

School levy to go up

Staples-Motley School Board considers 24 percent increase

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The school portion of the 2018 levy, payable in 2019, for taxpayers in the Staples-Motley School District could increase by 24 percent over last year when the school board approves the final levy at their Dec. 18 meeting.

The figure of \$2,444,593 for the maximum levy was presented Dec. 3 during the Truth in Taxation hearing and work session. Last year's levy was \$1,971,041.

Superintendent Ron Bratlie reviewed the levy hearing report noting that many factors impact a tax increase or decrease. These include legislative decisions like the state formula for school districts; city and county decisions like changes in assessed

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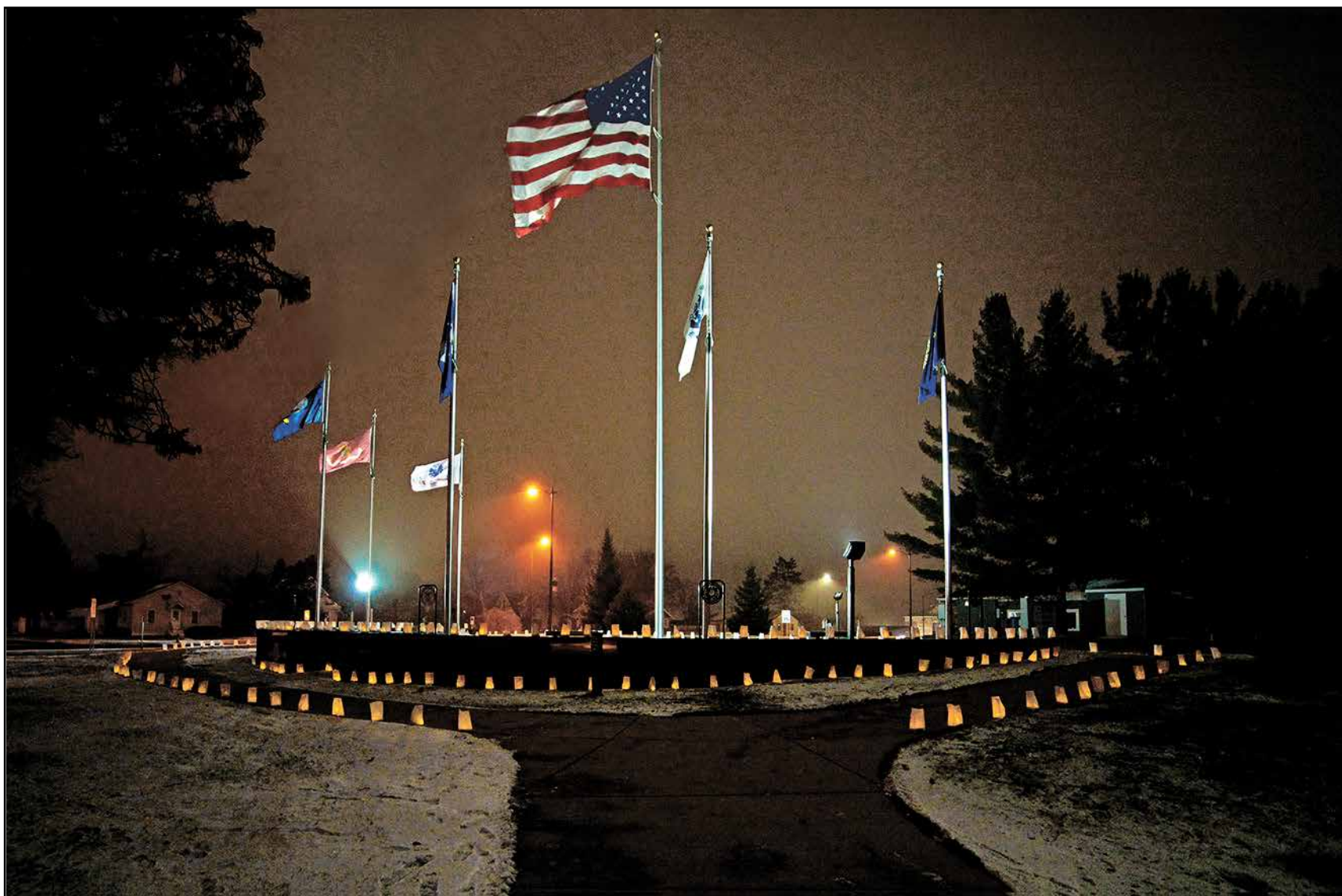
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Tranquil scene as Veterans are honored

The walkway to the Staples Veterans Park and the new granite wall were lit by approximately 500 luminaries on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, honoring the veterans who are listed on pavers surrounding the 80 foot flag poles and the branch of service flags. (Photo by Ken Klose)

Celebrating the season

A close-up of the sign shows some of the battery operated luminaries surrounding the Staples Veterans Park. Some anticipate this might become an annual event. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Motley Council considers possibilities in repurposing middle school building

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

After 60-plus years serving as an institution for educating children, the brick school building in Motley may one day be home to a public library, banquet facility, community gathering space and city hall.

These were a few of the ideas voiced by members of the Motley City Council and city staff during a walk through of the building Dec. 3.

The tour was led by representatives of the Staples-Motley School District, including Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie, Motley-Staples Middle School Principal John Regan and Building and Grounds Supervisor LeRoy Peterson.

No details are known at this point as to what the nearly 88,000 sq. ft. building might cost, but it is certain that it will no longer be used as a school.

At their meeting Nov. 19, the school board voted to close the

Motley school building in the fall of 2019, relocating all of the middle school students to either the elementary or high school in Staples.

Would Motley be interested in repurposing the school building for city and community use?

During the recent walk-through, city council members and staff spent over an hour looking at the various classrooms, offices, gymnasiums and mechanical equipment space.

A map of the facility noted that the original school portion of the school was built in 1954, with subsequent wings built in 1974 and 1995. The office space was remodeled in 2011.

Bratlie mentioned that the school has a certified kitchen which could be used by senior citizens groups, or organizations such as Meals on Wheels.

Regarding kitchen equipment, See **MOTLEY COUNCIL** on page 3a

City of Staples approves fee increases

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a slight increase in wastewater charges at their Nov. 27 meeting, but other utility charges will remain about the same. Public Works Director Doug Bendorf told the council they are raising the wastewater rates to help pay for the proposed new treatment facility. He said electric rates have stayed flat, so there will be no changes for customers.

The council set fee schedules for city functions, including airport hangar rentals, building permits, community center usage, park rentals, equipment rates, fire department charges, industrial building rent, licenses and permits, planning and zoning and police fees.

The council approved one major change, raising the fee for owning a hangar at the Staples Airport from \$24 to \$240 per year. City Administrator Jerel

Nelsen said they made that big increase because it had not been changed for many years and the new figure is in line with what other airports charge.

Council member Doug Case said he owns a hangar and asked the council to reconsider the increase, getting out of his council chair so he could address the council as a regular citizen.

Council member Ron Murray asked if it could be increased incrementally, but Nelsen said each hangar owner has a different 10 year lease, and the change would go into effect when each lease came up. Other council members were also in favor of a phase-in schedule, but ended up approving the \$240 fee.

Case said five of the airport hangars are privately owned.

The council also approved fee increases for gambling permits, peddlers permits, liquor and See **COUNCIL** on page 3a



A special tree grows at Pine Grove

Adding to the forest of pine trees at Pine Grove Park, the North Pole Lights Display featured a glowing Christmas Tree as one of the displays. The lighted drive will be open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays in December from 6-9 p.m. See more photos on page 8a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Hear those sleigh bells jingling

The Wegscheid Farms sleigh ride takes off from the Staples Community Center to bring a cart load to the Staples Library, part of the Elfing Christmas in Staples. Horses Joe and Jake pulled customers through downtown for several hours on Dec. 1. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Seeing downtown at horse speed

Sam Hirschey, front, was among the passengers on the sleigh rides through downtown Staples.



Making friends with Santa

Payton Nelson has a chat with Santa Claus during the Elfing Christmas at the Staples Community Center on Dec. 1.



