

Hope endures that her MIA brother's remains will be found

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Elizabeth (Bess) Weidenbach, 85, remembers well the day she walked to the train depot in Staples to say 'goodbye' to her brothers, John and George. It was during her lunch hour at school that October day, Bess recalled, adding that she was 17 years old and a senior at Staples High School. The year was 1950 and the two young men had just enlisted in the United States Army, ready to serve their country in Korea. "They told me they would be home in time for my graduation," Bess said. That never happened. After boot camp, John and George were assigned to different companies, each going on to par-



Proud of her brother

Elizabeth (Bess) Weidenbach is pictured with the Ambassador for Peace award her brother George Bradway, a Staples native, recently received posthumously from the Republic of Korea. Signed by Minister Pi Woo-jin, the certificate thanked Bradway "for the service you and your countrymen have performed in restoring and preserving our freedom and democracy. An Army veteran, Bradway is believed to have been killed in action during the Battle of Bloody Ridge in North Korea, Aug. 27, 1951. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

ticipate in active combat. Along the way their orders were extended and neither would return in time to see their little sister graduate. John would eventually make it back home, but his younger brother George did not. An article from the Staples World dated Oct. 4, 1951, recounts that, "In a telegram from Wm. E. Bergin, Major General U.S.A. dated Oct. 3, at 12:26 p.m., the following information was given: "The secretary of the Army has asked me to express my deep regret that your son, Pfc. George Bradway, has been missing in action in Korea since the 27 of August...I regret notification was so long delayed."

The article goes on to mention that the Bradway brothers (George and John) had been in the front lines in active battle for over 60 days, with only a four-day rest period in that time. See **BROTHER** on page 2a



Near the top of the state

Staples-Motley cross country runner Emmett Anderson finished third in the state meet on Nov. 3, as the boys team placed seventh. The girls team placed fifth in the meet. Details on page 1b. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hello, Readers,
Area Codes first went into effect in 1947. It was called the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) and would solve the issue of not enough phone numbers for both the USA and Canada. States and provinces were assigned codes that had a 0 in the middle. Some creative ideas were implemented to help make dialing easier, including how the numbers were distributed. Live in an area that has a lot of people in it? They'll be assigned area codes that have lower numbers at the beginning and end. Why? Well, in those days phone calls were made with rotary dialers, and it was determined that those in denser populated areas should be able to dial faster. How do you make rotary phones dial faster? By using numbers that were closer to zero so they had a shorter pull time. Yeah... If you've never seen a rotary phone you probably have no idea what we're talking about, but trust us, at the time? It worked.

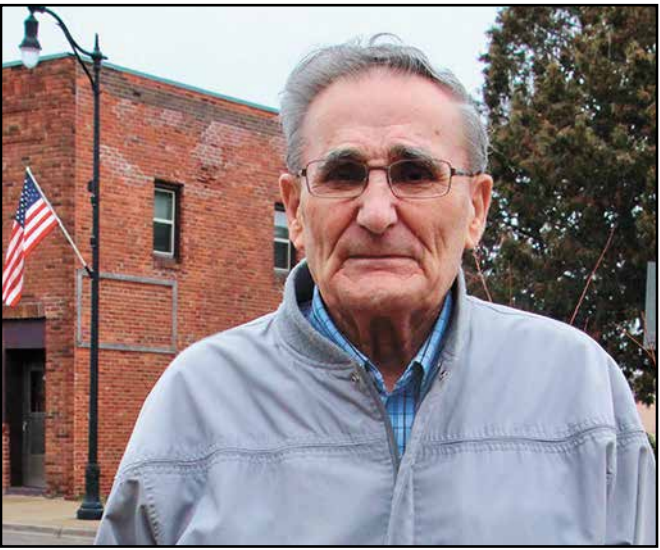
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Submarine tours gave Toedter unique perspective on the world

By Mark Anderson
News Editor



Submarine sailor

Wendel Toedter remembered his years on submarines with the U.S. Navy. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

and told them I would like to try the Navy. My friend Gary Schimpp had gone in the year before and I thought I would try it," he said. Toedter did well on the entrance test and was sent to Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois for basic training. On his first day there, a foot of snow fell

so he was out shoveling all day in his civilian clothes, before he even got a uniform. It turned out to be one of the tougher training days. "I was surprised that the training was as easy as it was, even for a farm boy," he said. Or maybe because he was a farm boy it seemed easy. While in Illinois, Toedter got involved with the Navy Choir. The civilian choir director found out he was from Staples and said he was a friend of Les Dehlin, who was Toedter's choir director in high school. "That's probably why I got into the choir," said Toedter. That gig sent him on his first trips for the Navy, including singing for the Minneapolis Aquatennial and for the Illinois Bar Association. Eventually, Toedter was trained to be a machinists' mate, where he learned about propulsion, hydro-

