

Around the world and back to Motley

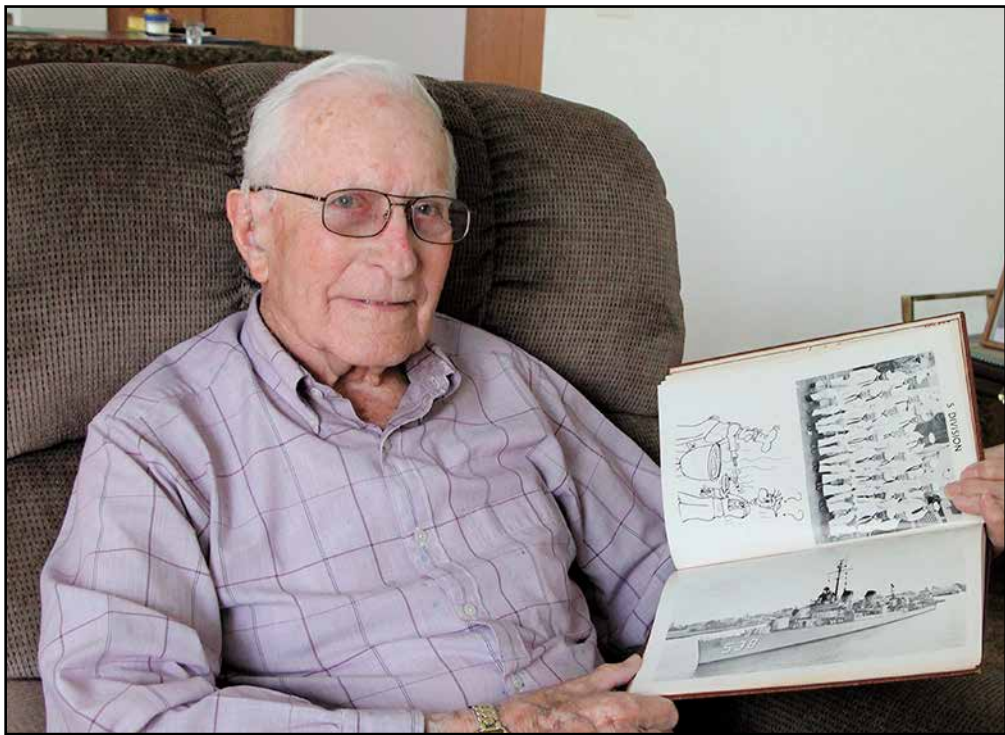
By Mark Anderson
News Editor

As Robert Cole walks his daily route around the south end of Motley, he carries with him the memories of spanning the globe, first with the U.S. Army in World War II and then with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

It was a lot of travelling for someone who values home. At his apartment in Motley, he has art of the log cabin home he was born in north of Pillager, and also his Crow Wing River home near Motley, where he retired and spent many enjoyable years.

Cole had never been farther away than North Dakota when he was drafted by the army. Now he boasts one complete trip around the world, another trip three fourths of the way. He has crossed the Pacific and Atlantic oceans three times and Indian Ocean once, traveled the length of the Red Sea, and three times across the Mediterranean Sea, passing the Rock of Gibraltar on the way. He traveled each direction through the Panama Canal and through the Suez Canal. He crossed the equator four times and passed the International Date Line three times.

In the middle of it all he



WWII, Korean War veteran

Robert Cole still has a book from his tour with the USS Steven Potter, with a photo of the destroyer and memories of the many places he went in four years with the U.S. Navy. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

married Doris Frisk, whom he first met at revival tent meetings in Motley. "She knew our family as the 'Coles with all the boys,'" said Cole.

Growing up on a hard-scrabble farm north of Pillager during the Great Depression, Cole said all the water was pumped and

carried by hand, wood split by hand, with early mornings to milk cows and tend to pigs and chickens.

The U.S. Army drafted him in 1944, at the age of 20. He trained at Camp Hood (now Fort Hood), was sent to California and out to the Pacific South Seas.

He headed towards Aus-

tralia, crossing the equator and International Date Line, but got new orders to go to the Philippine Islands. There was no harbor, so they had to jump into landing crafts from cargo nets. "Be sure to time your drop with the rise and fall of the ocean or you could break a leg," Cole remembers. He

was part of army actions on the Island of Mindanao and the Zamboanga Peninsula.

It was a tough jungle operation, wading rivers and climbing hills. "It rained every afternoon so you slept in your foxhole in damp clothes, or tried to sleep," he said.

Cole carried a Browning automatic rifle, which was much heavier than the standard rifle and was carried and fired from a sling. "Our mission was a search and destroy," said Cole.

The atomic bomb was an important event for Cole, although he didn't know it at the time. "No one had ever heard of an atomic bomb, but we were told it was many times more powerful than any other bomb." Looking back, Cole believes that without the bomb, his unit would have become involved with the invasion of Japan. "Japan was expected to fight to the bitter end, with a great loss on both sides, even more than were killed with the atomic bomb," he said.

After the war, Cole sailed through a typhoon and eventually got to Hawaii. While there, he was assigned to become a flight engineer on a B-17 Bomber.

"I had never been up in an airplane before, but

they said it didn't matter, they trained me in anyway," he said.

After recovering from a bout with malaria, he was able to head home. "No ship this time," he said, "we went aboard our plane and flew over the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco."

He was able to get back to Minneapolis and meet up with Doris at that time. He stayed in the military as part of the Air Force Reserves, which was part of the army at that time.

Korean War

By 1950, the Korean War was underway and Cole wasn't sure if his reserve unit would be called, so he asked for a discharge in order to join the navy. Since he was already in the military, it was a shorter training period and soon he boarded the USS Steven Potter DD538, a destroyer that had been decommissioned after World War II.

Their original trip was to get the ship working again, and they went from California to Acapulco, Mexico, through the Panama Canal and to Newport, Rhode Island. Before heading any farther, he took time off to get married to Doris. "It was the beginning of almost 60 years of a very great life,"

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Hello, Readers,

Memorial Day is observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of summer. Adding to the celebration locally are high school graduations. Look inside this issue for a special tribute to the graduates of Staples-Motley and Pillager High Schools and the Area Learning Center.

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Ronald Wonders



Area Memorial Day events listed

Several Memorial Day events will be held on Monday, May 28, in the Staples, Motley and Pillager area.

The Staples service will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery at 9 a.m. Vietnam veteran Ken Klose of Staples will give the Memorial Day Address. Hosts of the program include the American Legion Post and Auxiliary. The rain location will be at Centennial Auditorium at Staples-Motley High School.

The Motley American Legion, Tri-County Post #124, will host Memorial Day programs May 28, at the following locations:

- Bridgeman Cemetery, 9 a.m., guest speaker Commander Tom Ladwig, Tri-County Post #124 and veteran Charlie Poulton.
- Motley-Staples Middle

School, 10 a.m., guest speaker Major Christopher Staples.

- Motley Public Cemetery, 11 a.m., guest speaker Commander Tom Ladwig, Tri-County Post #124.

• Poplar Cemetery, 1 p.m., guest speaker Major Christopher Staples.

Guests speakers at all four programs will be Commander Tom Ladwig and Charlie Poulton, both

American Legion members of Tri-County Post #124.

The Motley Historical Society will have an open house at Motley City Hall from noon to 4 p.m. on Memorial Day.

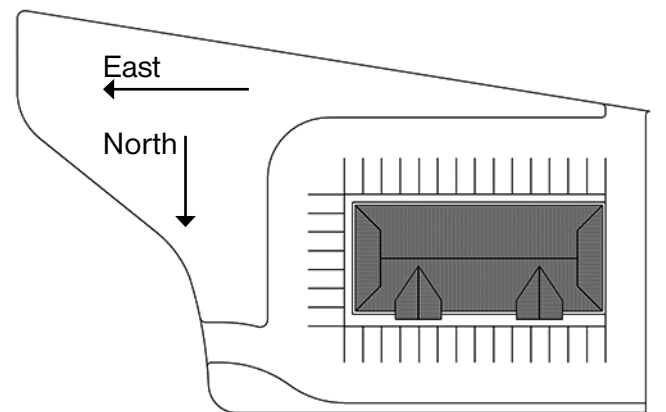
The Pillager American Legion will host a Memorial Day program May 28, at 10 a.m., followed by ceremonies at Wildwood Cemetery, Pillager, and Gull River Cemetery.



Breaking ground for new professional offices

Dr. Seth Dokken and Dr. Dominic Gagnon and their families broke ground May 15 for the new professional building that will house Staples Eye Clinic and Lakeland Dental on the south side of Hwy. 10 in Staples just east of the Staples All Veterans Park and west of the water treatment plant. The building is expected to be completed by Sept. 1 and Dokken said the eye clinic will move in right away on the east side. Gagnon expects to be in the west side by the end of the year. Each clinic will be 3,000 square feet. The image at right shows how the building is situated on the site with the front facing north. Thirty-two parking spaces will be available for clients and staff. That parking will also be available for holiday events at the veterans park. The image below is a preliminary sketch of the front of the building. Dokken said the current Staples Eye Clinic building at 222 4th St. NE will be used by eye surgeons for minor procedures. The new building will allow both doctors to add to their staffs. Dokken has already added a part time optometrist, Dr. Stephanie Parrish, who will become full time in the new building.

Above, from left, are Aleese, Brooke, Seth and Adriane Dokken; Dominic Gagnon, his wife Kristin holding Noah, and Katie Gagnon. In front are Vincent, Alex and Thomas Gagnon. An older son was unavailable for the photo. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter. Images submitted)



Todd County earns favorable audit

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The annual county financial audit results were presented to the Todd County Commissioners by Clifton, Larson Allen Auditor Doug Host at their May 15 meeting. Overall, the audit was very favorable for the county with many of the funds showing an increase.

Host said that there were some material weaknesses revealed in the audit, but these are not new items. These are deficiencies in internal control and include:

- Segregation of duties
- Audit adjustments
- Controls over financial reporting

There were no significant deficiencies this year. There were two last year.

The Minnesota Office of the State Auditor recommends a five month minimum fund balance. The county is about 4.66 months. The unrestricted fund balance was 37 percent in 2017. The state recommends between 35-50 percent.

Further in the report, Host said that the county's general fund has more than six months of expenditures available.

He also gave reports on the major funds: Roads and Bridges; Social Services; Community Health; and Solid Waste.

"You are on the right track," Host told the commissioners.

He said that in the social services area, out of home placement trends could begin to effect the county in coming years as this has been seen in other counties already.

This report can be found on the county website at: www.co.todd.mn.us.

In other business:

- Approved the sale of Parcel 25-0024301 which was forfeited to the State of Minnesota for delinquent back taxes. This is a landlocked parcel that was originally part of the Motley Public Cemetery. This parcel's description was left off of a legal years ago. It was sold to the Motley Public Cemetery.

- Approve a resolution for Todd County to apply for the NJPA Grant and allow Todd County to act as the grant's fiscal agent if awarded for Veteran's Services. The Motley Cemetery has been eroded by the river and the "lion's share" of the grant would go toward fixing it if awarded.

- After discussion, approved an abatement for the Carl Landis parcel which had been reclassified from residential homestead to residential non-homestead for the 2017 assessment, taxes payable in 2018 with Commissioner David Kircher opposed. This change was made after county truth-in-taxation statements were returned as "unable to forward" by the post office.

According to Assessor Chris Odden, "Assessor's staff attempted to mail a second time and attempted to call Mr. Landis prior

to removing homestead. Mr. Landis was sent two more notifications of this change in 2017."

He later stated that he does not read the estimates or proposed taxes from the County.

The abatement cost the county \$506.

Kircher asked how Landis would get his check since he doesn't open mail from the county?

Odden said that his department went above what they normally do including the phone call attempts.

Kircher noted that by approving this abatement, they were setting a precedent.

- In a similar discussion, the board voted four to one to deny an abatement for Jim Leigh/Idlewood Resort with Chair Randy Neumann voting against it.

The property was reclassified from Seasonal Resort to Commercial. This change was made for the 2017 assessment, taxes payable in 2018 because the Assessor's Office did not receive the annual required financial information from the owner.

"The assessor's staff contacted Mr. Leigh through mailings and phone conversations prior to making this classification change," said Odden.

Additional mailings were sent after the fact. Property owners who were affected by this change are requesting the Todd County Board of Commissioners to retroactively classify these parcels as Seasonal Resort, according to Odden.

He said that his office did everything right.

Neumann said he had no idea what was going on with the resort because he had not been contacted.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that if they approved this abatement, it would create a deficit for the city and school in Osakis because they had received their part of the \$19,096 which was the difference in the tax amount when it was reclassified.

There were three applications for abatement with this because two parcels had been sold and those who bought those parcels inherited the problem of the reclassification.

Kircher said it would again set a precedent, but he did feel bad for the two owners who bought the parcels.

- In an effort to increase efficiency and overall effectiveness of the Public Works Maintenance Division, a mid-level supervisory position was considered and approved to be added to the organizational chart. This position will assist in managing the 15 heavy equipment operators spread throughout three different maintenance shops in the county.