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Girl Scouts are elf helpers

Sadye Anderson, left, was one of the Girl Scouts who helped children find gifts for their family during the Elf Shopping portion of the Elfing Christmas Dec. 1. She is showing a gift to Skyler Patterson, who is shopping with her brother Wyatt.

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Many factors impact individual taxes

market value and/or property tax classifications; and school district voter approved bond issues and referendums.

One of Bratlie’s charts showed that both the adjusted net tax capacity and the market value increased from 2016 to 2017. This is important because the levy is spread over the property tax base.

During the budget overview Bratlie used audited figures for the 2018 fiscal year: That audit has just been completed and will be presented to the board at their Dec. 18 meeting

Under revenues the 2018 fiscal year showed a total of \$16,424,692 which included \$14,277,560 in the general fund; \$771,051 in food service; \$632,403 in community education and \$743,948 in debt service.

Under expenses the 2018 fiscal year showed a total of \$15,699,893 which includes \$13,526,187 in the general fund; \$787,822 in food service; \$578,094 in community education; and \$807,790 in debt service.

This left the district with a positive balance of \$724,799.

Bratlie noted that \$693,539 of the general fund was intentionally unspent. It had been earmarked for facilities projects. With the changes from three school buildings to two and the possibility of future construction to further consolidate into one building, projects were put on hold until needs were determined.

The 2019 budget shows total revenues of \$16,321,000 which includes \$14,225,000 in the general fund; \$814,000 in food service; \$580,000 in community education; and \$672,000 in debt service.

The 2019 budget shows expenses of \$16,805,745 which includes \$14,669,745 in the general fund; \$814,000 in food service; \$540,000 in community education; and \$782,000 in debt service.

This projection shows a \$484,745 deficit.

The general education revenue portion of the tax levy totals \$10,635,071. Of that \$9,765,560 or 92 percent is paid by state aid. Only eight percent or \$869,511 is paid by the local tax levy.

“That’s a heck of a deal,” Bratlie said, “that 92 percent comes from other sources.”

On a separate line Bratlie noted that special education revenue is projected at \$1,548,549, but that the district has a \$1.1 million deficit because state and federal payments for the mandated do not keep up with actual costs. The difference is made up by the general fund.

A breakdown of all school expenses show that 5.64 percent is spent on administration, 3.5 percent on district support services, 36.63 percent on regular education, 1.78 percent on vocational education, 14.56 percent on special education, 3.67 percent on community education, 3.59 percent on instructional support services, 12.91 percent on pupil support services, 8.29 percent on sites and buildings, .58 percent on fixed costs, 3.7 percent on capital outlay and 5.15 percent on debt service.

It was noted that community education includes early childhood education; instructional support includes media center and some paraprofessionals; and pupil support includes nurses and social workers.



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SEDA explores joining business retention project

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority agreed to join a buisness retention and expansion project in Wadena County. Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said she has been talking with project coordinator Katie Heppner, who said the project could cover all of Staples, not just the Wadena County portion. Radermacher said the project will include surveying local businesses and forming a task force that will get together for four meetings. The SEDA Board also talked about marketing efforts in the city. Board member Doug Case suggested doing regional radio programs. Board member Chris Etzler said they are looking more at tourism marketing.

Batcher Building

Related to tourism, the SEDA Board talked about possibilities of the Batcher

Building project. Etzler said if the project is completed, “this would bring people to Staples, it would put it on the map. It would completely change downtown.” The project is still in its early planning stages, with ideas for restaurant, entertainment, retail and conventions at the building. Radermacher said building owner Colleen Frost is raising \$125,000 to get engineer’s drawings and business plans. “If (the plan) does cash flow, we can move forward with the project,” said Radermacher. Etzler said “We need to ask what we can do to make sure this happens. It will change our retail community and will benefit every single one of us. We’ve seen this year what new businesses will do for our tax capacity.” Radermacher said Frost is looking to large scale investors to get behind what will likely be a multi-million dollar project.

Baby STEPs
The SEDA Board agreed to sell the former Ben Franklin/Staples Dollar Store building to STEP, using contract for deed and an \$8,000 downpayment. The building had been purchased and renovated by the SEDA, and is being rented by STEP for their Baby STEPs thrift store. The board also approved lease agreements with Lakewood Health System and Accura Tooling to rent space in the city’s industrial park building. Radermacher told the board the workforce housing project proposed by Central Minnesota Housing Partnership was approved for state funding. She expects the project, to be built on 12th Street NE and Michigan Ave., called Mill Townhomes, to sign a purchase agreement in January. The board cancelled their December meeting, which was to fall on Christmas, and will meet next in January.



Walking the school halls

During a walk-through of the Motley-Staples Middle School Dec. 3, members of the Motley City Council and city staff took a close look at the various rooms in the building to determine whether the city should consider taking over ownership of the space as

well as repurposing it. The middle school will close at the end of this school year. Above: Mayor Al Yoder leads the group down the hall of the east wing of the school. Also pictured, from left, are Principal John Regan (hidden), Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie, Fire Chief Brad Olson, council members Jace Carlson, Steve Johnson, Pat O'Regan; and Building and Grounds Supervisor LeRoy Peterson. At left, are Bratlie, Motley's Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton; and council members Johnson and Amy Hutchison. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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Many options could be available

Peterson said that some of the items, such as the dishwasher, might stay with the facility, but that “anything on wheels” would be relocated to one of the school buildings in Staples. Mayor Al Yoder commented that there was plenty of room in the school’s media center, going on to suggest it might be used as a public library. Council member Amy Hutchison wondered about the possibility of converting the small gymnasium, built in the 1950s, into a ballroom or banquet facility that could be rented out. Spaces like that, with the original brick walls and wood ceilings, are in high demand for special events such as weddings, she noted. The large gymnasium has bleachers on both sides, plus basketball hoops that can be raised up. It could be rented out as well. Little Cardinals Academy and the early childhood program currently located on the north side of the school building will continue to operate at that location. They will rent their space from the new owners. Should Motley purchase the school building, there are several other rooms that could be rented out. Council member Jace Carlson suggested that organizations such as the Lions Club or Motley Historical Society may be interested in renting a space. Motley’s Public Works Director, Bruce Brother-

ton, spent time discussing some of the mechanical operations of the school with Peterson. While touring the boiler room, it was noted that the school is heated with natural gas and fuel oil. Brotherton expressed concern regarding a few dark spots he noticed on some of the ceiling tiles. He wondered if this was a sign of a leaking roof or pipes? Pipes would be easier to deal with, Brotherton said. Mayor Yoder said he feels that purchasing the school building is an option the city needs to consider. “If you don’t take these chances, you never know,” he said. His fear, the mayor went on, is that the building would sit empty for a long period of time and become a liability for the city. Carlson agreed, stating that it could be a great opportunity for the city. Council member Pat O'Regan said he also agreed that it could be a great opportunity for Motley, but cautioned that they first look at the city’s financial situation before

making any decisions. “We need to have a business plan in place before moving forward,” he said. O'Regan also did not want to put more on the taxpayers. Would the city have to hire a custodian for the building? O'Regan wondered. Mayor Yoder said he felt that the city’s maintenance department might be able to take care of some of the duties, such as mowing the lawn. Brotherton said that Peterson told him it takes about an hour to look at the boilers each day. Should city hall relocate, Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson said the fire department would have no trouble using that entire space. Currently, the fire hall is located in the same complex as city hall. Mayor Yoder said there are still many unknowns. He suggested they set up a workshop with City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja in the near future to look over the city’s finances and further discuss some of the options that surfaced during the walk-through.



In the boiler room

LeRoy Peterson (third from left), Building and Grounds Supervisor at Staples-Motley Schools, explains some of the mechanical aspects of the middle school building during the recent walk-through. Also pictured, from left, are Motley City Council member Jace Carlson; Motley's Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton; and Motley City Council member Pat O'Regan.



Certified kitchen

Ron Bratlie (front), Interim Superintendent at Staples-Motley Schools, leads the way through the kitchen of the middle school during the recent walk-through of the building. Also pictured, from left, are Fire Chief Brad Olson (partially hidden), Council members Steve Johnson and Pat O'Regan (partially hidden);

Motley Mayor Al Yoder; Staples-Motley Schools Building and Grounds Supervisor LeRoy Peterson; Motley-Staples Middle School Principal John Regan.

