

School board makes big decisions

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board approved several momentous decisions at their Feb. 20 meeting. The board approved a contract for a new superintendent, accepted the resignation of Activities Director Mark Jacobs, and approved going forward with the school's building project. The board passed a revised budget that gets the school close to a balanced operating budget. Also, Board Chair Bruce Lund answered a question that had been asked at a previous board meeting about holding a hearing for closing a school.

Building project

The board will finalize their building plans at their next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 6 p.m. at the high school media room. At that meeting they will approve documentation to be sent to the state and call for a

special election to vote on the project on May 14.

Mike Angland of Wids-eth Smith Nolting archi-tects showed the board the latest floor plans for the two building proposal the school wants to present for a public vote.

The proposal will include an option for an activities center space con-nected to the elementary school. That space could be used both for school activities and would also be available for the public to use. The City of Staples is working with the school to coordinate the city's recreation department with that portion of the build-ing. The 29,000 square feet of space would be bigger than the existing Staples Community Center, which is areound 21,000 square feet.

The school board is con-sidering the activity center as a second question on the referendum, with the first question just relating to the school plans.

Elementary school plans call for a new gym, kitchen, and lunch room, and exist-ing classrooms would be remodeled but remain structurally the same. Sci-ence and technology rooms and a music room would also be built new. The early childhood portion of the building would remain but not be remodeled.

Angland said the plan to move grades five and six to the high school was because moving them to the elementary site would require more space for music, which would add more square footage to the project. In the current plans, grades five and six will be located near the lunch room, music rooms and gym spaces, otherwise they will spend most of the school day in their own classroom areas.

Classrooms would be created for grades five and six, while most of the other high school classrooms will be remodeled, and a larger commons area created for students.

The high school plans call for the demolition of the 1935 portion of the building, which includes the varsity gymnasium and wrestling room. A new commons area and gym

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Sailing to state wrestling tournament

Staples-Motley wrestler Blayne Dumpprope heli-copters his way around an opponent in the Section 6A wrestling semifinals to score a takedown. Dumpprope,

Spencer Miller and Owen Bjerga all won their weight class to qualify for the state wrestling tournament. See page 6a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

LEAP takes on school project

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

LEAP has agreed to form an advocacy commit-tee to help persuade the public to vote for the Sta-ples-Motley Schools build-ing project.

At a meeting on Feb. 22, the LEAP board learned about the school's build-ing project and agreed to hold the first meeting of the advocacy committee on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m., at Sourcewell in Sta-ples. The committee plans to meet every Wednesday through May 8, with the vote scheduled for May 14.

LEAP stands for :Lead-ership, Engagement, Advocacy, Positiveness." It is a non-profit organization that helps other non-profits in the area by coordinat-ing services and activities. LEAP meets once a month as a board, usually the fourth Friday of each month at 7 a.m. at Source-well in Staples.

The advocacy committee is open for any members of the public who would like to work on promoting the building project. The com-mittee will work on social media, letters to the editor, print mailings, and calling



Talking about the school building project

Rob Brown of Nexus Solutions, left, speaks at the LEAP meeting on Feb. 22. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

taxpayers. The commit-tee will also help encour-age the public to vote, and let them know about early voting opportunities and same day voter registra-tion.

At the Feb. 22 LEAP meeting, Chair Tim Rice said the group was look-ing to undertake the school project because it turned out to be the most impor-tant issue in their commu-nity planning process last year.

"The school project rose to the top," said Rice.

So at the Feb. 22 meeting, Rob Brown of Nexus Solu-tions talked about some of the strategies of informing the public of the need for

a new school, and some of the messages that should be conveyed to the public.

"This will help kids compete at a regional and global level," said Brown.

A survey by Nexus showed that the commu-nity feels the educational needs of the district are being met by the current school buildings, but they are getting a very differ-ent message from staff and students. "The educational needs of students are very different than they were 30 years ago when the schools were last updated," said Brown.

Staples Mayor Chris Etzler compared education to the advances in phone

technology in the past 30 years. "Are they willing to go back to the old rotary phone?" said Etzler.

Staples-Motley Superin-tendent Ron Bratlie agreed, saying "Kids learn differntly, they communicate dif-ferently"

Brown said one advan-tage of the project is that it invests in the space the school already has, fixing up the usable portions of the school and building new to replace portions that are not usable. He said the project is "not just lip-stick on a pig," it will have shared spaces and tech-nology that will enable modern education.

Baxter 7th grader wins regional spelling bee

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

This year's winner of the Regional Spelling Bee held Feb. 19, at Source-well in Staples, is Hannah Moddes, a 7th grader at Forestview Middle School in Baxter.

Moddes was one of 31 students in grades fifth - eighth from Region 5 com-peting at the spelling bee. Region 5 includes school districts located in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties.

There were a total of eight rounds during the recent spelling bee; and Moddes outlasted the other 30 contestants by correctly spelling broadleaf, gristle, sequin, babushka, preco-cious, hyperbole, gesund-heit and magistrate.

The other finalist in round eight was fifth grader Zander Peterson from Aitkin. Peterson had spelled a number of difficult words in earlier rounds, including samurai, alchemy and glockenspiel.

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Proud mama

Tammy Harvey of Staples gives her son Keegan Harvey a hug following the 2019 Regional Spelling Bee Feb. 19, at Sourcewell in Staples. An eighth grader at Staples-Motley High School, Keegan Harvey advanced into the fifth round of the contest, correctly spelling the words orchard, Olympian, semantics and allitera-tion. He misspelled 'salve' in round five. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Dower Lake improvements chance for matching grants

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Improvements to Dower Lake Recreation Area's swimming beach are planned for this summer, and donations in the next two weeks could help deter-mine how much gets done.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation chose the project as their Big Idea and set out to raise \$40,000 to widen the beach, increase the swimming area, improve the dock and walkways, and add ameni-ties to the beach.

Donations have reached \$18,000, nearly half of the goal set for the project. Mike Gold of the Com-munity Foundation said if additional donations come

in by March 15, they could be eligible to qualify for matching grants. In-kind donations can also count towards some of the match-ing grants.

"Every donation is important, even if it's 10 or 20 dollars from people who take their kids to the lake," said Gold. Donations of \$100 or more will be com-memorated on a plaque at the beach area.

Donations can be made at the foundation's web site, staplesmotleyfounda-tion.org, or mailed to the Staples Motley Community Foundation, PO Box 101, Staples, MN, 56479.

Gold said they are on track to to get the money this summer, and begin work this year.

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Feb. 27	11°	-7°	Sunny
Feb. 28	15	1	Part/Cld
Mar. 1	16	-7	Snow
Mar. 2	5	-11	Part/Cld
Mar. 3	7	-11	Sunny
Mar. 4	10	-9	Part/Cld
Mar. 5	16	-2	Snow

Average Temp.:
H = 28° Low = 10
Snow Total:
Nov.-Feb. 22 = 62"

Recall: Mar. 5, 2008,
183.5" snow
Last year, 2018:
Temps. 30° - 40's

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Be cautious driving near snowplows

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is urging motorists to use extra caution during plowing and snow removal operations. MnDOT snowplows have already been involved in crashes with the public this year.

“Our snowplow operators are seeing inattentive drivers, motorists driving too close to the plow and motorists driving too fast for conditions,” said Todd Stevens, acting state maintenance engineer. “These are the main causes of crashes with snowplows.

Our drivers are well trained to drive their plows, but motorists should be patient, stay back from the plow and only pass when it is safe to do so.”

He said snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds because it is most effective for clearing roads. Operators’ ability to see behind them is restricted behind the truck so they must rely on mirrors to see to the rear and side of the truck.

“Their vision is also hampered by the snow clouds created while they plow. So, the safest place you can be is well behind the snowplow and away from the snow cloud it creates,” said Stevens.

Last year in Minnesota, there were 84 crashes involving the public and snowplows. Of that total, 58 of them occurred in the Twin Cities metro area.

“The more traffic there is, the higher the risk is of crashes occurring,” said Stevens.

Minnesota law requires motorists to turn on their headlights when it’s snowing or at any other time when weather conditions impair visibility.

Here are some other recommendations for safe driving around snowplows:

- Stay alert for snowplows, which turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They also may travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.
- Stay back at least 10 car lengths behind the plow. Don’t drive into a snow cloud.
- Slow down to a safe speed for current conditions.
- Turn on your headlights and wear your seat belt.
- Turn off the cruise control.
- Be patient and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.
- Don’t drive distracted. Motorists should check road conditions at 511mn.org.

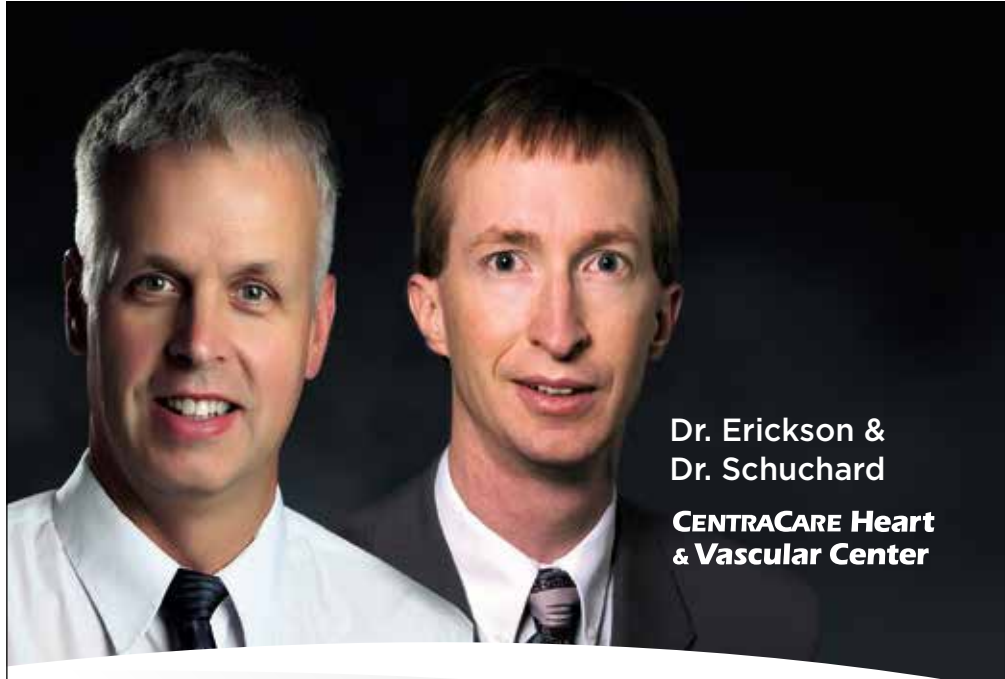


Rehearsals for ‘Honk! Jr.’ underway

Motley-Staples Middle School will perform the musical, ‘Honk! Jr.’ at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Friday, March 15, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 16, at 2 p.m. Matthew R. Olsen is the director, Nathan Thelen the music director; and Kevin Olsen is the technical director. Matthew R. Olsen described the show as a fun re-telling of the Ugly Duckling story. According to a synopsis of the play, Honk! Jr. is a heartwarming celebration of being different that is sure to delight audiences of all ages with its sparkling wit, unique charm and memorable score. Pictured above during a recent rehearsal are Amanda Carter (right) playing the role of Ida, the mother duck; and Luke Bates who plays the part of Ugly, the duckling. Others in the cast include: Grace Allen, Payton Allen, Conner Anglin, Keegan Bestland, Bella Birkholtz, Estella Bock, Avaya Brandt, Nicki Carter, Riley Dabbs, William Dolezal, Devon Fishman, Brooke Hanson, Laken Hines, Cy Johnson, Jaden Johnson, Walker Johnson, Griffen Judd, Jayma Lawson, Emery Lorber, Zach McIlravy, Kevin Miller, Aliza Qureshi, Nathan Ritter, Amy Rollins, Adrianna Russell, Lauren Rutten, Trinity Seamann, Kyra Stangle, Meghan VanAlst. (Submitted photo)