The board approved the promotion of Linus Koval to the Lead Person position at a Grade 9, Step 8 (\$28.21/hour) and adjusted the pay rate of the Maintenance Foreman one step to a Grade 11, Step 5 (\$29/hour) with both of these adjust-

ments being effective the first full payroll week after July 1.

- State Transportation grant funds have been received for two bridge projects in the amount of \$89,036.50 for Bridge #77J92 and \$135,714.70 for Bridge #77J90.

- Due to a lack of space, the Public Works Department has been forced to store multiple pieces of road maintenance equipment outside during both the winter and summer seasons. Commissioners approved the low bid of \$89,535.74 from Miller Brothers Construction to construct a 60' x 136' x 16' steel pole shed at the Public Works Northern Shop.

- Accepted the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture for \$20,000. The application had been for \$29,848.

County Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp said that she removed some items from the application like a GPS and software as well as some per diems and one meeting.

- The Todd County Sheriff's office applied for and received a Federal Boating Safety Equipment Grant. This \$3,169 grant will be used to purchase six buoys, six solar lights, and chain and links for the buoys.

- Approved a letter of support for CTC which is seeking a grant to help expand broadband connection and add fiber in Todd County. CTC has offered to partner on a grant to expand fiber to Moran Township. CTC is willing to provide the additional matching funds required for the grant. They're working with the township on finding a location for a "public" computing station.

- The discussion on adding a full time administrative assistant which would allow for backup of payroll, help to scan the back log of personnel files and help update the human resource information system with our backlog of personnel information was initially requested to be tabled by Commissioner Barb Becker until the June 5 work session.

"We should meet with Sarah Ogren and Kathleen Nauber (in HR and payroll) so they can tell us what they really need and work on a job description," said Becker.

Kircher disagreed. "We finally get a recommendation and then we do this (table it). We are kicking the can down the road, again. We have done this for five years," he said.

Becker said that they needed the "right people with the right job descriptions."

Coordinator Joe Hatch said that they had worked really hard and diligently to catch the HR department up. They made changes where needed, but now needed the capacity and support to keep the office going.

"I strongly recommend you do this," said Hatch.

Neumann said he agreed with Kircher and with Becker, but felt that they did need to get this done.

"We'll be behind again with the resignation (of Hatch, see separate article). Hatch said that Nauber had been working very hard and had been in her position for a year and a half and was still learning.

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Preparing for a safe graduation season

National Prevention Week is an annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues. This year, National Prevention Week was May 14-19. Each day during the week had a theme, with the May 15 theme being "Prevention of Underage Drinking and Alcohol Misuse."

In observance of the day, Todd County CAD members held a Sticker Shock Event. Sticker Shock Events provide messaging around Todd County's Social Host Ordinance, reminding those purchasing liquor that it's illegal to knowingly host, permit, provide or allow gatherings where minors consume alcohol.

Todd County CAD members placed nearly 1,000 stickers on liquor store

bags, which were then returned to participating liquor stores in time for upcoming graduation and Memorial Day parties. Participating liquor stores included Ernie's in Staples, Traditions in Bertha, Browerville Liquor and Riverside Liquor in Long Prairie. For more information on National Prevention Week, go to <https://www.samhsa.gov/prevention-week/about>.

Pictured, Sticker Shock participants, back row from left, Ted Lelwica, Penny Olsen, Teresa Sorenson, Lilian Schneider, Kiera Dumphrope, Alexandra Davis, Gail Honek and Bob Hepokoski; front row Marge Lelwica, Krystal Yoder and Julia Davick. Not pictured, Toni Brings and Kelsi Peterson. (Submitted photos)



Trial of (17th) century argued in school

Witness Romaine Pogreba (front) is grilled by lawyer Riley Peterson during the trial of Galileo, a Staples-Motley High School history department program on April 25. Students researched the 1633 trial and whether his book about the earth revolving around the sun went against the church's edict that the sun revolved around the earth. Above left: teacher Steve Fligge, as the judge; far right: teacher Erik Johnson, as the

bailiff. Seated in back, from left: timer Alex Davis, and four jury members from the community: Onni Sharp-Anderson, Mike Gold, Pat Held and Steve Sing. Galileo was found innocent in this trial, unlike the original one where he was found guilty of heresy and sentenced to indefinite imprisonment. Galileo was kept under house arrest until his death in 1642. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Memorial Day is special to Cole

he said.

Back aboard the Stephen Potter, for the next three and a half years, "The ship was underway all the time," he said. They only stopped for repairs and tune-ups. He went to the Caribbean islands, crossed the ocean to Ireland and England. He was in England the day Queen Elizabeth started her reign.

Cole's first job on the ship was scraping and chipping paint, then repainting portions of the ship. One day he was asked if he wanted to help in the radar room. He said okay and spent the rest of his assignment reading the blips on the radar screen and communicating with the officers on the deck to tell them where the nearby ships were going and which ones were getting closer.

In 1953, the ship was called to Korea. Four ships traveled in their group and joined in bombardment of enemy positions on the shore. Cole said the USS Potter received no return fire, but two of the ships in the unit were hit and several sailors were wounded.

After the cease fire, the USS Potter was the last ship to leave Wonsan Harbor. Cole remembers transporting South Korean military personnel, with no place to accommodate them, so they just stayed out on the decks.

They also made several trips in the area, including 30 miles up the Saigon River to the city of Saigon, which later played a big role in the Vietnam War.

They headed across the Indian Ocean to Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and then Aden Arabia, the Red Sea and the Suez Canal.

After the war, Doris and Robert settled in West St. Paul, where they raised two children. Cole worked at the St. Paul Post Office.

In 1980, they retired to their home on the Crow Wing River near Motley.

"That country road brought me home," he said.

In Motley, he enjoyed seeing his grandchildren and joined the May Township Board and the Pillager Fire Board.

Doris died in 2011, and Robert stayed at the river home for five years before moving into an apartment

in town. He tries to walk every day and enjoys his new home with his memories of his previous homes and his trips abroad.

Memorial Day

Cole was one of the veterans who went on the first Honor Flight from Staples in 2008. He enjoyed the trip, mostly with other World War II veterans, although he said it was too short. While on the trip, he took a photo with Senator Bob Dole, a fellow World War II veteran.

Cole said every year he goes to the Motley Memorial Day program and usually attends one of the services at the rural cemeteries.

At age 93, he said it is hard to hear the speeches, but he wants to be there anyway.

"I think it's what I should do, show respect for those guys who never came back," said Cole.

As every military person knows, "You could have been in their place," he said.

Cole wrote a more complete history of his military experiences. At the end, he added a handwritten note:

"Sometimes when I sit with too much time to think, I wonder about all the young men who crossed my path during my time in. Basic training in Fort Hood, the replacement camps, the Island of Leyte, Hawaii and the 31st Infantry in the Philippines. How many spent their last hours on some "God forsaken island," in the South Pacific, or came home wounded in body or mind."

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Todd County Coordinator Joe Hatch resigned

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

With stated regret, the Todd County Board of Commissioners accepted the resignation of County Coordinator Joe Hatch at their May 15 meeting.

Hatch has been with the county since Feb. 27, 2017 when he officially began working to fill a long-time vacancy in the human resources and administration department.

Hatch's resignation was dated April 23.

He thanked the commissioner's for the opportunity to lead the organization and expressed his sense of pride in the work that had been accomplished.

Some of the highlighted items were in the relationships that were built not only with the commissioners, but also with many department heads and staff.

Shortly after Hatch began his work with the county, came the Eagle Valley School Involuntary Dissolution which was a political issue and gave him challenges and opportunities for growth as he learned his job and worked with the school districts.

Hatch also worked with the insurance and union contracts team finding consistency in cost of living

adjustments, insurance/benefits and comp time reductions.

"Maybe the most important item was the feedback from stewards and business agents how amicable, professional and positive the negotiations were in comparison to previous negotiations," said Hatch in his letter of resignation.

Hatch's final day of employment was May 23 with his final day in the office on May 17.

Commissioner David Kircher said, "I will reluctantly accept it (Hatch's resignation). I can't thank him enough. He communicates very well with us and the staff, but I won't stand in the way of someone who wants to improve themselves."

This sentiment was echoed by the other commissioners.

"We hit almost every goal we set. I didn't meet the goal of visiting with all the townships..." said Hatch.

"And you said you'd stay three years," said Commissioner Barb Becker.

Hatch created a checklist with the projects and timelines being worked on to help with a smooth transition.

He also recommended that the commissioners hire a firm to search for a

replacement because the potential for better applicants is broader.

He recommended David Drown Associates and provided a handout on the proposal from DDA which was later discussed during the work session which followed the regular meeting.

The cost for hiring this firm would be \$17,000 and includes professional services and all expenses including travel, advertising, personality index, intellectual profile, background checks on all finalists and more.

Because the county is in a service partnership with NJPA, the county share of the cost is expected to be \$9,500 and NJPA would pay \$7,500.

Commissioner Barb Becker said she would like to bring the proposal to a work session.

Kircher said that waiting was putting them "behind the 8-ball" and they were again "kicking the can down the road."

"We are looking at 90 days behind in the process. That will throw it into disarray. I think we need to move on this," said Kircher.

The commissioners planned on having someone from David Drown Associates at their May 22 work session.

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Board approves staff changes



Story of hard work, success

Alex Brings, right, a Staples-Motley High School student, shared his story of hard work, encouragement and successes, despite being legally blind during the Staples-Motley School Board meeting May 21. His talk earned a standing ovation from the board and audience. Frank Odell, left, has worked with Brings as a speech coach. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

community programs have meant to him. Brings is a 9th grader at Staples-Motley High School. He is also legally blind and has other health issues.

Those issues do not stop him from participating. He was in the section finals for speech and came very close to going to state competition. He runs cross country, he plays three instruments, has been on stage in theater productions and is a member of the Staples Area Men's Chorus.

Alex credits the support he's received from his parents, teachers, coaches, aides and friends for the successes he's achieved. His talk drew a standing ovation from the board and audience.

By the way, he's looking for a running partner for cross country next fall, but, Alex says, you have to be able to keep up with him.

The new reduction list included changes to the \$273,300 first approved at the March board meeting. Among the changes was the addition of a first grade teacher and a special education teacher due to enrollments at the elementary school.

Programs and services

on the final list being cut or reduced include:

- accelerated reading program,
- elementary teacher and elementary enrichment,
- middle school overloads and 1.9 full time equivalent,
- media resurces at the high school and middle school,
- high school librarian,
- high school full time equivalent depending on electives enrollments,
- College in the Schools,
- college visits,
- half time business office,
- part time superintendent,
- coding part of the superintendent's time to construction project,
- technology supply budget,
- reduce athletic competitions and transportation,
- fine arts productions and transportation,
- middle school sports shuttle bus,
- high school summer program for credit recovery.

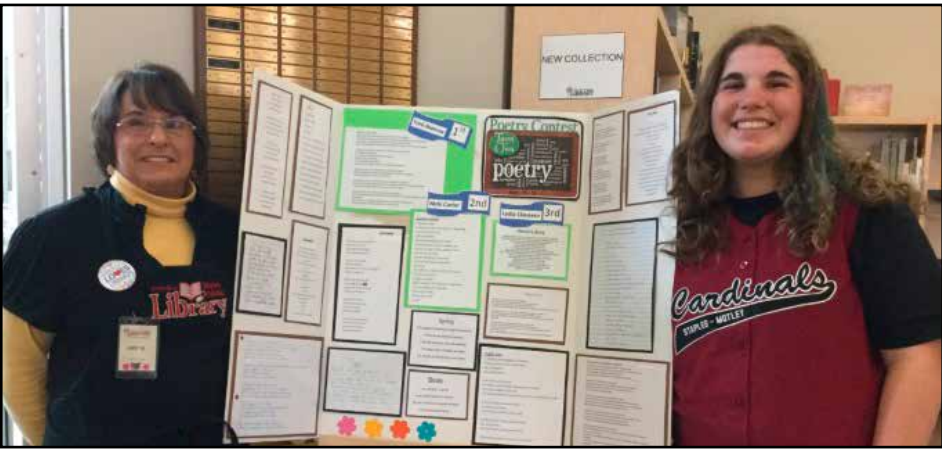
Mary Freeman noted that the reduction relating to fine arts productions was for the support the dis-

trict has given to the fall play, madrigal, high school and middle school musicals. It was not cutting the programs.

"We felt we could reduce a few things and not compromise the integrity of the programs," Freeman said. "The fine arts are not going away. They're just not funded at the level they've been funded before."