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Rental Housing Code tweaked

tobacco licenses and other city service fees. Also at the meeting, the council approved legal services for Brown, Krueger and Vancura law office for Todd County services and Kyra Ladd for Wadena County services. **Rental housing code** The council had a few suggestions to make

regarding the proposed Rental Housing Maintenance Code developed by the Staples Planning and Zoning Commission. Nelsen said he would take it back to planning and zoning for a final draft, then hold public meetings to talk about the proposal with landlords who would have to keep their buildings up to the code.

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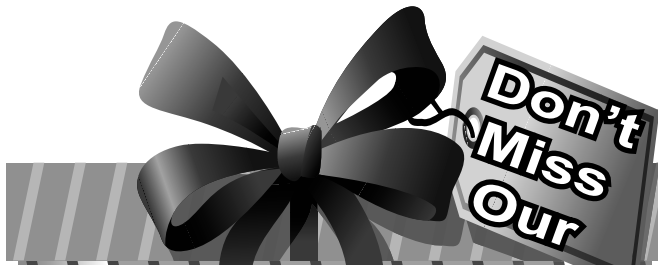
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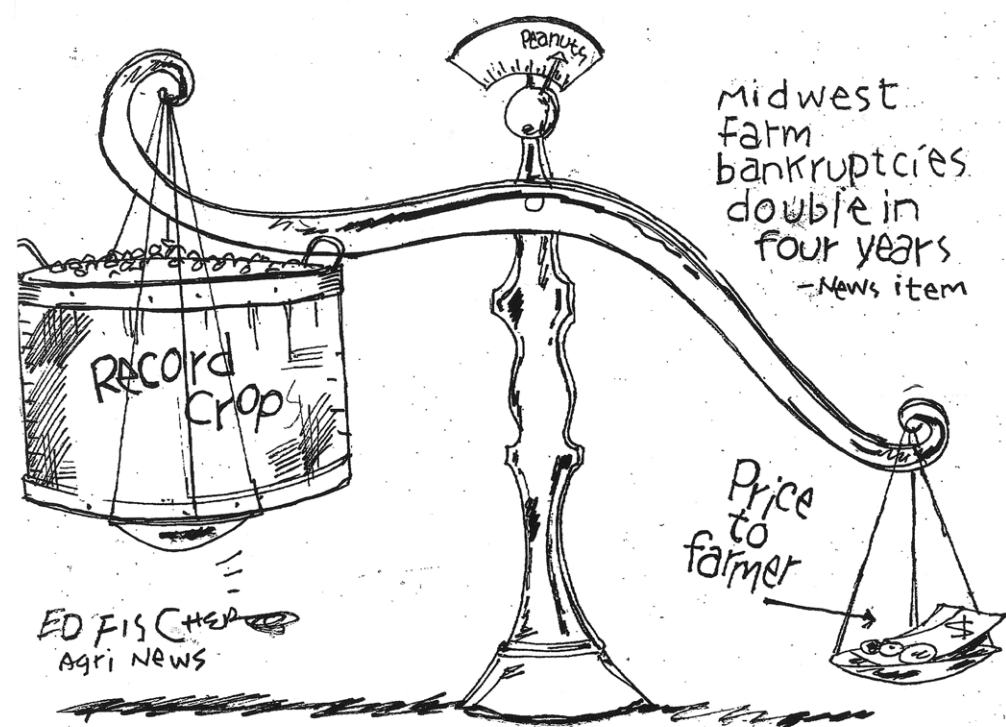




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GM layoffs are a result of Trump tax plan

By Morris Pearl

On Monday, General Motors (GM) announced it will be shutting down five factories and cutting almost 14,000 jobs in North America.

With this announcement just weeks before the holidays, thousands of American families, along with the communities in Maryland, Michigan and Ohio that they live in, now face an existential financial crisis. GM's executives and investors will have no such problems, however, in large part due to the perverse incentives created for corporations as a result of last year's Republican tax bill.

Over the last year, GM has reported that it's received a tax cut of about \$157 million from cuts to the corporate rate in the new Republican tax code. But rather than use that money to invest in hiring new workers, open new plants or raise wages, the company has spent nearly \$100 million buying back its own shares, a move that almost exclusively benefits top executives and wealthy shareholders.

Now after spending \$100 million enriching themselves (and paying the company's CEO \$22 million, 295 times more than the average GM employee's salary), the company's leadership is claiming it can't afford to keep its American plants open.

The shamelessness on the part of GM is staggering, but the real problem is that our tax code now actually encourages companies

to move American jobs overseas. Instead of saving American manufacturing, Republicans in Congress may have put the final nail in its coffin with their rewrite of the tax code.

As Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) has repeatedly said, there is now a clear incentive in the new Republican tax code for corporations to move jobs overseas. Add into the equation the tariffs Trump's trade wars have necessitated and it's a wonder GM hadn't closed those plants sooner.

Before this year, there used to be less incentive to earn profits overseas rather than in the US because corporations would ultimately pay the same percentage in taxes, whether it be some to foreign countries and the US, or just taxes here in America. However, Republicans changed this by making the tax rates on income earned overseas half of the tax rate on income earned in the United States.

The corporate rate on both US and foreign profits used to be 35 percent (although tax breaks regularly reduced the actual tax rate companies would pay). Starting this year, however, the US corporate tax rate on domestic profits is 21 percent, while the foreign tax rate is just 10.5 percent.

Not only that, they also get to subtract foreign taxes paid from what they have to pay the US government. So if they pay more than 10.5 percent to a foreign government, they will pay no US taxes at all on their foreign profits. It's estimated the corporate tax reduction alone will cost

\$1.3 trillion over the next decade and encourage corporations to focus on overseas production in order to avoid American taxes.

Even worse, the new tax code actually gives a direct tax cut for companies with manufacturing facilities in other countries. Under the new law, companies only pay taxes on foreign profits above a "routine rate of return" on physical assets. Tax jargon aside, that means that the more physical assets, like factories or equipment, you have in other countries, the less you have to pay in American taxes.

What we're seeing with GM is the predictable result of such a policy. There's simply no financial reason for most corporations to continue to produce their products in the United States if they can do so in other countries virtually tax-free.

GM won't be the last corporation to shutter US facilities and move jobs overseas. This isn't a one-off tragedy, it's just another domino falling as Republican tax policies push American jobs overseas. Their tax bill may have made GM's shareholders and executives a lot of money, but for the thousands of workers who are getting pink slips for the holidays, that's a poor consolation.

Morris Pearl currently serves as Chair of the Patriotic Millionaires. Previously, Mr. Pearl was a managing director at BlackRock, one of the largest investment firms in the world.

Pass a new farm bill before 2018 ends

By Anna Johnson
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Congress has only a few days left in 2018 to pass legislation. Adopting a strong, new farm bill should be at the top of their list.

Lawmakers should approve a farm bill that includes closing loopholes in commodity payments, renewing major conservation programs and continuing programs that offer support to rural communities and beginning farmers.

First, loopholes in commodity programs are allowing the largest farms to exploit the system and claim incredibly high payments. Not only do these loopholes allow for misuse of taxpayer dollars, this

unfair advantage creates an uneven playing field for smaller, family-sized operations and drives farm consolidation.

Second, America needs farmers and ranchers who are committed caretakers of the land. Farm bill conservation programs offer a needed path that allows producers to improve their stewardship of water and soil. A new farm bill should provide strong support for conservation, including the Conservation Stewardship Program that allows for targeted conservation efforts across operations.

Finally, rural America needs strong and diverse economic opportunities. The farm bill contains several smaller programs that offer support for rural eco-

nomics and the next generation of farmers. Not renewing these programs closes the door of opportunity for many in rural America.

Congress allowed the 2014 farm bill to expire on Sept. 30, stranding over a billion dollars in programs with no authority to operate. Currently, both the Senate and the House have put forward draft farm bills, but have struggled to achieve compromise. The Senate's proposals would bring needed policy changes for rural America. What's more, it passed with historically strong bipartisan support.

Congress, we urge you to follow the lead of the Senate and pass a final farm bill that serves rural America.