MS Middle School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll Grade 7 Keller Anderson, Shantell Bennett, Isabel Birkholtz, Alex Black, Anna Brown, Kyanna Burton, Gabrielle Case, Addisyn Cichos, Tiana Gonzalez, Genevieve Groetsch, Emali Jimenez-Kloeckl, Macy Knudson, Gaberial Koval, Emery Lorber, Sabina Moe, Elliana Moulton, Adam Nienow Jr., Amy Rollins, Lauren Rutten, Eli Smith, Kyra Stangle, Steffany Sullivan, Cole Tetlie, Carson Trantina, Ashlyn Vogel, Owen Winter.	tina, Paige Warren, Kylie Wenzel, Gracie Wolpert, Daniel Zimmerman.	Pamela Lawrence, Carson Mertens, Mason Michael, Natalie Miller, Xander Moench, Keaghan Mullins, Ember Munger, Reed Olds, Giselle Polkow, Jerry Russell, Nathaniel Seamann, Dravyn Smith, Mariah Sullivan, Shayla Terrell, Adelaide Toepper, Teegan Vogel, Alaina White, Kyra Wolpert.
B Honor Roll Grade 7 Camden Anderson, Riley Belmore, Eli Carlson, Caden Dobson, Destiny Dukowitz, Kenzie Erickson, Devon Fishman, Tucker Fitzgerald, Brooke Hansen, Kahner Lynch, Zachary McIlravy, Kadin Ottomoeller, Cash Rau, Brayden Salcido, Aiden Stevens, Breanna Theisen, Olivia Vogt, Bailey Weiland, Zackary Wilhelm, Autumn Yankoviak.	Grade 6 Sophie Albie, Taylor Beach-Seeley, Jacob Becker, Elijah Blue, Morgan Capistrant, Gavin Chenoweth, Drake Dukowitz, Cadynce Ferris, Laken Hines, Jaden Johnson, Grace Koskiniemi, Ellen Lange, Dylan Lawrence, Axel Mertens, Madison Opatz, Steven Petrich, Aliza Qureshi, Lillian Richey, Israel Ritter, Benet Robinson, Hayden Ruthertford, Logan Samborski, Alexander Schultz, Skyler Self, Kristofer Taylor, Kora Wells, Aidan Winter, Kierra Zivkovic.	Grade 4 Brooke Bendson, Emersen Bettis, Leighton Bettis, Ayden Blue, Chase Blue, Payton Converse, Joshua Cushing, Lily Davis, Emmit Djuren, Jacob Hansen, Tristan Harvey, Ethan Honeymann, Jasmine Isley, Kenzie Jares, Avery Killian, Madelyn Kist, Chase Koskiniemi, Jocelyn Lenk, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Wyatt Radueg, Kyleena Rudlang, Sophie Schlosser, Logan Serich, Charles Simkins III, Landon Thotland-Quenzer.
Grade 6 Grant Bestland, Estella Bock, Jack Carlson, Andrea DiGiovanni, Sawyer Ferdon, Olivia Lorber, Jessica Lundquist, Peyton Mithun, Corinne Olson, Olivia Ophem, Dillan Robben, Logan Robben, Nathaniel Rubink, Miranda Schotzko, Jade Storry, Benjamin Tyrrell, Lilly Tyrrell, Heidi Zimmerman.	Grade 5 Mason Albertson, Sadye Anderson, Summer Anderson, Brynn Bestland, Audrey Brownell, Owen Carlson, Isabelle Dobson, Eli Dumpprope, Myles Heldt, Ariana Imgrund, Chelsie Kampa, Jorja Kobliska, Raina Mikhaeil, Sophia Misner, Cecily Moe, Rylee Nielson, Zofia Ostrowski, Kiya Pope, Annie Schlosser, Britta Sweeney, Skylar Tepley.	Grade 5 Elliot Allen, Ashton Anderson, Maddison Bartle, Katriane Beach, Turner Beachy, Mason Birkholtz, Luke Bjerga, Avandre Brandt, Annabella Cory-Wolfe, Charles Dabbs, Abbigail Dobson, Emmalee Dobson, McKenzie Fletcher, Addison Fonteyn, Cameron Ganyo, Adrian Gomez, Alissa Hageman, Alexander Holmberg, Tiana Janssen, Peyton Jares, Josie Jennissen, Reid Judd, Gabriel Kroll, Conner Kuhns, Wyatt Lahr, Matthew Larsen, Noah Larson,



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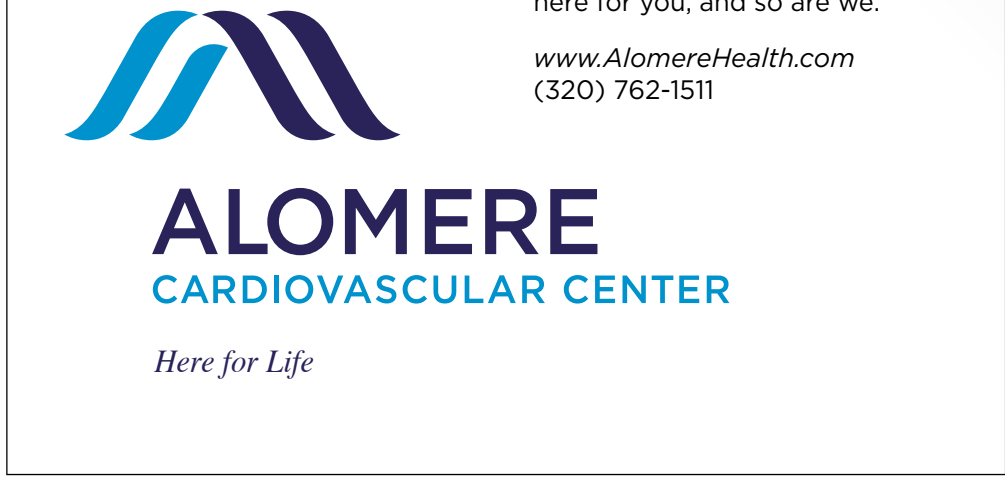
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SM Speech team second at Brainerd Tournament

The Staples-Motley Cardinals Speech Team placed second at the Brainerd Open Tournament held Feb. 16. First place medalists were: Caden and Samantha Mrazek (Duo), Ari Brings (Drama), Caden Mrazek (Humor), Samantha Mrazek (Original Oratory), and Jonah Johnson (Creative Expression). Second place: Ari Brings (Great Speeches) and Caden Mrazek (Storytelling). Third place: Ethan Gilbertson (Creative Expression) and Torii Nienow (Informative). Fourth place honors went to Alex Brings (Great Speeches) and Micah Larson (Creative Expression). Recognition in Honors Finals, second: Alex Brings (Creative Expression), Antonio Cuetera (Extemp. Speaking), Cy Johnson and Iain Sams (Duo), Lilly Niemi (Informative) and Sadie Thompson (Humor). Third place: Kimberley Stachowiak (Poetry), and Sadie Thompson (Creative Expression). Fourth place: Kimberley Stachowiak (Informative). Fifth place: Jadyn Vogel (Informative). Sixth place: Keegan Bestland and AJ Nienow (Duo) and Torii Nienow (Prose).

Above: front, Keegan Bestland, Jadyn Vogel, Katie Niemi, AJ Nienow, Sadie Thompson, Antonio Cuetera, Caden Mrazek, Emery Lorber. Back: Lilly Niemi, Torii Nienow, Emily Roberts, Iain Sams, Samantha Mrazek, Ali Johnson, Jonah Johnson, Micah Larson and Ethan Gilbertson. Not pictured: Kimberley Stachowiak, Ari Brings, Alex Brings, Brooke Ferdon and Cy Johnson. (Submitted photo)



SM Speech team second at Bemidji Invitational Feb. 23

The Staples-Motley Speech Team placed second out of 21 teams at the Bemidji Lumberjack Invitational held Feb. 23.

Taking first place in the finals were: Jonah Johnson (Creative Expression), and Caden Mrazek (Humor). Taking second place were: Ethan Gilbertson (Creative Expression), Lilly Niemi (Informative), and Samantha Mrazek (Original Oratory). Placing third were: Micah Larson (Creative Expression), Amber Deegan (Drama), Samantha Mrazek and Caden Mrazek (Duo), Macy Judd (Extemp. Reading), and Ari Brings (Great Speeches). Fourth place winners were: Jaydon Friedel (Drama), Ari Brings (Prose) and Macy Judd (Poetry). Andrew Bates took home a fifth place medal in Drama, and Iain Sams and Cy Johnson placed sixth in Duo. Earning ribbons for nearly making finals were: Jack Tyrell (Discussion), Andrew Bates and Jaydon Friedel (Duo), Alex Brings (Great Speeches), Kimberly Stachowiak (Poetry), and Amber Deegan (Prose).

Above, front: Coach Coleman Klimek, Ethan Gilbertson, Jonah Johnson, Emily Roberts, Connor Judd, Macy Judd, Katie Niemi, Alex Brings, Coach Delaney Larson. Second row: Emery Lorber, Keegan Bestland, AJ Nienow, Micah Larson, Ari Brings, Samantha Mrazek, Caden Mrazek, Brooke Ferdon, Coach Heather Sams, Coach Brian Sams. Back: Cy Johnson, Iain Sams, Jack Tyrell, Andrew Bates, Jaydon Friedel, Amber Deegan, Kimberly Stachowiak, Lilly Niemi. (Submitted photo)

Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1944

- March 2, 1944 - Lt. Robert Butler, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Butler of Staples, is home after forty missions with the United States Air Force.
- March 2, 1944 - The annual meeting of the Aldrich Cooperative dairy association was held at the Parish Hall Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26. All members, except one, were re-elected to the board for the coming year. Officers for the 1944 year are: William Hammes, president; Clair Hiatt, vice president; Harry Castle, secretary; Charles Drews, treasurer; Albin Anderson, Joseph Gould and S.S. Childerg, directors. Glendon Seal is retained as manager. After the meeting a lunch was served by the Catholic Altar Society.
- March 2, 1944 - Red Owl Food Stores advertised Quaker Oats, 48 oz. package, 22 cents; Ivory soap, medium bar, 6 cents; one dozen oranges, 35 cents; pickled herring and onions, 29 cents a pound; and Oleomargarine, 21 cents a pound.

50 YEARS Ago - 1969

- Feb. 27, 1969 - A member of the Staples Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was honored this past week for his farming program, according to information released by James Hofer and Wayne Haglin, local advisors. Named as the District 4 Star Farmer was Steven Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Roth of rural Staples.
- Feb. 27, 1969 - Lynnell Thiel, a junior at Bertha High School, was selected to represent the Bertha American Legion Auxiliary at the 23rd annual session of Minnesota Girls

State to be held in St. Paul on June 12 to 18. Lynnell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thiel of rural Staples.

- Feb. 27, 1969 - Donald Moe, English and reading instructor at Staples High School, has been nominated in the search for Minnesota Teacher of the Year, which is sponsored by the Minnesota State Fair and the Minnesota Education Association. Moe's nomination was made by Mrs. Audrey Erskine, vice president of the Minnesota Education Association, and Richard Donat of the local faculty. Ken LeVasseur, president of the Staples Education Association, stated, "The teachers of the Staples Education Association have endorsed Don Moe as Teacher of the Year because they feel, as I do, that he is a teacher who best exemplifies the kind of teacher we would like to be."

25 YEARS Ago - 1994

- March 3, 1994 - A benefit dinner for Steve Dumpprope and family will be held Saturday, March 5, at the Swan Valley Lutheran Church, Leader, serving from 1 - 4 p.m. Steve has been diagnosed with Metastatic Squamous cell Carcinoma of the lung and it has spread throughout his body. Steve has served six and a half years in the Army as a Staff Sgt. He and his wife, Marsha, have five children..
- March 3, 1994 - The Staples Cardinal girls will be playing for the sub Section 4 championship Friday night. The girls this past week defeated Bertha-Hewitt and Wadena-Deer Creek to earn the title shot against Pequot Lakes. In regard to the game against WDC, Coach Joerger said

this was the best rebounding game of the year. The high scorer for the team was Cheri Forcier with 14 points, Lynn Tollefson with 13, Michele Heier with 8, Shannon Hausmann with 6, Kelly Stevens with 5 and Karen Holmberg with 2.

- March 3, 1994 - Two Cardinal wrestlers worked their way through the Section 6A wrestling tournament last weekend. Finishing as champs in their weight divisions were Eric Kramer at 112 pounds and Jason Sowers at 160. Both will compete starting today (Thursday) in the Minnesota High School State Wrestling Tournament, at the St. Paul Civic Center.
- March 3, 1994 - Motley High School students were glad of the colder weather last week during their snow sculpture contest. Students teamed up to make the snow sculpture of their choice, revealing a high degree of talent among the students. The winning snow sculpture was a four wheel drive pickup done by Dan LaPorte, Paul Crider, Jess Geesey and Robert Esler.

10 YEARS Ago - 2009

- Feb. 26, 2009 - The former Staples Creamery building becomes a memory of the past. On Feb. 19, crews from Hengel Construction in Pillager worked to take the old cupola down from the Staples Creamery which was being demolished to make room for a parking lot for a new city hall and library building on Sixth Street NE. The Creamery, located next to the Nordell Building in Staples, was in poor condition and had most recently been rented out as apartments. By Feb. 20, the last brick had been

knocked down and all that remained of the town fixture was a pile of memories.

