The veteran is considered unemployable due to a service-connected disability (or disabilities) but fails to meet the minimum percentage standards. If you don't meet the above standards but are still unemployable due to your service-connected disability (or disabilities), **OR**

- There's evidence of exceptional or unusual circumstances to impairment of earning capacity due to service-connected disability (for example, frequent periods of hospitalization).

Veterans who are in receipt of IU benefits may work as long as it's not considered substantially gainful employment; it must be considered marginal employment. Substantially gainful employment is defined as employment at which non-disabled individuals earn their livelihood with earnings comparable to the particular occupation in the community where the veteran resides. Marginal employment is generally deemed to exist when a veteran's earned income does not exceed the amount established by the U.S. Census Bureau as the poverty

level for the veteran only. If a veteran is approved by the VA for IU, not only do they receive the 100 percent service-disabled rate of pay but they may also receive additional benefits including health insurance for their dependents, Property Tax Credit, a service-disabled military ID card and a \$10,000 life insurance policy with a waiver on monthly premiums.

To apply for IU: download Veteran's Application for Increased Compensation Based on Unemployability form VA Form 21-894 at <https://www.vba.va.gov>, complete it, and mail it to Department of Veterans Affairs, Evidence Intake Center, PO Box 4444, Janesville, WI 53547-4444 or FAX it to 1-844-531-7818, or see your local County Veteran Service Officer. (Source: USVCP | VSO Tammy Javenkoski)

As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at (218) 631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us and as always have a great week.

Obituaries



Jordan Bendson

Jordan Bendson, 27, of Motley passed away March 29, 2019, as a result of a long battle with lymphoma. His loved ones were by his side.

The funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 4 at the Motley Free Methodist Church, with a viewing one hour preceding the service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations in Jordan's name to the Gift of Life Transplant House in Rochester, Minnesota as, through much of his treatment, it became a place of comfort and healing.

Jordan was born to Lorna (Birkholtz) and Bill Bendson of Motley on January 14, 1992. He was a 2010 graduate of Staples-Motley Schools. He was an avid athlete throughout his high school career, placing in state in both cross country and wrestling over multiple years.

Jordan attended Concordia College in Moorhead, where he was a wrestler on the college team. After college he worked in construction in Moorhead. He then returned to Motley and became a cook at BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. Over the years, he was an incredible uncle for his niece and nephew.

Jordan is survived by his parents, Lorna Bendson and Norby and Bill Bendson and Ledona of Motley; one sister, Paige (Casey) Uggerud; one nephew, Jerick; one niece, Winter, of Virginia; three half siblings: Jason (Keri) Bendson and children Taylor, Alexis, Jacob and Grace; Ross Bendson and children Cameron, Briana, Brooke and Logan; Ashley (Keith) Trout and children Isaac and Riley; his German brother, Till Diepenbrock; maternal grandparents, Ervin and Susan Birkholtz of Motley; girlfriend, Christina Garcia and several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Edward and Evelyn Bendson.

Funeral arrangements are by Kline Funeral Home in Pine River.

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Karen Huebner

Karen A. Huebner, 78, of Staples passed away on March 29, 2019 at the Lakewood Care Center in Staples.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 4 at the Motley Methodist Church with Pastor Greg Leslie officiating. There will be a gathering of family and friends from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service.

Karen was born October 11, 1940 to Eda (Nelson) and Benjamin Dezell in Staples. She married Freddie R. Huebner on June 27, 1959. Karen was an avid painter. She also enjoyed her beautiful flowers and vegetable gardens. She was a fantastic cook and would direct the making of homemade Lefsa every year for church functions. Karen and her husband, Freddie loved spending time together fishing, golfing and bowling.

Karen is survived by her husband of 59 years; fur baby, Ole; one sister, LuJean (Mark) Ruel of Osseo; three sisters-in-law, Ethel Dezell of Staples, Bev (George) Swenson of Staples and Jeanie Huebner of Staples; one brother-in-law, Larry (Dorothy) Huebner of Staples and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Norma Jean Anderson; two brothers, Gerald Dezell and Gordy Dezell; three brothers-in-law, George Huebner, Warren Huebner and Gordon Anderson; four sisters-in-law, Arlene Robben, Delores Larson, June Loftis and Margie Carlson.