Remembering 41

As news broke of former President George H.W. Bush's passing on Nov. 30, 2018, at the age of 94, I remembered how in 1985, then Vice President Bush spoke at my graduation from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill. I found this picture in my college yearbook and it brought back memories of that day when the WWII veteran spoke to an assorted lot of students in their early 20s, all of whom would be leaving the confines of college to begin life in the real world. I can't remember the particulars of his speech, but I am sure the future president challenged us to be good Americans, regardless of our political affiliation and to remain committed to our faith as well as our country. It was a moment that made quite an impression on a young woman who hailed from Staples, Minn. I join the rest of our country in remembering the 41st President of the United States, a patriot who spoke of building a "kinder, gentler nation" when he accepted the Republican presidential nomination in 1988. Rest in Peace, 41. *(Memories shared by Dawn Schimpp Timbs, Staples World reporter)*



Immigration in focus for rural America

By Brian Depew
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A raid in north central Nebraska put a spotlight on immigration in rural America.

It targeted alleged labor exploitation by a local employment agency. It swept up more than 100 community members and employees of local businesses.

The raid highlighted how deeply immigration is reshaping rural America.

When we consider im-

migration, we often think of midsize communities with large meatpackers. Few of us think of communities with 100 residents in a county of 800 residents. That is increasingly the reality.

In conversation with rural people, I often hear a refrain about immigration. I'll paraphrase it as, "I don't mind new immigrants moving here, I just wish they would do it legally."

Unfortunately, there is no legal pathway for the vast majority of immigrants.

Consider, there are three primary ways to immigrate legally to the U.S. This includes employer-based immigration, family reunification, and humanitarian protection. Employer-based immigration is limited, and unavailable for most immigrants.

For individuals who have a legal pathway, resulting wait times can stretch to 20 years. This is untenable.

That is why the Center for Rural Affairs first

called on Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform in 2013. We called for creating an opportunity for undocumented immigrants to fulfill requirements and become citizens, a more robust process for legal immigration, a new commission to determine a practical number of workers allowed to immigrate annually, and enforcement of wage and labor laws to prevent employers from misclassifying workers.

The reality is that new immigrants have become an important part of our communities. They are homeowners, entrepreneurs, leaders, parents and employees.

It is not our new neighbors who have failed to keep up. It is our own immigration law that has not kept up with our communities and the people who live there, new immigrants and long time residents alike.

The need to enact immigration law change is as critical and urgent as it was in 2013.

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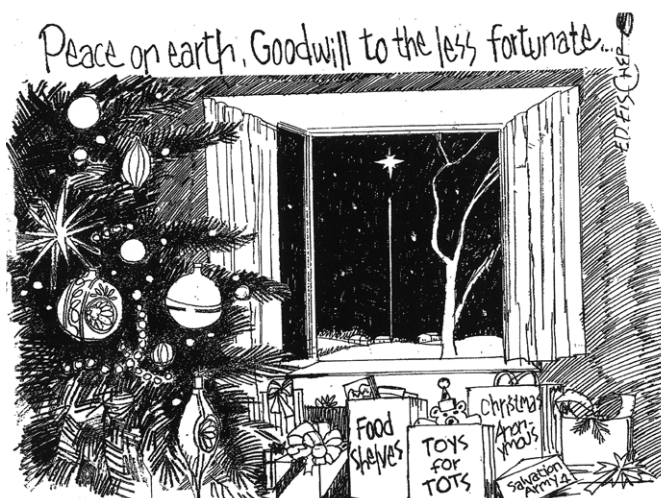
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School safety experts to present in Staples

National School Safety Consulting will give a community presentation of their RIPL Training program on Monday, Dec. 10, from 6-8 p.m., at Timbers Restaurant in Staples. RIPL is an acronym for Relational Impactful Preventative Leadership.

Ben Rudrud and Scott Doss have created National School Safety Consulting, funded in part by Sourcewell, with the mission to "promote healthy and safe climates in organizations through violent intruder prevention training and mental health awareness."

While they usually visit schools and present the training to teachers and students, this will be a community event for parents, guardians and community members who want to keep their schools

safe and make a difference in the lives of youth. The event is sponsored by Lakewood Health System and Sourcewell.

The presentation will cover societal factors leading to school violence, suicide awareness and prevention. Doss and Rudrud take a holistic approach to prevention, focusing on observing behavior every day, building relationships with youth and empowering them to get help when they need it.

Participants at the event will be given relationship tools to take home to use with their own children or youth they work with. The process aims to prevent violence and suicide, as well as foster a more gracious atmosphere in the community.



Christmas at the Depot

A standing room only crowd enjoyed Christmas at the Historic Northern Pacific Depot Dec. 2.

Above, Mary Moen led both groups of the Central Minnesota Boys Choir in "Silent Night" sung in Hawaiian. It was the first time the boys sang it together.

The Railroad Museum was open for the first time and drew many interested people. At right, the middle photo shows Dianna Smith, left, and Arvilla Dyer examining the exhibits.

The bottom photo shows Anita and Wayne Wilson, left, checking out one of the bound volumes of the Staples World that are now out of storage and available in the museum. To their right are Tom Kajer, Lawrence Denny and Judy Wolak visiting about the displays. (Photos submitted by Tom Crawford)



Aitkin to host first Honor Band Festival

Staples-Motley is one of the participating schools

On Saturday, Dec. 8, Aitkin High School will host two honor bands of over 100 musicians from six schools in the first ever Mid State Conference Honor Band.

Participating schools are Aitkin, Crosby-Ironton, Detroit Lakes, Onamia, Pequot Lakes and Staples-Motley. The students were nominated by their band directors to represent their school. There is a grades nine and ten Honor Band of around 60 students and a grades 11 and 12 Honor Band of around 50 students.

The bands will rehearse from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and will be presenting a concert in the Old Gym at Aitkin High

School at 5 p.m. Each band will perform three selections individually and then combine for two selections to conclude the concert.

This concert is open to the public. Donations will be accepted at the door to help with the cost of the event.

Joni Sutton, guest conductor of the grades nine and ten Honor Band, is a graduate of the University of Minnesota where she received both her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees. While there she became the first woman to play snare drum in the University of Minnesota Marching Band drum line. She taught at Upsala and Osseo

Area School District. She served as President of the Minnesota Band Directors Association (MBDA) from 2001-2003 and was on the MBDA Executive board for six years.

Betsy McCann, guest conductor of the grades 11 and 12 Honor Band, is the Asst. Director of Bands and Director of Marching and Athletic Bands at the University of Minnesota. She directs the University of Minnesota Marching Band and University Band and teaches undergraduate conducting. She is the first woman in history to lead a Big Ten Marching Band and Athletic Bands program.

Winter truck load increases began

Winter truck load increases began Monday, Dec. 3, on unrestricted highways in the north-central frost zone, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT). The frost zones can be found on the MndOT load limits map.

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to 10 percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the winter load increase

period. However, trucks must comply with current registration weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances.

Drivers should check with local agencies before increasing any weights on city, county and township routes. The sign erected on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A winter weight increase permit is required to take advantage of the 10 percent weight increase on in-

terstate highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.

For questions about over legal weight/size "heavy haul" trucking, call MnDOT's Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations - Oversize/Weight Permits, 651-296-6000 or email: ofcvpermits.dot@state.mn.us.

For questions about enforcement call the Minnesota Department of Public Safety - State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; 651-405-6196 (select option 3, option 3).

Staples Area Food Shelf holiday hours

The Staples Area Food Shelf will be closed Dec. 24, Christmas Eve and Dec. 25, Christmas Day; and also closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 in observance of New Year's Eve and Day.

The Staples Area Food Shelf board would like to remind all Staples Area Food shelf customers to plan their food shelf visits accordingly.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Discuss, receive public input and consider adoption of Resolution 1751 - 2019 Final Property Tax Levy
- Discuss, receive public input and consider adoption of 2019 Budget
- Consider approval of 2019 part-time and season-

al staff wages

- Consider approval of Tobacco Licenses for 2019
- Consider approval of Resolution 1752 Designating Polling Location for 2019
- Consider cancelling/rescheduling Council Meeting on December 25th.
- Committee Reports include Staples Economic Development Board and Tourism Marketing Board
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

Christmas in Wadena Light Show

Wadena's Very Merry Christmas Party is held nightly at 414 3rd St. SW from 5:30-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5:30-10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday until Jan. 1 with extended hours Dec. 19-26 until 10:30 p.m.