- Feb. 26, 2009 - Volunteer firefighter Greg Gorman received a firefighter's retirement plaque last week in honor of his 20 years of service to the Staples Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief Scott Braith presented the plaque on Feb. 12 at the monthly business meeting of the Staples Volunteer Fire Department members.
- Feb. 26, 2009 - The congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church, Motley, worshiped for the first time in their new sanctuary on Feb. 22, Transfiguration Sunday. The service began, however, in their old church building, which has been located at 3rd Ave. South in Motley since 1954. Prior to that, the little white church, built in 1930, had been a fixture along Hwy 64 north of Motley before it was moved to its present location. Longtime church member Shawn Jordahl, of Jordahl Concrete in Motley, was responsible for much of the new construction. He shared that four generations of his family have been members at St. John's, so it meant a lot to him to be a part of the building process.

Dog shooting video was recorded near Staples

On February 17, at approximately 11:07 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office received a report regarding an individual finding a deceased dog at a campground in Wadena County. The caller stated there were several shell casings around the dog.

A Deputy with the Sheriff's Office arrived on scene and located the dog on the river. at McGivern Park, north of Staples. The dog had a collar and leash attached, but no tags. The dog was removed from the river. At the time of the call, it was unknown who the dog owners were.

On February 19, at approximately 2 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office began receiving calls related to a video posted on Facebook that showed an individual shooting a dog. The dog was wearing a collar, connected to a leash and laying down in the snow. In the video, it shows an individual shooting the dog one time and then another person kicking snow on the dog. The dog appeared motionless before and after the gun-

shot. There were names attached to the Facebook post and follow up was conducted with said individuals.

This case is under investigation and the Wadena County Sheriff's Office is consulting with the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley on this case.

On February 21, the Wadena County Sheriff's Office sent out a press release regarding a video of individuals shooting a dog in Wadena County. Since the release of that press release, information has surfaced that there may be another video regarding this case where the dog was abused with golf clubs prior to being shot.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office and the assisting agencies have not received a copy of this video nor do we know if this video actually exists or if this did in fact happen.

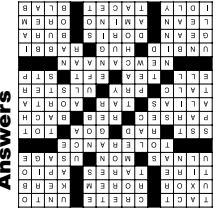
Anyone with information regarding this second video is asked to contact the Wadena County Sheriff's Office at 218-631-7600.

This case is still pending investigation.

Crossword Puzzle

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Sensitivity
5. Greek island
10. Up to the time of
14. Wife
15. Composer Ned
16. Edging to street path
17. Lose energy
18. Biblical parable
19. Celery (Spanish)
20. Arm bones
22. Japanese family emblem
23. Customary practice
24. Acceptance
27. Very fast aircraft (abbr.)
30. Cool
31. Indian state
32. Young boy or girl
35. Astronomy unit
37. Confederate soldier
38. Famed German composer
39. Alternate name
40. Used to pave driveways
41. Artery
42. Type of powder
43. Inquire too closely
44. Northern Ireland
45. Connects two points at right angles
46. Hot drink
47. A newt
48. Engine additive
49. Wealthy Connecticut town
52. Not invited or requested
55. Embrace
56. Spiritual leader
60. Wild or sweet cherry
61. ___ Day, actress
63. Daughter of Ion
64. Decline
65. Type of acid
66. City in Utah
67. Lazily
68. Music term
69. Divulge a secret
- CLUES DOWN
1. Very short skirt worn by ballerinas
2. Angle between leaf stalk and stem
3. Popular in Nebraska
4. Dessert
5. Cognitive retention therapy
6. Wandered
7. Mistake
8. Adolescent
9. Medical term
10. Russian tsarOs edict
11. Type genus of the Nepidae
12. High school math class
13. Double-reed instrument
21. Painful places on the body
23. Fiddler crabs
25. Resinous substance
26. Person of wealth (Brit.)
27. Series
28. North American plant
29. Warble
32. Pastries
33. Group of eight
34. Twyla __, dancer
36. Pouch
37. Singer Charles
38. Cattle genus
40. Eye infection
41. Where couples go to marry
43. Long bench with backs
44. Unrestricted free agent
46. __ Talks
47. Causal agent
49. Nincompoop
50. Relating to the aura
51. Person of conspicuous wealth
52. Type of mottled fruit
53. Essential
54. Fertility god
57. Folk singer Ives
58. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
59. Foot
61. Digital audiotape
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Letters to the Editor

Who Does Something Like This??

Last Tuesday calls started coming in to the newspaper office about an incident they had seen on Facebook - a video post showing the inhumane treatment of someone's pet - a dog - with a collar and on a leash. Individuals were shown, and kicking the dog, supposedly using golf clubs to strike the dog and that they had shot the dog, with the dog ending up in the river. The Facebook post had been taken down by the time anyone at our office could locate it - but the following day Fox news out of Fargo had come to Wadena County to cover the incident that had taken place at, or near, McGivern Park north of Staples. Some good hearted, concerned citizen had apparently forwarded the post and information to the news outlet. I'm not quite clear on all of the details, but one thing is VERY clear: once seeing the clip, and now having read the news release coming out of the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, there was what I feel a horrendous act by some evil individuals right here in our community. Personally our family in the past few months had to say goodbye to family pets, who we considered members of our family, who had to be put down humanely and it was sad beyond measure. But, for their good, we had to say "so long." I cannot imagine what that poor dog was put through last week. What have we come to in our society that people come up with the

idea and then carry out this cruel act... What is the matter with you? What parents, grandparents, family, friends, wouldn't be enraged by your behavior - this is not about anyone having to be a passionate pet or animal lover. Its about the scary evil behavior of supposed human beings!

I wonder if the upstanding individuals who did this would like a level playing field like the poor dog had, say.... confine you in an area.... with no way of escaping and let you spend just "five" minutes with a K-9 dog. What gives you that right.....you certainly haven't earned it by this kind of behavior!

It's disgusting, sad and unbelievable that "human" beings can do this.

Kathy Odden
Staples, Minn.

All-State Choir students

The Cities of Staples and Motley were represented by five HS music students in All-State Choirs at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Mid-Winter Clinic. Andrew Bates, Macy Judd, Jaydon Freidel and Emmitt Winkels were in the Mixed Choir and Jack Tyrrell was in the Tenor-Bass Choir. In addition, Cole Winkels and Alex McIlravy were in the ACDA 9/10 Honor Choir. We can all be so proud of these students and their teacher, Nathan Thelen. Go Cardinals!

Mary Moen
Wadena, Minn

Governor's office promotes Minnesota budget proposal

From the office of Minnesota Governor Tim Walz

Governor Tim Walz laid out how his budget promotes community prosperity in Greater Minnesota. Minnesota families statewide struggle to find childcare for their children, secure housing that's affordable, and find economic stability.

"The challenges our Minnesota cities face hold back our entire state from reaching its full potential. Too often the quality of a child's education is dependent on their zip code, families struggle to find affordable childcare and housing, and local leaders are left without the resources they need to tackle these problems," said Governor Walz. "That is why a main tenant of the budget we unveiled this week is Community Prosperity. We must ensure communities across Minnesota aren't just surviving, they are thriving."

In total, the Budget for One Minnesota represents an investment of \$512 million in Greater Minnesota investments over the next two years. "This budget puts forward the greatest investment in Greater Minnesota in the history of our state."

Local Government Aid

Governor Walz's proposal provides a historic increase in investments in Local Government Aid (LGA) and County Program Aid (CPA) by \$30 million per year, returning them to 2002 and 2000 levels, respectively. This

investment will help local governments pay for vital needs, such as local roads and public safety, while helping to keep property taxes low.

Affordable housing

Governor Walz's budget and bonding proposals will direct \$170 million to the preservation of existing affordable housing and to create new homes for Minnesotans across all incomes and in all areas of the state. To accomplish this, Governor Walz supports authorizing \$120 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds, which will leverage additional private development funds and preserve federal dollars for rental assistance.

Workforce housing

With a \$10 million increase to the Economic Development and Housing Challenge program, this proposal will develop 150-350 new rental housing and single-family housing opportunities throughout the state. The Governor's budget will help communities redevelop existing sites to create housing that better serves low- to moderate-income homeowners, homebuyers and renters.

Rural mental health

The Governor's budget provides \$450,000 to expand on collaborative rural mental health efforts that began in 2017, including one-on-one farmer counseling and a 24-hour hotline - critical resources that are currently not meeting growing demand.

Broadband

The Governor's budget recommends funding \$70 million in the biennium for a border-to-border broad-

band program. The state will meet the statutory goal of border-to-border access of 25Mbps/3Mbps broadband service by the year 2022 and begin to pave the way for achieving the state's 2026 goal of reaching everyone with a service capable of delivering 100Mbps/20Mbps.

Invest in communities

Local communities across Minnesota are facing challenges that are often times unique to them - and local challenges are often best solved with local solutions. The Governor's budget proposes \$2 million for a Community Prosperity Opportunity Grant program, providing grants to local and regional communities to engage in innovative economic development projects that will support economic growth and equitable prosperity.

Transportation and infrastructure

A recent independent report found that there are over one thousand Minnesota bridges and hundreds of miles of roads that are in poor condition. This costs the average Minnesotan, over \$1,000 a year in gas, lost time, and car repairs. The Minnesota Department of Transportation projects that in order to simply operate and maintain our current roads and bridges, the state will need \$18 billion over the next 20 years above current revenues. In order to accomplish that goal, Governor Walz's budget proposes a transformational funding package.

Initiate a 20 cent gas tax increase (phased-in

over two years) and index the gas tax to inflation (beginning in FY 2023) to raise approximately \$6.5 billion over 10 years. The gas tax will make Minnesotans safer, help businesses and farmers get goods to market, and ensure nothing like the I-35 bridge collapse happens again.

Authorizing \$2 billion in trunk highway bonds over 8 years starting in 2022.

To help lower- and middle-income Minnesotans pay for transportation investments, the Governor proposes an increase to the Working Family Credit of \$100 for each single or head of household recipient and \$200 for each married filing jointly recipient.

Child care

The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) helps approximately 15,000 Minnesota families pay for child care so parents can work or go to school. Governor Walz's budget proposes \$44 million to expand this program.

The Childcare Economic Development Grants program at the Department of Employment and Economic Development provides grants to communities to increase the supply of quality child care. Funding this program could result in up to 2,400 new child care slots being available across Minnesota. Priority will be given to communities that have a documented shortage of child care providers in their area and are experiencing above average workforce shortages and lower than average prime-age workforce participation rates.

CWD hitting close

Staples World editorial
By Jim Smoger

Deer hunters and anybody else concerned about wildlife in Minnesota received troubling recently.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) confirmed chronic wasting disease (CWD) in a wild deer in Crow Wing County. The test result marked the first time in Minnesota the fatal neurological disease was found in a wild deer outside of the southeastern part of the state.

Previous discoveries of CWD in wild deer have been concentrated predominantly in Fillmore County, with additional discoveries in Houston and Winona counties in the past two months.

As a result of these discoveries, the DNR is planning additional disease response actions and Gov. Tim Walz is proposing new funding of \$4.57 million over the next two fiscal years, and \$1.1 million annually thereafter to combat the disease, including surveillance, response, enforcement and outreach to landowners.

Walz's proposal would also give an additional

\$208,000 to the Board of Animal Health in 2020 and \$529,000 starting in 2021. The extra dollars would aim to improve monitoring of farmed deer.

We would urge the state legislature to act on this proposal quickly. The jump from Fillmore to Crow Wing County indicates it could now show up just about anywhere in the state. Minnesota has little time left to contain the disease or at least mitigate its spread as much as possible.

Lawmakers have filed various bills aimed at limiting the spread of the disease in Minnesota's wild deer population. Among the proposals, fund the creation of a device to test live deer for the disease and set a moratorium on new deer farms allowed in the state.

"We take every discovery of CWD very seriously," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "It's our hope that we discovered the Crow Wing County infection early and can respond quickly with actions to eliminate the disease in this area."

Let's hope so. At stake is one of the state's most precious wildlife resources.

Poston reacts to state budget proposal

News release from the office of State Representative John Poston

Governor Tim Walz released his budget proposal for the FY20-21 biennium on Tuesday, highlighted by more than \$3 billion in tax increases over the next two years alone, and \$4.7 billion in tax increases for FY22-23. His proposal would raise Minnesota's gas tax by twenty cents—a massive 70 percent increase—vaulting Minnesota's gas tax to 4th highest in the nation. It also includes increases to tab fees, the motor vehicle sales tax, the Metro Area sales tax, business taxes, and reinstatement of the sick tax, which is set to expire at the end of the year, adding \$1 billion to the cost of health care for Minnesotans over the next two years.