lics, lifts, elevators and refrigeration. He was selected for submarine duty and moved to Connecticut for submarine schooling. A scary test there was to ascend from a 100 foot tower of water, to simulate escaping from a damaged submarine. "It was like a tall metal silo," said Toedter. Trainees would enter at the 50 foot level with a pressurized suit. "It was blow and go, you always had to be exhaling so your lungs didn't explode because of the change of pressure," said Toedter. He did well on that test and soon got his first submarine assignment, on a diesel powered submarine out of San Diego. "I finally got the silver dolphins to wear on my uniform," said Toedter. Working in the engine room, Toedter travelled to Washington state, where See **TOEDTER** on page 3a

Widow accepts Purple Heart for late husband

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's been 14 years since Victoria (Vicki) Tomlinson of Motley said goodbye to her husband, Vietnam War veteran Bruce Tomlinson. He died in 2004, a couple of months shy of his 56th birthday, and without fully knowing how valued his service to the United

States of America had been. Recently, Sgt. Bruce Tomlinson was awarded a number of medals posthumously, including the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the Vietnam War. His wife, Vicki, received these awards in his place from her caseworker Teresa Sorenson, Todd County Assistant Veteran Services Officer. Sorenson, who grew up on the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, N.M., works with veterans and widows of veterans in Todd County. She is a veteran herself and has a heart for helping veterans' families. "These are so impressive," Vicki said of the awards. "Too bad he couldn't have (received) them when he was here."

In addition to the Purple Heart medal, Bruce Tomlinson was awarded the National Defense Service medal; Vietnam Service medal and Bronze Star Attachment; Combat Infantryman Badge; Republic of Vietnam Campaign ribbon; Expert badge and Auto Rifle bar; and Marksman Badge and Rifle bar. See **PURPLE HEART** on page 2a



Voters register at Staples Community Center

The Staples Community Center was the polling place on Nov. 6 for residents of the City of Staples. There were two areas, one for Todd County residents and one for Wadena County residents. Wadena County, left, had two judges getting trained on using the registration tablets. From left are Bev Nelsen, Mary Jo Hofer, Sue Jenkins and Charlene Sauer. The Todd County registration table is in the center photo. Around the table clockwise are Darlene Rollins, Linda Heier, Mike Heier, Mary Sperley (seated with the registration book) and Sandy Foote. Rollins and Foote were the head judges. See the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com Wednesday, Nov. 7, for local election results. (Staples World photos by Brenda Halvorson)

New tablet system

Rita Gaugert and Gloria Nokes took their turn serving at the Bartlett Township voting station in Todd County. This is the first time registration tablets were used in the rural township to sign in each voter. The hall is a former schoolhouse still containing the old blackboards. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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Veterans Service helped find awards



Proud of her husband

Vicki Tomlinson (right) of Motley holds up the Purple Heart medal her husband Bruce Tomlinson was recently awarded posthumously for combat injuries he sustained during the Vietnam War. Also pictured is Teresa Sorenson, Todd County Assistant Veteran Service Officer, who was instrumental in tracking down this and other awards (below) that were due Bruce Tomlinson. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Without the intervention of Teresa Sorenson, these awards may never have come to pass. Sorenson explained that as part of the Compensation Disability and Pension application she was assisting Vicki with, she also filled out a request pertaining to military records, highlighting a medals request. This is something

she always does, Sorenson went on, in the event that somehow a veteran did not receive his or her just award. In some instances, a veteran's platoon sergeant or commander put in an award that the veteran never knew about; and sometimes a veteran just wanted to go home and didn't receive the medals or ribbons upon leaving.

For whatever reason, Bruce Tomlinson never received his medals and awards while he was still living. Bruce grew up in Ames, Iowa; and Vicki in Detroit Lakes. Their paths crossed in Texas and they eventually married. He didn't talk much about the war, Vicki said of her husband. "Just every once in awhile," she went on, going on to say that Bruce might add a comment if there happened to be a television show on about Vietnam. "Usually he'd just say, 'That's not true,'" Vicki said. A sergeant in the Army, Bruce served in Vietnam from 1967 - 1969. During that time he was in a helicopter that got shot down and was injured during the incident. Both the pilot and copilot died and Bruce and three other soldiers had to stand their ground, waiting six hours for another helicopter to arrive. Bruce survived, but would spend the rest of his life with shrapnel in his legs. She's proud of her husband, whom she considers to be a hero, Vicki said. The medals and awards will always serve to remind her of his service to the U.S. Sorenson said she is proud to have been able to assist the Tomlinson family in this situation. She went on to note the Todd County Veterans Service Office Mission Statement: "We will dedicate ourselves to work collaboratively with the Department of Veterans Affairs and Nationally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations in promoting the interests and welfare of veterans who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, their dependents and survivors. To enhance the quality of their lives through advising, counseling, claims assistance, education, advocacy and special programs. To ensure that they receive all of the benefits and services that they so well deserve for the sacrifices they have endured."