In other business the board:

- approved the capital outlay list and the SMART Board lease.
- accepted the retirement of Molly Skeesick, middle school paraprofessional.
- accepted resignations from Deb Meyer, elementary enrichment; Robin Rothstein, middle school special education; and Heather Kadus, middle school STEAM.
- approved the QCOMP career ladder positions.
- approved contracts for Mark Carlson, head wrestling coach; Mark Jacobs, activities director/physical education; Kaylie Johnson, middle school special education; Jennifer Sapp, first grade teacher; Tressa Aspros, second grade teacher; and Tammy Steffen, third grade teacher.
- approved the first reading of hiring guidelines policy.
- heard in the report from faculty union representative Jill Schneider that that staff has been without a contract for 324 days and she hoped for a fair settlement when they went to mediation June 20 so they could have a positive start for the next school year.
- heard Molly Skeesick ask the board to review how the sick bank is set up.
- heard a report from Laurie Paskewitz about the Title 1 program and how it works to bring students up to benchmarks in reading and math. Because funding has decreased, she said they have relied more on Minnesota Reading and Math Corps tutors to fill the gaps and get students the additional help they need.



Young poets share their poems

Torii Nienow, above right, earned a first place award in the teen division for her poem "Words" in the Staples Friends of the Library Tween/Teen Poetry Contest held in April, National Poetry Month. Friends Member Judy Wolak, above left, shows the display of the entries received, which is on view through May.

Below, from left; Ruthie Noordmans, second place Tween; Nicki Carter, second place Teen; Friends Member John Gorton; Estella Bock, third place Tween; and Summer Anderson, first place Tween. Lydia Claussen, third place Teen winner, was unavailable for the photo.

The Tween category was for ages 8-12 and had 16 entries. The Teen category for ages 13-18 had 18 entries. The top three winners in each category received \$20, \$30 or \$50 in Chamber Bucks. (Submitted photos)



Words

Words are the ink that slip from my pen and form into letters
They're the gleaming, black coats of muscled horses that race across the page
Each letter is a glistening jewel in the horses' manes and tails
And every apostrophe and comma are the gold buckles on the bridle and saddle

Words are the stars that fall from our lips as we speak or sing
No matter the language
The vibration of vocal cords spread stardust
And enchant the listeners
At every breath, stars collide
And the tails of comets grow with each drawn out vowel

Words are magic tricks people learn with sign language
Each movement of the hand capturing the attention of the onlookers
Their eyes wide in wonder and smiles full

Words are the peaks conquered across a page full of braille text
The exploring fingers slid across each mammoth mountain and bottomless basin
Thirsty for knowledge, they survey every nook and cranny

Words are the spider webs that connect us all together
Each connection brings people and families together, and holds the hands of lovers and friends
Words are the race horses racing across the sky with the falling stars
Giving everyone knowledge, magic, love, and a voice

By Torii Nienow

Filing open for SWCD seats

Individuals concerned about water quality and soil erosion in Wadena County should consider filing by June 5 for the position of Supervisor of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

SWCDs are special purpose units of government that manage and direct conservation programs, such as the state Cost-Share Program and others. An elected board of Supervisors governs each of Minnesota's 89 SWCDs.

This year, the Wadena SWCD has two supervisor positions up for election. SWCD candidates appear on the ballot for the general election Nov. 6. Candidates are elected countywide but must reside in one of the nomination districts up for election. These include:

- Nominating District I includes: Aldrich and Thomastown Townships, currently served by Ken Berg.
- Nominating District II includes: Leaf River and Wadena Townships, currently served by Brett Dailey.

• Nominating District III includes: Bullard, Lyon and Wing River Townships, currently served by Nancy Benson.

SWCD Supervisors serve four-year terms.

Supervisors meet monthly to discuss the business of the SWCD, including state grant allocations to landowners, district conservation priorities, coordination with other local units of government and state agencies,

and legislative priorities. Supervisors do not receive a salary, although they do receive compensation for attending meetings and are reimbursed for expenses.

Those interested in running for supervisor should file at the Wadena County Auditor's office: May 22 through June 5. Additional information about the SWCD can be found online at www.wadenaswcd.org or by calling the office at 218-631-3195 ext. 4.

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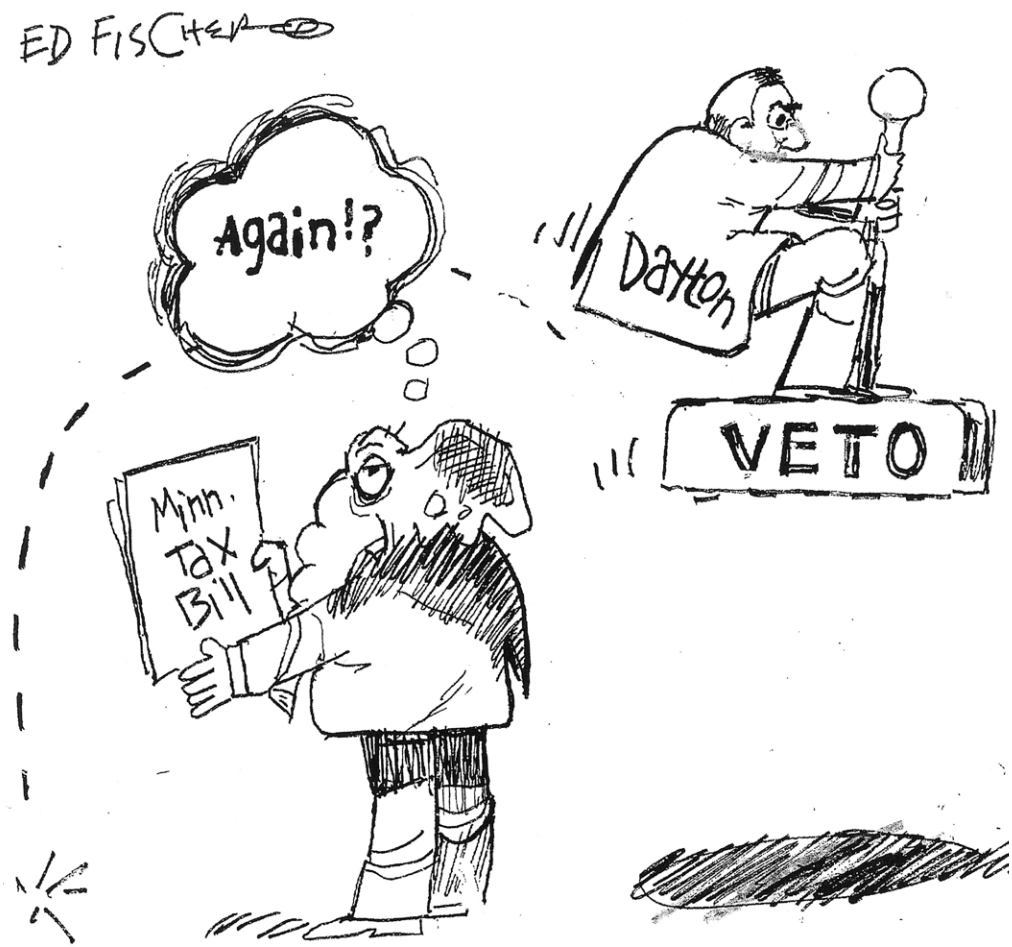
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Fourth annual LAPS banquet was a success

By Lisa Boie

‘What a great evening - fellowship, food and friends and coming alongside the ministry of LAPS (Unplanned Pregnancy? Compassionate Care, Practical Help and Accurate Information for Women and Men) in Staples,’ said an attendee.

The audience heard Peter Heck from Indiana provide a thought provoking, challenging presentation to an audience of 310 people at the Timbers Restaurant and Event Center April 17. Heck made them laugh, reflect and think.

Instead of showing a PowerPoint of statistics, he asked them to close their eyes as he let them listen to the sound ‘of lives lost in America’ as single BB’s, each representing 10,000 lives, were dropped onto the sides of an empty bucket ... the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the First and Second World Wars, the Korean Conflict, the VietNam War ...the few seconds of those fall-

ing BB’s were jarring ... then the War against the Unborn - and the sound of BB’s falling lasted for 35 seconds ... that was provoking.

The audience was challenged to do something where they could make a difference ... not to change a national law or effect sweeping cultural changes, but to make a difference, individually. Make a difference right where they were in their lives ... their families, work places, schools, and neighborhoods - influence the sphere of people around them, influence that can begin and continue to win the war against the unborn.

Heck quoted from Vice President Al Gore when he spoke in Colorado after the Columbine shooting, “In a culture rife with violence, where too many young people place too little value on human life ... we can rise up and say, ‘No More!’ ”

An encouraging quote and then Heck asked the question, “Why do young people think this way?”

Before the audience had enough time to answer he offered, “We know why ... when youth are taught they are nothing more than a cosmic accident with no purpose to their lives, when youth of America are taught that murdering an infant is a choice, when youth are taught that killing the unwanted elderly is humane, when you teach the youth of America that killing the sick and dying is ethical and it’s justifiable, when you teach the youth of America that suicide is okay - as long as it’s assisted by a physician and if you are a young mom with a brain tumor, it’s not only okay, it’s courageous to put yourself to sleep ... when you teach the youth of America these things - what you have taught the youth of America is that life means nothing ... and then we ask ourselves ‘why are too many young people putting too little value on life?’”

Perhaps, there is enough in Heck’s presentation, insight and challenge that we will choose to speak up to make a difference in our sphere of influence ... that can begin and continue to win the war against the unborn.

Lakes Area Pregnancy Support (LAPS) is a non-profit, faith based ministry service of clothing/equipment materials and education to moms and dads in need of our support in their pregnancy. All services are free and confidential.

The Staples office is the satellite of the Brainerd office and has been operational for over four years. They are located at 616 4th St. NE, Staples (across from the High Rise).

Anyone interested in learning more about their services can call 218-895-5200.

Boie is the director of the Staples branch of Lakes Area Pregnancy Support.

Supporting a free and open internet

By Senator Amy Klobuchar

Minnesotans in rural communities across our state are at risk of losing their access to a free and open internet.

People like Lane from Avon, who at 21-years-old is worried about getting his graphic design business off the ground. The internet has helped him get the word out about his designs and he plans to use that momentum to set up his own company, but he’s worried that recent changes to net neutrality rules could make it harder for his small business to succeed. Minnesotans and Americans across the country share this young entrepreneur’s concerns.

For years, the internet has allowed businesses to compete on a level playing field. It has given Americans access to television shows and day-to-day information on everything from driving directions to restaurant reviews.

This openness online has been possible because our net neutrality rules prevented internet service providers from discriminating against certain people, content, platforms and websites by charging more for equal access. The law made sure all data was treated equally. These rules formed the bedrock beneath the open internet by preventing big internet service providers from blocking, slowing and prioritizing web traffic.

But the Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC) vote to end those protections threatens to change the way we communicate with each other, how companies do business, how consumers buy goods and even how we educate our kids.

It means that big internet service providers will be able to discriminate against businesses, content and users, charge more for their competitor’s content or slow down internet service arbitrarily. A two-tiered system that creates a fast lane only for those who can afford it and a slow lane for everyone else is just wrong.

And many Americans agree. When the FCC announced its proposal to eliminate net neutrality protections earlier this year, people pushed back and filed millions of comments supporting a free and open internet.

Repealing net neutrality rules could hit rural Minnesota especially hard. For

many rural consumers with only one choice for internet service, there’s no real opportunity to comparison shop or find a new provider if they’re unhappy with their service. This hurts all consumers, but especially those who run and operate their own businesses.

People like the owners of Aimclear in Duluth. Small businesses rely on the internet to advertise, sell their products directly to consumers and interact with clients. Aimclear has grown from one woman at her kitchen table to a successful digital marketing firm and that may not have been possible if they’d been forced to pay extra just to compete online.

We can’t allow internet service providers, instead of consumers, to be in charge of determining the future of the internet. That’s why I joined 49 of my colleagues in the Senate on a bill to overturn Chairman Pai’s plan and protect net neutrality rules.

We’re very close to getting the support we need - we have the 30 co-sponsors necessary to start debate on the legislation and we are only one vote short of the 51 votes needed for it to pass the Senate. I signed a petition that would force a vote on this bill - passing this bill in the Senate is an important step in the right direction.

I’ve long been a supporter of a free and open internet, and in the Senate, I’ve fought to increase broadband access for our rural communities. We’ve come a long way over the last few years to connect people to educational and economic opportunities. But the FCC’s decision will undo so much of that progress by limiting competition, hindering innovation, and hurting small business entrepreneurship.

We shouldn’t make it harder for small businesses to start, grow and thrive. We shouldn’t be making it more difficult for them to advertise on the internet, or for individuals to access it.

I’ll keep the pressure on for a fair, free and open internet that keeps rural communities and small businesses like Lane’s and Aimclear on track to compete and innovate in an increasingly global economy. Its good policy and its good business.

Amy Klobuchar serves Minnesota in the U.S. Senate. She can be reached at 202-224-3244 or <http://klobuchar.senate.gov>.

Letters to the Editor

Bandshell update and thank you

The purpose of this letter is twofold. The first is to give everyone in the Staples Motley area an update on the rebuilding of the bandshell used every summer for “Music in the Park.” The second is to express my amazement with the generosity of our interested residents.

The 50 year old bandshell was stripped down to the skeleton and rebuilt with new material. The outside is now pre-painted metal siding that’s very durable. The inside is a gleaming white finish that will also last a long time given the fact that there should be no more water leaks.

All lights are working and electrical outlets have been added for the performers’ instruments and amplifiers.

