



Grass fires spark burning restrictions

Staples Fire Department firefighters contain a grass fire on April 29 that jumped the railroad tracks and started burning toward Highway 10, two miles east of Staples. The fire started on a nearby farm.

The Staples crew also helped on a grass fire in Verndale that same day. Wadena County fire departments responded to six grass fires and one structure fire from April 27-29. The largest was near the intersection of County Roads 9 and 23 in Wadena County, which burned 58 acres.

Burning restrictions are in effect for Todd, Wadena and Morrison counties and most of northern Minnesota. The state will not issue burning permits for brush or yard waste in those counties. For the full list of counties and for updates on current fire risks visit the Minnesota DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Council okays land sale despite public opposition

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A proposal to build income-based housing in Staples will move forward as the Staples City Council approved the sale of city land along Michigan Ave. and 12th Street NE to Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (CMHP), for the purpose of building townhome rental buildings.

Several citizens voiced opposition to the project, with concerns about extra burdens on the city, the tax increment financing (TIF) district, and the possibility of rising crime.

CMHP Executive Director Deanna Hemmesch and Property Director Jennifer Skirrow-Reimann brought statistics to address concerns about the apartments bringing in crime. They showed apartment buildings they manage do not have more police calls than other apartments, whether they are low income housing or not.

"On average we are under our competitors because of our management style," said Skirrow-Reimann.

The proposal states that the apartments will have an on-site caretaker. She said they work closely with tenants to help them avoid problems.

Several citizens raised concerns that they felt the council was not addressing.

Suzanne Jensen said she was concerned about the extra burden the apartments would put on the city's resources, including police and parks.

Council member Doug

Case agreed, saying that Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz had come out against the project.

Bob Jensen said he read the city's housing study and it concluded that more higher income housing was needed, not low income housing. He also said the council did not factor in the empty homes that could be created by people moving to the new apartments.

Mayor Chris Etzler said CMHP will do their own housing need study before approving the project.

"They aren't going to invest \$8 million on fake numbers," he said. "That's for them to decide."

Etzler said many of the concerns he had heard about the project are conjecture.

"No one has proven to me that there is going to be an issue," said Etzler. He said the CMHP statistics proved that there would not be a problem as far as crime.

Several other citizens attended the meeting in support of the project. Ryan Wright said he has been in conversations with area industry leaders who say they can't get enough workers for the jobs they have available, some of which start at \$18 to \$22 per hour.

Wright said workers can get a job anywhere in Minnesota.

"They can choose. If there isn't somewhere that has adequate housing, they aren't going to work in that area," said Wright.

One citizen, Josh See **COUNCIL** on page 8a

Policy and personnel issues split votes at school board

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Differences of opinions on policy and personnel issues led to three split votes at the April 24 Staples-Motley School Board meeting.

The votes were on QComp pay, head coaches and posting openings for staff with two of those topics generating discussion.

Board member Greg Frisk made a motion not to approve QComp memorandum of understanding that was recommended. His motion died for lack of a second.

Board members Mary Freeman and Bryan Winkels moved and seconded approving the QComp payment agreement.

QComp provides addi-

tional state aid and board approved levy dollars that are to be used for professional development and leadership opportunities for staff, such as peer coaches and facilitators for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). Peer coaches work with colleagues on instruction through classroom observations. The PLCs work through a continuous improvement cycle where they examine data, set goals, then research and implement strategies to help improve student

learning.

Freeman noted that there were no significant changes to the plan from last year and said she felt it was an excellent program for reviewing goals.

Frisk said he was embarrassed by the lack of accomplishments, referring to a presentation made at a previous school board meeting, adding that he thought the money would be better spent in the classroom.

"It's only a way for teachers to get paid more for what they should be doing in the classroom," Frisk said.

Freeman said the MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) tests are a snapshot of one moment in time and "is not an accu-

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Hello, Readers,

May 4th has become commonly known as Star Wars Day. And who could be surprised? The words, "May the 4th" seem to beg the rest of the catchphrase be uttered. Regardless of whether you prefer Star Wars or Star Trek, or if you are even a sci-fi aficionado at all, the influence of George Lucas' Star Wars on pop culture is undeniable. We join the rest of the world in wishing you well. May the Fourth be with you!

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Questions come up on RR Days street dance

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a new location for the Railroad Days street dance that will be held Saturday, Aug. 25, despite concerns of noise in the downtown location.

At the April 24 council meeting, Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Director Barb Cline said the street dances are run by local bars, and this year B&B teamed up with Lefty's to plan the event. She said they determined it needs to be close to an establishment so they don't move everything, and requested to hold it in front of Lefty's Bar.

Council member Mary Theurer objected to the noise generated by the concert, especially being so close to the Lakewood Manor assisted living apartments.

Council member Doug

Case said he likes the concert in the center of town, but preferred it when the stage was on 4th St. NE near the movie theater and projected the sound south, away from nearby housing. Case suggested that the chamber determine the location and the sponsoring bars can figure out how to make it work.

Mayor Chris Etzler said the Railroad Days planning starts early and suggested the council members become more involved with the early meetings.

The council approved the location for this year's street dance, with Theurer and council member Roy Miles voting against it.

In other news, the council

- Approved raffle permit for Staples Amateur Baseball Association.
- Approved raffle permit for Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart Area School.



April's full pink moon

No, the moon did not change color. It looked just like any typical full moon when it rose on the evening of Sunday, April 29. April's full moon is called the Pink Moon in honor of the "Moss Pink," a spring flower that blooms this time of year. It's also known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Egg Moon, or the Fish Moon. Thanks to Lee Jenkins, Staples, for sharing this photo with us.

North Pole coming to Pine Grove Park

Pine Grove Park in Staples will become the North Pole during the month of December as the park is transformed by lighted displays.

The park lighting event will open Friday night, Nov. 30, kicking off a full day of special events for the new event "A Staples Christmas" on Saturday, Dec. 1.

"We're looking to pull people into the community to highlight all we have to offer," said Tricia Jasmer, one of the organizers. "We'll have a lot of activities throughout the day, a lot of different options for all ages."

Investment in the lighting display will be the most expensive item this first year so fundraising has already begun. The display is expected to cost about \$20,000.

Fundraising begins for 'A Staples Christmas'

Jasmer's developed four sponsorship categories from \$250 to \$2,500. Each category has benefits that include: listing on schedules, banners and other signage; passes to enter the display; event buttons at discounts; and participation in some of the events like; "Spell of Christmas," or an Elf on the Shelf scavenger hunt.

Although Jasmer has a list of activities she would like to see happen, she's also seeking organizations and businesses to step up and actually run the events.

For example, the Staples All Veterans Park will offer a luminary walk through the park Friday and

Saturday evenings. The Staples Public Library will have a story reading and crafts for children in the afternoon. Faith Lutheran Church will have their live Nativity.

The day will open with "Breakfast with Santa" at the Staples Community Center from 8-11 a.m. Children can pose with Santa for photos and can take part in craft activities.

An opportunity will be available for Elf Shopping for children. Parents can give their children a shopping list and some money and they'll be helped in selecting Christmas gifts for those on the

list. In the afternoon at the community center Becky Roelofs will help participants make a wreath or a porch pot display for the holidays.

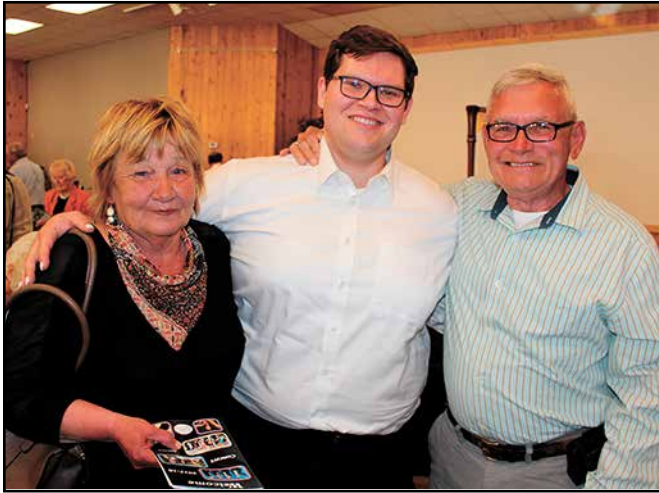
Horse drawn sleigh rides will be available downtown and free swimming will be offered in the afternoon at the community center.

Jasmer hopes businesses will have open houses and extended hours on Saturday. This will be the first day of "The Spell of Christmas," a contest which will run through December with awards of cash prizes.

Commercial and residential lighting display contests will also offer cash prizes in different categories. Those will be up through

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Time to celebrate

Guitarist Casey Smithley (center) one of the performers at the 'Afternoon Tea' concert event in Staples April 29, dedicated his final song to his grandparents Bob and Kathy Blessing of Staples, who were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary that day. It was his grandmother's favorite, Smithley said of the Andy McKee penned tune, "The Reason." Smithley, a Staples native, lives in Plymouth. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Hats and laughter in abundance at 'Afternoon Tea'

The 'Afternoon Tea' concert event, held at Timbers Event Center in Staples April 29, brought a number of friends and family together to enjoy music and a variety of sweets and savories. The event was sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council (SMAAC) and featured the music of harpist Anna Koopmann and guitarist Casey Smithley. Pictured, from left, are Lisa Kajer, Jean Hayenga, SMAAC board member Mary Noska, all of Staples; and SMAAC board members Michelle Jeziorski, Cushing; Paula Johnson, Motley; Brenda Halvorson, Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Proud grandparents

Following her performance at the 'Afternoon Tea' event in Staples April 29, harpist Anna Koopmann received a hug from her grandparents Neil and Belma Trout of Motley. Koopmann, a Motley native, is a sophomore at St. Olaf College in Northfield, where she studies music. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

More questions than answers were discussed at the April 26 meeting of the Staples-Motley School District's building steering committee.