The display is thousands of glittering lights synchronized to holiday music. Brilliant multi-colored bulbs wrap the building, changing hues and brightness throughout the show.

The show is free but donations are accepted for Project Share of Wadena County, the local food shelf.

For more information see www.christmasinwadena.com.

Mark Your Calendar

December 8

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT CAMP SHAMINEAU
Sat., Dec. 8, 1 - 4 p.m., 2345 Ridge Rd., Motley. Hay rides, pony rides, zip line, crafts, treats. Free, open to public. For info., 1-800-305-8118, www.shamineau.org.

December 13

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG
Thurs., Dec. 13, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Myron Hollatz, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

December 18, 19

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK
In sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Dec. 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340 ext. 209.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM
sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Dec. 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Dec. 19, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

Staples Seniors Christmas party Dec. 12

The Staples Senior Citizens will hold their Christmas Party Wed., Dec. 12 at the Staples Community Center, Seniors Room.

Entertainment will be provided by Gary and Carmen Schimpp. Mrs. Claus will be attending; and prizes awarded.

To register for the meal served at 11:30 a.m., call Dianna at 218-894-2556 by Dec. 6 as seating is limited.

2018

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Limited seating available.

www.staplesmen.org

Tickets
\$10 single
\$25 family
Available online at www.staplesmen.org from chorus members or at Nelson Insurance Agency, 325 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, 218-895-5045.

This project is made possible with support from the Five Wings Arts Council and the McKnight Foundation supplemented by the Legacy and support from Lakewood Health System

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"CREED 2" PG-13
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Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:00 & 9:30
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Matinee Sun. Dec. 9 at 1:30 pm

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"INSTANT FAMILY" PG-13
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Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:30
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∞ Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Marlene and Darrin Kelley of Backus, a baby boy, Harvey Durrell weighing eight pounds, six ounces on November 22, 2018.

Born to Tacassia Jerrrett and Schuyler Brook of Staples, a baby girl, Seaharra Rayne, weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on November 26, 2018.

Born to Felicia and Allen Pitschka of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Scarlett Lynn, weighing four pounds, 15 ounces on November 26, 2018.

Born to Kristine and Adam Felten of Brainerd, a baby girl, Kinzley Rae weighing seven pounds, five ounces on November 28, 2018.

Born to Laura and Greg Chase of Menahga, a baby girl, Greta Bee weighing eight pounds, six ounces on November 30, 2018.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Mikalia Lynch and Noah Crosby of Wadena, a baby girl, Kaylah Marie Lynch weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on November 29, 2018. Grandmother is Valerie Lynch.



Sharing Thanksgiving with classmates

Above: CLC Medical Assistant students enjoyed their Thanksgiving meal together on Nov. 20. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



USPS retiree

Following his 22 years of service, Brian Bates officially retired from the United States Postal Service. His last day at the Staples Post Office was Nov. 30. On that day a brief presentation was held, which included pizza for all the postal workers as requested by Brian. He said he would mostly miss his co-workers and the many people on his daily route. He is looking forward to spending quality Christmas time with his family. Above: Brian stopped by the Staples World office to show his official USPS Service Award certificates from the Northland District. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Wreaths for the Fallen

WreathsForTheFallen.org will be honoring the nation's fallen veterans at the Little Falls, Preston and now Duluth cemeteries. The addition of Preston and Duluth will require several hundred additional honor wreaths at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemeteries this year.

The National Remembrance Ceremony will be Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. at all three cemeteries.

Immediately following the ceremony, which includes representatives from each branch of the military, several thousand honor wreaths will be placed on the many markers of our fallen veterans. Many volunteers from Camp Ripley, the Minnesota Patriot Guard, VFW's, American Legions and many other civic organizations along with hundreds of families coming from a wide area will perform the honor. Everyone is invited to come and assist in the wreath distribution.

Due to the limited parking at the cemetery car pooling is recommended.

Plan to arrive by 10 a.m. for hot coffee, hot cider and other refreshments. The ceremony starts at 11 a.m. sharp. Wreath placement begins at about 11:20 a.m.

To have an honor wreath hand-made and included in this event, send your name, address and phone number (in case of questions) and a minimum of \$20 (or more for each wreath requested) to Wreaths, 5244 Ashdale Ln, Baxter, MN 56425. Also include the full name and date of birth, of the veteran or family member the wreath is for. WreathsForTheFallen.org will confirm the exact location of the grave site number. Make the check to "Wreaths". All contributions are tax deductible.

For those who would like to make a general donation or sponsor a specific wreath, information is on the web site.

For additional information, contact John Thomas at 218-829-6622 or go to www.WreathsForTheFallen.org.



Thanksgiving for students

Left: Central Lakes College Student Life volunteers served a full Thanksgiving meal to students on Nov. 20, complete with turkey and pumpkin pie. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



A-1 4-H Club elects new officers

Todd County A-1 4H group elected new officers at their October meeting. Above from left: Lexi Tweeter, president; Ellie Dukowitz, secretary; Torii Nienow, vice president; Jason Trantina, reporter and Julia Allen, treasurer.

At their November meeting the club chose to donate money to local food shelves, Make a Wish Radio-a Thon, Red Cross for the California fire rescue and the local pet shelter. On Dec. 15

members will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army at Coborn's in Long Prairie. "Come on out and say 'Hi', drop a few coins in the kettle and maybe sing a few Christmas carols with us."

The Jan. 20 meeting will be a potluck meal and ice skating party. Contact Nathan by email at braatend@umn.edu for the correct leader information. (Submitted photo)



Ho, ho, ho... who would know?

Santa Claus came to town Nov. 15... on a motorcycle? Santa was checking on who was "naughty or nice" in Staples when he rode into town on a motorcycle. He cruised 2nd Ave. NE from

SuperAmerica to the Spot Café, pausing long enough for a friendly patron to take his photo. "Santa" borrowed his ride from Craig Wicht of Staples. (Submitted photo)

∞ Obituary ∞

Nancy Flett

Nancy Jo (Wolf) Flett, 82, of Arvada, Colorado passed away October 12, 2018.

Funeral services were held Oct. 20, at First United Church of Christ of Arvada, CO with Karin Kilpatrick officiating.

Interment was at Arvada Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Malesich and Shirey Funeral Home, Arvada, CO.

Nancy was born Sept. 27, 1936 to Theresa (Smith) and William Wolf in Wadena. She grew up in Staples where she was salutatorian of her Staples High School graduating class. She attended the University of Minnesota, earning BA in Business Administration. Nancy married Charles Flett in 1959 and they moved to Renville, then to Colorado. She was a teacher's aide, Democratic volunteer and ran for political office. She was elected to the Colorado state legislature in 1974-1976. Following her time at the state capitol, she was appointed to be the Jefferson County Public Trustee. She joined the law firm of Fairfield and Woods as a legal assistant with a specialty in real estate. She held a similar position at the law firm of Ireland Stapleton until she retired.

She is survived by one son, Michael, one daughter, Marguerite; sister-in-law Marcia Flett and her daughters; sister-in-law Margaret Wilson and her sons; her brother-in-law Robert (Sue) and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Aunt Agnes Smith, Aunt Helen Mills, Uncle Stuart Mills, cousin Hank Mills, two brothers-in-law, James Flett and Galen Wilson.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society; St. Jude Children's Fund.

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Nyhus Chevrolet technician awarded

At the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence awards, David Rogers is awarded for his work at Nyhus Chevrolet-Buick. From left, Tim Zilke, David Rogers, Jason Stahl and Ted Hayes. (Submitted photo)

Rogers earns national ASE award

David Rogers, an ASE Certified collision repair technician at Nyhus Chevrolet-Buick in Staples, was honored with a national achievement award as the BodyShop Business/ASE Master Collision Repair & Refinish Technician of the Year. Fifty-two automotive professionals were recognized on Nov. 14, at the Fall Board of Governors meeting of the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) held at Pier Sixty-Six Hotel and Marina in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The ASE annual awards spotlight top scorers on the ASE Certification tests from among the ranks of the approximately quarter million ASE certified professionals nationwide. Jason Stahl, Editor of BodyShop Business; Ted Hayes, Chair of the ASE Board of Directors; and Timothy Zilke, ASE President & CEO, presented the award to Rogers.