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Award accepted on George's behalf

Not knowing what happened to George was something that the family agonized over for years. Bess recalled the pain her parents, Laurence and Maude Bradway, endured. Now buried at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples, they died without ever knowing the fate of their youngest son. Older brother John took it hard, too, Bess said. "It was very difficult for him. He never wanted to talk about it," she added. They were in Korea at a terrible time, Bess went on about her brothers. Both of them fought at the Battle of Bloody Ridge which took place near the border of North Korea. Although his body was never found, it is believed that George lost his life during the course of this battle. In time, his status was changed from missing in action to killed in action. Records state that Private First Class (PFC), United States Army, was Killed in Action on Aug. 27, 1951. Bess now lives in Little Falls, but thinks of Staples often as she recounts her childhood. She was the youngest of five and was especially close to John and George. "We were buddies," she said. "My brothers always talked about the wonderful things in Staples," Bess said. She recalled the paper routes they had growing up, delivering the Minneapolis Tribune to the troops coming through town by train. No doubt this interaction had an effect on her brothers' decision to board that train themselves one day. "We were always a military family," Bess said. Her dad, who worked the rails in Staples, served in WWI and her oldest brother, Bill, served during WWII. John went on to become a Master Sergeant in the Army, earning several awards along the way, including the Bronze Star Medal. It troubled Bess for years that George never received the recognition he



Brothers in arms

Brothers John (left) and George Bradway of Staples joined the Army in October of 1950, at ages 22 and 19 respectively. PFC George Bradway was killed in action, Aug. 27, 1951, while fighting in North Korea. However, he was also considered missing in action because his remains were never found. PFC John Bradway, later promoted to Master Sergeant, eventually returned to the United States, settling in Springfield, Ill. He died at age 72. (Submitted photos)

deserved.

Recently, thanks to Bess's persistent requests on behalf of her brother, Private George E. Bradway was posthumously awarded several awards and decorations to which he was entitled. These included a Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal and Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, among others.

Bess also has not given up hope that someday George's remains will be found and be properly buried next to his parents in Staples.

This past August, Bess and her son Craig Weidenbach (also a veteran) traveled to Washington, D.C. to join other families at a briefing held by The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), which conducts periodic updates for families of American service members who are missing in action (MIA).

"It was wonderful," Bess said of the opportunity to meet with people who have experienced the same difficulties in life. They visited the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Another highlight for Bess and Craig included attending a banquet hosted by the Republic of Korea, during which they accepted, on behalf of George, the Ambassador For Peace award. It was presented by the Republic of Korea's Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs Pi Woo-jin. Bess recalled that, "he put the award around my neck and told me how grateful the South Koreans were for our country."

It was a very moving ceremony, Bess said, and one she wished her own parents could have been a



Before war

The Bradway siblings grew up in Staples, near the Lincoln Model School. Pictured in the 1930s, from left, are George, Elizabeth (Bess) and John. In 1950, George and John joined the Army during the Korean War. Younger brother George never returned and was later declared to have been killed in action. (Submitted photo)

part of. She returned home with renewed hope that someday her brother George's remains will be found. At the briefing, Bess and Craig learned about current efforts being made to recover remains of missing service members from areas in North Korea as well as Hawaii. There have also been many DNA technology advancements in recent years which could help identify George. Bess noted that her nephew Anthony (John's son) supplied his DNA toward these efforts in locating his uncle.

"I have hope," Bess says again of George's remains being identified. In the meantime, she will continue to visit his grave-stone in Staples every Memorial Day; and will remember with pride all of the service members in her family on Veterans Day.

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American FFA Degrees displayed

Staples-Motley FFA members show their American Degree certificates at the 91st National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Left to right: Mikayla Sauber, Dominic Nistler, Advisor Kerry Lindgren and Katie Benson.

Staples-Motley FFA members receive top honors at nationals

Four members of the Staples-Motley Future Farmers of America received the highest honor awarded to FFA members. Mikayla Sauber, Dominic Nistler, Katie Benson and Zach Strickland received their American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention and Expo held Oct. 24-27 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Each member received their degree certificate and gold American FFA Degree key at the Eighth General Session of the 91st National FFA Convention.

“The American FFA Degree is the highest honor awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA,” said SMHS FFA Advisor Kerry Lindgren. The requirements to earn this degree are set in the National FFA Constitution.