Can the current high school site be renovated to accommodate grades K-12?

Might expansions at the current site of the elementary school be the better fit for grades K-12?

Or would renovations to both buildings to house grades 6 or 7-12 at the high school and grades K-5 or 6 at the elementary school be the best option?

And how might the current or a new Staples Community Center fit into any of these choices?

The committee was meeting with Mike Angland of WSN, the firm hired to provide architectural services.

Angland presented very preliminary ideas and renderings for the

options, noting that they could change substantially depending on continuing discussions with administration and other interested parties, such as the City of Staples and Lakewood Health System.

Discussion items included topics like the location of existing utilities and how the needs would change depending on what facilities were in each building, such as a swimming pool or cafeteria or gymnasiums.

Another concern was making sure enough parking spots were available, especially for arts or athletic events. Student and staff parking areas were discussed as well as bus and parent pick up and drop off sites.

One idea for the current high school site showed a two story elementary on the south side of the building with the south practice gym becoming the elementary gym. This would require demolition of the

1935 section of the building which includes the spectator gym and possibly the cafeteria

Three gym spaces and a swimming pool could be added to the north side. These could be the beginning of a community center with a separate entrance so the public could use the facilities.

Jerel Nelsen, City of Staples administrator, was at the meeting and informed the group that the city has hired a firm and begun a feasibility study regarding the Community Center. He said that might not be complete until the end of June.

Bryan Winkels, one of the school board representatives on the committee, said he likes the idea of one location that could be used for students as well as senior citizens, and other uses.

One of the advantages of a K-12 building at the current elementary school site was room for expansion. Another was proxim-

ity to the athletic fields.

Winkels said he agreed with those points except for one thing - Centennial Auditorium. With the arts as strong as they are in the school, he believes we need an auditorium.

Another scenario that was suggested was to keep the district offices and maybe early childhood at the current high school site along with the auditorium.

Angland was going to continue gathering information from the building principals and others. He'll flesh out a few of the options, including the one for two buildings and try to assign some preliminary costs.

Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie, Building and Grounds Director LeRoy Peterson and High School Principal Mike Schmidt also attended. Greg Frisk, the other school board member on the committee, was unable to attend.

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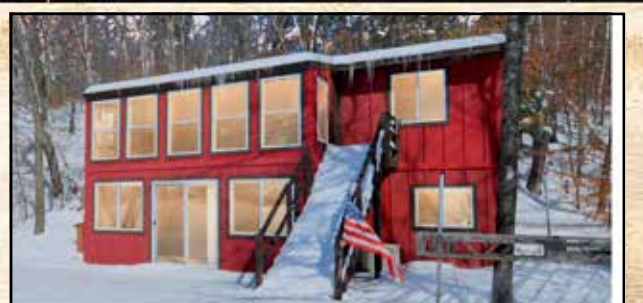
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CEO trade show

Maasconi's Char & Bar in Verndale will host the Central Minnesota Creating Entrepreneurial Class Trade Show, Wednesday, May 9 from 5:30-7 p.m. Juniors and seniors are busy preparing for the event. Students have created the following businesses: Gerard's Cards, All Tied Together, KJ's Jewelry, Leaf River Creations, MEH Video, Happy Fish Detailing and Burck's Mowing & Moving.

Central MN CEO Class includes students from Verndale, Wadena-Deer Creek, and Staples-Motley High schools. Part of their class time is spent touring area businesses, including Timberlake Hotel and Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples. In front, from left, are Katie Johnson, Amber Moen, Caitlin Savage and Joni Schmidt, Timbers Restaurant Manager. In back, from left are Timberlake General Manager Jordan Goodwater, Mitchel Haman, Matthew Fisher, Ryan Gerard and Alex Burckhard. Check out the centralmnceo.com website for more information. (Submitted photos)

Staples Police patrolling ATVs on city streets

On April 18, Staples Police received an ATV complaint. Police located the ATVs and spoke with the drivers regarding the noise and driving on city and county roads.

On April 21, Staples Police issued a verbal warning to a driver for operating an ATV recklessly.

Other items from the Staples Police report:

On April 17, at 4:08 a.m., Staples Police assisted with an intoxicated subject getting off the Amtrak train.

On April 19, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a report of a vehicle fire at an address on 470th Street. Police arrived while the Staples Fire Department put out the vehicle, and a small grass fire. Police advised Todd County that the vehicle was parked in long grass, and it was ignited when the vehicle was started. No accident occurred, and no injuries were reported.

On April 20, Staples Police received a report of a dog that bit a city employee.

On April 20, Staples Police responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 10 and 12th Street NE. No injuries were reported.

On April 20, Staples Police received a report of an individual walking around in underwear in the 300 block of 5th St SE. Police spoke to the complainant who said the person didn't appear to be in distress, but they were only wearing underwear. Police searched the area

but were unable to locate the subject.

On April 20, Staples Police received a report of a subject who believed an iPod was set down inside a business while shopping, and was stolen. Police are attempting to review store video to determine if a crime was committed.

On April 21, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a domestic assault that occurred on 251st Ave.

On April 23, Staples Police spoke with a juvenile who did not want to go to school.

On April 23, Staples Police assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a traffic stop near the intersection of US Highway 10 and 12th Street NE. The suspect vehicle was reported by the State Patrol to have been traveling at 104 m.p.h. on US Highway 10. State Patrol issued a citation to the driver, Brandon Szymkowiak, 18, of Staples, for speed and careless driving.

On April 26, Staples Police responded to a residence where they believed their crawl space was possibly broken into.

On April 26, Staples Police received information that there were three incidents of mailbox tampering on Wadena County Road 2, west of Staples. Police were given information of a possible suspect vehicle to watch for.

On April 27, Staples Police were called to a three vehicle accident on 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. A vehicle leaving the alley between 4th Street and 5th Street NE collided with a

vehicle traveling west on 2nd Ave., causing it to hit a parked vehicle. No injuries were reported.

On April 27, Staples Police took a report of vehicle damage. Owner of the vehicle thinks it was a BB gun. Owner was advised that it will be documented.

On April 27, Staples Police took evidence from an owner of a vehicle that lent it out to an individual. When the vehicle was returned, owner of vehicle stated that there was drug paraphernalia in it. Police recovered the paraphernalia and told the owner that it will be documented.

On April 29, Staples Police located a vehicle in the CLC parking lot with its tailgate down. Police observed two firearms in the bed of the truck. Police made contact with the owner who said nothing was missing from his vehicle and the tailgate must have just fell open. The owner secured the firearms and police cleared from the scene.

On April 29, Staples Police received a report of a burglary on the 800 block of 7th St NE. Police are investigating.

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Repairs needed for county expo building

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd County Commissioners learned at their April 17 meeting that the Todd County Expo Building has been experiencing some roof leakage, which is starting to cause further structural deterioration. This is a major concern for not only Todd County but also the building's major users - Todd County Agricultural Society and the Long Prairie Hockey Association.

According to County Engineer Loren Fellbaum, "In an effort to address the leaking roof issue and gain further information, a group of local contractors were invited to submit bids to address all the building issues. Unfortunately the bids received varied in degrees of complexity and costs."

The bids were briefly reviewed by the facility committee which concurred with a recommendation to seek a third party opinion (engineering study/report) from two building construction firms.

A brief request for a proposal was submitted to two local building firms.

Commissioner David Kircher asked where the funds would come from to pay for any "fixes."

Commissioner Rod

Erickson said it would come from the facilities fund where they've been setting money aside for things like this. There's approximately \$277,000 in the fund.

Kircher said his concern was that this project would drain that fund.

"I truly believe from the capital improvement side we need to do it," said Erickson.

County Coordinator Joe Hatch gave a brief run down on the cost of the rock wall repair which he estimates is between \$300,000-\$500,000. He said grants have been and are being applied for.

Hatch said that they could also look at potentially replacing the expo building, if it's around the same cost of repairing it.

Fellbaum said if they approved one of the firms to give a report, they would have to follow through and repair (or replace).

"Why aren't we taking care of our buildings? We spend money on them and don't maintain them!" said Kircher.

Hatch gave "kudos" to the new facilities manager at the county because he has been doing some analysis of the roof units.

"We have to be wise on how we're taking care of our buildings," said Kircher.

Commissioner Barb

Becker said the question has been raised if they are looking at using the same building for both needs - cattle and hockey?

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that she works with the ag society and hockey and would like to see them collaborate on what the needs are.

"We need everyone on the same playing field so we know what way we're going. I have even heard that this would be a great community center," said Gaida.

It was added that each entity could also look at grants that may be available to them.

"We need firm numbers on the cost," said Chair Randy Neumann.

"We are trying to get them. The concentration is on the roof end of it and preserving what we have," said Erickson.

"We're just looking at the costs and options and, as a discussion, replacing the building. This is just a report that will give us information to help us decide what road to take," said Fellbaum.

The money for the study will come from the capital improvement fund.

"I just want to make sure the money is going to a good use," added Kircher.

The board approved the proposal of Wiseth Smith Nolting for a cost of \$3,395.

Bike Rodeo is Thursday, May 10

The Staples Area Friends of the Trails and the Staples Parks and Recreation Department will hold their annual Bike Rodeo on Thursday, May 10, from 5-7 p.m. at the parking lot of Jon's Family Foods and Staples True Value.

Kids who bring their bicycles will be able to have the bike tuned up by Jake Capistrant of Jake's Bikes in Alexandria.

There will be a skills course and trail rides along the paved bike trail taking off from the parking lot.

Lakewood Health System will give away bike helmets to children, and bicycle drawings will be conducted for more than a dozen bicycles donated by local groups. The event will include free food and drinks.