“Dave is one of the outstanding ASE certified professionals recognized annually by different segments of the automotive service and repair industry. Each of these elite technicians is presented with an industry-specific award recognizing their achievement,” said Zilke.

“ASE has honored extraordinary industry professionals from across the

nation for more than 40 years,” Zilke continued. “This is made possible by the support of our many award sponsors, whose ranks include some of the best-known names in the industry. We are proud to partner with BodyShop Business to recognize Dave’s commitment to excellence in providing the very best in vehicle repair services to his extended community. This dedication is reflected in the talented professionals we recognize each year and Dave represents the best of the best.”

Forty-one companies from both OEM and Aftermarket segments sponsored the individual technician recognition awards in the Auto, Truck, Collision and Parts categories, along with awards for instructors. In addition to looking for top scores on ASE tests, award sponsors examine on-the-job excellence, community service and other factors when selecting honorees.

The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) was founded in 1972 as a non-profit, independent organization dedicated to improving the quality of automotive service and repair through voluntary testing and certification of automotive professionals. Approximately a quarter million ASE Cer-

tified automobile, truck, and collision repair technicians, and parts specialists work in dealerships, independent shops, service stations, auto parts stores, fleets, schools and colleges across the nation. For more information about ASE, visit www.ase.com.

National honor for Katie Becker

Katie Becker, Bagley, was honored at the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents (NAE4-HA) conference in Columbus, Ohio, earlier this fall. She received the Achievement in Service Award which honors NAE4-HA members with more than three and less than seven years of experience in 4-H.

Becker is a 4-H Program Coordinator with the University of Minnesota Extension in Clearwater County. She works with youth and adult volunteers to develop and deliver quality 4-H youth development programs in Clearwater County.

Becker has also worked with a number of community partners and schools to coordinate the annual Farm Safety Day Camp.

NAE4-HA is a professional development organization. Becker has attended national conferences, presented at the state conference and served on the awards committee for the Minnesota Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals.

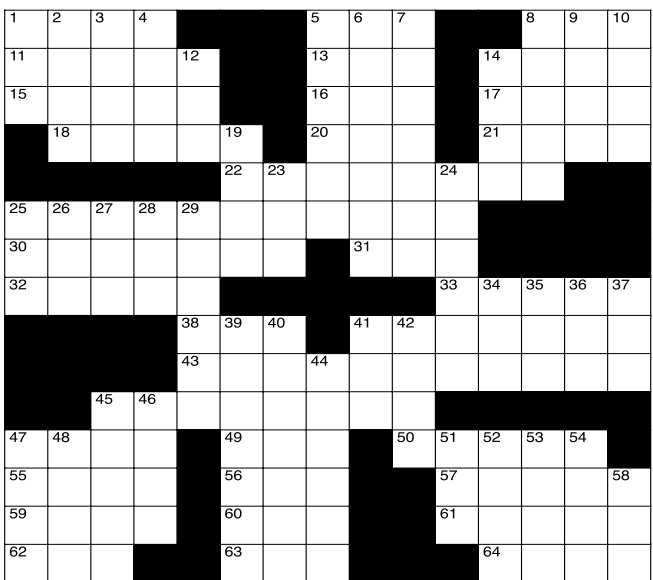


Becker's national award

Katie Becker, right, received her national award from Casey Mull, president of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents at their conference in Ohio. (Submitted photo)

Becker is a 2006 graduate of Staples-Motley High School. She is the daughter of Barb and Dan Becker, Brownville.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS
1. Member of a Semitic people
5. Certified public accountant
8. Residue
11. Sayings attributed to Christ
13. The products of human creativity
14. Listen to
15. Longed
16. No (Scottish)
17. Descriptor
18. Yankees' sensation
20. Judge
21. Comics legend Lee
22. Honorary title holder
25. "Uncle Joey"
30. Graceful and stylish
31. Pitching term
32. Former Mets outfielder Jones
33. One who avoids animal products
38. Quick to learn
41. Mechanism in an organ
43. Redo with new materials
45. Epics
47. Wings
49. Extrasensory perception
50. Cavalry sword
55. Bangladeshi monetary unit
56. Not the bottom
57. Afflicted
59. Bound
60. One who is highly skilled
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Tall, rounded vase
63. Liturgical language of Hinduism (abbr.)
64. Cheek
CLUES DOWN
1. Pie _ _ mode
2. Portuguese cape
3. Ottoman military title
4. Movable frame used in burials
5. Type of coal
6. A treeless grassy plain
7. Artist's workshop
8. Assists
9. Protein-rich liquids
10. A song of praise to God
12. Much _ about nothing
14. Japanese city
19. Atomic number 10
23. Egyptian goddess
24. Go places
25. Having ten
26. Complete
27. Automotive belt
28. Psyche
29. Melodious bird
34. Medical personnel
35. Acquired
36. Type of beverage
37. Neither
39. Spanish monetary units
40. Small area of grass
41. Your
42. Diana __, singer
44. Salt's partner
45. Made of wood
46. No longer alive
47. Alaskan island
48. Wild animal's resting place
51. Swiss river
52. Partiality
53. "Luther" actor Idris
54. UNLV's "Runnin'"
58. Criticize
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An obituary (with photo) is \$60. Copy is edited. Obituary forms are available. Word for word requests are published by the inch as an advertisement.

The Staples World publishes wedding and engagement notices as a courtesy. Submissions are edited and published for one week at no charge. A one column photograph may be included (word for word or personalized copy are ads - see above). The deadline for copy is 5 p.m. Monday. The Life Currents section can also include, Student Achievements, births, obituaries, etc. edited to our format at no charge.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonsight (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
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Leader

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

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Rabin 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 Rabin 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) 218-639-4225
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

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Motley and Pillager

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263



Pine Grove is lit up for Christmas

The trees of Pine Grove Park were wrapped in lights for the North Pole Lights Display on Dec. 1. The display will be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in December from 6-9 p.m. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Nature glowing at night

One of the scenes from the Pine Grove Park display is a wildlife scene with a deer, waterfall and jumping fish.



Elves take over Pine Grove Park

The Pine Grove Park light display is filled with Christmas elves moving presents, taking care of reindeer, throwing snowballs and doing other Christmas activities.



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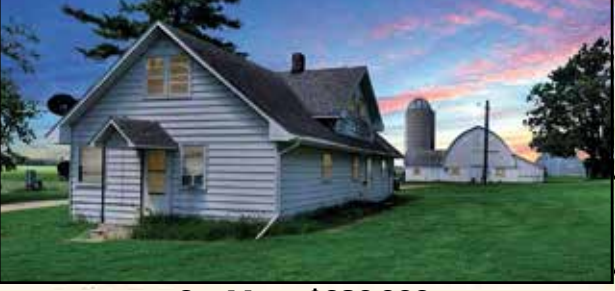
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Turning point in the match

Spencer Miller got a cheer from Staples-Motley coaches Mark Carlson and Jim Miller with a takedown in his semifinal match. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Taking the opportunity to score

Shaine Guggenberger spins around to the back of his opponent to score a takedown in the Wadena-Deer Creek tournament on Dec. 1. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Miller, Bjerga take tournament titles

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team took seven varsity wrestlers to the Wadena-Deer Creek tournament, where all seven won at least one match and all of them placed.

Spencer Miller was the tournament champion at 152 pounds and Owen Bjerga won at 170 pounds. Miller won his title match by a 7-3 score, while Bjerga won with a 23-8 technical fall.

"Spencer and Owen wrestled well, they had a lot of bonus points," said Coach Mark Carlson, "they scored well."

Shaine Guggenberger had a good tournament with a third place finish, winning three matches and only losing one to the eventual champion. He won the third place match by a 3-1 score.