“To be eligible members must have been active FFA members for three years, complete secondary instruction in an ag. education program and operate



Zach Strickland

an outstanding supervised ag. experience program,” Lindgren said. Community service, leadership abilities and outstanding scholastic achievement are also criteria.

At the convention, Katie Benson was selected as a finalist for a National FFA officer position, a challenging process that 42 candidates vied for.

To become a national officer, each state FFA association submits only one individual member and Katie was selected for her state. At the national convention, Katie advanced through an extensive interview process with the National FFA Officer Nominating Committee through Phase 1 of the selection process.

“It takes a highly motivated person to become a National FFA Officer,” said Lindgren. “This opportunity is afforded to only a few members - and Katie was that member. We are proud of her.”

Katie advanced to Phase 2 with 22 other finalists. “I am so proud of her achievements,” said Lindgren. Six other students were selected as officers on Oct. 26.

“Overall the national experience was a most exciting, rewarding experience, attending with this group,” said Lindgren.

The national results and programming can be found at www.ffa.org.

Affordable housing projects funded in Motley and Staples

Staples and Motley have been chosen to receive funding by Minnesota Housing, the state’s housing finance agency, after a competitive statewide application process. The new state and federal investments in affordable housing were announced by Senator Paul Gazelka.

“Central Minnesota needs more workforce housing to reach its full economic potential,” said Sen. Paul Gazelka. “I’m pleased to see Staples and Motley receive this much-needed funding boost so we can attract new workers and so current residents can continue to live in the communities they call home.”

In Staples, \$10.8 million was awarded to the Mill Townhomes, a new construction development that will include 42 town-

homes with workforce housing and supportive housing. The development will serve primarily low income households, but also includes residences for high priority homeless households and households with disabilities.

In Motley, \$1.7 million in funding was awarded to rehabilitate and preserve 24 affordable rental homes at Country Terrace. The development will serve low income households and those using Rural Development rental assistance.

In total, Minnesota Housing awarded funding for more than 1,700 new and rehabilitated affordable housing units that will support more than 3,600 jobs and invest a total of \$364 million in total development costs statewide.



Habitat home in process

Groundwork has been started on the Habitat For Humanity home on McKinley Street in Staples. Construction of the home is expected to begin in March or April.

“We will need people to pick up a hammer and a tool belt soon,” said Lakes Area Habitat Director Kevin Pelkey. The home is for the Tiffany Brandt family, who have raised \$55,000 of the \$70,000 needed to start the project. The total cost will be around \$100,000. Three future build sites in Staples are already secured, those projects will start after this one is done. Pelkey said families from all over are calling to get into the program. “The need is huge,” he said, “every community could benefit from more homes.” (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Toedter found career, camaraderie and cuisine on board submarines

they did sonar and torpedo practice before the sub ran into a submerged log. He said it was quite a process for divers to change the propeller out with cranes.

After that mission, the Navy was starting to build nuclear submarines and needed more engineering knowledge to man the subs. Based on his first deployment, Toedter was recommended for the program. He went to Viejo, California for nuclear power training.

“It was heavy duty stuff,” said Toedter, especially the math. But he got through and was recommended for more education.

The Navy sent him to the University of Oklahoma for four years of schooling. He got married to his wife Lorrie in 1962 while in college, then he graduated and headed to submarine school and officer candidate school in Rhode Island.

Two daughters were born to the Toedter family as Wendel was commissioned as an officer. Family became an important part of military life, as Toedter said they were always meeting new people and since everyone was away from family, they just got together among themselves.

“Lorrie did a lot of entertaining, and we had weekly Bible studies with the Officers Christian Fellowship,” said Toedter.

His next assignment was in Hawaii to sail on the last of the post-WWII diesel submarines that were being cut in half and put back together with new equipment.

Toedter traveled the western Pacific, to Taiwan and Hong Kong. The Navy had special container ships to send back home the items sailors bought in Hong Kong, because there wasn’t enough room on the submarine to store everything.

The diesel powered submarines usually traveled on the surface, except “if we were close to some place we shouldn’t have been, we were submerged during the day,” said Toedter. At night, they would get up to the surface and run the

engines to recharge the batteries for staying under water the next day. Later on, the Navy developed a snorkel system to discharge the engine exhaust without breaking the surface.

While operating out of Japan, Lorrie found out that Wendel would be stationed, so she flew to Japan to meet him as he was getting off the boat. That trip ended their stay in Hawaii.

The new assignment was to a nuclear powered submarine, the USS George Marshall, which was a missile sub just out of the shipyard. There were two crews that spent three months on the sub and three months off. Toedter helped drive it through the Panama Canal and up to Washington state, while Lorrie drove out to meet him.

As opposed to the diesel powered subs, the nuclear submarine missions stayed underwater from the day they left the harbor.