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Alta Evanson

Alta Mae Evanson, 75, passed away March 24, 2019, at her home in Shoreview.

Memorial services were held March 30 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Moundsview with Rev. Rich Steensma officiating.

Interment was at Messiah Lutheran Church Columbarium.

Alta was born March 29, 1943 in Motley to Peter and Christena (Johnson) Sampson.

She married Oral Evanson. Alta provided in-home daycare for 40 years to hundreds of children.

She is survived by two sons, Thomas (Laurie) Evanson and William (Nicole) Evanson; one daughter Kristen Evanson (Jennifer Munson); two brothers, Gordon (Yvonne) Sampson and Richard Sampson; one sister Ila (Alvin) Moga and six grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two sisters, Rose Anderson and June McElroy.

Memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church, Preschool Program

Arrangements were by Roseville Memorial Chapel.

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THE INNER STORY

The most prevalent form of hearing impairment is "sensorineural" hearing loss, or nerve deafness. This type of hearing loss involves an abnormality of the inner ear, the auditory nerve, or both. Nerve loss also commonly accompanies the aging process. A common myth surrounding sensorineural hearing loss is that hearing instruments will not help; however, most people with sensorineural impairment can hear better with properly selected and fitted hearing instruments. Ninety-five percent of those who wear hearing instruments have sensorineural hearing loss. Often, nerve loss affects some frequencies more than others, and today's hearing instruments are designed to overcome this problem. If you have been diagnosed with nerve deafness, consider being fitted with a suitable hearing instrument.

Some call deafness the silent epidemic. It is painless and invisible, yet it is estimated that, at some point in their lives, more than 275 million people around the world suffer from it. Concerned about your hearing? Consult with **PREFERRED HEARING AID CENTER**, 17474 State Hwy 371, Wadena, where our services include thorough consultations, comprehensive testing, expert evaluations, custom fittings, and follow-up care. PH: 1-800-458-0095. PREFERRED HEARING provides this information as a public service. If we become aware of any unusual condition during a hearing consultation that warrants additional professional attention, we can provide an expert referral. P.S. Sensorineural hearing loss may make it difficult to hear soft sounds, while loud sounds may be unclear or muffled.

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80th Birthday

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To be considered, a Swift County application, resumé and cover letter **must be received by 4:30 pm on April 5, 2019.** An application packet can be found at www.swiftcounty.com/jobs. Questions? Call 320-314-8321.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY: Maintenance Supervisor

The Maintenance Supervisor assists in the management of the day-to-day operations of the County Highway Department Maintenance Division; monitors the quality of road maintenance; assigns work and trains new employees; and related work as apparent or assigned.

Entry level salary for the position is \$49,120 with an excellent benefit package.

To be considered, a Swift County application, resumé and cover letter **must be received by 4:30 pm on April 5, 2019.** An application packet can be found at www.swiftcounty.com/jobs. Questions? Call 320-314-8321.

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DEADLINES

Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Square Shooter advertising deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday



NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE-BRAINERD CAMPUS

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Child Care Services at the Brainerd Campus. A copy of the Request for Proposals may be obtained by contacting Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-5103. Proposals must be submitted no later than Monday, April 22, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. CST. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Child Care Services-Brainerd Campus". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Kari Christiansen
501 West College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

Central Lakes College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator. These materials are available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities upon request. If you use a TTY, call the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and request to contact Central Lakes College.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

2019 Multi-Aircraft Storage Hangar Construction Staples Municipal Airport City of Staples, Minnesota A.I.P. No. 3-27-0145-012-18 S.P. No. A7712-37 SEH No. STAPL 147043

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of Staples, Minnesota until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the Staples City Office - Administration, 122 6th Street NE Staples, MN 56479, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of 2019 Multi-Aircraft Hangar Construction. Major components of the Work include: hangar building construction, earthwork, site grading, concrete/bituminous paving, and turf establishment.

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) dated March 7, 2019.

The Bidding Documents may be seen at the Issuing Office of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. located at 3535 Vadnais Center Drive Saint Paul, MN 55110-5196.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page. Digital image copies of

the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the PROJECT BID INFORMATION link and by entering eBid-DocTM Number 6205314 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docu-net Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$120.

A pre-Bid conference will not be held for this project. Direct all questions to the Engineer five (5) days prior to opening of bids.