The large door now opens with the hydraulic system on board. There really was nothing wrong

with the pump; it just simply couldn’t lift the weight of the wet soggy plywood found in the old door. New material installed in the big door is much lighter so the hydraulic opening is now possible.

The last job of installing a more durable floor covering was completed last week.

After that, the bandshell is ready to move back to the park for this season’s performances.

None of this could have happened without the generous support of the people and businesses of the Staples Motley area. Well over \$4,000 was raised to pay for materials used in the project. In addition, there were wonderful in-kind contributions.

Thank you all for your generous donations.

The results will allow us to create a maintenance fund for future repairs and improvements if needed. We’re also considering funding an appreciation picnic prior to one of the summer performances.

I would like to thank my volunteer crew for all the work they have done on the rebuild. Joe Hasselberg, Don Dravis and Rick Anderson were great co-workers on the project.

The rebuild illustrates what a great community we all live in and what can be done when we work together. This community really needs a more permanent and larger bandshell, but this rebuild will bridge the gap until that becomes a reality.

Thanks for all your support. You are all great!

Bruce Nelsen
Staples, Minn.

Student power over mass killings

In the wake of yet another mass killing taking place in one of our schools, our dear children are crying out for action to be taken to stop this carnage. We all agree that they have a right to attend school and get their education without the fear of death.

However, I have not seen any reference to the power that students themselves have to control the mass killings taking place in our nation. Many school districts are spending money updating lock systems, bullet-proof glass and more.

There’s a powerful chant for gun control. (I personally cannot understand the delay in background checks, which is common sense.) But are any of these measures totally foolproof?

These mass killings are being executed by fellow students. Children who are legally admitted daily to their school building. Dear Students ... listen up. You ... each and everyone of you hold more power to stop this carnage than any government official or any law that can be passed.

Almost without exception these horrendous acts are being carried out by kids labeled as “outcasts,” “odd,” “introverts,” etc. As fellow students you know better than anyone else who these kids are.

They are kids who’ve lost hope in life, they’ve been emotionally (and often physically) abused, rejected by their peers and in some cases by their parents. Their misguided defense is to rebel against society by being as different in clothing and actions as they can be.

What do they need to defuse their anger?

Friends. Real, sincere friends. Friends they can trust, who will listen without judging, who will be kind and include them in their “groups.”

Is this easy? No. Will your friends readily agree to follow your example? Maybe not. In spite of this, are you willing to take the first step? Your life or the life of someone you care about might depend on it.

Dorothy Larson
Motley, Minn.

Early Deadlines

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the deadline for the May 31 Staples World is 5 p.m. Friday, May 25.

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Current Happenings

Community education offers variety of summer recreation

A number of summer recreation opportunities, offered by Staples-Motley Community Education, are available to both youth and adults. A sampling of these opportunities are listed below.

- **Community Gardens.** Garden plots, measuring 20 ft. x 20 ft., available on a first come, first serve basis. Irrigation provided and

applied by CLC Ag Center staff.

- **Youth Baseball. T-Ball/Pee Wee League,** ages four - second grade (school year 2018-19). Weds, June 13 - July 25, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; **Minor League,** grades 3 - 4, Mon. and Weds, June 11 - July 25, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.; **Little League,** grades 5 - 7, Mon and Weds, June 4 - July 25, 6:30 - 8:30

p.m. *All Leagues are open to both boys and girls.*

- **Babe Ruth Baseball.** Competitive league. Ages 15 and under teams; and 13 and under teams. Games will be played on Tue. and Thurs. evenings. Practice schedules TBD.

- **Cardinal Football. Spring practice,** grades 9 - 12, June 11 - 13, 10 a.m. - noon, free; **High school football mini camp,** grades 9 - 12, July 16 - 18, 10 a.m. - noon, free; **Team Camp Prep,** grades 9 - 12, July 23 - 24, 10 a.m. - noon, free. **SMSU (Southwest MN State University) team football camp,** July 25 - 27, for grades 9 - 12; **Junior high football camp,** grades 7 - 8, July 16 - 18, 1 - 2:30 p.m.; **Youth Cardinal Football Camp,** grades 3 - 6, July 16 - 18, 1 - 2:30.

- **Driver Improvement.** Drivers age 50 and older. Four-hr refresher courses June 8, 1 p.m.; and June 12, 5 p.m., at Staples Community Center.

- **Paint Works class.** June 4, 6 p.m., at The Vin-

tage golf course, Staples; July 9 and Aug. 6, location to be determined. You will bring home your 16x20 canvas art.

- **Golf: Instructors Bill, Andrew and Emily Israelson, The Vintage golf course,** Fri., June 15 - July 13. Grades k - 3, 9 - 10:30 a.m.; Grades 4 - 8, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- **Tennis: Instructors Jacque and Nick Doll, Staples tennis courts.** Mon, June 4 - July 16; separate classes offered for grades pre-k - 12. Private lesson also available.

- **Volleyball: Instructor Gretchen Bestland,** grades 5 - 10, Mon. June 11 - 23, 5 - 6:30 p.m.; grades 9 - 12, Weds., June 13 - July 25, 5 - 7 p.m. Volleyball camp: Instructor Heidi Smith, June 12 - 14, grades 9 - 12, 9 a.m. - noon; and grades 6 - 8, 1 - 4 p.m. All classes; SMHS south gym.

- **Strength and Conditioning: Chris Kappler, instructor.** Tues. and Thurs., June 12 - Aug. 2, 8 - 10 a.m., SMHS weight room. Open

to grades 6 - 12.

- **Babysitting class:** offered by Lakewood Health System, Fri. June 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., for students who've completed 5th grade. To pre-register by June 1, call 218-894-8623.

- **Trap shooting.** Grades 6 - 11, five Weds. beginning July 18, 6 - 8 p.m., Staples Sportsmen's Club. Instructor, Steve Benson.

- **Elementary Boys and Girls Basketball.** Grades 1 - 2, Mon. June 11 - July 16, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., SM Elementary Gym, Tim Rutten, instructor. Grade 3, Tues., June 12 - July 24, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, instructor Amber Robben.

- **Boys and Girls Basketball.** Variety of programs for grades 4 - 12; June and July. Instructors: Micheal Poncelet, Tim Rutten, Cy Bestland, Alisha Miller. Classes held at SMHS.

- **Intro to Wrestling program,** June 4 - 8, SMHS wrestling rm., 9 - 10 a.m.

- **ACT Test Prep: Kermit Klefsaas, instructor,** SMHS,

Rm. 309, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mon., June 25; Sat., June 30; Mon. July 16, Mon. Aug. 6.

- **Florida Fun - Information sessions** on trip to Florida during MEA in October. Free sessions Monday, June 4; Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m., SMHS rm. 309.

- **Children's Gardening at Living Legacy Gardens.** For grades k - 6, Wednesdays, June 6 and 20, July 11 and 25, Aug. 8 and 22, 9:30 - 11 a.m.

- **All Around Town, family adventure.** Sponsored by SM Early Childhood Family Education. Tues., 9 a.m., June 5, 12, 19 and 26. Pre-register by May 30, call 218-894-5400 ext. 3531.

For class descriptions and rates or to register see the community education brochure on counters in the community or on Staples-Motley Schools website at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us. Click on the Community Education tab. Online registration can also be found there or by calling 218-894-2497.

Staples Library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to K. Sign up at the library during open hours. Sponsored by Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition.

Workforce Center visit - May 2

A Workforce Center staff person will be available the first Wednesday each month from 2-4 p.m. to assist job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance. For adults.

Tech Time - May 2

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle

or other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library website or use ebooks but aren't sure how to? Tech help will be available the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m.-noon. Call ahead or drop in for individual help from a Great River Regional Librarian. For teens or adults.

For more information on any of the activities contact the library at 218-894-1401.

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

Legislative update meeting

The Todd County Farm Bureau will host a Legislative Update Meeting at the Browerville Community Center Tuesday, June 5, with a social time at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m.

Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka and Representative John Poston have indicated they will attend to give a briefing about the past legislative session. Representative Ron Kresha has also been invited.

The public is invited to attend.

Mark Your Calendar

June 4 - 8

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - STAPLES CHURCH OF CHRIST Mon., June 4 - Friday, June 8, 6 - 8:15 p.m. Ages three years to adult. Snacks, games, songs, fun for all. Everyone welcome. The church is located at 27343 490th St., across from Pine Grove Park. For more info., 218-894-2609.

Educational Opportunities

June 11

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT REFRESHER COURSE hosted by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Mon., June 11, 1 - 5 p.m. at the Staples Community Center. For info., to register, 888-234-1294.

June 12

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT REFRESHER COURSE hosted by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues., June 12, 5 - 9 p.m. at the Staples Community Center. For info., to register, 888-234-1294.

COZY THEATRE
WADENA, MN
Screen 1
"SOLO"
Fri. thru Thurs. May 25 - June 14
Fri. Sat. Sun. 2 Shows at 7:00 & 9:30
Mon. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:00
Matinee Sun. May 27 at 1:15 pm
Special Advance Screening
Thurs. May 24 at 7:00 pm!

Screen 2
"DEADPOOL 2" *Held Over 2nd Week*
Fri. thru Thurs. May 25 - 31
Fri. Sat. Sun. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:30
Mon. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinee Sun. May 27 at 1:25 pm

Screen 3
"BOOK CLUB" *Held Over 2nd Week*
Fri. thru Thurs. May 25 - 31
Fri. Sat. Sun. 2 Shows at 7:15 & 9:30
Mon. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
Matinee Sun. May 27 at 1:30 pm

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LAMP CAMP 2018
"HANSEL & GRETEL"

JUNE 11-22
Centennial Auditorium, Staples
TUITION: \$100
(Partial and/or full scholarships available upon review of LCT Board of Directors.)

8:30AM-12:30PM
8-12 YEAR OLDS

1:30PM-5:30PM
13-18 YEAR OLDS

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JUNE 22 7:00PM

We will help each student to discover their own unique gifts and to develop a passion for theater while providing the tools and resources needed for them to be successful.

The camp this year has some added theater fixtures. Along with Improv, music, and dance, we will be working on costumes, make up, set design and some lighting.

Justin Edin
Artistic Director
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Music Director

Nicolette Paskewitz
Choreographer

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Due to Memorial Day Observance
the deadline for the
May 31 edition of the Staples World is
Friday, May 25, 5 p.m.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:15 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class..... 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth 6:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples..... 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult)..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday 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. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday..... 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
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 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.
Starting JUNE 2 - 10:30 a.m. Worship Service; 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class..... 10:15 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg 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
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton..... 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

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

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

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

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. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley..... 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg 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
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor 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 Hoffer
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.

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
Church..... 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Sell 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.

Are we on Guard for our Children's Spiritual Interests?

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

WAYS TO DISCOURAGE YOUR CHILD'S INTEREST IN GOD:

1. Dress them for looks and not for action
2. Keep them or let them stay out late on Saturday nights.
3. Always be late and in a hurry.
4. Argue and quarrel on the way to church
5. Make your kids go to Sunday School when you don't feel like going.
6. Carry your Bible to church but you don't open it to read it at home.
7. Don't care about or support youth activities and camps.
8. Criticize and "put down" church leaders and other members.
9. Constantly emphasize and focus on material needs, wants and desires, giving them priority over the spiritual.
10. Discipline from anger, rather than love.

You can be sure that children, at one time or another, will not want to go to church. When your child is hedging about church, don't wait! Dig in and find out why. We wouldn't wait six to 12 months to take our child to the doctor if he was sick. So, don't wait when your child shows signs of spiritual resistance. Coming to God's house should be a joy and a delight - and it will be if your child sees that joy and delight in his parents. So, parents, let's do our part to make that a reality for our children.

GUARD YOUR HOME: We're being robbed without knowing it. Some things are missing, others substituted.

1. The Bible:
Is your Bible under a pile of newspapers and magazines? If not in its proper place, there is uncertainty, confusion, weakness and trust in man instead of reliance on God.

2. The Family Altar:
Does the family gather to read and to pray? Then, what is left to bind your home closely together in the face of today's tensions?

3. Communications:
A radio or two, a TV, telephones - but in a robbed house the communication line with God is severed or hanging by a thread. No asking and receiving of His guidance; no time to wait on Him for the Word, "This is the way; "Walk ye in it."

How about prayer? Is it gone? Dwindling?

4. Our Values:
Fun is substituted for joy when the thieves have been around. Self becomes paramount; Christ is crowded away from the stolen. Look again; maybe your sense of value has been stolen!

5. Discipline:
Both self-discipline and that of the children may have been taken. Better check again.

6. Grace at Meals:
No, not a triviality. It is a vital acknowledgement of God as the source of all good. Satan would rob us of all that glorifies God!!!

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

Ernie's Food Market
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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Symphony Orchestra

The Section-State Solo and Ensemble Music Contest was held May 5, at the Staples-Motley High School. The SMHS Orchestra had 29 student entries, with all 29 receiving superior ratings.

"In my 11 years of teaching here, I've never had that happen before," said director John Koopmann. "This demonstrates the students' commitment to improving upon their sub-section contest performance. I'm very proud of their

work ethic."