“We wanted to stay submerged and undetected,” said Toedter.

But that also made it hard to determine exactly where they were while traveling. On his first mission they had large gyroscopes hanging in different locations, and they would compare the movement of the gyros to determine which direction they were turning and help with depth, angles and speed. At night they used periscopes to track the stars and get a precise location. That technology improved with later subs.

The submarines did not have to go very deep. “We wanted to hear the ships going over the top of us,” said Toedter. They were also aware of tanker ships that could have a draft of up to 130 feet. The noise from the ship’s engines and propellers was behind the ship, so if it was headed toward the sub, they couldn’t hear it.

Staying underwater for weeks at a time didn’t seem strange for Toedter. “You get used to it, it was kind of like home,” he said.

There were always fun things to do on board, they

would take 60 reel to reel movies along, hold casino nights and celebrate any milestones like passing the Arctic Circle.

Toedter said the food on submarines is great. “No one ever lost weight,” he said, despite exercise equipment on board. On his first submarine they had lobster tails or steak every Friday.

There was one mix-up when Toedter was the officer in charge of the food department. The officers on the deck above yelled down to him to come taste their food. It turned out that the cook had grabbed the wrong can and flavored the potatoes with detergent instead of oil that day.

Toedter was sent back to New Hampshire to be weapons officer for the USS Will Rogers, which was equipped with Poseiden missiles. He went across the Atlantic to Spain and was in charge of missile tests where they changed out the warheads and put telemetry devices on so they could track the missiles. Of four missiles

they tested, one got lost by the trackers so they had to explode it, while the other three worked as planned.

Toedter was asked to teach at the submarine training school, during a time when the U.S. was selling planes and ships to Iran. He helped train the crews and the person he replaced went to Iran to help them there. Toedter said that person had to escape the country when Iran began taking U.S. hostages. “He was just short of the hostage taking, it was a close call,” said Toedter.

After one more patrol as a navigator on a missile

submarine, Toedter’s retirement date came up.

“I decided I had enough,” he said.

He returned to Staples a year later and started working in real estate, as there was no call for a nuclear submarine expert in central Minnesota.

As Veterans Day approaches, Toedter said he likes participating in local events and comparing stories with other veterans.

“I appreciate that I had it so well,” he said. “I respect the guys who were out there crawling around.”

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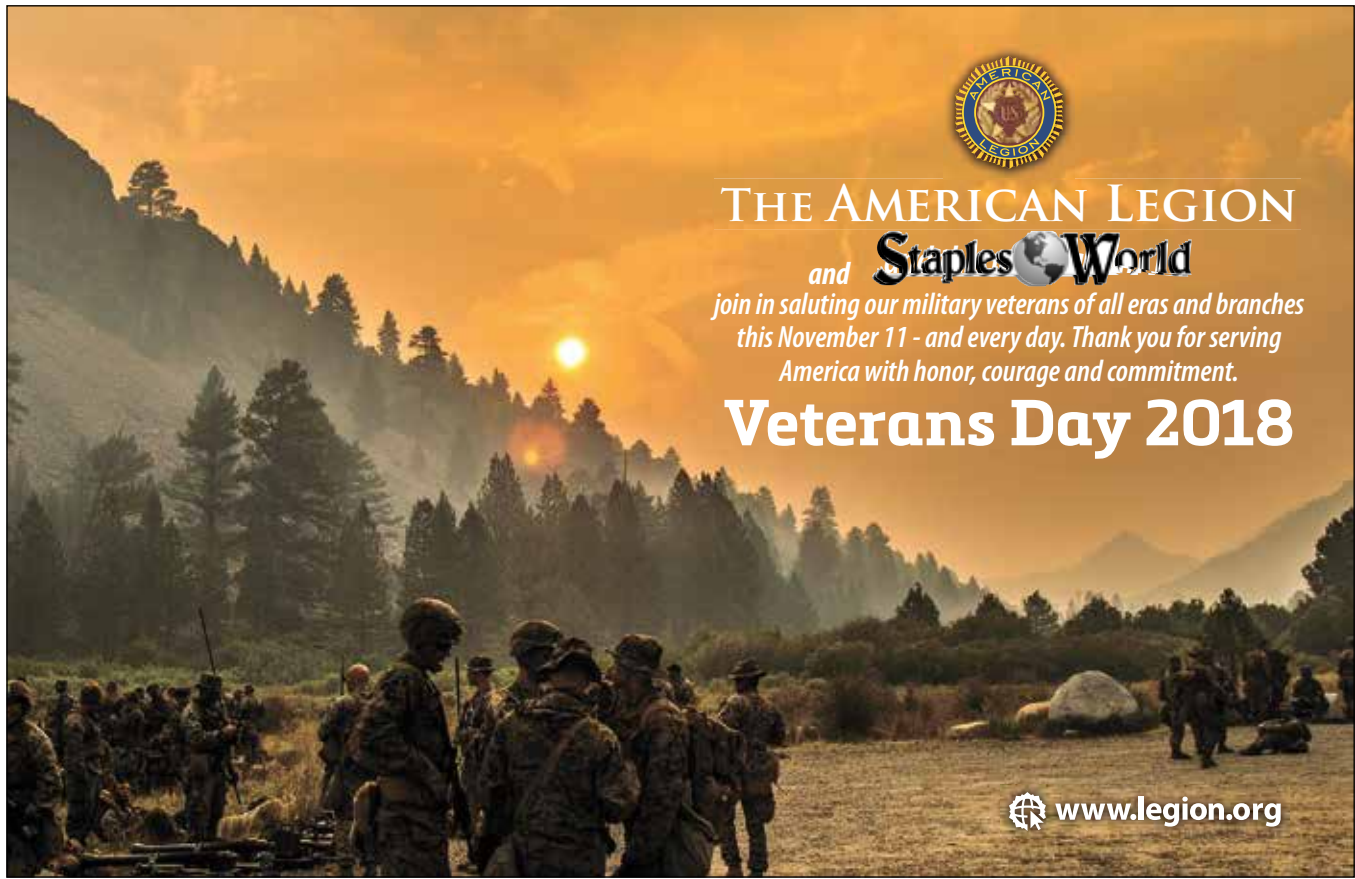
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Edmund Fitzgerald endures