"I am very concerned with Governor Walz's proposals to dramatically increase the gas tax and to reinstate a provider tax that will raise the costs of

healthcare for every Minnesotan," said Rep. John Poston, R-Lake Shore. "The Governor's proposal would increase the gas tax by 70%, making the state's tax the fourth highest in the nation. This is the wrong direction for our state. Last year we proved that you can make significant investments in our roads and bridges without raising the gas tax. Ultimately, budgeting is about priorities and unfortunately the Governor is not putting the people's priorities first."

In FY20-21, the Governor's budget raises general fund tax revenue by \$1.224 billion. The extension of the sick tax adds an additional \$947 million, with transportation-related taxes adding \$907 million for a total tax increase of \$3.078 billion. In FY22-23, the tax increases balloon dramatically; the governor increases general fund tax revenue by \$1.43 billion, with another \$1.52 billion for the sick tax and \$1.73 billion in transportation taxes.

Governor Walz's plan also fails to extend reinsurance, which could cause rates to skyrocket once again by 50% or more on the individual market. Instead of extending reinsurance, the governor has proposed a 20% premium subsidy only for those who do not receive federal tax credits under the Affordable Care Act. The cost in calendar year 2020 of the 20% rebate is approximately \$106 million, which would only impact about half the market. The 20 percent subsidy is twice as expensive than the state cost in calendar year 2020 of extending reinsurance, which would only cost approximately \$54 million. The Governor's proposal would do nothing to prevent rates from skyrocketing, and would very likely mean that the administration is proposing to pay twice as much so Minnesotans can ultimately pay higher premiums on the individual market.

LIUNA on budget

LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota, Minnesota's infrastructure union of more than 12,000 skilled construction and blue collar Laborers, announced its support for Governor Tim Walz' Budget for One Minnesota.

"Minnesota's crumbling infrastructure is putting our safety at risk. Governor Walz' budget will fix our roads and bridges and make Minnesotans safer", said Tim Mackey, LIUNA Minnesota & North Dakota President & Business Manager. "The Governor is proposing an honest and common-sense increase in the gas tax that meets funding needs to maintain our current transportation system. Governor Walz' budget will make Minnesotans safer, create family-supporting jobs, help businesses and farmers get goods to market, and ensure nothing like the I-35W bridge collapse happens again," Mackey said.

AgriGrowth on budget

By Minnesota AgriGrowth Council

AgriGrowth and our members want to thank Governor Walz for addressing two critical business concerns for our Minnesota farmers and food producers, Section 179 expensing for business and farm equipment and the buffer strip tax credit.

Allowing Minnesota farmers and businesses to finally conform with the federal government policy on Section 179 expensing will provide much needed financial relief at a critical time for farmers across our state.

AgriGrowth would also like to applaud Governor Walz for including the much-needed tax credit relief for the buffer strip program. There was not proper foresight on the financial ramifications to local property taxes and financial losses. This is a welcome first step.

AgriGrowth has concerns this needed business expense relief could be immediately erased by double digit increases in expenses in the form of a 20 cent increase in the gas tax, a tax increase in the Commercial Industrial (CI) business tax and water permitting fees. Individually each of these new taxes and fees has the potential to be extremely harmful to farmers and producers, collectively they would be devastating to farmers, food processors and other businesses.

At a time when many farmers and food processors in Minnesota are struggling to maintain their businesses, our Governor and elected representatives simply cannot be the final financial burden that forces them out of farming and off of the farm. Tax and fee increases will do more harm to their businesses and make it more difficult for Greater Minnesota communities who rely on a vibrant farm economy.

Minnesota AgriGrowth Council is a non-partisan, non-profit member organization representing the agriculture and food systems industry.

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Renowned choir to perform in Staples

The Saint John's University Men's Chorus will present a free concert of sacred and secular music at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples Friday, March

1, at 7:30 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted. Sacred Heart Catholic Church is located at 310 4th St. NE. (Submitted photo)

The Saint John's University Men's Chorus to perform

'A reunion of sorts' for choir alumnus Steve Hoemberg of Staples

Submitted by
Steve Hoemberg, Staples

Almost exactly 23 years ago, my life changed forever. The Staples-Motley High School choirs were putting the final touches on their biennial guest conductor concert and Mr. (Stan) Carlson pulled me aside to talk about the clinician.

That year I was the student director of the choir, one of the real gifts our program gave to aspiring music teachers like myself. Student directors not only got to "sub" the class when their teacher was gone, or lead sectional rehearsals, but they were also given the opportunity over several weeks to teach a song to the choir and perform with them as the director. And, therein lay the problem.

You see, when a guest clinician comes, they take over the choir for a day of rehearsals and the performance in the evening. They bring a new perspective to the literature, a different style of teaching and an opportunity for students to grow in their skills and experience singing for another master teacher. Mr. "C" took the responsibility of selecting guest clinicians very seriously, ensuring that whomever was invited, they would be sure to deliver an experience of only the highest quality. So, Carlson gently explained to

me that although it was "my piece," the clinician was expected to conduct the choir on all the songs in the performance. But, Carlson also said he would explain our unique situation - that we had a student director - and if he would rather work me as the student director and allow me to direct in the concert, he had that option.

I had no idea that our clinician was a nationally renowned educator, voice clinician and festival conductor. Nor did I have any idea the impact his visit would make on the rest of my life. The year was 1996, the clinician chose to work with me as a student director, and the guest clinician was Dr. Axel Theimer of Saint John's University (SJU). In the fall of 1997, I began my journey at SJU, with Dr. Axel Theimer, and we have been close friends and colleagues ever since.

Dr. Theimer and his Johnnie Men's Chorus will be performing at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples on March 1, 7:30 p.m.

Now in his 50th year at SJU, the ageless Dr. Theimer continues to change lives every day with his musical mastery and human compatible approach to singing and learning. His choirs sound different than all others and his inclusive nature is an integral part of his lifetime of success. Speaking of inclusion, Dr. Theimer invited the Staples Area Men's Chorus to join his group that

evening on a few numbers, providing the setting for a reunion of sorts. In addition to my SJU connection, several members of the SAMC are alums and fathers of SJU alums, who sang for Theimer just feet from the historic Abbey Bell Tower in the choir room of the music building.

The concert in Staples is part of the choir's 2018 - 2019 Concert Season. Under the direction of Dr. Theimer, a native of Austria and a former member of the Vienna Boy's Choir, the 26 member choir will perform concerts throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as visiting high schools during the day, sharing their music with music lovers of all ages.

Traditionally, the program features a wide variety of sacred and secular music, ranging from polyphony of the Renaissance to masterworks of the 21st century, and maybe even some choreography. Theimer's choirs have performed around the world, and he is the recipient of numerous life-time achievement awards and is a hall-of-fame member of both the Minnesota Music Educators Association and the Minnesota chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.

For more information contact Steve Hoemberg at 218-296-1977 or email stevehoemberg@gmail.com.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

March

- **CONNECTIONS PROJECT SHOWCASE NIGHT** March 4, 6:30 p.m., Sourcewell in Staples.
- **POPS CONCERT (VOCAL)** March 14.
- **MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL, "HONK! JUNIOR"** Fri., March 15, 7 p.m.; and Saturday, March 16, 2 p.m., Centennial Auditorium in Staples.
- **SUBSECTION VOCAL LARGE GROUP CONTEST AT SM** March 27.

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



Robots at the library

Learning time about Robotics and Stem Programs was held recently at the Staples Public Library. Above: Jackie Hanson and daughter Grace; Rebecca Hillman and children, Shelo and Peter were learning to code the code-a-pillar. Below: Abby Klein shows the children how to program robots on the computer. Current library happenings are listed on the webpage at www.griver.org. (Submitted photo)



Library board to hold annual mtg

The Friends of the Staples Public Library will hold their annual meeting Thursday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. at the library at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. Their regular meeting will follow.

Agenda items for the annual meeting include the 2018 financial report, review of acquisitions, activities and statistics for 2018; discussion of goals for 2019; and election of officers and directors.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. For information call 218-894-4401 or 218-894-1204.

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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
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Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-

5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-0177.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE,

Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

February 27

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

February 28

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Feb. 28, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Abe Maier, caller. For info., 320-760-6043.

March 2

TODD COUNTY FARM BUREAU MTG Sat., March 2, at The Cafe Browerville. Breakfast, 9 a.m.; meeting at 9:30 a.m. For info., 320-766-8113.

March 5

PANCAKE SUPPER to celebrate Mardi Gras (a.k.a. Fat Tuesday) hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 4th St. NE, Staples. Tues., March 5, 5 - 7 p.m. Free will donation, with proceeds to support local food shelf.

March 6

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 70 REGULAR MTG Wed. March 6, 2 p.m., at the Lions building in Staples. Memorial service for three members will take place as well. Bring volunteer sheets. For info., 218-894-2254.

Staples Motley Area Women of Today
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Mardi Gras Murder Mystery Meal All Ladies Invited
Tues., March 5, 6 p.m.
Staples Community Center
We would enjoy having you participate in the Murder Mystery with a part.
RSVP Nicky Anderson, 507-381-0786 for info

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-PERFORMING-
Sunday, March 10, 2019
Motley Free Methodist Church,
9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

For info., 218-352-6888

Free performance - Everyone welcome.
See the Central MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir sing songs of hope and tell their stories of hope, redemption and healing.
"Attend to hear their songs and messages. Their stories will move your heart and renew your hope!"



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Purchase tickets online: staplesmotleyarts.org
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Tickets at the door: \$25. We sold out for this performance last year; be sure to email us about ticket availability.

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Dumpprope, Miller, Bjerga make it to state

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Three Staples-Motley wrestlers won first place in the section tournament and will wrestle at the state tournament Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2. Blayne Dumpprope at 138 pounds, Spencer Miller at 152 and Owen Bjerga at 160 are all returning to state.

“All three wrestled extremely well, they dominated the tournament,” said Coach Mark Carlson. “They are all looking to go far, they have big goals.

Dumpprope said he has been wrestling well because of the competition he faces on the practice mat every day. “Owen, Spencer, (coach Isaac) Novak, (coach) Carlson, Logen Weite ... they are so strong, they push me to get better,” said Dumpprope.

Even though he faced excellent competition in his final two matches, Dumpprope didn’t give up a takedown or reversal the whole tournament, only allowing a few escapes. He won 7-2 and 7-3 in his last two matches

“I knew I had to win the semi-final, so I was nervous. In the championship, I just wanted it. I thought he was ranked too high and I wanted to prove it,” said Dumpprope.

Dumpprope said his goal at state is to “wrestle the way I do.” He is seeded seventh but will have a tough match if he reaches the next round. “But I won’t overlook the first guy,” he said.

Miller cruised through his three section wins, finishing

ishing it off with a technical fall in the title match. “I wanted to make a statement, and show that my injury didn’t set me back,” he said. “I had a good tournament, I’m looking forward to getting back to state.”

Miller will be seeded fifth at state, but early in his bracket is a wrestler he lost to twice this season. “I think I’m stronger now, it will be a good match if I face him,” he said.

Miller also has state tournament experience and will count on that. “I’ll take it one match at a time, wrestle my match and wrestle with confidence,” he said.

Bjerga also was untouched throughout the tournament, winning with technical fall in the semis and a 18-7 win in the final. “I felt good,” he said, “we tapered a little and it worked.”

Bjerga is seeded third at state but has higher goals. “I’m going to be a state champ,” he said, “I’ll keep wrestling like I do and not change anything.”

Bjerga has a medal from last year’s state tournament and said winning the big matches there is about wrestling smart. “I’ve got to stay mentally positive and make sure to get the first takedown,” he said.

Gordon Enyart pulled off three straight upsets to earn third place. “We saw a huge jump from Gordon,” said Carlson. “He has been improving all year, but this was his best showing.”

But along with the great performances, there was also tragedy. Brayden

Christensen advanced to the semifinals, but suffered a severe ankle injury early in that match and couldn’t continue.

“Brayden has been a great leader for us all year. It was an unfortunate injury,” said Carlson. “He had a great senior season overall.”

Soon after that, Shaine Guggenberger was wrestling well in his semifinal match and was behind 3-2 when he came out of a scramble and twisted his ankle. “He pushed a ranked wrestler up to the last 30 seconds, he had a good tournament going until that point,” said Carlson. Guggenberger finished that match but could barely stand up when working on an escape. He went out for one more match in the next round but found it too painful to continue.