Above: Students in the Symphony Orchestra receiving superior ratings: front, left to right: Iain Sams, Alex Brings, Aubrey Brandt, Evelyn Gonzales, Rose Han, Tabetha Allen, Madysen Hull. Back: Lexi Tweeter, Morgan Becker, Shayliegh Sumey, Oliver Lund, Torii Nienow, Lizzy Noble, Cassidy Radueg, William Thew. Not pictured: Chandler Braith.



Chamber Orchestra

Students in the Chamber Orchestra receiving superior ratings were, front, left to right: Natasha Brings, Rachel Paskewitz, Juanita DeWald, Delaney Larson, Macy Judd, Emma Colsen, James Vold. Back: Rebecca Brown, Abby Brown, Jadyn Kincaid, Alex McIlravy, Anna Bloomquist, Trenton Plopper, Abby Seamann, Jeffrey Allen, Jakob Stangle, Gage Kieffer.

Receiving "Best in Site" with a per-

fect score was the string quintet of: Natasha Brings, Macy Judd, Trenton Plopper, Rachel Paskewitz and Gage Kieffer, performing, "Allegro in D Major" by Antonio Vivaldi.

"Star Performer" recognition included: Natasha Brings performing the "Theme from Schindler's List", Trenton Plopper performing "Vocalise" and Alex McIlravy performing "Concertino in D". (Submitted photos)

Runzel named finalist for educational award

Local residents can participate in public voting

Staples-Motley High School teacher Phyllis Runzel has been named a finalist in the first Educator Impact Awards created by Odysseyware®, a leading provider of customizable online courses for K-12 education.

Runzel was selected for her innovative use of alternative education content for the improvement of student outcomes. She teaches all male students in grades 8-12 transitioning out of drug and alcohol treatment facilities.

Runzel now advances to the public voting round of the competition at www.odysseyware.com/ed-impact-awards. Voting closes on June 1, 2018.

"Odysseyware allows me to teach with integrity," said Runzel. "Odysseyware's format provides students with immediate feedback, and most of them see higher grades than they believed they were capable of achieving. Every student leaves the Care and Treatment Program with more hope than they came with and knowledge that cannot be taken from them."

Odysseyware makes grading and keeping track of individual student progress very easy, which is required for monthly reports to parents, residen-



Phyllis Runzel

tial facilities and probation officers. Odysseyware helps to motivate Runzel's students and ensure their academic needs are met as well as provide them with newfound knowledge and confidence. Odysseyware's full-range of courses at the middle school and high school level allows Runzel to find courses that fit the individual needs of her students.

"Phyllis Runzel is a dedicated teacher who consistently goes above and beyond for the students of Staples-Motley School District," said Mike Schmidt, administrator for Staples-Motley High School. "I encourage parents, students and local residents alike to vote for Phyllis to ensure she receives this hard-earned recognition for her great work."

Finalists were selected

from categories including Blended Learning Classroom Teacher, Alternative Education Teacher, Competency Learning Teacher and Career Technical Education Teacher.

One winner from each category will receive a mobile charging cart from Spectrum Industries, Inc.; a \$500 stipend toward ISTE conference travel or attendance; and a Chromebook as well as their choice of an Odysseyware Online Professional Development AODT site license and two webinar hours; or an Odysseyware ClassPace Blended Learning solution school license and a one-day Face-to-Face Professional Development. Each category's runners-up will be recognized on the Odysseyware website and will receive a gift of appreciation for their commitment to the children they serve.

Winners will be notified in writing on June 4, 2018 and will be recognized at the Odysseyware Educator Impact Awards reception in Chicago on June 26. Attendance is not required for the award to be received.

Additional information about Odysseyware's Educator Impact Awards can be found at <https://www.odysseyware.com/ed-impact-awards>. Join the conversation on social media at #EdImpactAwards.

Care Center

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lora Miller, June 2; Loren Grover, June 9; Janice Klopp, June 12; Dorothy Komro, June 24; Shirley Griffith, June 25; Bonnie Meacham, June 26; James Madson, June 26; Virgil Collison, June 27

JUNE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Fri., June 1, 10 a.m. Cappuccino

Senior Schedule

June, 2018 Staples Senior Schedule

Free legal aid: from St. Cloud, Thurs., June 7, 1:30-3 p.m. Call 218-894-2553 for appointment.

Staples Senior 500 Card Club: noon, Thurs., June 7, 21 and Mon., June 18, 25, Staples Community Center (first and third Thursday; third and fourth Monday each month).

Whist: noon, Tues. June 7 and 21

Lunch and penny bingo: every Weds., noon. Call Carol Olsen, 218-894-1712 or 218-894-2556 for meal reservations.

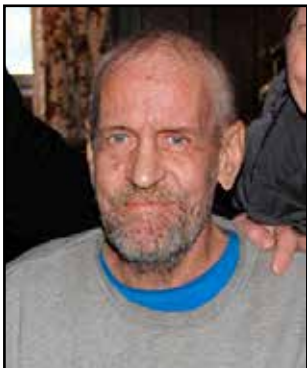
Board meeting: Mon., June 12, 10 a.m.

Birthday/Anniversary celebration: Tuesday, June 13, noon

TCCA monthly meeting at Staples Community Center, Weds., June 20, 1:30 pm. w/speaker: Pie and ice cream following the meeting. All welcome.

Call 218-894-2556 to register for meals - Evening Meal served on Thursdays, June 14, 21, 28

Obituary



SW file photo

Ronald Wonders

Ronald J. Wonders, 60, of Staples, passed away May 20, 2018, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, June 2, at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Ron was born to Robert and Marjorie (Spreiter) Wonders on April 6, 1958 in Staples. He graduated from Staples High School in 1976.

Ron is survived by his mother; one brother, Doug Wonders of Motley; one sister, Karen (Joe) Zetah of Cushing; two nieces, Katie (Jose) Alba of Wadena and Kelsey Zetah of Cushing and one nephew, Jacob (Alison) Zetah of Cushing. He was preceded in death by his father.

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Book lover

Ephraim Roiko, son of Josh and Amanda Roiko, has completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program sponsored by the Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition (SMECC) and the Staples Public Library. Pictured with Ephraim are Cathy Perish, left, library coordinator; and Beth Fabian of SMECC. (Submitted photo)

Donation received for early childhood reading program

The Staples Public Library recently accepted a \$300 donation to support the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, co-sponsored with the Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition.

The family of Richard "Dick" Jex designated the funds from his estate specifically to that program. Jex died recently but had been a library volunteer. He requested donations to the library.

The family's donation letter read, in part:

"Richard, our brother-in-law's father, was passionate about reading, books and the important work of the Staples Public Library . . . As a family of optometrists who specialize in vision and learning, we are passionate about early childhood learning and the importance of daily reading to young children to create literacy, enable early and lifelong learning and nurture success in life.

"Active in the Children's Reading Foundation of the Mid-Columbia



Richard Jex

(Washington state), we seek to create awareness of reading 20 minutes each day to children and the important role parents, family and caregivers play in raising eager readers.

"Your 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is an innovative way to encourage reading to the very young, a mantra of Richard's. We hope our donation will help you reach more Staples community children and families.

"We can't think of a better way to honor Richard Jex."

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Amanda and Eric Travers of Brainerd, a baby girl, Corinne Gertrude weighing eight pounds, one ounce on May 11, 2018.

Born to Taylor Jasmer and Joseph Schuety of Staples, a baby girl, Sophia Marie weighing eight pounds, one ounce on May 12, 2018.

Born to Tracie and Ryan Hagenson of Pillager, a baby boy, Isaac Norman weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on May 14, 2018.

Born to Trista and Greg Babineau of Baxter, a baby girl, Blakely Layne weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on May 16, 2018.

Born to Kristianna DeVore and Matthew Huesmann of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Elisiana Rosa Le weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on May 16, 2018.

Born to Destiny and Kyle Brooks of Verndale, a baby boy, Jackson Edward weighing seven pounds, four ounces on May 17, 2018.

Born to Amber and Kevin O'Keefe of Staples, a baby girl, Molly Lynn weighing nine pounds on May 17, 2018.

Born to Jessica and Ryan Keddy of Sebeka, a baby girl, Caroline Anne weighing eight pounds, five ounces on May 18, 2018.

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

Born to Sausha and Brian Cox of Staples a baby girl, Janavive Denielle weighing nine pounds, six ounces on May 18, 2018 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena. Siblings are Matthew, Timothy, Hailee, Briahna and Rosalie. Grandparents are Mike and Shannon Chenoweth, Becky Zeckser and Charlie Cox.

Todd County Historical Society

The Todd County Historical Society learned at their May 7 meeting that the museum will be hosting school tours on May

23, 24 and 25.

They were informed that the old Hart Press printer from LSC Communications, won't becoming to the museum because it's too heavy to be moved.

There was discussion on planning a day trip to Battle Lake to see the largest civil war display in the state, then to the 1862 Forest City stockade and the Litchfield GAR Hall which also has civil war memorabilia.

John Kroll gave a program on the diphtheria epidemic in Long Prairie.

The next meeting will be June 4, at 7 p.m.

Benefit Fundraiser for Kim Riewer



Sat., June 2
Lefty's, Staples
10 a.m.-6 p.m.

*Bean bag tourney
*Freewill donation meal *T-shirts for sale *Raffle
Info: 218-894-9979

Kim has breast cancer, diagnosed in 2017. Help us show our support!

In honor of your 60 years of marriage, CONGRATULATIONS, Mom and Dad, Ron and Terry Lovelace!



May 31, 1958 ~ May 31, 2018

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Well done!
WE LOVE YOU, Robert, Kevin, Lorretta and our families.



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TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
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Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1. **Linda Dvorak Zoning Amendment:** NW4 of NW4 of Section 23 in Fawn Lake Township

Site Address: 32994 Pulaslaski Road PID: 08-0022700

Request to change the zoning district of this GOV 40 from AF1 zoning to AF2 zoning to increase dwelling density

2. **Ammon Hershberger:** SE4 of SE4 of Section 24 in Leslie Township

Site Address: NA Parcel: PID: 15-0028400

Conditional Use Permit request to establish a schoolhouse, Pine View School, (24' x 50') and support buildings including a horse shed (24' x 16').

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

Todd County Planning Commission
Michael Wiener, Chairperson

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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Probate Division
Court File No.: 77-PR-18-432

In Re: Estate of Irene Bernadine Olson, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 10, 2018 at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at **Todd County Government Center, 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347**, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirs of the decedent, and for the appointment of personal representative of the decedent's estate in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT
Dated: May 10, 2018
/s/ Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Dated: May 10, 20018
Brandi Farrow
Deputy Court Administrator,

Thomas H. Sellnow
(MN# 0127760)
Sellnow Law Office, P.A.
229 Central Avenue
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347
Telephone: (320) 732-1919
Facsimile: (320) 732-1922
Email:
sellnowt@sellnowlaw.com
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MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT #6004 April 25, 2018 WADENA, MN

CALLED TO ORDER at 5:01 p.m. by V. Hinojos, Chair

BY ORDER OF THE CHAIR- Chair Hinojos, recognizes B-H Board Member, K. Gavin as alternate.

Board Present: V. Hinojos-WDC; S. Veronen-Vern-dale; C. Funk-Sebeka; K. Gavin-B-H; C. Wolf-LPGE; Supts: L. Westrum- WDC; D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka; Directors: J. Nesland, L. Murdock, Admin Recorder: S. Thiel, Others: K. Barse, T. Wacholz, E. Weber, J. Skoien, J. Hendrickx and WALC Mid-Level Students.

AGENDA
MOTION by Funk, seconded by Wolf to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE- U/C

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEEKING PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE MDE "REVIEW AND COMMENT"

The Chair called for Public Comment- No Response.

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Funk to enter into record, the positive MDE "Review and Comment" and direct the Staff, and ORB to proceed in implementation of this building project. VOTE- UC

PRESENTATION
WALC Students Robotics Class presented an overview of the WALC Robotics Class. E. Weber, presented on FED's ASD Programming.

APPROVAL OF PAST BOARD MINUTES

MOTION by Wolf, seconded by Veronen to approve the 1/24/18 minutes as presented. VOTE- U/C

OLD BUSINESS- MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Funk to accept the Supt. Minutes as presented. VOTE-U/C

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Gavin to put

the Naming a FY-18 Audit Firm, back on the table and review the 3 year audit proposal from Mayer, Porter, Nelson Ltd. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Gavin to name the CPA firm of Mayer, Porter, Nelson Ltd, to be awarded the FY-18 audit, at their quote and publically call for audit proposals for the FY-19, 20, and 21 years. VOTE- U/C

NEW BUSINESS AND REPORTS- SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT-

MOTION by Wolf, seconded by Veronen to adopt the 18-19 Level IV SY calendar as presented. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Veronen to accept the RFP from Stellher for Mental Health Services effective 18/19 SY. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Gavin to approve the Food Service purchase agreements with ISD #2155 for the 18/19 SY. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Gavin, seconded by Wolf to approve a donation of an elliptical machine and a stationary bike to the Level 4 Program. VOTE- U/C

ALC/TARGETED SERVICES REPORT-

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Funk to approve the MDE/Federal Food Service purchase agreements with ISD's #2155, #2170 & #2753. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Wolf to adopt the 18-19 ALC SY calendar as presented. VOTE- U/C

REVIEWED FED ALC Summer Credit Recovery Scheduled.