Most famous shipwreck in Great Lakes history, immortalized in popular song

By Tom Emery

It was far from the deadliest shipwreck in the history of the Great Lakes. But none are more enduring.

Saturday, Nov. 10, marks the anniversary of the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald, a 729-foot ore carrier in Lake Superior that was lost amid one of the worst storms in Great Lakes history on Nov. 10, 1975. All 29 men on board the Fitzgerald were lost and researchers still debate the cause of the wreck, which remains in the public consciousness.

“I think that’s one of the reasons that the Fitzgerald stays with people,” said Bruce Lynn, executive director of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point, Mich. “No one really understands why it sank, and it’s still a mystery. It’s sort of the age old, man-versus-elements aspect.”

The Fitzgerald, which was based in Milwaukee, was the flagship of the Columbia Transportation division of Cleveland mineral concern Oglebay Norton. It was launched on June 7, 1958 and quickly became one of the most revered ships on the lakes. Though it was no longer the longest ship on the inland seas by 1975, it was still considered the “Queen of the Lakes” both on and offshore.

The ship regularly made ore runs between upper Lake Superior and ports

southward, and on the morning of Sunday, Nov. 9, 1975, loaded at Superior, Wisc. for another routine voyage. In the past week alone, the Fitzgerald had sailed from Toledo to Silver Bay, Minn., loaded for a run to Ashtabula, Ohio, and sailed back to Superior to load again for a scheduled run to the Detroit area.

The Fitzgerald finished loading 26,000 tons of taconite pellets, which held substantial qualities of iron, and left Superior just after 2 p.m. in mild conditions. By evening the weather started to deteriorate and by Monday afternoon and evening, recorded gusts of 90 miles per hour were coupled with blinding snow squalls and 30-foot seas.

“It’s hard to compare the bad storms throughout the years and shipping has changed over time, with better weather reporting and safety procedures,” remarked Lynn. “But there’s no doubt that the 1975 storm was clearly one of the worst.”

One of the few options was to reach safety in Whitefish Bay in northern Michigan. Trailing behind the Fitzgerald was another giant ore carrier, the Arthur M. Anderson, which kept in radio contact with the Fitzgerald during the storm.

Seeking some protection, the Fitzgerald hugged the northern shoreline of Lake Superior, but around 3 p.m., the ship is believed to have sailed over Six Fathom Shoal, a treacherous reef that was not properly documented on industry maps. Shortly after, Fitzgerald captain Ernest McSorley radioed the Anderson that he had “a bad list” to starboard and indicated his pumps were not keeping up.

Many, including Anderson captain Bernie Cooper, believe the Fitzgerald suffered damage in the incident that may have proven

fatal. Around 4 p.m., the storm disabled both of the Fitzgerald’s radars, and to make matters worse, the weather also knocked out the light beacon at Whitefish Point, at the top of the bay.

Around 7:10 p.m., with the Fitzgerald nine miles from Whitefish Bay and traveling at reduced speed because of the horrific conditions, the Anderson made its last radio contact. McSorley’s last words were “we are holding our own.”