Carlson said the other Cardinal wrestlers all gained good experience they will be able to use for next year’s section tournament.

- 106 - Owen Winter 0-2
- 113 - Dalton Wells 2-2, 5th place
- 120 - Nate Nyhus 0-2
- 126 - Payton Bjerga 1-3, 6th place
- 132- Brayden Christensen 1-1, injury default
- 138 - Blayne Dumpprope 3-0, 1st place
- 145 - Logen Weite 2-2, 4th place
- 152 - Spencer Miller 3-0, 1st place
- 160 - Owen Bjerga 182
- Gordon Enyart 4-1, 3rd place
- 195 - Shaine Guggenberger 1-2, injury default



Champion moves

Owen Bjerga, left, takes care of business in his championship match.

(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Keeping focus

Spencer Miller doesn’t let his displaced headgear bother him as he

scores another takedown in his semifinal match.



Girls hoops playoffs start Thursday

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team will open the 2019 playoffs at Barnesville on Thursday, Feb. 28, with a 7 p.m. game.

The Cardinals finished the regular season with a

seven game losing streak, but were still strong enough to gain the fifth seed and will play the fourth seed, Barnesville. The winner of that game plays Saturday, March 2, at

2:30 p.m., at Concordia College in Moorhead.

The Cardinals lost their last regular season game 67-34 at Aitkin.

Tae Kwon Do going strong in Staples

An awards ceremony was held recently recognizing 20 students of the National Tae Kwon Do Institute (Staples branch) who received new belts and certificates after testing on Feb. 2.

The special event was held at the Landmark Inn in Staples, where Tae Kwon Do classes are held each week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Francisco Jimenez is the 3rd degree black belt master instructor at the Tae Kwon Do Institute in Staples.

“It is a pleasure to know and work with these students and help them achieve their goals in martial arts,” Jimenez said,

adding, “In my opinion, we need to keep teaching our kids the importance of: Courtesy, Integrity, Perseverance, Self-Control and Indomitable Spirit. These are the main goals in our art of Tae Kwon Do.

With Staples being a small community, Jimenez said he likes to give everyone the opportunity to try the art of Tae Kwon Do by offering one free class. If a person wants to get to know themselves and their abilities, “Martial arts is the way to go,” Jimenez said.

Tae Kwon Do classes are open to men, women and children representing all skill levels, from beginners to advanced. For more

information about the program and to register, call Francisco Jimenez at 218-296-0726 or email him at francisco.jimenezh64@gmail.com. Additional information about the United Tae Kwon Do Systems School (mission statement, philosophy and approach to teaching) can be found online at www.unitedtaekwondosystems.com.

The Landmark Inn is located at 631 3rd Ave. NE in Staples. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. (beginner students) and from 7:20 - 8:30 p.m. for advanced students.



Received belts

Above: Tae Kwon Do student Kana Reese received her yellow belt certificate and was also named Student of the Month at the institute. Right top: Sandy Porter (right) recently tested for her 2nd degree black belt at the Tae Kwon Do Institute in Staples. She is pictured with Master Instructor Francisco Jimenez. Bottom, from left, are Grandmaster Esmaeil Torabpour, a national Tae Kwon Do champion; Master Instructor Jimenez; and Asst. Instructor Porter. (Submitted photos)



Awards ceremony

Twenty students of Tae Kwon Do in Staples were awarded new belts and certificates Feb. 14, at the Landmark Inn in Staples. The students, who tested on Feb. 2, are part of the National Tae Kwon Do Institute, taught by Master Instructor Francisco Jimenez. Pictured above, back row from left: Gabe Ritter, Samantha Motl, Sarah Carlson, Dylan Huhn, Nathan Ritter. Center: Instruc-

tor Jimenez, Jaden Polkow, Huntington F. Kleinschmidt, Israel Ritter, Tucker Fitzgerald, Gunner F. Kleinschmidt, Lilith Tester, Giselle Polkow, Asst. Instructor Sandy Porter. Front: Everest F. Kleinschmidt, Kana Reese, Millinda DeWald, Orin Huhn, Josiah Huhn, Carson DeWald. Missing from photo are Randy Suess and David Simon. (Submitted photo)



Care Center Queen Verie and King John

Queen Verie Zillmer and King John Strom were named the king and queen at the LHS Care Center in Staples Feb. 6. The celebration was scheduled to take place in conjunction with Snow Daze week at the Staples-Motley High School, but due to inclement weather, this photo was taken later. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Alyse Oswalt and Tyler Perry of Verndale, a baby boy, Parker Edward weighing seven pounds, one ounce on February 15, 2019.

Born to Carrie and Steven Guinett of Bertha, a baby boy, Greyson Michael weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on February 17, 2019.

Born to Jill and Tristan Borland of Pine River, a baby boy, Elijah Paul weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on February 18, 2019.

Born to Kim and Jared Alexander of Clarissa, a baby boy, Ian Lee weighing seven pounds, six ounces on February 20, 2019.

Obituaries

Chris Dickey

Chris Dickey, 60, of Motley passed away February 24, 2019 at his home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 4, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Gabriel Walz officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

A full obituary will be included in next week's Staples World.

Shirley Denning

Shirley Denning, 82, of Staples, passed away February 24, 2019 at Lakewood Health System Hospice Suite in Staples.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 1 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with Pastor Carl Larson officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5 to 8 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 28 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to the service at the church.

A full obituary will be included in next week's Staples World.

Student Achievements

JACQUELINE ANDERSON, Staples, has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Dean's List at St. Cloud State University. To qualify, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

JULIA FINK, Staples, has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Honor List at Minnesota State University, Mankato. To qualify, students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

JESSICA KLIMA, Pillager, has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Honor List at Minnesota State University, Mankato. To qualify, students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average and be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

REBEKKA PASKIEWITZ, Brownsville, has been named to the 2018 Fall Dean's List for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science at South Dakota State University.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOOREHEAD, has announced its first semester Dean's Honor List for the 2018 - 19 academic year. To qualify, students must carry a minimum of 12 semester credits and have a grade point average of at least a 3.7 on a 4.0 scale. Local students named include:

- Megan Han, Staples
- Torrence Salcido, Staples
- Grace Wolhowe, Staples

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sunlight (Kids Program)....4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gabriel Walz
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free

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

Cushing Baptist

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

Leader

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

Maple Hill Lutheran

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

Leaf River Township

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

Motley

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

St. John's Lutheran

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

St. Michael

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

Casino Assembly of God

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

First Baptist

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

Hewitt

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

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Childrens' 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

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

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central United Methodist

5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager, 218-639-4225
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

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- Loan Administration Clerk - Clara City Location
- Personal Banker - Clara City & Watertown Locations
- Personal Banker III - Howard Lake Location
- Teller/Personal Banker I - Maynard Branch Location

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or Human Resources Department
Citizens Alliance Bank
P.O. Box 430
Clara City, MN 56222

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Primary Youth Counselor Starting wage \$15.50/hr + benefits. Full Time position. Hours are 2-11 pm weekdays and rotating weekends. Qualifications incl. a Bachelor's degree or a combination of college coursework and experience in the field to equal 4 years.

For an Applicant Information Packet and an Application, email Sherry Jones at: sherry@heartlandgirlsranh.org
320.843.4815 Ext. 227



"Try Praying"

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

Try Praying was a campaign that began in Great Britain several years ago to encourage people, including non-religious people, to reach out to God in prayer. The campaign was based on a simple seven-day booklet to help people get started, even if they had never prayed before. The concept of the booklet was not just to give them information about prayer, but to have them actually pray. (The booklet is still available today in the form of an app for your smartphone or computer.)

The idea of Try Praying is simple. If you make an attempt to draw near to God, He is there. He's waiting for you to reach out to Him. This idea of giving God a chance to show Himself is nothing new. It was expressed long ago in Psalm 34:8. "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!"

When I was a kid, my dad had an amazing

garden and every summer was a salad bar at the dinner table. I loved the fresh carrots, peas, corn, beans and just about everything. But there was no way I was going to try the broccoli. Until one day, for some reason, I decided to taste it. And it was good. Garden fresh, dripped with melted butter. Mmmm.

If you try talking to God, you will get a taste of fellowship with Him. And you will discover that closeness to God is sweet. You will find that God is real. God is there. He listens to you as you pray. And He answers prayer. There is, as Psalm 34 says, a blessed refuge to those who draw near to Him.

Whether you are a life-long church member, an agnostic or even a skeptic, try praying. It is not complicated. See if God does not prove Himself to be a blessed refuge. Taste and see. The Lord is good.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

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Bob Reeck, Manager
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218-894-1112

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION
(These parcels have not forfeited to the State of Minnesota)

State of Minnesota
County of Todd

Denise Gaida
County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF
REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) June 28th, 2019 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcels; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcels as of the date listed below:

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Legal Description	Amount Due
03-0022301 Joan M Carlson 934 Beechnut CT APT 103 Sauk Centre MN 56378	SECT-25 TWP-127 RANG-33 PART OF SE4 SW4 DESC AS COMM AT S QTR COR. OF SEC 25, W 1313.56 FT TO SW COR OF SE4 SW4, N 657.83 FT, E 380 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE N 657.55 FT TO N LINE OF SE4 SW4, E 687 FT, SW 287.16 FT, SW 197.43 FT, SE 90.70 FT, SW 165.24 FT, W 446 FT TO BEG	\$594.15
Central Minnesota Federal Credit Union 320 E Main St Po Box 160 Melrose MN 56352		
04-0033100 Steven E Galligan 21272 Fitz RD Burtrum MN 56318	SECT-32 TWP-129 RANG-32 S2 SW4 EX ERLY 500 FT OF WRLY 2500 FT OF S 833 FT OF S2 SW4 (GRAVEL PITS) & S2 SE4 LYING WEST OF THE CENTERLINE OF FITZ ROAD & COMMENCING ON THE N LINE S2 SE4 AT INTERSECTION OF FITZ ROAD & CTY ROAD 12, E 200 FT, S 500 FT, W 400 FT, THENCE FOLLWING CENTER OF FITZ ROAD TO PT OF BEG	\$11,063.66
06-0025300 Elizabeth Schwamb PO Box 134 Grey Eagle MN 56336	SECT-18 TWP-128 RANG-32 S 100 FT OF E 214 FT OF N2 OF LOT 5.48 ACRES	\$3,287.64
Central Minnesota Federal Credit Union 320 E Main St Po Box 160 Melrose MN 56352		
06-0032900 Robert & Theresa Veldkamp 32780 County 13 Burtrum MN 56318	SECT-22 TWP-128 RANG-32 E2 SE4 EX RY & EX COMM AT NE COR OF E2 SE4, W 580 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE W 448.19 FT, SE 485.95 FT, E 448.19 FT, NW 485.95 TO BEG 70.15 ACRES	\$2,449.69
Agstar Financial Services, FLCA 1921 Premier Dr, PO Box 4249 Mankato, MN 56001		
06-0037700 Robert & Theresa Veldkamp 32780 County 13 Burtrum MN 56318	SECT-27 TWP-128 RANG-32 W2 N2 NE4 40.00 ACRES	\$502.20
06-0037701 Robert & Theresa Veldkamp 32780 County 13 Burtrum MN 56318	SECT-27 TWP-128 RANG-32 E2 N2 NE4 40.00 ACRES	\$1,391.11
06-0037800 Leroy E & Mary Lou Theisen 219 Washington ST W Burtrum MN 56318	SECT-27 TWP-128 RANG-32 SE4 NW4 40.00 ACRES	\$925.64
06-0040000 Leroy Elmer Theisen 32251 162 ND ST Burtrum MN 56318	SECT-28 TWP-128 RANG-32 SE4 SE4 40.00 ACRES	\$2,057.87
07-0025002 Gerald W & Charlotte Jacobson Address Unknown	SECT-21 TWP-131 RANG-34 SW4 SE4 LYING SW OF HWY #71 .16 ACRES	\$41.26
07-0040100 Randall R Jonas 33455 201 ST Ave Clarissa MN 56440	SECT-34 TWP-131 RANG-34 BEG AT NE COR OF NE4 SW4, W 1000 FT, S 509 FT, E 347 FT N 239 FT E 653 FT TO E LINE N 270 FT TO BEG 8.10 ACRES	\$6,045.23
08-0020300 Mike A Etzler 41198 311 TH Ave Browerville MN 56438	SECT-21 TWP-132 RANG-32 N 650.19 FT OF SW4 SE4 20.00 ACRES	\$9,414.05
08-0021001 Jeffery Oldenburg 1636 County Road 1270 Alford TX 76225	SECT-21 TWP-132 RANG-32 W2 SW4 EX N 20 RDS OF S 22 RDS OF E 16 RDS OF SW4 SW4 & EX S 1325.72 FT OF W 492.89 FT OF W2 SW4 63.00 ACRES	\$2,691.60
First Integrity Bank N.A. 111 4 th ST NE Staples MN 56479		
08-0031100 Thomas J Wagner C/O Denise Allhouse 28904 County 26 Browerville MN 56438	SECT-31 TWP-132 RANG-32 SQ TR OF LAND 4 A IN SW COR OF LOT 8 4.00 ACRES	\$2,212.33
08-0056800 William M Heath C/O Steven R. Heath 18100 County Rd 6 Plymouth MN 55447	LOT-31 BLK-9 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1 30-132-32	\$125.54
08-0057100 Oksana Sycheva 9828 SE 172 ND AVE Happy Valley OR 97086	LOT-3 BLK-10 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1 30-132-32	\$209.93
08-0057200 Oksana Sycheva 9828 SE 172 ND AVE Happy Valley OR 97086	LOT-4 BLK-10 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1 30-132-32	\$209.93
08-0071800 Lynnan J & Sylvia Rodenburg Address Unknown	LOT-5 BLK-1 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	\$151.62
08-0135800 Leonard & Theresa Hubbard 14239 Vintage ST NW Andover MN 55304	LOT-14 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	\$145.95
08-0138000 Paula Albertson 16221 Bridgecrossing DR Lithia FL 33547	LOT-36 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	\$141.28
08-0147800 Benjamin D Barker 3806 143 RD ST W Rosemount MN 55068	LOT-21 BLK-7 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	\$140.34
12-0025107 Kimberly Kenyon-Brown 24184 Jasmine RD Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-20 TWP-130 RANG-33 PT W2 SE4 & PT E2 SE4 DESC AS; BEG AT SE CORN OF W2 NE4 SE4, N 132.27 FT TO CENTER-LINE OF RD, WRLY ALONG CENTERLINE 556.12 FT, SWRLY 932.55 FT, E 771.72 FT TO CENTERLINE OF RIVER, NRLY ALONG CENTER- LINE TO PT OF BEG 10.61 ACRES	\$338.57
12-0039900 Henry Adolph Becker 28275 280 TH ST Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-36 TWP-130 RANG-33 N2 NE4 & SW NE4 120.00 ACRES	\$6,624.11
Agstar Financial Services, FLCA 1921 Premier Dr, PO Box 4249 Mankato, MN 56001		
13-0003600 Curtis F Olson 32294 185 TH AVE Clarissa MN 56440	SECT-04 TWP-130 RANG-34 N2 SW4 80.00 ACRES	\$3,402.95
13-0004500 Curtis F Olson 32294 185 TH AVE Clarissa MN 56440	SECT-05 TWP-130 RANG-34 NW4 SW4 & SW4 NW4 EX BEG AT PT 1087 FT S & 425 FT E OF NW COR OF SW4 NW4, N 278 FT, E 447 FT, S 352 FT, WERLY TO BEG 76.77 ACRES	\$2,607.53
13-0005000 Curtis F Olson 32294 185 TH AVE Clarissa MN 56440	SECT-05 TWP-130 RANG-34 NE4 SE4 40.00 ACRES	\$1,700.93
15-0084000 Karen Hagen PO Box 18722 Minneapolis MN 55418	LOT-17 BLK-1 FAIRHAVEN ADDITION C/C PLAT #22 34-129-35	\$1,050.56
16-0002800 Rodney B Blue 32408 315 TH AVE Browerville MN 56438	SECT-03 TWP-130 RANG-32 W2 SW4 EX S 330 FT 70.00 ACRES	\$4,183.42
19-0040800 Kory & Arlene Kahrs 21524 County Road 8 Cold Spring MN 56320	LOT-10 BLK-4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA (35,36-132-33)	\$131.88
19-0049800 Dale Schaar 8940 W Olive AVE Unit 143 Peoria AZ 85345	LOT-6 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA (35,36-132-33)	\$93.32
19-0053500 Tara Vozniarsky 325 105 TH Lane NW Coon Rapids MN 55448	LOT-43 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA (35,36-132-33)	\$151.57
19-0056500 Kevin J Sukut C/O Diana Sukut 1360 Saddle Blanket CT Fort Worth TX 76131	LOT-73 BLK-6 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA (35,36-132-33)	\$115.62
19-0059900 James W Brenny 118 Apache Princeton MN 55371	LOT-27 BLK-7 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA (35,36-132-33)	\$102.07
19-0067000 Land Trust Company LLC 1118 Lancaster DR NE #363 Salem OR 97301	LOT-20 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	\$124.36
19-0076100 Tyler Mohler & Devona Johnson Mohler 26156 County Road 26 Garrison MN 56450	LOT-4 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	\$146.22
19-0076200 Tyler J Mohler 26156 County Road 26 Garrison MN 56450	LOT-5 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	\$3,731.67
19-0076300 Tyler Mohler & Devona Johnson Mohler 26156 County Road 26 Garrison MN 56450	LOT-6 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	\$135.57
19-0076400 Joseph R Wysocki PO Box 22 Jim Falls WI 54748	LOT-7 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	\$1,372.13
19-0078600 Forest F Nolan-Rapatz 33334 321 ST AVE Browerville MN 56438	PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33) LOTS 29, 30 & 31 BLK 6	\$2,629.80
19-0098500 James Shaw JR PO Box 845 Ripley TN 38063	SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (36-132-33) LOTS 9, 10, 11 & 12 BLK 4	\$212.83

19-0106000 Steven Diaz 1101 Cedarwood DR Woodbury MN 55125	LOT-15 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES (36-132-33)	\$140.76
19-0106600 Charles S & Judy Megard 67652 224 TH Street Darwin MN 55324	LOT-21 BLK-1 LITTLE PINE SHORES (36-132-33)	\$130.47
19-0111500 Christopher & Leah Ganoe 1829 Eastern Star Loop Sauk Rapids MN 56379	LOT-39 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES (36-132-33)	\$108.03
19-0114600 Lauren Brent Balts W14661 County Road MM Sheldon WI 54766	LOT-8 BLK-4 LITTLE PINE SHORES (36-132-33)	\$260.41
19-0128300 William & Mildred Phillips 1221 Queen AVE North Minneapolis MN 55411	LOT-21 BLK-2-TIMBER RIDGE (35-132-33)	\$135.14
19-0130600 Quentin S & Janiece Larsen 1427 6 TH ST APT 1 Brookings SD 57006	LOT-13 BLK-3 TIMBER RIDGE (35-132-33)	\$47.78
20-0036300 Renee E Judge 21892 County 11 Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-33 TWP-129 RANG-34 BEG 1220 FT S OF NE COR OF NE4, W 63 FT, S 30 FT, E 63 FT, N 30 FT TO BEG .04 ACRES	\$248.27
20-0038200 Renee E Judge 21892 County 11 Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-34 TWP-129 RANG-34 W 8 RODS OF S2 NW4 NW4 N OF RD 1.15 ACRES	\$184.14
20-0038400 Renee E Judge 21892 County 11 Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-34 TWP-129 RANG-34 COMM AT SW COR NW4 NW4 N TO CTR OF RD AS PT OF BEG; THENCE S TO S LINE E 264 FT N 425.34 FT TO CTR OF VACATED RD SW ALONG RD 167.56 FT SW ALONG CTR OF RD TO BEG. 1.90 ACRES	\$10,639.17
20-0038800 Renee E Judge 21892 County 11 Long Prairie MN 56347	SECT-34 TWP-129 RANG-34 N 32 1/2 FT OF W 132 FT SW4 NW4 .10 ACRES	\$305.94
22-0006602 Gayle A Golligowski 49817 223 RD AVE Staples MN 56479	SECT-07 TWP-133 RANG-33 S2 NW4 NW4 & SW4 NW4 EX S 33.50 RDS 37.86 ACRES	\$10,644.22
Star Bank Bertha Office Po Box 188 Bertha MN 56437		
24-0027000 Michael M Motzko 32990 County 16 Cushing MN 56443	SECT-26 TWP-131 RANG-32 LOT 2 EX W 200 FT OF S 1380 FT 48.07 ACRES	\$2,507.04
Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union Po Box 2907 Baxter MN 56425		
26-0040500 Phillip Weiss 25110 US Highway 169 Zimmernan MN 55398	LOT-18 BLK-7 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (1-131-33)	\$188.11
29-0012500 Judd & Trista Hoff C/O Steven Morgan 100 E 8 TH ST Starbuck MN 56381	KILBURN'S ADDITION... (3-132-35) N 80 FT OF LOT 13 BLK 2	\$2,276.36
29-0016000 Sarah Welsand 7475 Douglas Drive Minneapolis MN 55443	KILBURN'S THIRD ADDITION... (3-132-35) LOTS 10 & 11 BLK 1	\$438.71
29-0017700 Vance A & Amy M Burger PO Box 101 Bertha MN 56437	KILBURN'S THIRD ADDITION... (3-132-35) LOTS 13 & 14 BLK 3	\$4,580.54
30-0036100 Lucille Line C/O Walter Betts PO Box 3 Browerville MN 56438	BASSETT'S 2ND ADDITION... (8-130-33) LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 1	\$2,428.22
32-0020100 Deanna L (Eckel) Clark Sven Kris Lindquist – Trustees 107 E Main Street Clarissa MN 56440	PEARMINE'S ADDITION... 27-131-34 LOT 3 & E 27 FT OF 4 BLK 1	\$2,360.56
33-0000200 Lawrence B Hansen PO Box 427 435 Clark ST W Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT-11 TWP-131 RANG-35 BEG 44 RD N & 205 FT W OF SE COR OF SEC 11 THENCE N 147 FT W 105 FT S 147 FT E 105 FT TO BEG .36 ACRES	\$8,336.12
33-0001901 Eagle Bend Creamery Assn Address Unknown	SECT-13 TWP-131 RANG-35 LIFT STATION 1 FULL AC IN NW COR OF NE4 NE4 LYING N OF TWP RD & S OF CO RD 1.00 ACRE	\$1,654.00
33-0006500 Bruce A Westergren & Elizabeth Westergren 37161 County 22 Eagle Bend MN 56446	SECT-12 TWP-131 RANG-35 SE4 OF SE4 EX W 25 RDS OF S 35.2 RDS & EX E 425 FT OF S 570 FT 28.94 ACRES	\$12,825.23
33-0016900 Carol Yanagawa-Eckel Carl A Eckel 3020 Shrider RD Colorado Springs CO 80920	ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND (12) N 26 FT OF W 88 FT OF LOT 10 & W 88 FT OF LOT 11 BLK 4	\$1,345.20
33-0022200 Carl A & Carol Y Eckel C/O Carol Yanagawa 3020 Shrider RD Colorado Springs CO 80920	BOND'S 2ND ADDITION... 12-131-35 E 33 FT OF LOT 4 BLK 1	\$3,053.44
33-0027300 Jules R Goetz 5310 SE 115 TH Place Bellevue FL 34420	BOND'S 5TH ADDITION... 12-131-35 LOTS 1 TO 4 BLK 1	\$1,155.83
33-0033000 Bernard & Pam Dahlvang 201 Bottemiller DR Wadena MN 56482	SARFF'S CENTRAL ADDITION 13-131-35 N 111.5 FT OF LOT 1 BLK 2	\$1,556.21
34-0010900 Gladys R Walker 39015 325 TH AVE Melrose MN 56352	LOT-8 BLK-11 TOWNSITE OF GREY EAGLE 7-127-32	\$1,974.77
Beal Bank Corp 6000 Legacy Drive Plano TX 75024-3610		
36-0084700 Darcy L Peters 609 3 RD AVE SE Long Prairie MN 56347	LOCKE'S ADDITION TO LONG PRAIRIE (20 & 21) E 111 FT OF LOT 1 & LOT 2 BLK 3	\$2,533.54
Jerry & Roxann Peters 8024 Little Mary Cir SW Alexandria MN 56308		
36-0085400 Bradley J & Denise M Schmidt 25575 250 TH Street Long Prairie MN 56347	LOT-1 BLK-4 LOCKE'S ADDITION TO LONG PRAIRIE (20 & 21) EX W 90 FT	\$6,127.89
38-0041600 Randy L.A. & Penny Craig 305 Dakota AVE SE Staples MN 56479	LOT-13 BLK-8 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION 7-133-33	\$604.67
38-0041700 Randy L.A. & Penny Craig 305 Dakota AVE SE Staples MN 56479	LOT-14 BLK-8 DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION 7-133-33	\$3,802.59
38-0043300 Wayne E Hudson 309 2 ND ST SE Staples MN 56479	DRAKE & BARTRAW ADDITION 7-133-33 N2 OF S2 OF LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 10	\$791.74
William D & Wendy Sather 830 Pleasant AVE NE Staples MN 56479		
38-0048300 David L & Sue A Lanhart 317 6 TH ST SE Staples MN 56479	STEWART & BARTRAWS ADDITION... 12-133-33 LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 2	\$2,439.13
38-0049900 Tony L Smiley 412 6 TH ST SE Staples MN 56479	STEWART & BARTRAWS ADDITION... 12-133-33 LOTS 8 & 9 BLK 4	\$3,402.43
Citi Mortgage Inc. 1000 Technology Drive O'Fallon MO 63368		
38-0081800 Michael W Kedrowski 212 Cleveland AVE SW Staples MN 56479	DONOVAN'S ADDITION TO STAPLES 11-133-33 N2 OF LOT 8 & ALL OF LOT 9 BLK 8	\$841.48
Anderson Properties 31901 416 TH Ave Aitkin MN 56431		
38-0111605 Clifford F Kemp SR & Rebecca 11480 53 RD ST NE Albertville MN 55301	BIGELOW ADDITION TO STAPLES 11 & 12-133-33 LOTS 7 TO 9 BLK 4	\$997.68
38-0116700 Scott's Southtown Service & Towing LLC 620 SE 6 TH ST Staples MN 56479	KENNEDY ADDITION TO STAPLES 12-133-33 LOTS 7 & 8 BLK 2	\$1,989.98
Minnesota Department of Revenue Collection Division Collection Enforcement Section Po Box 64447 St. Paul MN 55164		
Collection Advisory Unit Internal Revenue Service M/S 5900 30 E. 7 th St., Suite 1222 St. Paul MN 55101		