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, Section 16C.285, Subdivision 3.

Bids shall be directed to the City Administrator, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR 2019 MULTI-AIRCRAFT HANGAR CONSTRUCTION, STAPLES MUNICIPAL AIRPORT."

The City of Staples reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to

award the Contract in the best interests of the City of Staples.

Jerel Nelsen
City Administrator

City of Staples, Minnesota
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NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

This may affect your 2020 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Bartlett Township will meet on April 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 22, 2002

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$65,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Richard T. Vannorman, an unmarried man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank, FA

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 29, 2002 as Document Number 406496 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on December 14, 2012 as Document Number 482007 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) lying north of Highway #12, Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Twenty-nine (129) north, Range Thirty-two (32) west of the Fifth P.M., Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 31326 COUNTY ROAD 12, BURTRUM, MN 56318

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$47,339.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Washington Mutual Bank, FA

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04-0033701

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100054130002164612

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

to pay the debt then

secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2020.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: March 22, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.
By: N. Kibongni Fondungalah, Esq.
Samuel R. Coleman, Esq.
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25 Dale Street North
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THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE QUOTES

Becker Township is seeking quotes for road maintenance, which includes summer grading and winter plowing.

Quotes will be accepted for a three (3) year contract starting June 1, 2019.

Please send quotes to Becker Township Clerk, 10999 75th Ave SW, Motley, MN 56466 by May 3, 2019. The board will make a decision at the May 14, 2019 monthly meeting at the Becker Township Hall at 7:00 p.m.

For question please contact Mary Fitcher, Becker Township Clerk at 218-352-6498.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP ROAD TOUR

The Becker Township annual Road Tour will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Meet at the town hall at 4:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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See PUBLIC NOTICES on page 10a

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY. THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR 2020 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Moose Lake, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your Assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Karen Roubal,
Clerk of the Township of Moose Lake

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #22 WEDS., FEB. 20, 2019, 6:00 P.M. HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Frisk, Freeman, Anderson and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Longbella arrived immediately following roll call. Also attending: Supt. Bratlie; Business Services, Herd-egen; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Mike Angland of WSN; Staples World Editor, Anderson; approximately 25 employees and community members; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approve the addition of Agenda # 19 and the deletion of item #10.

Motion by Freeman, second by Anderson to add Agenda #19 and delete item #10. Frisk requested that #19 not be added.

Voting in favor: Longbella, Winkels, Freeman, Anderson and Lund. Opposed: Frisk MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to adopt the agenda with revisions. MC

Chair Lund recognized the audience.

Community Forum - Chair Lund reviewed the new Public / Community Forum Guidelines. Individuals or Groups wishing to address the Board must contact the Chair or the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. the Friday preceding the Board meeting. Data privacy requirements are also addressed in these guidelines.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Donations and In-Kind Contributions

Approve the Resolution to accept donations and In-Kind Contributions in the amount of \$ 1,292.49

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution and accept the donation of two (2) Acer Chromebooks valued at \$220 each for the Technology Department; and the donation of

\$852.49 from the Motley Parent Volunteers for the MS Music Trip to Chanhasen. MC

Finance Items

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to approve the financial report and authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Freeman and, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2019 Budget Revision #1. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Stanton Grade increase for Technology Coordinator from Grade 15 to Grade 16; eff. July 1, 2018.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2017-2019 Support Staff Contract language revisions and salary schedule. MC

Personnel

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2019-2022 Superintendent contract for Mr. Shane Tappe. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to accept the retirement of Linda Card, MS Science; eff May 31, 2019. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to accept the retirement request of Clay Houselog; eff. June 20, 2019. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the contract for Ezra Johnson, IT Support Technician; Grade 12P. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to approve the list of Spring Extracurricular Coaching assignments. MC Anderson abstained.

ADDENDUM - Accept the resignation of Mark Jacobs, Activities Director / PE, eff. 2-15-19

Frisk asked for a Closed Session on this item; and also recommended that the resignation not be accepted.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to accept the resignation of Mark Jacobs, AD / PE; eff. 2-15-19

Voting in favor: Lund, Winkels, Anderson, Freeman. Opposed: Frisk, Longbella. MC

Policy and Curriculum

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the review of Policy #610 Field Trips, with no revisions.