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People, funds crucial to success

Christmas. Reindeer, elves and carolers will add to the holiday atmosphere downtown.

Jasmer suggested a Festival of Trees, if a group would volunteer to organize it.

The North Pole in Pine Grove Park will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings through Dec. 30. Visitors will be able to drive through for a nominal fee per car.

Saturday's events will culminate with a "Light the Downtown" lighting of the Christmas decorations at 5 p.m. This will include lighting a large Christmas tree at the Staples Historic Depot.

A lighted holiday parade will follow "Light the Downtown."

Any group or organization with an idea for any holiday activity, or for information on sponsorships or opportunities to volunteer for activities on the schedule is asked to contact Jasmer.

Jasmer invites people to visit her at the Staples Community Center. She is reached by calling: 218-894-2553 or 218-296-0878 or email at tjasm@ci.staples.mn.us

The schedule is subject to change and other events and features may be added. Check discoverstaplesmn.org for updates.

The event is being organized by the LEAP (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, Positiveness) Marketing Committee in collaboration with the City of Staples Parks and Recreation department.

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We have a solution for Medical Assistance reform

By State Senator Mark Johnson (R), East Grand Forks, and State Representative Kelly Fenton (R), Woodbury

Despite our strong economy, one-in-five of our Minnesota neighbors rely on Medical Assistance (MA) for free government healthcare. That's more than one million Minnesotans. The discussion in our state and across the nation is about what we can do to stem the growth of public welfare programs, while ensuring the sustainability and viability of these safety net programs for those who truly need it.

MA, which is funded with state and federal tax dollars, was originally intended to help the disabled, children and pregnant mothers. Obamacare dramatically expanded the program in 2014, and with the help of Governor Dayton, the number of people receiving free healthcare from Medical Assistance has nearly tripled, costing taxpayers over \$11 billion annually. It's one of the fastest-growing parts of our state budget, and if we do nothing it will continue to grow rapidly, crowding out other critical priorities like education, roads and bridges and more. Worse still, it will threaten the very viability of the program for those who need it most.

Looking at the unsustainable growth of this program, we are advancing a solution at the Legislature that centers on this simple, commonsense proposal: if you're a healthy adult who's not the primary caregiver for a child or dependent, it's reasonable to expect that you should be working, looking for work, volunteering or participating in a job training program for at least 80 hours a month.

Minnesotans are a compassionate people, and we all agree MA is a vital program for many. That's

why our legislation would not apply to a child's or dependent's sole caregiver, or anyone with a disability, certain medical diagnoses, addictions or other barriers to employment.

Our legislation will bolster Minnesota's workforce and lift more Minnesotans out of poverty by connecting them with the thousands of good-paying jobs that are currently vacant. We learned earlier this year that for the first time in recent memory, Minnesota has more job openings than job seekers, and bringing more people into the workforce is a win for our economy, and a win for those whose new skills will bring them a healthy paycheck.

Additionally, this bill also saves Minnesota taxpayers money. Today, there are about 200,000 childless adults served by the program, and moving even a fraction of these individuals off of government welfare and into a good-paying job will curb the cost of MA in the long-term, ensuring it remains a financially viable program into the future.

And to make implementing this policy as seamless and simple as possible, we've aligned requirements for our bill with requirements already in place for the federal nutrition program SNAP,

meaning anyone who is meeting the requirements for the SNAP program would fulfill the requirements under this proposed legislation. Our goal is to provide maximum flexibility to craft a program that works for counties and participants on this public program, and there are measurable standards already in place.

Our economy is growing, but so too is enrollment on our public programs. We want people to have healthcare that is better than a government program and that can be achieved through employer-based insurance or purchased on the individual market. As we've shared in legislative hearings, with our constituents and with folks across the state—no one who meets these reasonable requirements would lose their healthcare and the requirements will be tremendously flexible to ensure people can continue receiving the care they need.

This is an outstanding opportunity to lift more Minnesotans out of poverty and help people get the skills they need to reach their full potential, seek out fulfilling careers, succeed in our economy and have a good-paying job.

We think that's a win for everybody.

Putting families first will help keep children safe

By Jim Koppel

As more Minnesota families struggle with trauma, poverty, chemical dependency and the difficulties of daily life, children often suffer the consequences. Our child protection data paints an alarming picture.

In just the past few years, the number of child abuse and neglect reports assessed and investigated is up by 25 percent, and drugs and alcohol are often at the heart of the problem. Parents' substance abuse was the most common primary reason for children being placed in foster care in 2016, surpassing neglect for the first time ever. And the number of babies allegedly exposed to drugs prenatally has more than doubled from 2012 to 2016.

There is some hope and help on the way. Minnesota has undertaken a variety of strategies to make sure children are safe. We continue to implement the changes recommended by the Governor's Task Force on the Protection of Children published in March 2015, with short- and long-term steps for improving the child protection system.

Those efforts will be bolstered by the federal Family First Prevention Services Act, recently signed into law. Family First will provide child welfare agencies with the tools needed to help children and families in crisis, including families struggling with the opioid epidemic sweeping across Minnesota and the rest of the country.

This bipartisan legislation will help keep more children safely with their families so they can avoid the often traumatic experience of entering foster care. When children must enter foster care, this act helps ensure they are placed in the least restrictive, most family-like foster care settings to meet their special needs.

This new law shifts funding and provides more flexibility to struggling and overburdened child welfare agencies by

providing the tools needed to help children and families in crisis, including families struggling with opioids. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2020, child welfare agencies can use federal funds to support evidence-based prevention efforts for mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services; in-home services for children who are at imminent risk of entering foster care, and pregnant or parenting teens.

States have flexibility in defining the safety services they provide to children and families, and how they will ensure quality residential treatment for children with emotional and behavioral needs.

I'm particularly excited about the help this new law will provide to address the opioid crisis. The law reauthorizes and updates funding to provide evidence-based services to prevent child maltreatment related to substance abuse due to opioids and other drugs.

This is certainly not all that needs to be done. We must tackle child abuse and neglect from many angles. We must continue to work with our county and tribal partners to determine what we can do differently to better serve struggling families. We must count on teachers, neighbors and communities to support struggling families, offer to help where they can, and let us know when children are being harmed. And then we must respond swiftly and appropriately.

The federal Family First Prevention Services Act is another tool that offers help and hope for families. We know the more we can support families and prevent their involvement in the child protection system on the front end, the better families and children - and we as a society - will be.

Koppel is the Assistant Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Human Services. He can be reached at 651-431-2000.

Why your federal tax break isn't bigger

By Stephen Prince
Patriotic Millionaires

It's everyone's least favorite time of year again - tax season - which means millions of middle class Americans have spent the last few weeks stressed over their family's financial health. As they look forward through 2018, some see promise, some see problems, and some see uncertainty. But almost none of them see something very important that they were promised last year, something that has completely failed to materialize - a middle class tax cut.

In the debate over last year's tax bill, Republicans promised that even though corporations and the wealthy were getting a sizeable amount of the bill's benefits, their real focus was on the middle class. They said that every American would see a real, substantial change in their paycheck. Well, three months have gone by, and if you're left wondering where your big break is, you're not alone.

Middle class families all across the country have been left wondering why their paychecks only increased by a couple dollars a week. Whether it's an extra \$5, \$10, or even \$20 a week, most taxpayers

are getting pocket change. No one's complaining about getting a little extra gas money, but last year's changes to the tax code are going to add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit. Where did all that money go?

The answer's easy - it went to rich people like me.

It's no secret that corporations and the wealthy have received nearly all of the benefits of the tax bill. As a wealthy person, my tax rate dropped dramatically after the recent tax bill, and my net worth rose even more as companies, flush with cash from their own tax break, spent billions on stock buybacks rather than hiring or employee raises. Millionaires, billionaires, and multinational corporations are thriving, while the middle class is expected to be happy with our crumbs.

Let's be clear - it's a good thing for millions of working Americans to be taking home a few hundred extra dollars a year. But that amount of money isn't changing anyone's life, and it comes with enormous long term costs that the middle class, not the wealthy, are going to end up paying. Even setting aside the fact that all of these tax cuts expire in 10 years leaving most Americans paying more, the reduction in government services that's going to come because of the bill's \$1.9 trillion addition to the debt is going to be devastating to normal Americans.

Our country's infrastructure will continue to crumble, your children's schools will get worse and worse, and I hope you've been saving your tax cuts for retirement, because Social Security and Medicare are already under attack from Republicans claiming

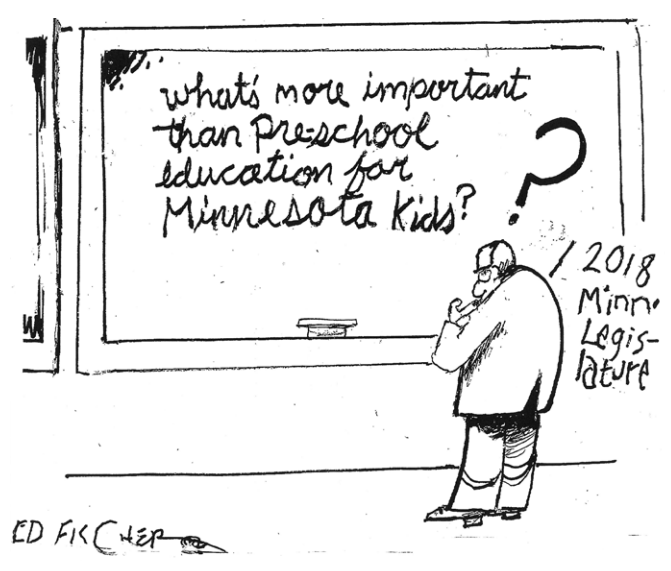
we can't afford them. Taxes can be complicated, but this really isn't. Corporations and the rich get almost all of the benefits of last year's tax bill, while the middle class is stuck suffering through the consequences. It's as simple as that.