Shortly before that, Cooper reported two massive waves as high as 35 feet that rocked his ship. Cooper and others since have wondered if the enormous waves caused the Fitzgerald, riding low from its earlier damage, to be lifted from the rear and driven downward into the frigid, swirling water.

No distress calls from the Fitzgerald were made, and only fragments of debris, including remnants of two lifeboats and several unused life preservers, were found in a three-day search. The ship was later discovered laying in two sections at the bottom, with debris and its load of pellets spilled in between.

In a highly controversial finding, a Coast Guard Marine Board of Inquiry determined in 1977 that hatch covers on deck had not been properly tightened, causing water to infiltrate the ship. The finding has been bitterly denounced by many mariners and researchers.

“The truth is, we really don’t know why the Fitzgerald went down,” commented Lynn. “There are a number of theories, and it’s a tough call. It’s still being debated today.”

In 1976, Canadian folk-pop singer Gordon Lightfoot wrote The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald, which further captured the imagination of the North American public and helped en-

sure the ship’s place in lore. The haunting melody and lyrics launched the song to #2 on the Billboard charts and remains a favorite on classic radio today.

The Fitzgerald is the last major shipwreck on the Great Lakes, where Lynn and others estimate that over 6,000 ships have been lost. However, small planes and watercraft are routinely reported missing on the five lakes.

Lynn says the Fitzgerald is “by far, the most famous shipwreck on the lakes. It’s the one that most visitors to our museum talk about. Our exhibit on the Fitzgerald draws the most attention due to the Lightfoot song and the mystery that surrounds the ship; it’s a combination of factors. It’s a really good story and one that still resonates.”

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Thinking about our veterans

By Mike Holst

I have this job in my old age now of cleaning out closets and throwing away things I don’t need anymore. I always knew it had to be done someday but I always thought I would make it her job. I was good at that in the years we were married. But she fooled me and she left first, so now I’m left holding the bags and many boxes. But you ask, “How does this tie in with our veterans?” Well, let me get to that.

In an old box, high on a shelf the other day, I found an old uniform. Now there have been a lot of us who wore uniforms over the years but there was no doubt that this was an Army uniform. It felt like it was made out of mostly wool and the insignias on the sleeves said this man was a Tech Sergeant and it had four bars on the sleeves and several patches that I believe represent the outfit he was in. Also, one gold button that represents the infantry.

There was only one family member this could have belonged to and that was my father-in-law. My wife had kept this uniform after he passed away. My son was named after this man so I have since passed it on to him. He has the flag that was spread over his coffin and all of his medals.

But let me tell you a little more about Sergeant Leo Maus. Leo joined the Army in 1939 and when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor two years later he was sent to fight in the South Pacific. He fought in the Philippines and several other small islands, but as the war was drawing down he was sent to the battle of Okinawa. He survived that bloody battle but a lot of his buddies didn’t. Although he was wounded three times, he came home in 1946.

After the war Leo came back to his hometown and bought a gasoline filling

station in the town of Staples. That’s where I met his daughter who later became my wife.

He was a gifted mechanic, back when you didn’t need a degree to fix an automobile. He was a proud veteran who would always snap to attention when the flag was presented, be it a parade or a sporting event. I asked him several times about his battles in WW II but he would only say, “The war is over, let’s live in peace.”

Leo was the best father-in-law I could have ever had, a wonderful dad to my wife and a loving grandpa to our kids.

When I laid that uniform out on the bed that day after I found it, I had tears, although he’s been gone for 40 years. I had tears because this was the uniform of a hero who left his blood on the beaches of Okinawa. He came home to one last victory march and then went on with his life where he had left off and all he would say about it is “The war is over, let’s live in peace.” What a humble man.

In his later years Leo had a stroke that left him partially paralyzed. He should have been in a wheel chair but he would walk around dragging his dead leg behind him and holding a cane in his one good arm to steady himself. He refused to let anyone help him unless there was no other way to get where he wanted to go. He lived out the last decade of his life in the old soldiers’ home in Minneapolis. He’s buried in the National Cemetery in Minneapolis.

God bless Leo. God bless all of our veterans.

Mike Holst graduated from Staples High School. He lives and writes in North Central Minnesota, where he has long been active as a columnist and freelance writer. His website is www.mikeholstbooks.com.

Letters to the Editor

Helping the Food Shelf

The Staples Area Food Shelf would like to thank the Staples area churches and youth groups who took part in the Halloween “Tricks or Treats for Food Shelf” event.

A total of 1,025 pounds of food items were collected along with several cash donations.

Great job. Well done. Greatly appreciated.