The Policy Committee recommended that summer travel out of the country should not fall

under the authority of the school district or the Field Trip Policy. In light of that, the School Board would not take any action of trips currently being planned. Principals will communicate with their staff and guidelines should be put in place regarding planning and fundraising on school time and on school premises.

Facility presentation and discussion

Mike Angland, WSN presented renderings of the Pre-4 and 5-12 proposed buildings. Rob Brown of Nexus was on hand by phone and reviewed the previous Community Survey results and election specifics and timelines. The Board will have a Special Meeting on Weds., Feb. 27 to discuss and approve the Review and Comment and will be asked to pass a Resolution relating to an upcoming referendum election on May 14, 2019.

Reports were heard from Supt., Principals, and SMEA.

Chair Lund shared his response to Dave Hoemberg who had addressed the Board at a previous meeting regarding the closing of the Motley building. The building will continue to have EC staff and students next year so the building is not being closed at this time.

Members cast ballots for the RLS Board of Directors.

Move to Closed Session for Principal Negotiation strategies

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to move into closed session as permitted by MN Statutes to discuss Principal Negotiation strategies.

Reconvene in Closed Session for Principal Negotiation strategies Roll Call and discussion in Closed Session

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk to reopen the meeting at 8:45 p.m, MC

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, second by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. MC

Complete minutes are available at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER, 6:00 p.m. MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Longbella, Frisk, Winkels and Anderson present (comprising a quorum). The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve revisions to the posted agenda. MC.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. MC.

Recognize the Public: Ervin Bjerga

Review and Comment

Request consideration and approval of school construction project "Review & Comment" documentation for issuance to the MN Department of Education as required by Minnesota State Statute 123B.71

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman. Motion Carried

Resolution

Member Winkels moved the adoption of the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling for an Election Thereon May 14;

Question #1. The motion was duly seconded by Member Anderson and upon a vote being taken, the following voted in favor thereof: Winkels, Longbella, Frisk, Anderson and Freeman.

And the following voted against the same: none

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Member Anderson moved the adoption of the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling an Election Thereon May 14, 2019;

Question #2 as amended. The motion was duly seconded by Member Freeman, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Winkels, Longbella, Freeman, Anderson and Frisk

And the following voted against the same: none

Whereupon said resolution as declared duly passed and adopted.

Adjourn

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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VALUES
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taxes

on average, so their tax burden would be lowered slightly for school and county taxes, compared to the city of Staples.

Staples-Motley School Superintendent Ron Bratlie said the tax calculator the school has developed is using last year's valuation numbers, since those were the only numbers available at the time. But Odden said the new numbers won't change the final tax impact by a lot.

"If it says you will pay \$500 more, maybe 550 would be a better guess," said Odden.

Conversely, if people have a 10 percent higher assessed value, their share of the school referendum may go down, depending on the numbers that come in from other counties.

NOTICE
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP
RESIDENTSBoard of Appeal and
Equalization

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Motley, Morrison County, Minnesota shall meet on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Motley Township Town Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township

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NOTICE
TODD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEALS -
EQUALIZATION

The annual Board of

Appeals - Equalization will be held at the Thomastown Town Hall on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

Stacy M. Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township

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NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
ADVISORY BOARD

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet Monday, April 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m., at the Staples Branch Office, 200 First Street NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant

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NOTICE
MORAN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Moran Township will meet on April 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the town hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally you need to appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township.

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NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION

Notice is hereby given, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Meadowbrook, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's Office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county Board of Appeal and Equalization.

The meeting will adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township.

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NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION
MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of determining whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and to determine whether corrections need to be made for 2020.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The meeting will be scheduled by appointment only. Please contact the Todd County Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment. Phone: 320-732-4431.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township

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Bank employees donate to food shelf

Employees at First International Bank and Trust in Staples recently donated \$500 to the Staples Area Food Shelf, funds raised through their 'Casual for a Cause' fundraiser during Food Share Month. They also collected food items during this time. Pictured above, from left, are bank employees Amy Winter, Alison Robben, Bridget Gerard, Cheri Bodeen and Kylie Fix; food shelf volunteer Frank Leidenfrost; bank employee Jef Cichos; and food shelf volunteer Amy Leidenfrost. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Charges filed in dog shooting incident

A brother and sister from Staples were charged in a February incident involving the shooting of a dog north of Staples in Wadena County. Some of the incident was video recorded and posted to social media.