Republicans in Congress and their billionaire donors don't want you thinking about the truth of the bill, though. They're spending millions of dollars on campaigns talking about how great this tax bill is for the middle class, but the fact that they think they need to spend money to convince people their tax cut was big enough is revealing. It doesn't take millions of dollars to sell a real middle-class tax cut.

Their PR campaigns may distract from the truth of the bill for a while, but they can't cover it up forever. It's the political equivalent to slapping a few dozen air fresheners on a bag of trash - it may smell better for a while, but it doesn't change the fact that at the end of the day you're dealing with a pile of hot garbage.

Stephen Prince is the Vice-Chair of the Patriotic Millionaires and a businessman who founded National Business Products, now known as Card Marketing Services, in 1993.

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Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Approval of liquor licenses.
- Support of CTC application for Moran Township and Philbrook broadband grant.
- Authorize membership in the 4M Fund.
- Hear committee reports from the Public Works Commission, including approval of a ten-year maintenance contract with KLM Engineering for the water tower; from the Staples Economic Development Authority and from the Marketing Tourism Board.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.



Staples Area Men's Chorus 'Afterglow' concert May 12

The Staples Area Men's Chorus will present "The Afterglow" concert Saturday, May 12 at 7:30 p.m. This annual "Casual evening concert event of music and refreshments" will be held at the Landmark Inn, 631 3rd Ave. NE, Staples. Tickets are available online www.staplesmen.org, from SAMC members and Nelson

Insurance Agency, Staples. The event is supported in part by Five Wings Arts Council (Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund) and Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.

Above: "The Afterglow" concert at the Landmark Inn, 2017. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

May 7

RETIREDC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MN (REAM) MTG Mon., May 7, 9:30 a.m., at Staples City Hall. Program: REAM benefits.

May 8

TODD COUNTY CITIZENS AGAINST DRUGS (CAD) HOSTING 'MEET AND GREET' Tues., May 8, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Central Lakes College, Staples, in the Depot Rm. Bring a lunch. Learn about CAD's work with Todd County youth. For info., email connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us.

May 10

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., May 10, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Johansen, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 218-296-1641.

May 15, 16

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC-WALK-IN Tues., May 15, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM Tues., May 15, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., May 16, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.

Lakewood to host free seminar on arthritis and joint pain

Lakewood Health System will host an educational seminar on arthritis, joint pain and joint replacement. The event will be held Wednesday, May 16, 6 p.m., in the lower level classrooms at Lakewood's main campus in Staples.

Pie and coffee will be served at 6 p.m. and a presentation by Northern Orthopedics surgeon, Dr. Chris Metz, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Following the presentation, there will be time for a question and answer session. An optional

tour of the Zimmer Mobile Learning Center bus is available for those interested. The bus is a self-supporting education facility where visitors get an up-close, hands-on look at a range of orthopedic products.

The Joint Connection program at Lakewood offers coordinated care, individualized attention, superior patient satisfaction scores and designated Joint Connection nursing staff, specially trained in joint replacement.

Joint Connection is a comprehensive orthopedic wellness program for both knee and hip replacement patients at LHS. Led by Ron

Murray, Joint Connection Coordinator; and surgeons from Northern Orthopedics. Joint Connection provides education, treatment and surgical support for anyone suffering from joint disease, arthritis, or the negative effects of normal wear and tear.

To RSVP, call 218-894-8638. To learn more about Joint Connection, call Ron Murray at 218-894-8578.



Students earn awards at art festival

Staples-Motley High School art students brought home awards from the MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) Arts Festival in New York Mills April 25. Elizabeth Kobliska brought home an award of excellence in ceramics, Kenna Bjerga earned a superior and best in category in ceramics, Lili Schneider earned an excellence in painting, sculpture and printmaking, Alyssa Vanderhoof brought home an excellence in

sculpture, superior in painting, superior and best in category in crafts.

The students will also be entering the FED/NJPA regional student art show, May 11, at Centennial Auditorium, Staples, with viewing open to the public from 6-9 p.m.

Above, from left: Kenna Bjerga, Alyssa Vanderhoof, Francesca Giummarra, Lili Schneider, Elizabeth Kobliska and Kira Sweeney. (Submitted photo)

Regional student art show May 11

The best in regional student art will be displayed for the public Friday, May 11, from 6-9 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium, Staples.

The Staples-Motley High School symphony orchestra, concert band and concert choir will present their finale concert in the auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.

The annual art show, organized by the Freshwater Education District and National Joint Powers Alliance will showcase the art of students in grades 4-12. All school districts within the boundaries of FED and NJPA are encouraged to enter.

The show is open to student groups during the day Thursday and Friday.

For grades 7-12 the entry



Cheryl Bannes

categories are: painting, drawing, crafts, mixed media, digital art, photography, sculpture and pottery/ceramics.

Ribbons will be given for first, second and third places and merit ribbons as the judge deems warranted in each category.

Cheryl Bannes of New York Mills is the jurist this year. She is a metalsmith and mixed media artist and is currently the education and outreach coordinator for the Cultural Center in New York Mills.

She's previously been involved with mentoring and outreach in Lewistown, Mont., developing programs for rural schools, for adults with disabilities and other underserved populations in the region.

Bannes has been an adjunct professor at Montana State University Northern and the University of Montana Missoula as well as a continuing education instructor at Williston State College. She has studied in Montana, Colorado, California and Illinois.

Sleep Apnea Support Group meets May 17

Lakewood Health System's durable medical equipment store, Medical Marketplace, will host a sleep apnea support group Thurs., May 17, from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at the LHS main campus in Staples.

Part of the nationally recognized sleep apnea program A.W.A.K.E., which stands for Alert, Well And Keeping Energetic, was created on behalf of the American

Sleep Apnea Association, this meeting will focus on the relationship between COPD and sleep apnea, referred to as Overlap Syndrome.

Lakewood Health System is the only healthcare facility in Central Minnesota to offer an A.W.A.K.E. support group.

For more information and to RSVP, call Cara at 218-894-8482.

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Saturday, May 5th, 2018

Meet Local Comic Creator Doug Curtis (Spacehack, Flying Ferret)
209 Jefferson Square - Downtown Wadena



Faithful volunteers

Dozens of volunteers at Lakewood Health System in Staples were honored for their services April 24, at the annual 'Volunteer Recognition Celebration'. The event was held at Lakewood's senior campus and featured refreshments, special music, speakers and door prizes. Pictured above, from left, are volunteers Rosie Blessing, Jan Tyrrell, Karen Anderson, Mary Theurer, Martha Holsapple. The women volunteer in a variety of ways, including communion and prayer services, music, and playing bingo with care center residents. For more information about volunteer opportunities at LHS, call Volunteer Coordinator Joan Wright at 218-894-8051. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Provided entertainment

Staples-Motley High School orchestra members provided special music entertainment at the recent 'Volunteer Recognition Celebration' hosted by Lakewood Health Center. Pictured above, from left, are Natasha Brings, Macy Judd, Trenton Plopper, James Vold. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees

Left to right: **Becky Smith, Amber O'Keefe, Becky Furhman, Jenny Braith**

Becky Smith, Patient Accounts, Business Office
Nominated by Pam Collins, customer, "Becky demonstrates how helpful she is with any caller or customer. She helps patients understand their benefits and provides tips on how to talk to insurance companies. Becky has been in touch with me regarding mix-ups with my insurances. She has been polite and understanding regarding my situation and always treats me with respect. I want Lakewood to know how fortunate they are to have Becky in the billing department. I commend her for her diligence and service."

Amber O'Keefe, LPN, Care Center
Nominated by a family member of a care center resident, "I have watched Amber grow as a nurse over the years and she exemplifies confidence, professionalism and compassion for the staff, residents and the families she serves. Amber noticed my mother was out of the cream I buy for her that comforts her pain. Amber knew this was important for my mother and took it upon herself to go and purchase the cream so that my mother would not have to wait or go without it. She truly knows the residents and the family preferences and cares about doing the best job for them."

Becky Furhman, Patient Financial Services
Nominated by Jodi Reeck, Central Supply Clerk, "I contacted Becky around a year ago about questions I had on my large Lakewood bill. I was very overwhelmed and didn't really understand how I was going to deal with it. From the first phone call I made to her to the last call, she showed patience, knowledge, comfort and understanding. With Becky's help I became debt free regarding my Lakewood bill and I KNOW I couldn't have done it without her help. Becky is amazing at what she does and I'd like her to know, she has helped me and my family in ways she will never understand."

Jenny Braith, Patient Representative, Pre-Encounter / Becky Furhman, Patient Financial Services
Nominated by Nette Nelson RN, Obstetrics, "I have patiently dealt with the company that manages Lakewood's billing. After calling the Wisconsin office they assured me they would check into it and return my call. While waiting, I remembered I had opted to pay a bill in full 2-years prior and Jennifer assisted me. I contacted Jennifer and she got right on it and contacted Becky. Becky had all the information from Wisconsin and allowed me to pay my bill in-full right over the phone. She offered to print any statements I needed. Becky and Jennifer were accommodating and kind and went out of their way to solve this issue. Thank you both!"

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Rebecca and Zachary Broom of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Ian David weighing seven pounds, two ounces on April 19, 2018.

Born to Linda and Vernon Borntreger of Deer Creek, a baby boy, Andrew Lee weighing five pounds, four ounces on April 19, 2018.

Born to Kaitlyn Smith and Travor Charles of Menahga, a baby boy, Christopher Charles Wayne weighing six pounds, one ounce on April 20, 2018.

Born to Anna and Dustin Littlefield of Motley, a baby girl, Josie Kate, weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on April 21, 2018.