Three Cardinals placed fifth, Brayden Christensen won 6-0 in the medal round at 138 pounds, Logen Weite

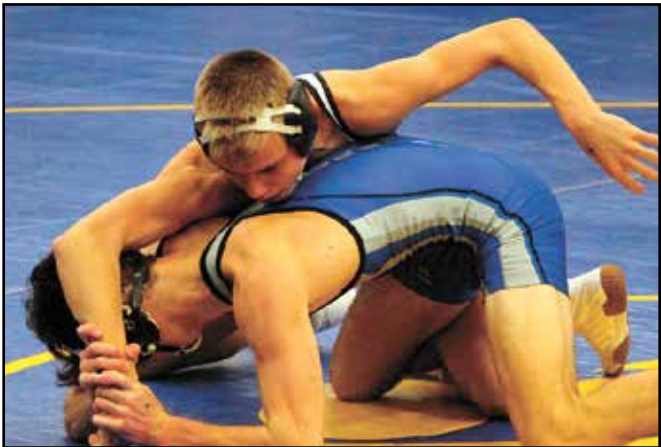
won by pin at 145 and Gordon Enyart had a pin at 195. Carlson said Christensen had one of the toughest brackets and came close to beating high caliber wrestlers. Enyart impressed with some good wins in his first varsity tournament at an upper weight.

With seven wrestlers, the Cardinals finished in eighth place out of nine teams.

"It was a typical first tournament," said Carlson. "Guys made mistakes but we came back and improved on our mistakes. It exposed some techniques that we will need to correct."

Team results Wadena-Deer Creek Tournament

- 126: Payton Bjerga 1-3, 6th place
- 138: Brayden Christensen 2-2, 5th place
- 145: Logen Weite 3-2, 5th place
- 152: Spencer Miller 3-0, 1st place
- 170: Owen Bjerga 3-0, 1st place



Riding strong

Brayden Christensen reaches over to try out a move from the top position.

Wick, Schmidt earn FB honors

Staples-Motley football players Ryan Wick and Cade Schmidt were named to the Section 6AA All Section Team.

Wick played as a line-man on offense and defense, and Schmidt was running back and linebacker.

- 182: Gordon Enyart 2-2, 5th place
- 195: Shaine Guggenberger 3-1, 3rd place

When it comes to bagging a deer, it usually happens in one of two ways. The preferred method is to harvest your whitetail with a bullet, a shotgun slug, or an arrow launched from a bow. A much less preferred way is by collision with a vehicle you're driving. I've done it both ways. I've harvested deer with bullets, first fired from an old lever-action carbine, then a modern semi-automatic rifle, and also—unfortunately—with the front end of my SUV.

It's doubtful that there is another state that comes close to Minnesota when it comes to deer per square mile. At least, no other state that approaches the size of ours. Not only are there deer in abundance in the agricultural areas to the south and west, and in the forests to the north, but there are deer in the suburbs, and deer even within some city limits. A friend who lives in a residential area on the western border of Minneapolis looked up from his book one evening, and in the dusky twilight found himself face-to-face with a whitetail making a nose-print on his den window. That's a cosmopolitan deer!

It's this kind of abundance that makes the odds of a car-deer collision so high in Minnesota. Perhaps it's why some auto insurance policies no longer treat deer collisions as an act-of-God and pay the entire repair bill. I was

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

Overtime win starts season with excitement

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

An exciting overtime victory started the season for the Staples-Motley girls basketball team. They beat Wadena-Deer Creek 64-61 on Nov. 27, outscoring them 9-6 in overtime. Then on Nov. 29, they lost 78-54 to Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton.

"It was a big win against a rival team," said Coach Brian Smith, "it was pretty cool to get that in our first game."

It didn't start well, as the Cardinals were down at halftime and fell even farther behind, by up to 15 points, early in the second.

"I told the girls we were going to take it one possession at a time, one stop at a time," said Smith. "They did that and got back into it."

The team started pressing and causing turnovers but with 30 seconds left, they were still down by four. "They hustled and played good team ball and tied it up," said Smith.

In overtime, the teams were tied in the last minute when Kaitlyn Smith got a steal and hit a corner jump shot with nine seconds left to put the Cardinals up by two. Haley Cichos then got a steal and made one of two free throws to give the team a three point win.

"The student section stormed the court, it was really fun," said Smith. "Wadena had a great student section and we had a great turnout, so there was a lot of excitement in the gym."

Smith said one key to the game was shooting 81 percent on free throws. He said the team had balanced scoring.

"The girls stepped up and hit shots," said Smith, "It was a great team win."

Against DGF, the Cardinals kept it close for much of the first half, before a 25-5 run to end the half put them behind for the rest of the game. A highlight of that game was Addison Lorber's four point play that put the team up by five early in the game.



Hoops action

Top, Kaitlyn Smith passes down low. Below, Haley Cichos dribbles away from pressure.



Team results Staples-Motley 64, Wadena-Deer Creek 61

Scoring: Jenna Dvorak 17, Haley Cichos 13, Tabetha Allen 11, Alix Peterson 10, Kaitlyn Smith 7, Kaila Erbe 4,

Bella Martin 2 Staples-Motley 54, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 78

Scoring: Peterson 13, Cichos 8, Erbe 6, Smith 6, Dvorak 6, Allen 6, Martin 4, Addison Lorber 4, Aleeah Halverson 1

Cars, carbines both bag deer

reminded of that several days ago when I reported my recent incident, and was reminded by the agent that my deductible covers deer collisions, but—since I opted for a higher deductible to have a lower premium, I could expect to pay the first \$750. The agent is a good guy; the judgment of his client, me, perhaps not so good.

To a person who has never hit a deer, or never had a near miss and knows little about deer behavior, avoiding a collision with a deer might not seem very difficult. Deer are certainly not small; not like a skunk waddling its way across the asphalt, or a scampering squirrel that can't make up its mind whether to speed up or turn back. A large deer is about the size of a pony; how can you not avoid that?

What makes a deer hard to avoid on a roadway is its camouflage, its unpredictability and the time during the 24-hour cycle when deer are most active. Against a solid background of green spruce or pine, or in silhouette against the skyline, a deer would be simple to see. But that's not where we usually see them. Often a deer is against a background of deciduous trees and shrubs, or perhaps autumn's withered grasses, with trunks and branches and stems in tones that are as muted as a deer's coat. Deer, as we usually see them, are well-camouflaged.

Deer are also most active in the hours of poorest light. Though we might see them munching soybeans in a farmer's field in full daylight, deer are really nocturnal. That's why our trail cameras so often capture them digitally in the depths of night, their eyes glowing like luminescent marbles in the camera's

flash. Just as indicative is the fact that animals capable of hunting them, like the eastern gray wolf, typically do so at night because that's when deer are most actively feeding. Deer are also unpredictable. They're not very good at the "stop, look, and listen" we teach our youngsters to do before crossing a road.

Despite a goodly number of close calls, I've actually hit only two deer in a half century of driving. The first was years ago, in early evening as my young son and I were coming home from a fishing trip. It was September or October, well before the rutting period when bucks are actively pursuing does, and before the firearms deer season, when the woods can be full of hunters spooking them into flight.

As we were driving that country road homeward, a large buck vaulted up out of the roadside ditch, and the front end of my Isuzu Trooper caught him full and square. The Trooper had a heavy welded steel grille and headlight shield, or the front end would have been a mess. Big though he was, the impact somersaulted the buck to the ditch on the opposite side of the road, where he expired.

A local who happened to witness the event asked if I intended to claim it, something a conservation officer will authorize if you contact them. Though you can't say a deer is truly wasted if it is consumed by scavengers, it soothes the conscience, mine anyway, to know that a family will dine on the deer your car has sent to the great beyond.

The deer involved in my most recent incident, just this past week, was more fortunate. I had left

for work in a darker-than-normal pre-dawn; darker due to snow slanting out of a heavy overcast. Snow was collecting on the roadway, and I was being one of those cautious early winter Minnesota drivers. I slowed up when I caught a glimpse of movement ahead, and coming into focus was a deer ambling across the asphalt 50 yards ahead of me; "Better be watchful," I told myself.

Several hundred yards beyond, as I rounded a curve that follows the shore of a small, shallow lake, a deer burst out of the snow, crossing left to right, just clearing my right fender. As I was exhaling a startled gasp, my mind beginning to form a prayer of thanks for a near-miss, a second deer bounded after the first. This one didn't miss. I felt the sickening thud, but the deer was instantly beyond my vision as it cleared the beams of my headlights.