Josiah W. Shegstad, 20, and Tayiah V. Shegstad, 18, have been charged separately, both with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor and unlawful depositing of garbage/litter, a petty misdemeanor, according to a

report released by Wadena County.

The case started when a dead dog with its leash and collar still on, was found Feb. 17 on the Crow Wing River landing in McGovern Park north of Staples. Several shell casings were found near the dog. At the time, it was unknown who the dog owners were as there were no tags on the collar.

Wadena County Sheriff's Office received calls Feb. 19 regarding a video

of the same dog being shot on social media. In the video, it shows an individual shooting the dog one time and then another person kicking snow on the dog. Laughter could be heard in the video. The dog appeared motionless before and after the gunshot. There were names attached to the Facebook post and follow up was conducted with said individuals, according to the Wadena County Sheriff's Office.

Lions learn about school project, vaping

Staples Host Lions Club March Notes

The Staples Host Lions meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Meetings are held at the Lions building on the south side of town.

Snowbirds are working their way back home and to our meetings. It's good to see them again.

At our March 4th meeting, Bryan Winkels presented District 2170's plan for renovation and new construction for the Staples Motley School District Buildings. He explained the research the school board used to develop their plan and answered questions about efficiency, costs, current and future facility needs, and the upcoming bonding question. Thank you, Bryan, for the presentation and the huge amount of time you and the school board have invested in this project.

David Dettmerman from the Todd County Health and Human Services gave a very interesting presentation on vaping. He showed current e-cigarette models and explained

the products. He also explained health concerns, social issues, and the very large financial rewards for companies to be involved in this unregulated industry. He also spoke of the explosive growth of social issues caused by underage use and the products being developed to target young smokers.

The Zone meeting was held March 19th at Timbers with 48 Lions attending. Area clubs attending were Motley, Scandia Valley, Browerville, Long Prairie, Eagle Bend, Staples '93, and Staples Host. The Kid

Sight Testing machine was discussed with each club making a donation to complete the funding and purchase of a new machine for the area. Presentations from each of the clubs and keynote addresses by

Diane Bellmont from the MN Lions Diabetes Foundation and Frank Leidenfrost on Officer Training and LCIF completed the program.

The Staples Host Lions approved donations of \$100 to the Hilltop Regional Kitchen, \$400 to the City

of Staples for Flag replacement, \$500 to the Staples '93 Lions to support their Easter Eggstavaganza, \$100 to the Friendly Rider to support summer rec transportation, and \$1000 to the Staples Motley Grad Blast.

Bob Schafer and Mike Gold presented the Dower Lake Restoration Project to the Hewett Lions and received a \$250 donation toward the goal. The Leader Lions donated \$250 and the Staples '93 Lions have also pledged \$100 toward the project.

Election of Officers was held. Officers for 2019 are Mike Gold – President, Ken Christianson – 1st Vice President, Steve Sing – 2nd V.P., Bob Schafer – 3rd V.P., Dan Shaw – Director, Dave Burnham – Director.

Directors Ron Denning and Chad Miller will serve the second year of their Director term. Returning board members are Mike Gedde – past president, Frank Leidenfrost – Secretary, Frank Williams – Treasurer, and Jon Miller – Lion Tamer complete the roster for 2019.

Complete Count Committee starts work in Staples

With the U.S. Census exactly one year away, a group has formed to make sure everyone in Staples is counted for the 2020 Census.

The Complete Count Committee, led by Staples City Clerk Diane Archer, discussed the financial benefits of making sure every person is counted, as cities, counties and states gain more in government grants and benefits for each person counted.

At a meeting on March 27, the group started to identify hard to reach populations that may not be as likely to be counted in the census, including the homeless and people living in temporary housing situa-

tions, illiterate people, vulnerable adults, group homes, elderly, snowbirds, and people who identify as sovereign citizens.

A suggestion was given to use one of the computers in the Staples Library to assist people with completing the census online. Another suggestion was to start a program of neighbors helping neighbors to make sure everyone is counted.

With new apartments and homes in Staples, the committee raised the question of how to make sure the new structures are added to the census rolls.

The next meeting for the Complete Count Committee will be Thursday, June 20.



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