Born to Kristi and Brad Borg of Brainerd, a baby girl, Brooke Arianna weighing seven pounds, two ounces on April 21, 2018.

Born to Trisha and Roy Graba of Sebeka, a baby boy, Henry J weighing 7lbs 7oz on 4/24/2018.

Born to Rachel and Rudy of Brainerd, a baby boy, Grady Zane weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on April 25, 2018.

Born to Katie Denny and Ryan Bartylla of Sebeka, a baby girl, Stella Joe weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 25, 2018.

Born to Kelly and Bradley Burns of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Leo Ray weighing eight pounds, one ounce on April 25, 2018.

Born to Tera Puttonen and Corey Fritz of Deer Creek, a baby boy, Kolton Lee weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on April 26, 2018.

Born to Megan and Ben Gates of Fort Ripley, a baby boy, Gabriel Leslie Allen weighing nine pounds on April 26, 2018.

Born to Ashely and Evan Ingebrigtsen of Brainerd, a baby boy, Ezra John weighing seven pounds, four ounces on April 26, 2018.

Born to Elizabeth and OJ Steffen of Backus, a baby boy, Maverick Gene, weighing nine, pounds, six ounces on April 26, 2018.

Student Achievements

EMILY JONES, Pillager, recently graduated Magna Cum Laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology: Zoology.

LUKE YOUNGVORST, Minneapolis, recently received a Doctorate in Communications Studies degree at the University of Minnesota. Youngvorst is a 2008 graduate of Staples-Motley High School and has a Master's degree from Minnesota State University-Mankato. He is the son of Henry Youngvorst, Staples; and Michelle Huss, Prior Lake.

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Sunday, May 6

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11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Obituaries



Donald Amundson

Donald Eddie Amundson, 86, of Staples passed away April 28, 2018.

Services will be held Saturday, May 5, at 11 a.m. at Staples Alliance Church, with Pastor Bob Hepokoski officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Donald was born September 16, 1931, to Eddie and Laura (Peterson) Amundson in Wadena. After the death of his father the family moved to Staples in 1943. He graduated from Staples High School in 1949. He was a proud veteran who enlisted in the National Guard and served in the U.S. Army from 1948-1952, during the Korean War. He was appointed a Lifetime Member of the 194th Tank Regiment. After working in several machine shops in the Minneapolis area, he moved the family to Staples in 1974, to work at the new 3M plant. He retired after 20 years where he made many life long friends. Don was a member of the Staples Christian Missionary Alliance Church where he served as an usher, elder, Sunday school teacher and Awana leader. He loved cooking for men's Saturday morning breakfast every month. The Monday morning men's encouragement group was a highlight of his week for about 25 years. Don appreciated the outdoors and had a camper to take his family camping. They enjoyed Family Camp with church friends singing around the campfire. Everyone pitched in to set up camp and were one happy family crammed into the camper along with their dog, Chipper. He and his son, Dan spent many hours on their land in Todd County. They made many memories in the woods hunting deer and ducks. He enjoyed fishing on many lakes in Minnesota and Canada with Lake Shamaineau his favorite where he spent a lot of time fishing with the grandkids. He enjoyed working on engines from his first car (Model T), to tanks in the military, snowmobiles, tractors and everything in-between.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Doris (Liden) Amundson; one son, Dan of Motley; two daughters, Diane (Darin) Daby of Sioux City, IA and Deb (Rich) Hamann of Bloomington; one sister, Lavina Davis, Edina; one brother-in-law, Ray Garland, Staples; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; many cousins, nieces and good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Helen Garland; one brother-in-law, Garland Davis.

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Alfred Simons

Alfred Simons, 93, of Pillager, passed away April 28, 2018, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples, surrounded by his family.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at Casino Assembly of God Church, rural Pillager with Pastor Dan Johnson officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, May 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to the services at the church on Friday.

Interment with Military Honors will follow at Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Alfred was born August 20, 1924 in Pillager to Harry and Maude (Whipple) Simons. He grew up and attended school in the Pillager area, leaving school in the eighth grade. Alfred served in WWII in the anti-aircraft artillery division from May 1943 to January 1945. After being Honorably discharged, he married Iona Miller on October 31, 1946 in Brainerd. They made their home in Pillager, where they raised their seven children. Alfred worked for several years in the sheet metal trade and then went to work for the Northern Pacific Railroad as a Watchman, from September 11, 1955 to April 16, 1984, when he retired. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, making horseradish and spending time with family and friends.

Alfred is survived by two sons, Larry Simons of Garrison and Keith Simons of Pillager; four daughters, Linda (Donnie) Johnson of Pillager, Nancy (Lloyd) Hansen and Patty (Dan) Mannie both of Brainerd, and Tracey (Darrel) Thomas of Motley; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Onie; daughter, Kristi Buscho; grandson, Kyle Thomas and great-grandson, James Martin.

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Janice Voeltz

Janice Ellen Voeltz, 82, of Staples, passed away April 27, 2018 at Hennepin Healthcare, Minneapolis.

The Celebration of Life memorial service will be held Friday, May 4, at 11 a.m. at the Thomastown Covenant Church in rural Staples, with Pastor Nathan Hillman presiding. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 3, from 6-8 p.m. at the Schuller Family Funeral Home, Verdale Chapel and at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the services.

Burial will be in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

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

Janice was born March 31, 1936 to L.T. and C. Edith Geiger in Nobles County. She graduated from Staples High School in 1955 and married Ivan E. Voeltz in June 1955. She was a homemaker while her children were in school. Janice later cleaned homes, clerked at the Rexall Drug and at the former Mary Rondorf home, both in Staples. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, knitting, crafting, was a 4-H leader and at church in Children and Women's Ministries. She enjoyed visiting friends at the LHS Care Center. Janice had lived at Lakewood Pines, Staples for the past two years, where she had made many friends.

Janice is survived by her husband; one son, Mark of Minto, ND; two daughters, Julie Carlson of Minnetonka and Becky (Bruce) Fuhrman of Staples; 12 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth (Manny) Voeltz of Staples; one brother Doug (Diane) Geiger of Eugene, OR; and many other family members.

She is preceded in death by her parents; one son, Don; one sister, Evelyn and two brothers, Lawrence and Howard.

Memorials may be directed to Thomastown Covenant Church and Smile Again Ministries.

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Kenneth Richardson

Kenneth Richardson, 88, of Staples, passed away April 23, 2018, at Lakewood Health System Hospital surrounded by family and loved ones.

Mass of Christian Burial was held April 26 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Joe Korf officiating.

Interment with Military Honors by Motley American Legion Post #124 was held at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Kenneth was born August 2, 1929 in Winona to Clarence and Helen Richardson. He served in the U.S. Army and was Honorably Discharged. Kenneth married Kathryn King on October 11, 1949 in Winona. They were married for 65 years. They moved to Staples in 1969, where Ken worked at Benson Optical for 39 years until his retirement. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, American Legion, VFW and was an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed helping out at church, hunting, fishing,



yard work, playing cards, sports and spending time with his family.

Kenneth is survived by five daughters, Christine (Swede) Colsen and their five sons; Nancy Lamusga and her six children; Kathryn Blessing and her nine children; Joni (Darrel) Oberloh and their three children; Lisa Richardson-Emola (Bradley) and their two children and two sons, Michael (JoAnne) Richardson and their two children; Tedd (Brenda) Richardson, and their six children; 26 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

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Public Notices

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

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Mark Strom, Secretary
Leader Community Hall
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STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF WADENA SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 80-PR-18-286

In Re: Estate of MYRTLE ELAINE WENDT, Deceased.

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice by publication is hereby given that on the 21st day of May, 2018, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Wadena, Minnesota, for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the will of the above named decedent dated November 23, 2011, and for the appointment of

Rhonda Ekholm, whose address is 12210 Ponderosa Drive, Staples, Minnesota 56479, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the personal representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: April 16, 2018 /s/Peter M. Irvine Judge of District Court

Kathryn Ouren
Court Administrator
Barb Allen
Deputy Court Administrator

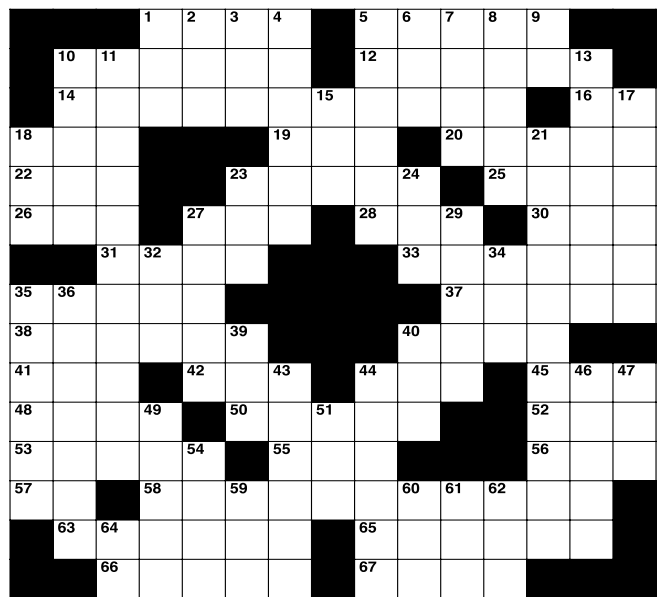
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Wadena, Minnesota 56482
Telephone: 218-631-1400
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Care Center