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Gavin to approve the agreement with Interquest Detection Canines VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Wolf to approve the Grant from Todd Wadena Elec. Co-op of \$615 for the W-ALC Site. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Funk to approve the 18-19 SY agree-

ment with The Rising Phoenix for cleaning services for the WALC site. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Gavin, seconded by Funk to approve the 18-19 SY agreement with Northern Pines Mental Health Center for the FED ALC's. VOTE-U/C

TECHNOLOGY REPORT-

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Wolf to accept the FY19 Internet Bid from WCTA, Menahga, MN. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Hinojos to approve the 3-Year Network Agreement with TCHC. VOTE- U/C

MEMBER SERVICES-

MOTION by Wolf, seconded by Gavin to accept Frazee-Vergas School Dist. No. 23 as an Associate Member per their request for SpEd Service's effective 7/1/18. VOTE- U/C

REVIEWED 2/27/18 FED Principals Mtg Eval.

REPORTS-

REVIEWED Committee minutes and other topics.

MOTION by Gavin, seconded by Wolf to approve grant award of \$3,199 for the project of FED Gifted Consortium HS Students to attend the Walker Art Center and the MIA Memorial. VOTE- U/C

BUSINESS/FINANCES

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Veronen to approve the 1/20/18-4/20/18 cash reports and payments of checks numbered 120391-120668. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Gavin to approve Revision 3 modification of the current FY-18 financial budget as follows; VOTE- U/C

01 General Fund: Revenue \$9,083,036; Expenditures \$9,990,068

04 Community Service Fund: Revenue \$601,703; Expenditures \$615,035

06 Bldg. Fund: Revenue \$35,000; Expenditures \$0

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Hinojos to approve the cooperative continuation of the Central MN Voc Rehab program with ISD # 2170 hosting this project, per recommendation of the Supts. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Hinojos to list the US 10 E property owned by FED for sale with occupancy date to be approximately 8/2019 and with the commercial listing being with the firm of ORB, Alexandria, MN VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Gavin to approve the proposed 1 year contract for M.Ward, Carl Perkins Coord. VOTE- U/C

UPDATE The Gifted & Talented Program for FY-19 will be moved to the Region V Service Co-op, with the support from the participating Supts.

MOTION by Hinojos, seconded by Wolf to approve the annual ABE Membership Agreement for FY-19 with the Central MN ABE Consortium. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Gavin to adopt Policy # 400.9L Miscellaneous Pay to be effective 7/1/18. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Funk, seconded by Hinojos to approve the FY-18 Carl Perkins grant reallocation Secondary Basic of \$9,123.70 and the Secondary Reserve of \$1,227.65. VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Gavin, seconded by Wolf to approve the Interim FY-19 Budget as follows;

01 General Fund: Revenue \$9,542,750; Expenditures \$10,516,467

04 Community Service Fund: \$655,165; Revenue \$648,884

06 Bldg Construction Fund: Revenue \$0; Expenditures \$0

09 Agency; HR Fund: Revenue NA; Expenditures NA VOTE- U/C

MOTION by Veronen, seconded by Hinojos to approve to offer Employee Assistant Services through The Village, effective 7/1/18. VOTE- U/C

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDAMOTION

MOTION by Wolf, seconded by Hinojos to approve the items as follows;

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

FMLA request of K. Keil and J. Allen, Renaming of D. Wegscheid, SpEd Finance Mang.; Reassignment of W. Irons, E-Rate/Prog . Assist.; Resignation of M. Becker; G. Newman; Retirement of M. Breitenfeldt; Hiring of P. Schiller; K. Schanning, C. Babler; Authorization to advertise and fill 1 FTE SpEd Teacher for Level 4 Program; Voluntary Reduction of M. Grondahl, T. Brown, E. Judd, B. Andrews; Increase in days for T. Brown; ALC/TS: Lane change for L. Noll; Resignation of M. Trout; Authorization to advertise and fill ALC Inst. vacancy; Decrease in hours for S. Martinson, Hiring of C. Roe; ECFE/SR Decrease in hours for E. Hibbs; Increase in hours for B.

Faust; Retirement of M. Burton; **TECHNOLOGY:** Reassignment of G. Weber; **BUSINESS OFFICE:** Reassignment of S. Ladwig; **AGENCY WIDE:** Adopting the 2018-2020 Personnel Policy for Classified and Managers, AND Adopting a 2018-20 2 year/2.5 day/w (130) Ex. Director contract, AND Advertising and filling a Part-Time (140 days) SpEd Admin Director of Prog. & Eval, with an additional half-time (90 days) assigned teaching days. VOTE- U/C

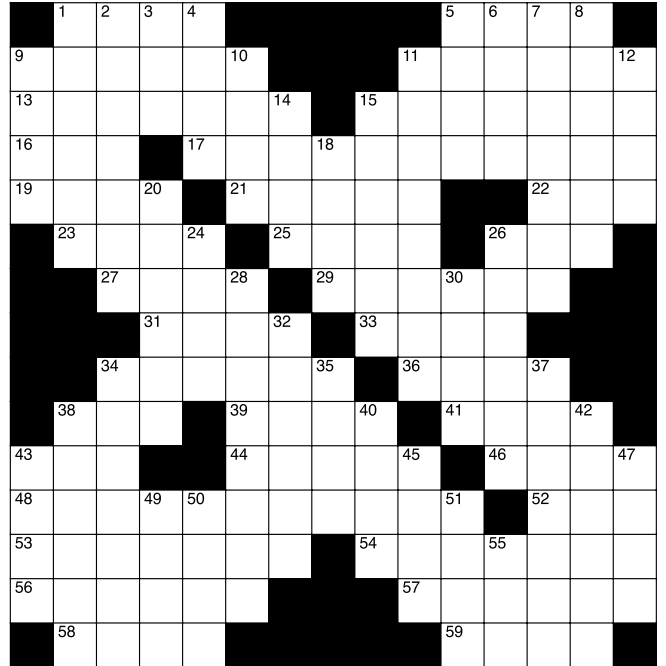
MOTION by Funk, seconded by Wolf to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. VOTE- U/C

Respectfully submitted:
Penny Benning, Clerk
Freshwater Education District

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Crossword Puzzle

Week 21



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. As fast as can be done
- 5. WC's
- 9. Religious retreat
- 11. Warfare
- 13. One you wouldn't expect
- 15. Disease-causing microorganisms
- 16. For each
- 17. Grammatical term
- 19. One point east of southeast
- 21. ___ Dern, actress
- 22. Popular HBO drama (abbr.)
- 23. Shampoo
- 25. Scale drawing of a structure
- 26. An enclosure for confining livestock
- 27. Goat-like mammal
- 29. Cigar

- 31. Appear
- 33. "Westworld" actress ___ Rachel Wood
- 34. Leaked through
- 36. The highest adult male singing voice
- 38. Musical group ___ Soundsystem
- 39. Aurochs
- 41. Crazy (Spanish)
- 43. Swiss river
- 44. Strains
- 46. Frock
- 48. Found in most body tissues
- 52. Cool!
- 53. Reasons behind
- 54. Christian recluse
- 56. Removes
- 57. Repents
- 58. Energy
- 59. Tailless amphibian

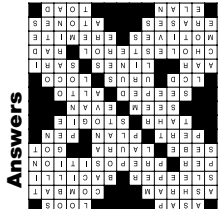
CLUES DOWN

- 1. Not awake
- 2. Type of dessert
- 3. They ___
- 4. Retired Coast Guard admiral
- 5. Gene positions
- 6. Exclude
- 7. One who is bound
- 8. Where drinks are served
- 9. Small vipers

- 10. Blackbird
- 11. Adventurer
- 12. Shade
- 14. A way to gain
- 15. A salt or ester of boric acid
- 18. Monetary units
- 20. Removed
- 24. "My country, tis of ___"
- 26. Horses
- 28. Drives back by force
- 30. Bold, impudent behavior
- 32. Rates
- 34. Types of nerves in males
- 35. A ridge of sand created by the wind
- 37. Wind instrument
- 38. Pakistani city
- 40. Dry or withered
- 42. Delivered a speech
- 43. Peak
- 45. Small waterbird
- 47. Days falling in mid-month
- 49. Elvis' daughter
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- 51. Dallas Cowboys great Leon
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CEO Trade Show reveals student businesses

Local shoppers were treated to a unique experience at the Central MN CEO Trade Show at Maasconi's Char & Bar in Verdale on May 9. The featured businesses are sole proprietorships owned by the current CEO students.

Businesses included: All Tied Together, a fleece tie blanket business owned by Amber Moen; Burck's Mowing & Moving, a business owned by Alex Burckhard; Gerard's Cards, owned by Ryan Gerard, a football card buying, selling and trading business; Katie J's Jewelry, bracelets custom made by Katie Johnson; MEH Production, a video editing business owned by Mitchel Haman; Leaf River Creations, lanyards, rice packs and pillowcases custom made by Caitlin Savage; Happy Fish Auto Detailing, interior and exterior vehicle care, by Matthew Fisher. The Furry Dogmother, a pet care business owned by CEO alum Jessica Langer was also showcased.

The students have



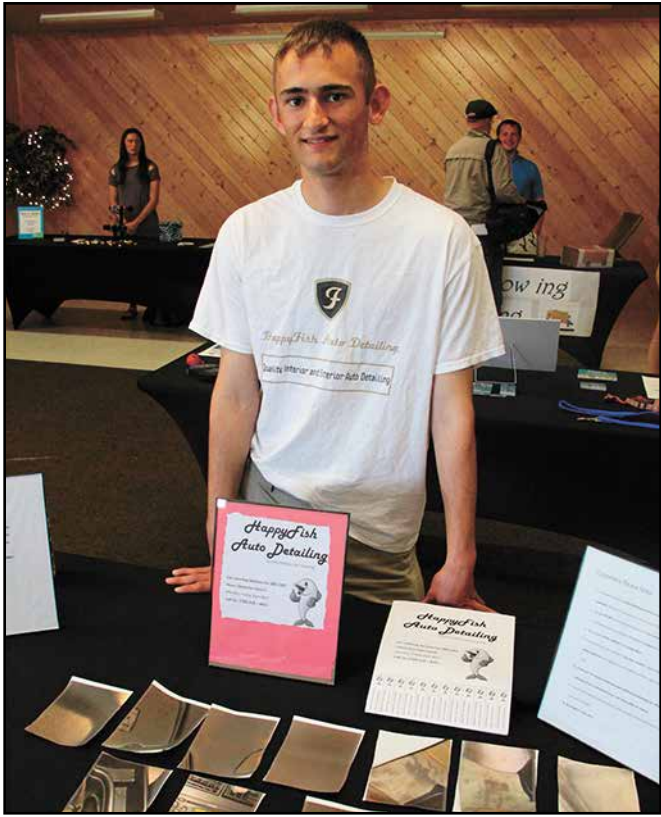
Sports memorabilia specialist

Ryan Gerard operates a sports memorabilia business, Gerard's Cards, starting with football and baseball cards from his dad's collection. Gerard said he is also going online to find ways to buy and trade cards. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

toured nearly 50 local businesses and had 20 guest speakers. With the information gained and the assistance of their business

person mentors the students created business plans. The trade show was an opportunity for the CEO students to display the

actual working businesses they created. For more information check out the class website, www.centralmnceo.com.



Happy business results

Matthew Fisher shows the basics of his car care business, Happy Fish Auto Detailing.

Fourth graders 'Get Hooked on Fishing'



Fishing stories right off the lake

Staples-Motley Middle School students couldn't wait until they got to shore before they started telling their fishing stories during the Hooked on Fishing event on May 18 at Camp Shamineau. Pictured from left, students Andrew Merida, Sadye Anderson, Alissa Hagaman, Mason Michael, Autumn Kubichek and Summer Anderson.

Twenty-two boats staffed with volunteers took children onto the lake to search for fish. Most parties returned with successful fishing stories.



Fishing poles and smiles

Katriana Beach, Britta Sweeney, Brynn Bestland, Mason Albertson and Lizzy Tangeman carried their fishing poles off the lake after enjoying the Hooked on Fishing event.



Fun with fishing

Kyra Wolpert, Rylee Nielson and Lizzy Tangeman celebrated a successful fishing trip.



Returning to shore

Mason Birkholtz, Reid Judd and Peyton Jares waved to the people on shore as they returned from their fishing trip.