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or June 28th, 2019 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru March 31st, 2019. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid on or after April 1, 2019.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 19th day of February, 2019.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by Becky Jager,
Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
Todd County Courthouse
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378
Telephone: (320) 732 - 4473

**NOTICE
BARTLETT
TOWNSHIP
ELECTIONS AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Bartlett Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the town hall.

The polling hours are from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Officers to be voted on are one (1) Supervisor and one (1) treasurer.

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the election at 8:15 p.m.

Road approaches will be discussed.

Inclement weather alternate date will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the same location and time.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township

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**NOTICE
BECKER TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Becker Township Annual Meeting will be held March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall with regular meeting to follow.

In case of inclement weather it will be held the following Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall.

All township residents are encouraged to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

9-10pnc

**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTION**

Fawn Lake Township will hold it's township election on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Town Hall. Offices to be elected will be one (1) supervisor for a three (3) year term and one (1) treasurer for a two (2) year term. The Board of Canvass will be held at 8 p.m. following the election.

The Annual Meeting of Fawn Lake Township will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 8 p.m. following the Board of Canvass.

Any questions, contact the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township

9-10pnc

**NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

May Township will hold its Annual Meeting on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall. In case of inclement weather, the Annual Meeting will be held the following Tuesday, March 19, 2019, same time and location.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township

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**NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting for Meadowbrook Township will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The meeting will be held at the Leader Community Hall, 6:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held March 19 same time. Citizens of Meadowbrook Township are encouraged to attend.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP ANNUAL
AUDIT MEETING**

The regular monthly meeting for Thomastown Township will be held Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the annual audit of the books

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk

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**NOTICE
MOOSE LAKE
TOWNSHIP
2019 ANNUAL
MEETING NOTICE**

Moose Lake Township will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

The township is now accepting bids for road maintenance and cemetery maintenance. Send bids to: Moose Lake Township Clerk, 5335 51st Ave. SW, Pine River, MN 56474

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date will be Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubal, Clerk
Moose Lake Township

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**NOTICE
MORAN TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Moran Township that the Annual Election of Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

The Annual Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law. The election poll hours are from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect one (1) supervisor and one (1) treasurer.

The Board of Canvass will immediately follow elections. The meeting and elections will be held at the Moran Town Hall located at 23608 430th St., Browerville, MN.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township

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**NOTICE
TO THE
RESIDENTS OF
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP**

The Annual Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Motley Township Town Hall. Positions to be filled are: one (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one (1) Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

Absentee ballots are available by appointment at the home of the Clerk, 218-352-6564.

In case of inclement weather the Annual Election of Officers and Annual Meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

The following will be held after the Annual Election of Officers: The Board of Canvass, The Annual Meeting and the Regular Monthly Meeting.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township

9-10pnc

**NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Staples Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Staples Town Hall. The Polling Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Positions to be filled are:

One (1) supervisor, three (3) year term;
One (1) supervisor, two (2) Year term;
One (1) Treasurer, two (2) year term.

Board of Canvass will follow the election with the Annual Meeting immediately after that.

In case of inclement weather, the Election and Annual Meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township

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(ABBREVIATED
ADVERTISEMENT)

**TODD COUNTY
HIGHWAY SAFETY
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECTS
Closing date:
March 26, 2019**

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. March 26, 2019 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

**S.P. 077-070-011
Ground-In Wet
Reflective Multi-
Component Edge Lines
Various County
Roadways (38.500 miles)**

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum,
Todd County Public Works
Director/Engineer

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**STATE OF
MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77-PR-83-12752**

**ESTATE OF
John P. Walburn,
Decedent**

**NOTICE AND ORDER
FOR HEARING
ON PETITION FOR
DETERMINATION
OF DESCENT OF
OMITTED PROPERTY**

A Petition for Detennination of Descent of Omitted Property has been filed with this Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent died more than three years ago, leaving property in Minnesota and requests the probate of Decedent's last Will (if any), and the descent of such property be determined and assigned by this Court to the persons entitled to the property.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice is further given, that the Petition will be heard on March 26, 2019, at 1:15 p.m., by this Court at 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

1. Notice shall be given to all interested persons (MINN. STAT. § 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

X Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

 Delivering a copy of this Notice and Order to personally at least 14 days prior to the hearing date.

Dated: February 20, 2019

BY THE COURT:
Daniel A. Benson
Judge of District Court

Rhonda Bot,
Deputy Court Administrator

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**Todd County
Commissioners Minutes**

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
AND TODD COUNTY
SWCD SUPERVISORS
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 5th day of February, 2019 at 9:10 a.m. with all members of both boards present.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To call the joint meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Buchholz and seconded by Katterhagen, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

WCA Policy Review

On motion by Whitney and seconded by Katterhagen, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the suggested changes in Wetland Policy as submitted to allow improved policy implementation along with amending the policy by adding 'granting' under County Responsibilities #4.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the suggested changes in Wetland Policy as submitted to allow improved policy implementation along with amending the policy by adding 'granting' under County Responsibilities #4.

**Todd County SWCD
Annual Report 2018**

Deja Anton, District Manager reported on the 2018 Annual Report and held discussion.

On motion by Buchholz and seconded by Katterhagen, the 2019 SWCD Annual Report was accepted as read and presented.

**Todd County SWCD
Work Plan 2019**

Deja Anton, District Manager reported on the 2019 Work Plan and held discussion.

**Farm & Ranch
Inventory/
Registration Cycle**

Deja Anton, District Manager provided a visual presentation of the purpose, results, historic patterns and future initiatives regarding the Farm & Ranch Inventory/Registration Cycle.

Staffing Updates

Deja Anton, District Manager provided an update as to present staffing within SWCD.

Adjourn

On motion by Buchholz and seconded by Katterhagen, the Todd County SWCD Board of Supervisors adjourned the joint meeting.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the Todd County Board of Commissioners adjourned the joint meeting and reopened the regular County Board meeting.

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board of Commissioners and SWCD Supervisors Joint Meeting held February 5, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 19, 2019.

Witness my hand and SEAL:

Gary Kneisl,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd
County Auditor-Treasurer

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**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 5th day

of February, 2019 at 9:00 am. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion and resolution were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2019 as presented.

**GAMBLING PERMIT -
SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Society of St Pius X through this resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Society of St Pius X to hold a raffle event at the St John Vianney Academy in Round Prairie Township at the address 18910 Ellipse Loop, Long Prairie MN on August 11, 2019.

Discussion, requested by Commissioner Becker, was held regarding the Board Protocol for tabling of motions. County Auditor-Treasurer Gaida read the current Board Protocol on record. Direction was provided to bring this topic to a future Work Session for further discussion.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the January 2019 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900184 through 900236 in the amount of \$1,525,662.40 and (Regular) 233092 through 233234 in the amount of \$580,158.75 for a total of \$2,105,821.15.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400117 through 400134 in the amount of \$8,175.73 and (Regular) 50807 through 50920 in the amount of \$167,723.02 for a total of \$175,898.75.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514742 through 514780 in the amount of \$69,356.72 and warrants number 704296 through 704363 in the amount of \$38,162.60.

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

**APPROVAL OF
ALL COUNTY
DEPARTMENTAL
CHANGE & PETTY
CASH FUNDS**

WHEREAS, there are multiple petty cash and change funds in various departments across the county, and;

WHEREAS, State Auditing Standards & Statutes require board approval when modifications are requested and to confirm/reaffirm all county departmental change and petty cash funds and;

**NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED**, to approve the petty cash and change funds for the various departments for immediate implementation as per attached list to be filed in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

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

**COMMIT FUND
BALANCE FOR
BUILDING & GROUNDS
IMPROVEMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Com-

missioners established a building & grounds improvement fund with the objective that the funds be utilized for current and future expenses and held within the County General Fund. The building and grounds improvement funds are appropriated and utilized each calendar year;

WHEREAS, the remaining balance of this account as of December 31, 2018 is \$236,665.60. State Auditors recommendation is to approve by resolution a commitment of this fund balance on an annual basis for transparent financial reporting;

**NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to create a Committed Fund Balance account in Fund 01-General Revenue Fund with a balance of \$236,665.60 to track the funding plan for the Committed Fund Balance of Building & Grounds Improvement Fund, effective December 31, 2018.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve an amendment to the gambling permit for the Pheasants Forever previously approved via BA#20190115-03 to hold a raffle event at the Birchwood Resort in Birchdale Township at the address of 22182 Birchwood Loop, Sauk Centre, MN on the newly reaffirmed dated of June 22, 2019.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the regular board meeting was closed to commence the Joint Meeting proceedings.

**TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
AND TODD COUNTY
SWCD SUPERVISORY
JOINT MEETING**

Separate minutes attached.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the regular board meeting was reopened.

County Sheriff

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2019 NACo Conference, Out of State Travel request by Sheriff Och.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the new Hauler License for G & T Sanitation.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve and sign the Hauler agreements for Todd County with Long Prairie Sanitation Inc, Tom's Refuse, and Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc.

SWCD

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request to put out bids for a used or new truck with local vendors or via State Bid.

Administration

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: to sign the letter of support for the United Church of Homes proposed project.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: to accept the resignation in good standing of Tim Stieber as the Todd County SWCD/PZ Division Director with the last day of service being February 8, 2019.

**Health & Human
Services**

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Kendra Hirsch to fill

See **TCC** on page 10a

Early Bird Deadline Fast Approaching!



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the open Child Protection Social Worker position.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was denied by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL TO SOUTH COUNTRY HEALTH ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Counties of Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Kanabec, Morrison, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena and Waseca have formed a Joint Powers Board to implement and administer County-Based Purchasing

for certain state and federal programs, which Joint Powers Board operates under the name "South Country Health Alliance" ("SCHA"), and;

WHEREAS, this County has entered into a Guarantee Agreement by which it obligated itself to make additional contributions in order to meet solvency requirements, and;

WHEREAS, the Amended Joint Powers Agreement obligates counties to make additional capital contributions if requested by the Joint Powers Board, and;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Board has decided to make an additional capital call at a meeting of the Board of Directors of SCHA on January 3, 2019, in an amount to be determined to enable SCHA to attain 200 percent (%) of the risk-based capital (RBC) set forth on the RBC report for 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this County hereby commits to make a further capital investment to SCHA as follows:

(a) The capital contribution shall be in assets which qualify as "admitted assets" as defined in 2018 Minnesota Statutes section 60A.02, subdivision 27.

(b) The total contributions from all Member Counties of SCHA shall not be less than those needed to give SCHA an

RBC of 200%.

(c) This county's share of the total capital contributions required shall be determined by Article 10.3 of the Joint Powers Agreement of 2013.

(d) The amount required of this county shall not exceed the sum of \$1,945,446.

(e) The contribution shall be made not later than Friday, May 31, 2019.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on projects in progress including the upcoming MACO Conference.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended and projects in progress.