Tues., May 15, 2:15 p.m. Church - Nathan Hillman; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Weds., May 16, 2 p.m. Bingo - Lincoln Ladies Aid
Thurs., May 17, 10 a.m. Bible study - Pastor Collins
Fri., May 18, 2 p.m. Root beer floats - Residents and staff
Sat., May 19, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge
Sun., May 20, 2 p.m. Assembly of God Singers; 7 p.m. Square dancers practice
Tues., May 22, 10 a.m. Sing-Along/Bruce; 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples As-

sembly of God
Weds., May 23, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Thurs., May 24, 1:45 p.m. Communion Service w/Daryl
Fri., May 25, 2 p.m. Entertainment - Tim Cline
Sat., May 26, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge
Sun., May 27, 1:30 p.m. Word game; 2:15 p.m. Social time
Mon., May 28, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church
Tues., May 29, 2:5 p.m. Church - Staples UMC, Greg Leslie
Weds., May 30, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS: 1. Maintained possession of; 5. Dropsy; 10. Type of music; 12. One who is deliberately cruel; 14. 411; 16. Rhode Island; 18. Follows sigma; 19. Baked dessert; 20. Craftsman; 22. Austrian river; 23. Distributed; 25. Close; 26. Midway between east and southeast; 27. Thunderstorm code; 28. Where wrestlers work; 30. Away from (prefix); 31. Canadian law enforcers; 33. Shade; 35. Sir Samuel __, Brit. statesman; 37. Della __, singer; 38. Existing in fact; 40. Tennis matches have at least two; 41. Reunifying Chinese dynasty; 42. Not just "play"; 44. Angry; 45. Photomultiplier tube; 48. Slovenly person; 50. __ and Diu; 52. Cologne; 53. What actors deliver; 55. Campaigned; 56. Cash machine; 57. Spanish be; 58. Animal that eats insects; 63. Colonists who supported the British; 65. Loved; 66. A pair of people who live together; 67. Work tools; CLUES DOWN: 1. Kilogram force (abbr.); 2. Your consciousness of your own identity; 3. Score; 4. A way to modify; 5. Respect; 6. Midwife; 7. Region near the Dead Sea; 8. __ Gerais: gold-rich state of Brazil; 9. Equally; 10. Monetary units; 11. The mentioning of things one by one; 13. Traveling entertainers; 15. Small island; 17. A way to sing; 18. __-bo: form of exercise; 21. "The Bard"; 23. The best player; 24. Male parent; 27. Harm the reputation of; 29. Allow for the tare of; 32. Grand __: wine classification; 34. Soak; 35. Bother; 36. Ophthalmologist; 39. Preceded; 40. __ Francisco, California; 43. Touch gently; 44. Lithuanian given name; 46. Matched; 47. Stomach; 49. Mother of all gods in Scots' Celtic mythology; 51. Partner to cheese; 54. Fit of irritation; 59. Visit; 60. Suffragist Wells; 61. Swearing to the truth of a statement; 62. Old Red Sandstone; 64. Sacred Hindu syllable; CW184300



Getting their family groove on

Approximately 300 mothers, fathers, sons and daughters enjoyed the Family Formal Dance in Staples March 23. The event was sponsored by the Parent Teacher Connection and held in the gymnasium at Staples-Motley Elementary School. Music was provided

by Jax Entertainment. Pictured above left, Renee Kroll and her son Gabe show off their tango moves. Above right, Doug Buscho enjoys a dance with his daughters, Adel and Autumn. (Submitted photos by Bill Johnson - Picture Day Pro)

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
Sunlight & 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.
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. Megardon
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
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)

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.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

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 Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Meal
6:30 p.m. Groups

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

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

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.

The Good Shepherd

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

I AM the Good Shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. -John 10:11

How often do we hear in the news stories about powerful people who abuse their authority, taking advantage of those who follow and/or trust them? Celebrities, political figures, doctors, teachers, coaches. The list, unfortunately, is extremely long. People who ought to be servants, using and abusing those who are under them, or under their care.

How different is the Lord Jesus who in the text above identifies Himself as "THE GOOD SHEPHERD." The Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. As the Son of God, Jesus has divine authority. He has the authority to stop a storm with just a word, authority to heal the sick, give sight to the blind, to cast out demons and even authority to raise the dead.

He has authority over life and death. But ultimately He uses His authority to die - to lay down His life in order to rescue and redeem sinful humankind from sin, death and the devil's power. But more than that He also has authority to take His life back up, giving life eternal to all whose hope is in Him.

Such is the difference between godly authority and human authority, between those who seek to be served and the ONE who came to serve and to lay down His life for all.

Jesus is indeed THE GOOD SHEPHERD - the Shepherd who can be trusted to care for our every need, for in His suffering, death and resurrection He has already taken care of our greatest need.

To God alone be glory. Amen

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

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

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

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

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

Staples World
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224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

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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



One more lake for the Minnesota map

There are at least 10,001 lakes in Minnesota now, thanks to the vast amount of snow fall during March and April. Pictured above, the parking lot at Lake Country Auto in Staples resembled one of Minnesota's smaller lakes April 24, with warmer temperatures melting the winter snow. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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In the end, need outweighed objections

Bursch, said he is not seeing the jobs and told the council to work on getting more jobs before working on housing.

Council member Rachel Johnson said she talked to a lot of people, including social workers and county people, and came to the conclusion that there is a need for this type of housing in Staples.

Johnson also responded to a question about the apartments possibly reducing property values in the neighborhood. She had researched studies on that subject and didn't find any that concluded property values could change for the worse.

Hemmesch also said studies show that apartments do not affect property values.

Mayor Etzler pointed out income discrimination in some of the objections to the project. Earlier in the meeting, the council held a public hearing and approved a TIF District for apartments along Airport Road.

"We don't know who is going to live in those apartments, no one said anything. Just because they make a little more money," said Etzler.

He also pointed out there were no objections to the townhome units built last year, also with a TIF district.

When it came time to make the decision of whether to approve the sale of the land the CMHP for the project, several council members talked about the factors they are considering.

Johnson said several area workplaces are currently hiring, and said Central Lakes College students have voiced a need for safe places to live in Staples. She said she also struggled finding affordable housing when she first moved to Staples.

Ron Murray said he got a lot of phone calls, emails and letters on this subject, both for and against.

"It's encouraging, I wish we could get more of this," said Murray. "Thanks, I

appreciate it."

Mary Theurer said she learned a lot through the project, especially about the use of TIF districts.

"I thought we lose all those dollars, but it is delayed, we will eventually get it," she said.

Etzler said he had a lot of questions when the proposal first came up. He said city staff and CMHP worked to bring some answers to the council. In the end, Etzler said "This area is zoned for that, it was something that the city was planning on."

He also said the people who will move into the apartments are more likely to shop and work locally, and the apartments are within walking distance of recent development on the east end of Staples.

"They are families, working, they will bring kids and contribute to our community," he said.

Roy Miles said in his 20 years on the city council, they have been praying for more housing in the community. He said it is now happening in his last year on the council. "It is a hard decision, but I will make that motion," said Miles.

The council voted in favor of the project, with Case voting against it.

As a result of the decision, CMHP will proceed with their application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to approve the project. Hemmesch said it is a competitive project that will not be awarded until this fall. If successful, they plan to start building in the spring of next year.

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Are TIF districts the only way to spur economic growth?

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

At the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) meeting on April 24, the SEDA board discussed advantages and disadvantages of tax increment financing (TIF) districts, and what other communities are doing with them.

A TIF district is a tax break for developers who want to build something in a community. Staples created a TIF district for the townhomes built last year, and on April 24, the Staples City Council approved TIF districts for an apartment complex to be built on Airport Road and for a professional building to be built on Highway 10 in Staples.

They are also considering another TIF district for the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (CMHP) proposal for income based apartments on 12th Street and Michigan Ave. NE in Staples.

At the SEDA meeting, Jason Murray of David Drown and Associates explained some of the basics of the TIF district, and admitted there are some good things and some bad things about creating the districts.

"In the long run it is about increasing the tax base," said Murray. "You are never going to lose because values won't fall below that line."

The increment part of the TIF is the difference between the unimproved lot and the developed lot. The taxes on that developed portion go back into the project for a limited number of years. For the professional building that will be nine years and the housing projects will be twelve years. Once the time period is up, the full taxes go back to the city.

Of the three new TIF district projects in Staples, all three will help the tax base immediately, as they are buying lots that pay no taxes and putting them onto the tax rolls. Two of the lots are owned by the City of Staples, and the one on Airport Road is owned by Lakewood Health System's district, a non-profit. The city will get the regular payments for utilities.

Murray said if a TIF district is approved and in place, a future school referendum will still be able to tax the development, so the three new TIF districts will still pay their share if a referendum is passed.

When asked why so many projects are asking for TIF districts, Murray said the state is "seeing more and more commu-

nities using it because of cost of development. It is a needed tool to make the development work."

He said developers try to drive the cost of their project down by a variety of methods, but there are limits to every method, and many times the project will not work financially unless a TIF district is used. "They are making the investment, and you pay them back over time," said Murray.

Murray said it is up to each community to determine how many TIF districts to allow. When he worked in Alexandria, a larger community, they would routinely approve five or six TIF districts every year, he said.

Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen pointed out that in some cases TIF districts are better than having nothing. "If you're doing TIF districts, you are doing development. Without TIF, there may be no development," he said.

Murray said one of the negatives of a TIF district is the developer could default, but he would only allow a "pay as you go" TIF district, where the city does not risk anything. The other negative is that the city does not get the full tax amount for the period of the TIF district.

Housing issues

The TIF conversation carried over to housing issues in Staples. The subject also came up at the city council meeting, that very few new houses have been built in Staples over the past few years.

SEDA board member Doug Case said a lot of good jobs are coming into Staples, but many people are choosing not to buy a home or build a home in Staples. He said there is a lack of places to build new homes in Staples.

Murray said other communities have built apartment units to get new employees to move to town for a new job and set roots in the community, making them more likely to build or buy a house in that town.