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Students on the lake

Hooked on Fishing students gathered at the lake amphitheater at Camp Shamineau for a group photo following their fishing excursion. Around 90 kids took part in the event. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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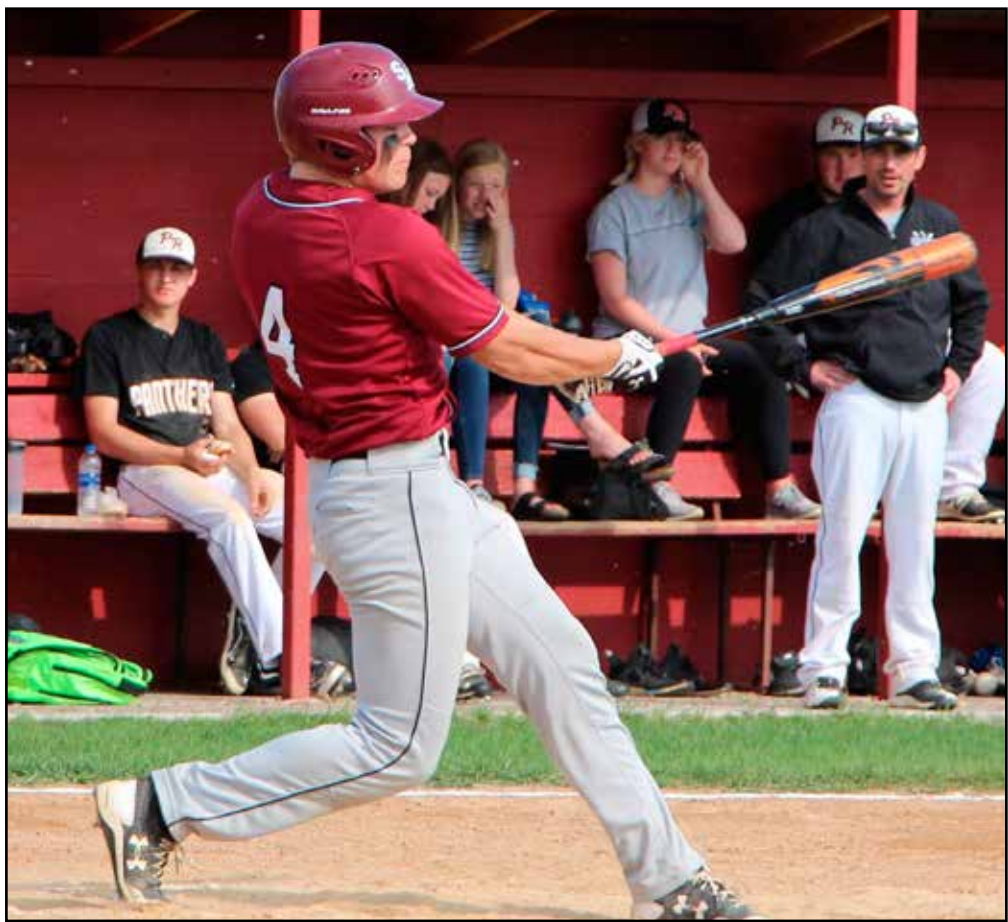
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A mighty swing

Cade Schmidt takes a whack at a pitch during the doubleheader against Park Rapids. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Baseball team hanging tough in conference

The Cardinals are 4-12 overall, but have three wins in a tough conference.

One example is the doubleheader split the Cardinals had against Park Rapids on May 17. They lost the first game 9-2 but battled back to win the second game 9-6.

The team had another doubleheader at Aitkin on May 19, where they lost the

first game 12-8 but the second game got cancelled by darkness.

The Cardinals finished their week on May 21 with a 10-0 loss at Pillager.

The Cardinals finish the regular season with a doubleheader at Verndale on Thursday, May 24, and will be seeded for playoffs with a game on Tuesday, May 29



Hitter's touch

Josh Kossan drops a bunt for a base hit in the game against Park Rapids



High heat

Reid Busker lets a pitch fly.

Mid State Conference track and field results

Staples-Motley track and field team compted in the Mid State Conference meet at Crosby-Ironton on May 18. The girls team placed fifth and the boys were third.

The Cardinals will be at their subsection meet on Thursday, May 24, at Sauk Centre and then the Section 6A meet on Thursday, May 31, at Fergus Falls.

Team results

Mid State Conference

Girls results - Pequot Lakes 199, Detroit Lakes 174, Park Rapids 134, Crosby-Ironton 98, Staples-Motley 73

100 - 9. Larken Hirschey 13.87, 10. Jordan Dechaine 13.90, 13. Heidi Lomberg 14.05

200 - 4. Aften Robinson 28.41, 6. Jenna Dvorak 29.11, 12. Brooke Ferdon 30.56

400 - 10. Kearra Mikel 1:13, 11. Isabelle Mikel 1:13

800 - 3. Kiera Dumpprope 2:33, 9. Abby Dukowitz 2:44, 14. Lili Schneider 2:59

1,600 - 3. Kira Sweeney 5:48, 4. Addison Lorber 5:53

3,200 - 1. Sweeney 12:17, 2.

Ashley Robben 12:26, 8. Abby Brown 14:30

100 hurdles - 10. Jayce Kobliska 20.10, 11. Aubrey Brandt 20.20

300 hurdles - 7. Ashley Vasquez 58.05, 10. Brandt 1:00

4x100 - 4. Vasquez, Hirschey, Lombard, Dechaine 54.12

4x200 - 5. Camryn Banaka, K. Mikel, Ferdon, Dukowitz 2:00

4x400 - 4. Banaka, Dukowitz, I. Mikel, Robinson 4x800 - 4. Lorber, Robinson, Dumpprope, Robben

High jump - 9. Aleeah Halverson 4'4"

Long jump - 13. Hirschey 13'6", 14. Banaka 12'11", 15. Ferdon 11'3"

Triple jump - 11. Kobliska 26'9", 12. Dechaine 26'5", 14. Rose Han 24'0"

Shot put - 7. Tabettha Allen 28'11", 12. Toni Brings 23'7", 15. Madysen Hull 21'4"

Discus - 4. Allen 91'0", 8. Brings 83'7", 13. Hull 60'3"

Boys results - Detroit Lakes 211, Park Rapids 160, Staples-Motley 151, Pequot Lakes 112, Crosby-Ironton 40

100 - 1. Jordon Carlson 11.67, 3. Chase Davis 11.85, 4. Zachary Carlson 11.99

200 - 2. Max Giza 22.72, 4. Davis 23.78, 6. Carlson 24.25

400 - 3. Sivert Klefsaas 54.71,

5. Cael Sams 56.37, 11. Corey Hansen 59.89

800 - 3. Matthew Fisher 2:10, 7. Bentley Christensen 2:14, 8. Jack Tyrrell 2:16

1,600 - 4. Hunter Klimek 4:58, 6. Tyrrell 5:06

3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 10:13, 2. Klimek 10:36, 7. Tanner Robben 11:01

110 hurdles - 2. Giza 15.07, 8. Sam Jennissen 21.79

300 hurdles - 2. Giza 40.30, 6. Scout Strickland 49.85, 11. Jennissen 55.96

4x100 - 1. J. Carlson, Sams, Z. Carlson, Davis 45.88

4x200 - 4. Klefsaas, Hanson, Sean Trana, Z. Carlson 1:45

4x400 - 4. Evan Nanik, Javier Fernandez, Jennissen, Hanson 4:10

4x800 - 4. Fisher, Anderson, Robben, Ben Bartczak 9:10

High jump - 1. Davis 5'8", 9. Fernandez 5'2", 11. Dylan Beto 4'10"

Pole vault - 1. Giza 13'0"

Long jump - 11. Nanik 14'5", 13. Trana 13'0", 14. Klefsaas 12'0"

Triple jump - 9. Fernandez 32'8", 11. Nanik 30'7"

Shot put - 8. Strickland 34'10", 9. Kronnenberg 34'5", 12. Ethan Gilbertson 26'6"

Discus - 8. Strickland 99'5", 14. Kronnenberg 76'9"

Softball team loses playoff

The Staples-Motley softball team lost in the opening round of the Section 6AA playoffs, facing the top

seed Albany, falling 31-0.

The Cardinals finished the season without a win. They suffered from a lack of experienced pitchers but they were able to score runs in most of their games.

The sure out

Left, James Ehresman throws a runner out from third base while a Park Rapids runner tries to advance.



Canine quirks and genius go hand in hand

Many who own a dog entertain the possibility that theirs may be special. Not just in the sense that every child is special to its parent, but "special" in that it may actually be a cut above the average. A few of us may even be right. Or maybe it's one or two things that our dog can do that leave us scratching our head and wondering "How DOES she do that? Then again, "special" in our dog's behavior can be a quirk rather than genius, reminding us that a canine is as capable of mental complexity as we are.

I wouldn't claim that our going-on-six-years Labrador retriever Bella is a genius, but there is a skill or two that she's acquired that I'm at a loss to explain. One of these is her mastery of what I'll call the "other way" command, for want of a better term. I shouldn't actually say "master," since there was no training or behavior modification involved whatsoever. Bella came up with it entirely on her own

From puppyhood she and I have been in the habit of taking walks twice a day. Walk number one is at lunch, since I work just a short five-minute drive from home. The other walk is after work, sometimes with her mom (my wife), and sometimes just with me, with the better cook among us rustling up dinner.

I can't recall precisely when we stumbled onto the "other way" command, but it was clearly by accident. Bella is walked on a retractable leash, which can extend up to 26 feet. Obedience trainers may tell you that dogs should not be walked on such leashes, but should be under your control and at your side at all times. But I like the fact that Bella has initiative and likes to explore. I'm OK with her investigating an appealing scent that another dog has left on a tree or bush, and understand her desire to leave her own calling card in return. A tolerant attitude has led to two well-adjusted children, so why not a well-adjusted dog?

Anyway, on one of our walks in her first year of puppyhood Bella took that extendable leash around a telephone pole, or perhaps it was the post

of a No Parking sign. Rather than walk to the offending obstacle, I inexplicably barked out the command "other way." To my open-mouthed surprise, Bella stopped, followed the leash back and around the obstacle, and returned to my side.

I was pretty sure this was a fluke, and that the next time she'd be just as likely to further entangle herself; but no. Whether this was some uncommon dimension of dog logic, or dumb luck that earned her a "good girl" and reinforced a chance behavior, Bella does this unfaillingly to this day. Whatever it may be that she happens to encircle with that 26-foot leash, a three-syllable "other way" command prompts her to unerringly untangle herself. (Before you contact me in hopes of obtaining a Labrador puppy from this brilliant dog, I must hasten to add that Bella has - unfortunately - been neutered.)

Alas, in dogs as in humans, genius and quirkiness often go hand in hand, and Bella is living proof. She has a serious aversion to mechanical things; especially vacuum cleaners, whether it's the Shop-Vac, the upright we use on carpets, or the little hand model. She also seems unaware of how much she's grown since she was a pup. Not long after we brought her home, she developed the habit of climbing into my wife's lap, then up the arm of the upholstered chair she was sitting, ultimately draping herself around my wife's neck. She still does this, all 65 pounds of her. Up there she can see and bark at another chocolate Lab, the one she sees only from this vantage point, which happens to be her own reflection in the family room window.

But the most interesting quirk in Bella's makeup may be her relationship with water, and the diametrically opposed ways she can react to it. Bella is as passionate in her love of water as any of the dogs that have lived under my roof over the last four decades. When we arrive at the family cabin for a visit or a project, she has one priority: get to the tennis balls or the retrieving dummies in the garage, and get into a retrieving game.

For a mid-sized female, Bella has a bark that is surprisingly deep, sharp, and loud, with a vocal quality that seems more appropriate to a 100-pound male than a 65-pound female. She uses it, sometimes painful to the ears, to tell you "Forget unload-

ing the cooler and the tools and the other stuff, and let's get on to important things!"

The launch site for one of our retrieving games is on shore. Her entries and exits have worn a deep path down the bank to the waterline, with churning entries and splashy exits as she bounds back up the bank with a tennis ball or a retrieving dummy in her jaws. In retrieving version #2 the takeoff point is the dock, our routine reminiscent of retriever competitions where dogs compete to see which one can make the longest leap off the dock. On land or on the dock, Bella fairly quivers with excitement as she awaits the throw and the command that releases her for the retrieve.

This is the way every visit to the lake starts, or Bella will pester you until you relent and decide "Let's get this over with!" When retrieving games are over and we're occupied with other things, you might find her wading in the shallows in hopes of finding a lost tennis ball and extending the game. When the lake was beginning to lose its covering of ice several weeks ago, there was Bella wading in the shallows, with scarcely 50 feet of open water between the shore and the rotting ice.

On the other hand, in dry land situations Bella will go to surprising lengths to keep her feet dry. This can be seen from time to time on our daily walks. If it's been raining, or if one of the homeowners on our route has been watering their lawn, there may be puddles in the low spots of the sidewalks we follow. These puddles Bella will often walk around, for no other discernable reason than to keep her feet dry.

Just a day or so ago I was watering our own lawn, giving the grass one of the occasional drinks that - in the absence of rain - is necessary with our sandy, porous soil. We had returned from an errand, and I called to Bella to follow me up the sidewalk to the back entry. Part of the sidewalk was wet, so - quick thinker that she is - Bella took a route through the dry pebble-paved garden by the front entry, walked up its four steps, and leaped off the top step to land in the pebbles of the garden on the other side. She didn't return to the sidewalk until she reached the concrete squares that were dry.