Recess

Chairperson Kneisl recessed the meeting until February 19, 2019.

AUDITORS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AM. HERITAGE BANK.....	\$2,204.03
ASSOC OF MN COUNTIES.....	12,108.00
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLP.....	15,000.00
COUNTRYSIDE REST.....	5,476.80
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC.....	2,000.00
GREAT RIVER REG. LIBRARY.....	83,540.50
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC.....	3,329.90
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	148,680.00
TANGO CARD INC.....	5,981.20

20 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	7,316.92
AM. HERITAGE BANK.....	36,310.80
ASSOC OF MN CO.....	2,835.00
CARD SERV. COBORNS.....	2,285.57
COUNTIES PROVIDING TECHNOLOGY.....	5,006.00
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	4,590.17
MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP.....	2,389.10
MASWCD.....	3,410.98
MCCC, M133.....	8,177.00
MCIT.....	326,607.00
MN POWER & LIGHT.....	14,919.58
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	5,500.00
MORRISON COUNTY.....	5,306.70
PETERS LAW OF, P.A.....	4,556.00
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES.....	2,012.53
STEP.....	4,297.30
33 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	12,711.56
AM. HERITAGE BANK.....	3,714.38
CITY OF BERTHA.....	7,443.90
CITY OF BROWERVILLE.....	3,343.71
CITY OF CLARISSA.....	6,628.13
CITY OF EAGLE BEND.....	4,325.90
CITY OF GREY EAGLE.....	3,817.94
CITY OF HEWITT.....	3,416.95
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	7,264.72
CITY OF STAPLES.....	6,349.69
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213.....	23,680.67
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170.....	25,547.47
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753.....	60,763.35
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486.....	14,753.54
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743.....	24,822.52
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786.....	54,864.28
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786-DEBT DIST 86.....	8,687.68
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787.....	30,695.88
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787-DEBT DIST 87.....	6,667.62
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818.....	4,110.73
TOWN OF BARTLETT.....	6,521.18
TOWN OF BERTHA.....	15,120.51
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE.....	4,588.08
TOWN OF BRUCE.....	4,079.45
TOWN OF BURLENE.....	5,781.57
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE.....	8,015.76
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY.....	10,588.74
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE.....	6,423.23
TOWN OF GERMANIA.....	7,680.63
TOWN OF GORDON.....	12,005.75
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE.....	6,736.03
TOWN OF HARTFORD.....	8,494.69
TOWN OF IONA.....	5,547.65
TOWN OF KANDOTA.....	3,701.54
TOWN OF LESLIE.....	5,169.91

TOWN OF LITTLE ELK.....	3,079.96
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK.....	5,142.58
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	5,212.55
TOWN OF MORAN.....	7,984.29
TOWN OF REYNOLDS.....	4,578.26
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE.....	8,190.68
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	7,633.40
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE.....	14,378.48
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK.....	2,842.71
TOWN OF VILLARD.....	4,095.08
TOWN OF WARD.....	7,041.53
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	4,881.44
TOWN OF WYKEHAM.....	21,186.36

11 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	8,268.71
AMERICAN HERITAGE.....	7,580.76
BHH PARTNERS.....	8,705.84
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	2,018.81
RAHN'S OIL & PROPANE.....	15,079.20
STAPLES ADVANTAGE.....	3,068.96
TRI CITY PAVING INC.....	230,759.41
US BANK.....	532,863.75
VOYANT COMMS, LLC.....	3,456.84
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A.....	6,727.25
23 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	12,920.28
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	5,190.31
STREAMWORKS.....	11,650.00
TODD CO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.....	8,500.00
VERIZON.....	3,500.80
WENCK ASSOC., INC.....	2,405.00
24 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	9,021.49
Total.....	\$2,105,821.15

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ACTIVE 911.....	\$2,817.50
ASSOC OF MN CO.....	2,024.00
CARGILL SALT DIV.....	26,636.64
INFO. SYSTEM CORP.....	4,995.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS.....	3,092.88
MENCH/JAMES.....	3,974.00
MIDSTATES EQUIP AND SUPPLY.....	14,152.33
MN ST SHERIFFS ASSOC.....	8,028.89
NAPA CENTRAL MN.....	2,788.27
NORTHERN STAR COOP.....	2,627.69
NOW MICRO INC.....	3,323.00
ONSOLVE, LLC.....	9,002.06
PICTOMETRY.....	34,330.16
RELIANCE TELE. INC.....	2,103.01
RTVISION INC.....	2,482.51
TURNKEY/THREE SQ. MARKET.....	4,230.60
WOLTERS BODY SHOP.....	7,560.38
115 PAYMENTS LESS	

THAN \$2,000.....	41,729.83
Total.....	\$175,898.75

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT.....	\$15,922.99
V#56 - ACCESS REIMB.....	2,477.43
PERISH/ALAN.....	2,408.90
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	4,700.63
WILLIAMS DINGMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOME - LONG PRAIRIE.....	3,500.00
63 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	9,152.65
Total.....	\$38,162.60

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME.....	6,942.45
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN - ST PAUL.....	14,284.93
MID MN DRUG TESTING INC.....	4,338.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC.....	9,743.87
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	12,995.51
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR.....	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	17,572.79
Total.....	\$69,356.72

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 5, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 19, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl,
County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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	308 Musical	
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SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

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Help Wanted

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Minimum qualifications include Bachelor's Degree in Corrections, Criminal Justice, Criminology, Counseling Psychology, Education, Law, Law Enforcement, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology or a Human Services related field; successful completion of a 400 hour internship or volunteer/paid experience as a Corrections Agent or Security Caseworker; valid MN driver's license and auto insurance; and reliable transportation. Must pass agency background check requirements prior to employment. Convictions, continuances or stays for crimes other than minor traffic offenses may disqualify the applicant from being hired.

Starting salary range is \$20.91 - \$31.41 per hour.

Contact Katherine Langer at 320-732-6165 or kathy.langer@co.todd.mn.us for an application packet. Submit cover letter, resumé and completed application to Katherine Langer, Director, Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, MN 56347. Position will remain open until filled. Next round of application reviews scheduled for March 8, 2019.

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Seasonal-Temporary Maintenance Worker II

& Engineering Aid/Interns Positions

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EOE

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Spelling Bee held in Staples with 31 contestants

but did not correctly spell the ‘gravitas’ in the final round. Although Moddes had correctly spelled her word in the final round, according to the spelling bee rules, she had to spell one more word correctly in order to be named the champion. The word given to her by the judges was ‘apothecary,’ which she spelled correctly.



Congratulations, Hannah!

Hannah Moddes, seventh grader from Forestview Middle School in Baxter, was the winner at this year’s Regional Spelling Bee held Feb. 19, at Sourcewell in Staples. Moddes spelled words correctly in all eight rounds and went on to spell her final word, ‘apothecary,’ prior to being named the winner. She will advance to the 2019 Scripps National Spelling Bee May 26 - 31 in Washington, D.C. Also pictured is Katie Embree of Sourcewell, event coordinator. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Moddes will go on to compete at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C., May 26 - 31. All costs for Hannah, plus one parent or guardian, will be covered by Sourcewell. When she learned she was the winner and would be traveling to Washington D.C., Moddes smiled and said, “Cool.”



R-O-T-U-N-D-A, rotunda

Estella Bock, a sixth grader at Motley-Staples Middle School, correctly spelled ‘rotunda’ during round three of the 2019 Regional Spelling Bee at Sourcewell in Staples, advancing to the fourth round. In the background is Keegan Harvey, an eighth grader at Staples-Motley High School who was also a competitor at the spelling bee. Other words Bock correctly spelled included foist, diatribe and machismo. In round five, however, she missed a letter in the word ‘verboden,’ thus ending her role in the competition for this year. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County Garden Day features bird talk

Stan Tekiela will be presenting “Backyard Birds: Welcomed Guests At Our Gardens and Feeders” at the Todd County Garden Day 2019 hosted by the University of Minnesota Extension Todd County Master Gardeners, along with the Sauk River Watershed District. The event will be held March 23, at the First Baptist Church, 401 4th St. S, Long Prairie, MN starting at 8:15 a.m. Naturalist, wildlife photographer, and writer, Stan is the originator of the popular state-specific field guides. Over the past three decades Stan has authored more than 130 field guides, nature appreciation books, and wildlife audio CDs for nearly every state in the nation, presenting many species of birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians, trees, wildflowers, and

cacti. Holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural History from the University of Minnesota and as an active professional naturalist for more than 25 years, Stan studies and photographs wildlife throughout the US and has received various national and regional awards for his books and photographs. Also, a well-known columnist and radio personality, his syndicated column appears in over 20 newspapers and his wildlife programs are broadcast on a number of Midwest radio stations. Registration encouraged and can be obtained by emailing toddctymg@gmail.com or calling the Todd County Extension Office at 320-732-4435. Early bird registration before March 1.

Verndale water plant grant approved

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) has approved a grant and loan totaling nearly \$3.7 million for the construction of a new drinking water treatment plant and other improvements to the drinking water system in Verndale. According to a release from the PFA, the Verndale project consists of the construction of a new drinking water treatment plant and other improvements to the drinking water system. Funding for this project includes a DWRF loan of \$864,462. The 1 percent 20-year-loan is estimated to save taxpayers \$148,731 when compared to market-rate financing. The rest of the funding will come from a \$444,315.72 WIF grant, and a \$2,397,100.28 DWRF principal forgiveness grant. “I am grateful for the PFA’s willingness to provide these funds so that these vitally important water quality projects can move forward,” said State Rep. John Poston. “I was proud to support additional funding at the PFA last year which helped to make these grants and loans to cities around Minnesota possible.”



WOT food shelf donation

Stacy Harthan of the Staples Motley Area Women of Today (WOT) gives Frank Leidenfrost of the Staples Food Shelf, a \$150 check. The month of March is Food Drive month, when donations are tabulated and used to determine the yearly supply of food from Minnesota Food Share. “Every dollar is appreciated,” said Leidenfrost. Besides donations, Leidenfrost said volunteers are needed to help unload shipments and stock shelves. The Staples Food Shelf ares are: Mondays and Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m., and the fourth Thursday of each month from 5-7 p.m.

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School questions affect community; spring sports season is ahead

will replace that structure and a new wrestling room will be added near the locker rooms. Rob Brown of building consulting firm Nexus Solutions told the board that this is “by no means” the final project, he said there will be a lot more input from staff, students and the public before they get to the smaller details. Superintendent, AD The board had little discussion about approving the contract for Shane Tappe to become the new school superintendent. The board unanimously approved the contract that would pay Tappe \$135,000 for the 2019-20 school year. The board also had little discussion about the resignation of Activities Director Mark Jacobs, an item that was added to the agenda. Board member Greg Frisk said he had not been informed of the reason for the resignation. Superintendent Ron Bratlie said that he could not discuss it because of data privacy. Frisk said he thought voting on the resignation without knowing about it is a bad idea. “It sends the wrong message to staff, that we don’t support them,” said Frisk. “He is one of the most popular A.D.’s in the history of the school. Board member Mary Freeman said “we rarely discuss resignations of staff” because of data privacy. Bratlie said “My job is to protect the safety of students, staff and school district, and we have to protect the school district legally. We are following the law, we are not trying to keep secrets from you.” He added that there are a lot of rumors about school situations that should be disregarded. “You are not going to get the right infor-

mation,” said Bratlie. School closure statute At the last school board meeting, former board member Dave Hoemberg brought up a state statute that requires a school district to hold a public hearing before closing a school, and asked why that wasn’t done when the board decided to close the Motley school next year. Board Chair Bruce Lund said he talked to the Minnesota School Board Association and Superintendent Bratlie talked to the Minnesota Department of Education and both agreed that the statute does not apply because there will still be students and staff in the school, so it is not technically closing. Little Cardinals Academy will still run their preschool services in the building, and the school may be used again during construction if the school referendum is passed. Bratlie said he is working with the City of Motley on a joint powers agreement to both use the building. Lund said they will still have public meetings to discuss the plans for the building. In other news, the board • Approved spring coaching assignments: Softball: Lonna Dille, Ben Bestland, Heather Maule; Track: Bruce Fuhrman, Cory Asfeld, Tony Spandl, Steve Fligge, Chris Kappler, Steve Jennissen; Baseball: Greg Kossan, Jeff Halverson, Mike Martin, Brian Smith; Golf: Glen Hasselberg, Kermit Klefsaas, Brad Anderson, Heather Erholtz, Paul Mithun, Bruce Lund, Bill Israelson. • Approved recommendation from policy committee that summer travel should not fall under the authority of the school district or their field trip policy.

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