My wits gradually returning, I looked for a wide spot to turn around. I did so, looped back the way I had come, scanning the ditch for either a carcass or, less welcome, an injured animal. Searching as carefully as I could, I could not see a trace of either. Perhaps at my 35-40 mile-per-hour speed, the deer had survived the collision. I would later search in daylight, with the same result. Hopefully the deer hadn't suffered internal injuries that would lead to a lingering death.

As for my Pilot, I have yet to get an estimate for the broken grill and the slightly displaced front quarter panel. Why, I'm asking myself in hindsight, did I have to tempt fate and opt for that high collision deductible.

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**NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY**

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples will hold a public meeting Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Bob Reeck, Secretary
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**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, December 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m., at the Todd County Courthouse, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
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The filing period for these offices opens at the home of the Clerk on January 1, 2019 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 15, 2019.

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Please contact Bonnie Thoele at 218-894-3638 or 218-296-2151 to file for office.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
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**ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #7
Monday, October 1,
2018, immediately
following the
Work Session
High School Media
Center****MINUTES****Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with Members Longbella, Freeman, Anderson, Winkels and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Principals, Regan and Johnson, several community members; Staples World Manager, Halvorson and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

Finance

Approve the Proposed Tax Levy, Payable 2019

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk to approve the Proposed Tax Levy, Payable at the maximum. MC

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Stanton Grade increase for AR/AP from Grade 11 to Grade 13, effective July 1, 2018 MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Stanton Grade increase for Payroll/ Human Resources/ Risk Management from grade 12 to Grade 14, effective July 1, 2018. MC

Marketing

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, allowing Supt. Bratlie to work with Heather Erholtz as a marketing consultant. MC (Erholtz will work on a gratis basis)

Facilities

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the contract separation agreement with FJJ/ ISC, reached during mediation, in the amount of \$75,000. MC

Other

Four buses will be put up for bid with a \$2,100 reserve on each. The district will be purchasing four (4) additional buses, each are three (3) years-old, at a discounted price.

Adjourn

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the Special Meeting. MC
49pnc

**SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #8
Monday, October 22,
2018, 7 p.m.
High School Media
Center****MINUTES****Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with Members Longbella, Freeman, Frisk, Winkels, Anderson and Lund present (comprising

a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Bratlie; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson, Regan and Schmidt; students and staff; Staples World Manager, Halvorson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried

**Recognize Public
Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the consent agenda. MC

Finance

Financial Report - CliftonLarsonAllen will be in the district Oct. 22-25 to complete the audit. Following the audit, the Business Office can begin working on the current year.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels to authorize payment of vouchers. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the credit reimbursement requests from Cathy Evans and Ginger Stiner. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson to accept the offer by Midwest Bus Parts, Inc for a \$2,100 in-store credit; per bus; for four (4) buses. MC

Acceptance of highest bids (reserves were not met and action was not taken on Sept. 17)

a. 2007 Chevrolet Malibu - Bryan Pogreba, \$400.

b. 2007 Chevrolet Impala - Chris Dobson, \$565.

c. Mini Bus w/lift - Jeff Sterriker, \$501.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to accept the highest bids since reserves were not met. MC

Curriculum

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the MOU with SMEA making a change to the adopted calendar with the understanding by all parties that this action is not to be construed to set precedence, nor to be considered to establish past practice. MC

Presentation of the 2018-19 Staples Motley Curriculum Council Plan of Action - No action needed.

Personnel:

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve Brian Smith as the Interim GBB Head Coach for the 2018-19 season. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to approve the list of winter extra-curricular coaches and advisors. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to approve the 2017-19 Professional Group Contract. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Anna Dahlvang, Elem. Para, GR 7P. MC (Position added due to special education enrollment).

**BUILD 2170
Update and
Presentation**

unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for October 16, 2018 as presented.

To approve the Human Resources Report for Personnel Actions dated November 5, 2018 as on file.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the October 2018 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900078 through 900120 in the amount of \$3,152,007.85 (Manual) 504 through 504 in the amount of \$787.20 and (Regular) 232570 through 232764 in the amount of \$3,288,835.31 for a total of \$6,441,630.36.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants (ACH) 400022 through 400041 in the amount of \$14,884.50 and

The engineering firm of NEXUS has been hired to help with pre-referendum work. They will be meeting with staff on Nov. 9 for input on facility needs. A communication task force committee will be formed to work out details for press releases, social media, updated website and questions and answers.

Discussion on K-4 at the elementary site and grades 5-12 at the HS and closing the Motley building. Location of Pre K would be determined.

More information will be presented at the Nov. 5 Work Session and the Board will make a decision on Nov. 19.

Reports:

School Board / FED / Sourcewell

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to nominate Freeman to be placed on the ballot for the Sourcewell Board of Directors. MC

Principals - Written reports included

Superintendent - SMEA - conferences went well; there's been positive feedback on ALICE training.

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the meeting. MC
49pnc

**SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #9
Monday, November 5,
2018 7:00 p.m.
Staples-Motley High
School Media Center****MINUTES****Call to Order**

The Meeting was called to order with Members Longbella, Freeman, Anderson, Lund, Winkels and Frisk present. Also in attendance: Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Regan and Schmidt; Sandy Gundlach and Steve Niklaus, MSBA Supt. Search Team; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; approximately 20 students and staff and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

MSBA -Superintendent Search Planning

The Supt. Search timeline was finalized and a preliminary posting presented. A salary range will be determined prior to the Nov. 19 Board meeting. At that time, Sandy Gundlach will have final revisions made. The application deadline was set for Jan. 14; interviews to begin on Jan. 25 and a contract negotiated and ratified by Feb. 19, 2019.

**Facility Long Range
Planning**

Regarding the closing of the Motley building, some educational gains and barriers were presented by administration. Scenarios included ISD #2170 keeping and maintaining the build-

ing or selling the building and leasing space were included.

• Transportation savings will be more than \$101,750, but utility and maintenance savings are not as clearly defined.

• Student body configuration is K-4 at the elementary site with 5-12 at the High School site. Both sites will need renovations to house all students.

• Other ideas: all Early Learning at Motley site; Care & Treatment located off site; District Offices moved to TCO building with renovations.

• Educational gains include less travel time for shared staff; increased health and mental health and special education services

The Board will take action at the Nov. 19 meeting with a recommendation to put the Motley building up for sale.

Adjournment

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting. MC
49pnc

**SPECIAL SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING #10
Weds., Nov. 14, 2018
7:30 AM
District Office****MINUTES****Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Freeman, Winkels and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Staples World Manager, Halvorson and Recording Secretary, Madson.

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

**Canvass Returns of
November 6, 2018 School
Board Election**

Abstract and Return of Votes Cast

Clerk's Certificate as to Abstract and Return of Votes Cast

A total of 8,312 votes were cast

Brad Anderson: 2,400

Mary Freeman: 2,368

Bruce Lund: 2,251

Robert Follis: 1,215

"Write In": 78

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to accept the Certificate of Election. MC

Certificates will be given to new members and Oath of Office will be taken at the first meeting in January 2019.

Adjourn

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting. MC
49pnc

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 5, 2018****Call to Order**

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 5th day of November, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Neumann.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motions were introduced and adopted by

(Regular) 50184 through 50323 in the amount of \$252,660.34 for a total of \$267,544.84.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514471 through 514493 in the amount of \$32,303.14 and warrants number 703723 through 703792 in the amount of \$74,133.39.

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

**REAPPOINTMENT OF
BONNIE THOELE TO
THE HOUSING AND
REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY BOARD
OF TODD COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota held a duly authorized special meeting on the 12th day of September, 1972; and

WHEREAS, at said meeting a resolution was passed and adopted declaring the need for a Housing and Redevelopment Authority in Todd County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the current term for Bonnie Thoele on the Todd County HRA Board is set to expire on September 18, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Housing and Redevelopment Act of the State of Minnesota, the County Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota, hereby reappoint the one person hereinafter named to serve as Commissioner of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Todd County, Minnesota, and to serve for a period of five years as hereinafter stipulated:

Bonnie Thoele - renewal September 19, 2018 through September 18, 2023

See **TCC** on page 3b