Rick Utech of the Todd County Development Corporation was at the meeting and talked about a study that found many people are unable to buy a home because they don't have the cash on hand to make a down payment. One solution is to develop a double mortgage program, in which one loan is made for the down payment and a second loan is made for the long term house payment.

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Frisk objects to process of hiring coaches

rate picture of student progress."

She listed other tests given during the year that measure the progress students are making toward goals.

"I think our staff does a fine job," Freeman said.

"I think so, too," Frisk said.

The motion passed with Frisk opposed.

In the next item Frisk returned to an issue he has brought up previously: the composition of the committees that hire staff.

The recommendation was to hire three head coaches - Chris Kappler for football, Adam Taylor for girls basketball and Nick Doll for boys basketball.

Frisk lamented the lack of a policy and noted that a local individual who has been active in the program wasn't called in for an interview.

At this point Freeman asked the chair, Chad Longbella, for a five minute recess in the meeting. She conferred with Longbella who then reconvened the

meeting.

Longbella noted that in a hiring situation the board cannot discuss other individuals by name.

Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie said he was on the interview committee and that there were several strong candidates handling challenging questions.

"It was unanimous, but it was a difficult decision," Bratlie said. "I was impressed with the candidates."

"I don't disagree with Mr. Taylor's qualifications," Frisk said. "But we're ignoring the contributions of our staff."

Bratlie said in all his experience as a superintendent he has never had a school board member on a hiring committee.

Board member Bryan Winkels, who is on the policy committee with Frisk, encouraged Frisk to bring up the issue at a committee meeting.

Frisk noted that he was chastised for contacting other school districts for

information on their policies.

The motion passed to hire Kappler, Taylor and Doll with Frisk opposed.

Freeman reminded the board of the state statute that directs school boards to delegate all management responsibilities to a licensed superintendent and licensed administrative personnel.

The administration requested permission to post for the following positions:

- high school FACS
- high school math
- activities director/ high school physical education (.67 of the position is activities director)
- first grade teacher (added position)
- summer school teacher assistants (special education and targeted services)
- summer school special education and targeted services teacher
- summer school food service staff (2)

The request was approved with Longbella opposed without comment.

TODD COUNTY TAX REMINDER

The First Half of the Real Estate Taxes are due on or before May 15, 2018. State law requires that the penalty be applied to the unpaid balance on May 16th. These taxes are payable at the **Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office**.

OPTIONS FOR PAYING TAXES:

- Mail payment by sure envelope is postmarked May 15th, 2018.
- Pay in person, over the phone or internet payment.
- See the county web page for all the payment options and details.

www.co.todd.mn.us

PLEASE BRING YOUR STATEMENT / STUBS WHEN PAYING YOUR TAXES.
DENISE GAIDA
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER

NOTICE:

Please note that the Volunteer Program to assist with filing your Minnesota Property Tax Refund or MIPR form is no longer available.

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Match of the Month Kinship

Kinship Partners is pleased to honor Andrew and Marcy Knosalla and Brodie Cyrus as its newest Match of the Month.

Brodie said that he loves to play games with Andrew and Marcy. He said that they help him get all his homework done and then they have fun. Brodie said that Andrew made him the best paper airplanes that flew all the way down the hallway. He also loves to play with the dogs and is continually working on teaching them new tricks.

Marcy and Andrew look forward to Brodie's visits and enjoy every minute he spends with them. Brodie fits right in and naturally becomes a part of their routine.

Congratulations to Andrew, Marcy and Brodie for being Kinship Partners Match of the Month. Because Andrew and Marcy chose to make a difference in a child's life their hearts are full and they have created a bond that has added so much to all of their lives.

Why not start your own friendship journey?



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Free seminar on arthritis and joint replacement!

Restore your mobility. Restore your life.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 16th

WHERE: Lower level classrooms
Lakewood Health System's
Main Campus (49725 Cty. 83, Staples)

6:00 P.M. Pie and coffee
6:25 P.M. Welcome
6:30 P.M. Presentation by Dr. Christopher Metz, Northern Orthopedics surgeon
7:10 P.M. Q & A
7:20 P.M. Optional tour of the Biomet bus



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Golfers start out strong

The Staples-Motley girls and boys golf teams finished near the top at a couple of big golf meets to start their season.

On April 27, the girls team was fourth out of 20 teams at the Bemidji Invitational. On April 28, the boys team finished third at their home Cardinal Invitational at the Vintage in Staples.

For the girls, Adriana Dickey finished seventh with an 18 hole score of 89, shooting 45 on the front nine and 44 on the back.

Alix Peterson shot 93 to finish 14th, Ava Schneider was 25th at 98 and Bo Erholtz was right behind at 102.

In the boys meet, Finn Erholtz shot 39 and 40 to finish with 79, placing eighth at the meet. Beck Erholtz was right behind in ninth place with a score of 80. Alex Giza played consistently to score 91 and Jack Benson had 92. Alex Rosenthal shot 105 and Jack Adamietz had 106 to finish the varsity scoring.



Straight shot

Jack Benson tees off at the Cardinal Invitational. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Accuracy

Finn Erholtz watches a chip shot sail into the air.



Chip-in

Beck Erholtz puts his ball inside his opponent's ball, landing on the green for a birdie chip-in.

Tee shot

Alex Giza follows through on his drive.

Baseball season underway

The Staples-Motley baseball season started on April 26 with a 9-2 loss at Royalton. The Cardinals also lost 5-1 at Wadena-Deer Creek on April 27.



Looking for a hit

Amber Longworth gets her bat on the ball as the Staples-Motley softball team collected another hit in their game against Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale on April 26. The Cardinals lost 27-5 that day and lost 15-0 to Wadena-Deer Creek in their first game April 23. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Making the throw

Emma Colsen fires an out to first base after scooping up a ground ball at third base.



Eye on the ball

Amyah Converse takes a swing and drives the ball.

Throwers lead track team

With two first places, a second and two fourths, the Staples-Motley discus and shot put throwers helped both the boys and girls teams place third at their home meet on April 26.

On the girls team, Toni Brings won the discus and was fourth in the shot put, while Tabatha Allen won the shot put. For the boys, Scout Strickland was second in the discus and fourth in the shot put. The Cardinals scored points in most other events, but this was the first time the throwers had a chance to throw the discus in an outdoor meet.

Max Giza won the 200 meter dash at the home meet, then competed the next day at the Hamline Elite Meet, where the top athletes in Minnesota are invited. He finished fourth in the 300 hurdles in 40.40, then cleared 12'10" in the pole vault to finish seventh.

Team results

- Boys results
 100 - 3. Jordon Carlson 11.90, 11. Zac Carlson 12.49, 12. Corey Hanson 12.56
 200 - 1. Max Giza 22.84, 5. Chase Davis 24.69, 17. Cole Neters 30.56
 400 - 5. Javier Fernandez 1:01, 8. Hanson 1:02
 800 - 4. Matthew Fisher 2:16, 7. Jack Tyrrell 2:29, 11. Jacob Schmitz 2:41, 14. Caleb Piccanato 2:50
 1,600 - 3. Ben Bartczak 5:15, 4. Jack Tyrrell 5:29, 5. Hunter Klimek 5:32, 10. Dylan Beto 5:57
 3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 10:23, 2. Tanner Robben 11:30
 110 hurdles - 5. Sivert Klefsaas 19.82, 7. Sam Jennissen 20.98
 300 hurdles - 8. Jennissen 59.12
 4x100 - 1. 47.58
 4x200 - 4. 1:47
 4x400 - 5. 4:09; 6. 4:22
 4x800 - 3. 9:30
 High jump - 2. Davis 5'6", 8. Fernandez 5'0"
 Long jump - 4. Carlson 18'1", 5. Davis 18'1", 8. Evan Nanik 15'9"
 Triple jump - 6. Farnandez 33'2", 7. Nanik 31'5"
 Discus - 2. Scout Strickland 108'5", 5. Ethan Gilbertson 96'8", 10. Giza 85'4", 17. Isaac Kronenberg 64'4"
 Shot put - 4. Strickland 36'9", 7. Giza 35'11", 14. Kronenberg 31'3", 16. Gilbertson 30'1"
- Girls results
 100 - 6. Jordan Dechaine 13.80, 7. Larken Hirschev 13.80, 8. Kearra Mikel 13.82, 11. Brooke Ferdon 14.52
 200 - 6. Aften Robinson 29.26, 9. Addison Lorber 30.50, 11. Aleeah Halverson 30.91, 15. Camryn Banaka 31.38, 19. Tabatha Allen 34.09
 400 - 6. Abby Dukowitz 1:10, 13. Malaya Reem 1:19
 800 - 9. Kiera Dumpprope 3:10, 10. Julia Trantina 3:14
 1,600 - 2. Lorber 6:02, 3. Kira Sweeney 6:03
 3,200 - 1. Ashley Robben 12:48, 2. Sweeney 12:50, 7. Abby Brown 15:15
 100 hurdles - 10. Jayce Kobliska 21.35, 11. Isabelle Mikel 21.44
 300 hurdles - 8. I. Mikel 59.68, 12. Aubrey Brandt 1:02
 4x100 - 1. 55.04
 4x200 - 5. 2:03
 4x400 - 4. 4:52
 4x800 - 1. 11:15
 High jump - 4. Halverson 4'4"
 Long jump - 10. Hirschev 12'10", 11. Banaka 12'6", 16. Libby O'Neil 11'5"
 Triple jump - 9. Dechaine 27'6", 12. Rose Han 26'5", 14. Kobliska 24'8"
 Discus - 1. Toni Brings 83'8", 9. Allen 61'0", 19. Ari Brings 41'2", 21. Ashley Boyer 30'9"
 Shot put - 1. Allen 28'9", 4. T. Brings 25'2", 18. Boyer 16'5", 19. A. Brings 14'5"



Left, Julia Trantina; middle, Javier Fernandez; above, Camryn Banaka



Pitch, Hit and run contestants

JCI Staples hosted a local Pitch, Hit and Run event on April 29, with 15 contestants.