I'm sure Bella would have a logical explanation.

Mike Rahn



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Due to Memorial Day Observance
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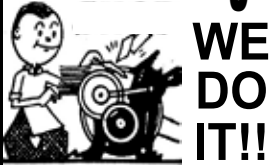
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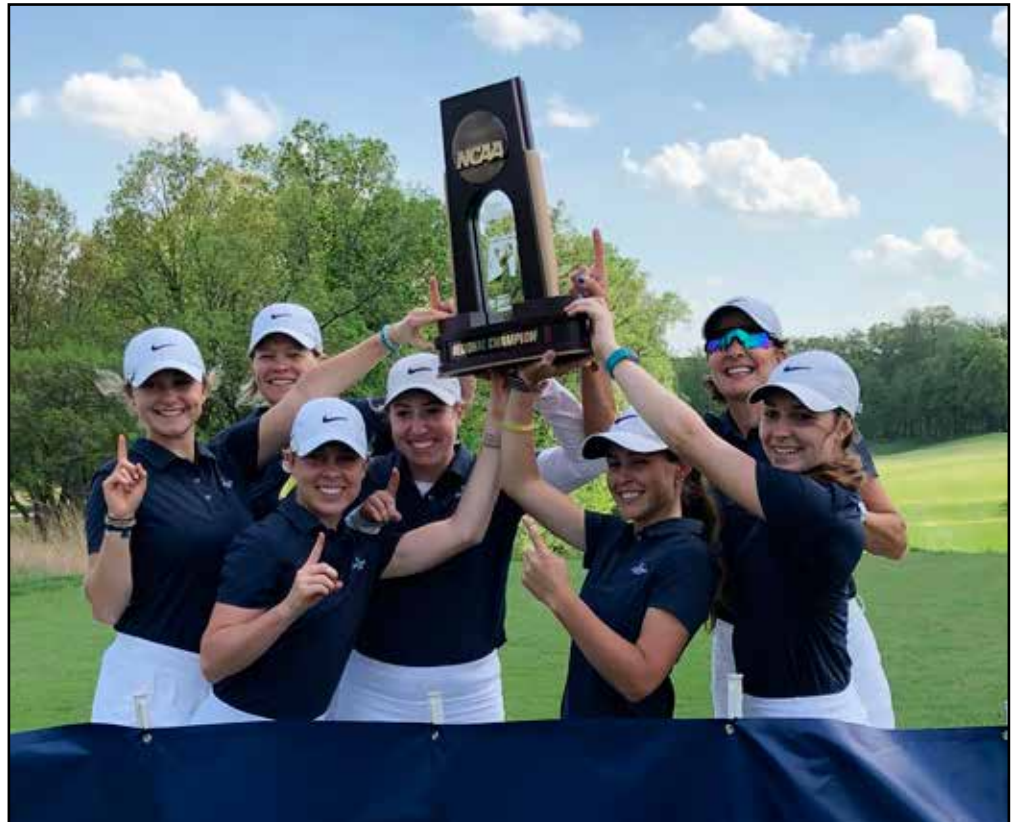
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Action plays

Top, Thomas Kosan pulls in a throw at second base to try and stop a steal attempt. Bottom photo, Mason Nyhus makes contact.



Israelson is college conference champ

Emily Israelson capped off her college golf career with three huge meets for the Augustana Vikings. She won the NSIC Conference title, and was part of the Super Regional championship team and helped the team to 10th place at the Division II NCAA Championship.

At the Conference meet at Smithville, Mo., April 20-22, Israelson shot rounds of 80, 72 and 76 to finish 12 over par and was tournament champion by three strokes. The team also won the conference title.

At the Super Regionals at St. Charles, Mo., May 7-9, Israelson placed 13th overall with scores of 74, 77 and 75.

At DII Nationals in Houston, Texas, May 16-19, Israelson placed 60th with rounds of 77, 77, 81 and 86

The Augustana women's golf team concluded their 11th consecutive NCAA Division II Nationals competition on Saturday at Bay Oaks Country Club in Houston by posting their third top-10 finish at the event.

Pictured, Israelson is front, left with her teammates after winning the Super Regional. (Submitted photo)

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Borash named Motley's Interim Police Chief

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Jason Borash has been hired as a temporary Interim Police Chief for the Motley Police Department. He will begin his duties May 31, training alongside the current Chief Ron Smith, who is retiring at the end of that day.

The Motley City Council approved Borash's appointment at their regular meeting May 14.

Borash has served as an officer with the MPD since April of 2015. He is also a former long-time employee of the Morrison County Sheriff's Office. Officer Borash is currently at a Pay Grade seven, Step three, which is \$19.42 per hour. Per council approval, Borash will be placed at the minimum step of Pay Grade 10, which is \$22.90 per hour during the time he serves as interim chief.

"I'm excited to take on this role and serve the citizens of Motley," Borash said in a later conversation.

The council also spent time looking over the city's Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance and discussed the amendments recommended by the planning and zoning commission.

A public hearing had been held by the planning and zoning commission prior to the regular council meeting May 14. No members of the public offered any comments.

The council subsequently approved the recommendations of the planning

and zoning commission. These included approving Ordinance No. 178: An ordinance providing comprehensive amendments to the Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance. In addition to changing the title on pg. 1, other changes are on pg. 48 of the document. These include adding the word domestic in the line, 'Keeping of domestic animals (within a residence, accessory building or otherwise on a non-farm parcel which is not regulated as livestock.)' and changing things that were designated with a Conditional Use (C) in this category with a Permitted Use (P).

The above-mentioned changes were ones that the zoning administrator recommended at the public hearing. In addition, there were many other changes overall to the Land Use Ordinance. The planning commission has been working on changes for over two years at their monthly meeting and Ordinance No. 178 incorporates them all.

Per the recommendation of the planning and zoning commission, the council also approved Resolution 2018-13: a resolution authorizing summary publication of Ordinance No. 178; and Resolution 2018-14: a resolution amending the fee schedule for land use and subdivision permits.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED updates to the City Policy pertaining to special event rules and regulations.

- APPROVED setting the election judge pay for 2018. The head judge will receive \$14/hr. and a regular judge will receive \$12/hr.

- DENIED a request from Bob Jenkins that the city donate \$3,000 toward 'Music in the Park.' This was the fourth time Jenkins had made this request, with the council voting 'no' each time.

- APPROVED a motion that Jenkins not be allowed to add his request to the council's agenda for the remainder of this year. Council member Amy Hutchison was the only one to vote 'no.' She suggested that if Jenkins were to request funds in the future (for Music in the Park) that he start with a smaller amount.

- APPROVED a motion to donate \$600 to the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club, which maintains several barrels of flowers throughout town. Prior to their vote, the council heard from club members Bernice Thomson and Marilyn Hall who noted that this is only the second year the club has asked the city for funding.

- DISCUSSED a request from Rudy Bjerga, owner at Ten-Hi in Motley, that Sunday on-sale liquor be added to the ballot on Aug. 14, so that residents can vote on it. The council approved his request. Subsequently, the council:

- APPROVED the proposed ballot question, "Shall the Motley City Council be allowed to is-

sue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, bowling centers and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays?" City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja noted that even if this ballot item is approved by voters, before Sunday on-sale licenses could be granted, the city would first need to approve an ordinance amendment.

- APPROVED resolutions supporting applications for 2018 funding request to NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) Innovation Funding program for a) Legacy Trail Feasibility Study and b) the purchase of dewatering equipment.

- APPROVED a resolution in support of a proposal for the rehabilitation of Country Terrace Apartments as affordable family housing in Motley. The resolution was adopted with the understanding that D.W. Jones, Inc., the general partner for Garmisch Properties II, LP, must comply with all zoning and building ordinances/permits.

- APPROVED, pending receipt of liquor liability insurance certificates, liquor license renewals for Motley Discount Liquor, Y-Knot Package Liquor: Off-Sale; Bremer's Bar, Inc.: On and Off-Sale; H&R Ten-Hi: On and Off Sale.

- APPROVED a temporary liquor license for the Motley Fair, June 15 - 17.

- HEARD from council member Amy Hutchison who noted Police Chief Ron Smith's upcoming re-



Interim police chief

Jason Borash of Randall has been appointed Interim Chief for the Motley Police Department. He will begin his duties May 31. (Staples World file photo)

irement. "It's been an honor to have you here," she said to Smith, who has had a 29-year law enforcement career and been with the Motley PD since 2015. "I am personally sad to see you go," she added.

- SET new city hall hours for 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Monday - Friday.

- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, June 11, 6:30 p.m.
- HELD a closed session to conduct an annual performance evaluation for Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton.

Turnaway crowd at Spring Fling demo derby in Motley



CrrrrrrrrrASH!

Drivers came from all over the state competing for prizes at the Spring Fling Demo Derby in Motley. The annual event was held May 19, at the Motley Fairgrounds. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Demo derby fans

Above: Jacqueline Anderson and her dad, Darwin Anderson of Staples enjoyed watching the demo derby in Motley May 19. Below: Fans from Verndale came to cheer on drivers Austin Butler and Daniel Wurst. Back row from left are Kirsten Heiberg and Bob Butler. Front row from left are Faith, Cassie and Becca. Sunshine and clear skies made for perfect outdoor events throughout the local area all weekend long. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



The grandstand at the Motley Fairgrounds was filled with cheering fans May 19, at the annual Spring Fling Demo Derby.

There were four competing classes at the event, with dozens of drivers hailing from all over Minnesota. The winners in each class are listed below.

Motley Fair Board President Rhonda Amundson said, "The demo had a great turnout of cars and spectators. We hope to see everyone on June 16, for the Motley Fair demo derby."

Youth

- 1st - Alex Vait, Foley
- 2nd - Kaleb Kampa, Sauk Rapids
- 3rd - Hunter Carlson, Staples
- Mad Dog award - Landon Carlson, Pillager
- Gas Pedal award - Christopher Moench.

80's

- 1st - Paul Borcker, Sauk Centre
- 2nd - Daniel Wurst, Frazee
- 3rd - Collin Wurst, Frazee.

Economy

- 1st - Spencer O'Hara, St. Cloud
- 2nd - Tyler Schwartz, St. Cloud
- 3rd - Mike Koch, Rice
- Mad Dog award - Key Johnson, Maple Lake.

Builders

- 1st - Riley Mickelson, Elbow Lake
- 2nd - Rick Hogrefe, Long Prairie
- 3rd - Tim Paumen, Monticello.



Third place

Hunter Carlson of Staples took 3rd place in the Youth Class at the demo derby May 19. (Submitted photo)



Keeping up with the royals in Motley

A special Ladies Tea, hosted by the Good Deeds & Needs Club, was held at the United Methodist Church in Motley May 19. Attendees, donned in dress hats, were served a variety of food items in keeping with a traditional English Tea. Although it was not intentional, the luncheon coincided with the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex. Pictured at top, from left, are LaDonna Peterson, Gwen Adams, Arla Allen, Marinell Philipp, Gayle Quinn, Bernice Thomson, Marlene Prodahl. Lower photo, from left, Carolyn Lohman and Pat Blue. During the event, the women were introduced to their 'secret pals' from the past year. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

May 15 - The MPD issued a citation to Yvonne Shegrud, 36; driving after revocation.

May 15 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Brady Perschau, 19.

May 14 - The MPD received a report that the backs of the park benches at Ernie Converse Park had been broken off over the weekend.

May 13 - The MPD received a report of a grass fire at the 800 block of Postel Dr. in Motley, close to trees and a garage. Both the Motley Fire Department and DNR were dispatched and responded.

May 11 - The MPD issued a citation to Ashley Ricci, 30; driving with a revoked license.

May 16 - The MCSO re-

ceived a report of a sandwich bag with white substance in it, found in a yard on the 1600 block of Timber Ln., Cushing. Deputy reported he picked it up and will test it to see if it's drugs.

May 13 - The MCSO received a report of a laundry bottle tied to a rope on Lake Shamineau in Motley, straight out east of the access just past the island. Caller stated that he pulled up on it and it was connected to a larger rope and what that was tied to could not be moved.

May 13 - The MCSO received a report of a gas theft at Lincoln Gas and Bait, Cushing. The driver of a white Dodge Ram truck had pumped \$50 worth of gas and left without paying.

May 12 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting Motley Fire Dept. be paged to

a trailer house fire on the 6000 block of 124th St. SW, Motley.

May 12 - The MCSO received a report of a one vehicle accident with injuries at the 7000 block of 120th St. SW, Motley, Becker Township. Motley Fire and Rescue was paged and responded.

May 11 - The MCSO located a camper on the side of Hwy 10 in Cushing with people outside. The deputy discovered that their van had broken down and had been towed. The tow company was unable to pull the camper or transport the family which included six children. The deputy stayed at the scene until their family arrived to pick them up and had the children sit in the back of the squad car to stay warm.

May 11 - The MCSO issued speeding citations to Terrance Troness, 40; and Barbara Greeley, 61.