Baseball age bracket winners were: Age 7/8, Jackson White, Verndale; Age 9/10, Reed Olds, Staples; Age 11/12 Shawn Schmitz, Verndale; Age 13/14, Jeremy Haskin, Verndale. Softball winner: Age 7/8, Jaida Holst, Staples.

Other contestants included, in no particular order, Aleea Holst, Ahna Bursch, Joe Regan, Alex Brandt, Steven Petrich, Dylan Lawrence, Peyton Mithun, Carter White, Hayden Rutherford and Connor Schmitz.

The Pitch, Hit and Run Sectionals will be Sunday, May 6, at Pine Grove Park at 1 p.m. (Submitted photo)



2018 Staples Lumberbats Season Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
4/28	3:00 PM	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
5/5	1:30 PM	Perham	Perham
5/6	1:30 PM	Verndale	Verndale
5/12	1:30 PM	Wadena	Pine Grove Field
5/13	1:30 PM	Nimrod	Pine Grove Field
5/19	1:30 PM	Sebeka	Pine Grove Field
5/20	1:30 PM	Verndale	Pine Grove Field
5/26	7:00 PM	Pelican Rapids	Pelican Rapids
5/27	1:30 PM	Huntersville	Huntersville
6/2	1:30 PM	Midway	Pine Grove Field
6/2	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
6/3	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
6/8	7:00 PM	Nisswa	Nisswa
6/17	1:30 PM	Wolf Lake	Wolf Lake
6/23	1:30 PM	Park Rapids	Pine Grove Field
6/23	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
6/24	TBA	Tourney	Pine Grove Field
7/6	7:30 PM	Midway	Menagha
7/8	1:30 PM	Park Rapids	Park Rapids
7/13	7:00 PM	Urbank P.P.	Urbank P.P.
7/14	3:00 PM	Pelican Rapids	Pine Grove Field
7/15	1:30 PM	Sebeka	Sebeka
7/21	1:30 PM	Nimrod	Nimrod
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Volleyball League winners



Setting Ducks take first

Front row, from left: (Mariah Martin) Aryn Hedlund and Mikayla Michaletz. Back, from left: Kole Kristenson, Brandon Hedlund, Phil Ramsey and Ben Ramsey. (Submitted photos)



Lefty's own second place

Front row, from left: Kari Maijala, (Mariah and MyKenna Martin) and Don Bybee. Back, from left: Megan Haber, Travis Skeesick, Mike Anderson and Sandy Opheim.

New pike limits

The new northern pike fishing regulations, which go into effect on the May 12 fishing opener, have three distinct zones to address the different characteristics of pike populations in Minnesota, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

Each of the zones - north-central, northeast and south - provide protection for different sizes of pike, and there are reasons for those differences.

North-central zone

The north-central zone is the largest of the three zones, and here the pos-

session limit is 10 northern pike, but only two can be longer than 26 inches; and all from 22 to 26 inches must be released.

"We're responding to angler concerns about the over-abundance of small, or hammer-handle, pike in the north-central zone," said Chris Kavanaugh, DNR northeast region fisheries manager.

Through anglers keeping small fish but protecting the 22 to 26 inch pike, the objective in the north-central zone is to both reduce the abundance of small pike and allow medium size pike to grow larger.



Penny Pintchers, third

Front row, from left: Helen Voeltz, Angela Brichacek and Christine Neset. Back, from left: Reade Hanson, Chris Lundberg, Steve Gertken, Tom Brichacek and Mike DeGeest.

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Middle school students making a difference



At the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul

Sixth and seventh graders at Motley-Staples Middle School attended WE Day at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul last November. The annual event, which was attended by approximately 18,000 students and educators, is "an unparalleled celebration of young people committed to making a difference." Pictured above, back row from left: Joshua White, Seth Larson, Evan Allen, Westen Bjerga, Amy Rollins, Steffany

Sullivan, Kailer Ecker, Carson Trantina, Nicole Carter, Aften Robinson, Amanda Carter. Middle row: Brayden Salcido, Bel Birkholtz, Grace Jennissen, Ashley Robben, Lauren Rutten, Camryn Ferris, Megan Franzen, Georgia Kruchten. Front row: Kyra Stangle, Destiny Dukowitz, Gabby Hegge, Kaylee Birkholtz, Gabby Case, Natalie Sarbaum, AJ Nienow, William Dolezal, Wyatt Kobliska. (Submitted photo)

Sixth and seventh grade students at Motley-Staples Middle School (MSMS) were inspired to make a difference in the world after attending the WE Day event in St. Paul last November.

According to information at their website, "WE Day is an unparalleled celebration of young people committed to making a difference. WE Schools is the yearlong program that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create change in their local and global communities. Together, they offer people the tools and inspiration to take social

action, empower others and transform lives - including their own."

Upon their return from WE Day, "the kids were very excited about giving back," said Allison Vangness, 7th grade social studies teacher at MSMS who helped organize the event along with Sarah Dano, 6th grade English teacher at the school.

Following the day-long event, students are encouraged to choose a local initiative and a global initiative.

For their local initiative, the sixth and seventh graders chose to help the nonprofit organization,

'Fiona's Hope Totes.' The organization was formed to address the comfort needs of families of hospitalized children during prolonged or unexpected

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"No matter how young I am...I can make a difference."
 William Dolezal, student
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hospital stays, according to information at their website. "Fiona's Hope does this by spreading hope through the little comforts of home with Fiona's Hope Totes, remembering Heaven's newest angels through Fiona's Hope Memorials, and providing support by connecting with families through personal experience."

The MSMS students raised \$800 this past school year, by holding bake and candy sales; and hosting monthly 'hat days.' With these funds, they were able to fill 31 totes with items to help families experiencing an extended hospital stay. These included things such as Kleenex and bottled water, Vangness said.

For their global initiative, the students chose to volunteer with the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) nonprofit organization, packing meals.

Twenty-eight students,

nine parents and two teachers (Vangness and Dano) took a bus down to the FMSC headquarters in Coon Rapids on March 27. During their time there, they packed 146 boxes of meals. "A total of 31,536 meals were packed," Vangness said.

Funds for this project were raised through student sales of suckers, as well as a donation from the Lincoln Lakes Business Association. In addition to paying for the bus expense, the students were able to give FMSC a \$600 donation. "It was an awesome experience," Vangness said of their day packing meals.

The entire WE Day experience is something seventh graders Mandy Carter and William Dolezal said they will not soon forget.

Mandy said that she found it to be very exciting. She recalled having the opportunity to hear from inspiring celebrities during the all-day program; and to meet up with other young people from across the state.

Being a part of both the local and global initiatives was also very meaningful, Mandy said. "It was a lot of work, but a lot of fun, too," she shared. Having the opportunity to help people from Haiti through the "Feed My Starving Children" program was really special, she added.

If she could go to WE Day again next year, she definitely would, Mandy said.



Packing meals for 'Feed My Starving Children'

As part of their global initiatives WE Day project, Motley-Staples Middle School students packed 31,536 meals for 'Feed My Starving Children.' Pictured above, from left, are Georgia Kruchten, Evan Allen, Seth Larson, Megan Franzen. Center photo: Lauren Rutten, Aften Robinson, Amy Rollins, Nicole Carter. Bottom photo: Sarah Dano, sixth grade English teacher; Destiny Dukowitz, Natalie Sarbaum, Kyra Stangle. (Submitted photos)



William said it was his second year to go to WE Day in St. Paul. There were different speakers each time he was there and he said he found them all to be inspiring.

He enjoyed raising money for Fiona's Hope Totes and packing meals for FMSC. In addition, William said this experience has influenced other aspects of

his life. For example, he is more conscious of helping the environment by recycling things and picking up litter, he said.

Attending WE Day and participating in the subsequent initiatives helped him realize that no matter how young he is, or where he is from, "I can make a difference," William said.

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Motley Police Department, Sheriff's Office reports

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

April 25 - The MPD received a call from a resident who reported one of her neighbors has four pigs at their house near 5th Ave. S. The pigs are in a pen at-

tached to the back of the house.

April 24 - The MPD assisted a motorist with vehicle problems at the south edge on town.

April 24 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Christopher Appert, 38.

April 21 - The MPD reported a resident at the 200 block of Ash St. in Motley was burning leaves. The subject was advised that no burning was allowed. He said he would extinguish

the fire.

April 21 - The MPD issued a citation to Taylor Bateman, 26, for driving with a revoked license.

April 21 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Srinivasan Rajamani, 45.

April 21 - The MPD assisted a female who had locked her keys and her two-year-old child in her vehicle while pumping gas at Ortons BP in Motley.

April 20 - The MPD issued citations to Brandi

Middendorf, 31, for speeding and driving with a cancelled license.

April 19 - The MPD received a report of theft at a residence at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S in Motley.

April 19 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Atan Beganovic, 31.

April 25 - The MCSO received a report of property damage at the 300 block of Birch St. E., Motley.

April 21 - The MCSO arrested Lawrence Dale Holub, 51, for violating his Harassment Restraining Order and issued him a citation.

April 20 - the MCSO received a call from Todd County, requesting the Motley Fire Department be paged for a grass fire near Cty 28 and 313th Ave., Motley.

April 20 - The MCSO received a report that a dog resembling a German Shepherd had killed two chickens at a residence at the 33000 block of Cherry Ln., Motley.

April 14 - The MCSO responded to a report of a metal pipe coming from a residence at the 33000 block of Birch Ln, Motley, deputy made contact with the resident who stated he was going to pump water from the ditch. He removed the pipe after the deputy asked him to and was given a verbal warning.

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