Staples Area Food Shelf Board and Amy Leidenfrost, Don Adamietz and Frank Leidenfrost, Food Shelf Coordinators

Flower photo

I would like to thank Mark Anderson of the Staples World Newspaper for the photo in last week’s paper titled “Pretty flowers all in rows.” (Page 9A, Nov. 1)

A picture says a thousand words. My thought was this looks like the same amount of flowers that the board members and maintenance personnel pick up at the cemetery each spring before mowing starts.

A special “Thank You” to the community members who have supported our efforts to clean up the cemetery grounds.

Bob Reeck
Secretary/Treasurer
Evergreen Hill Cemetery
Board
Staples, Minn.

We painted the town

Thank you to all the Paint the Town volunteers and sponsors. This was another successful season for the Paint the Town program.

Due to the dedication of the volunteers and sponsors, the Paint the Town program was able to paint six homes for our community members this year. This was the third year of the program and we have been able to paint a total of 15 homes.

The Paint the Town Committee would like to

thank all of the volunteers for taking their time to help. There were over 60 volunteers that showed up on various days.

A special thanks to the paint teams, which include Lions Club, Rotary, First International Bank, Assembly of God Church, MMFCU, Staples-Motley School staff team and Staples High School student team.

Also a huge thank you to our sponsors. This program is completely funded through our local businesses and organizations and without them this would not be possible.

This year’s sponsors include Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Unity Bank, Jaycees, SEDDA, Sourcewell, Lakewood Health System, Assembly of God, Precision Polishing, EL-KO Services, Dairy Queen, True Value, Ace Hardware, Stern Rubber, Jemma’s Salon and Timberlake Hotel/Timbers Restaurant.

We will be offering the program again next year, with applications being accepted in the spring. Watch for information on how to apply in the spring edition of the Rumor Mill.

Melissa Radermacher
Staples Economic Development Director
Staples, Minn.

Also, We will be holding our Paint the Town Celebration on Nov. 14 at Timbers starting at 5:30 p.m. for all sponsors, volunteers and homeowners.

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Clarification

A letter to the editor in the Nov. 1 issue of the Staples World regarding flower displays at the cemetery was written by Kathy Richardson Blessing, not Kathy Marden Blessing.

Thanksgiving Deadlines



The deadline for the Nov. 22 Staples World is 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 16.

The deadline for the Nov. 24 Square Shooter is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20.

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The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday. Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily represent the views of this newspaper.

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Festive kick-off to speech

The Staples-Motley High School (SMHS) speech team had an informal kick-off to their upcoming season recently at Campfire Bay Resort in Cushing, owned by speech coaches Brian and Heather Sams. Pictured above, from left, are Ari Brings and Brooke Ferdon. Below, from left, are Jaydon Friedel, Andrew Bates, Jonah Johnson and coach Coleman Klimek (back to camera) *The team's first official meeting will be held after school on Monday, Nov. 12, in coach Bob Shaffer's classroom; and placement auditions will also take place that week. A parent/coach/student meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium.* (Submitted photos)



Crossword Puzzle

Week 45

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- CLUES ACROSS
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4. Long periods of time
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14. Ottoman military commander
15. Pig
16. Don't go near
17. Benin inhabitants
18. Pop star
20. Removes
22. Your sibling's daughter
23. Trade
24. Dabbled
28. Tax collector
29. Atomic number 73
30. Russian emperor
31. Broad-winged bird of prey
33. Pale brownish yellow
37. A type of bill
38. One or a sum of things
39. Stiff, untanned leather
41. Naturally occurring solid material
42. Promotional material
43. Beer mug
44. Nostrils
46. Very rich
49. Atomic number 10
50. Not even
51. Pulls apart
55. City in western Finland
58. Wing shaped
59. Paddling
60. Player
64. Japanese classical theater
65. S-shaped lines
66. Coined for one occasion
67. Pitching stat
68. "M" actor
69. Some are noble
70. Lair
- CLUES DOWN
1. Places to eat
2. Marketplace
3. Unoriginality
4. Administrative officials
5. Female sheep and a loch in Scotland
6. Something to drill for
7. Midway between north and northeast
8. Cassia tree
9. Founder of medical pathology
10. Long-legged wading bird
11. ___ and goers
12. Go quickly
13. Used to cut and shape wood
19. Small island (British)
21. Dry or withered
24. "Last of the Mohicans" actress
25. Manufacturers need one
26. Tidal bore
27. Makes free of moisture
31. Semitic titles
32. Inappropriate
34. Gregory ___, US dancer
35. ___, denotes past
36. Makes nicer
40. Indicates position
41. Made a priest
45. Sixth month of Jewish calendar
47. One who refrains
48. Type of top
52. Pay increase
53. Curved shape
54. Keeping down
56. Sleep sound
57. Tiny Iranian village
59. Only one time
60. Elected official
61. Before the present
62. Genus of grasses
63. Autonomic nervous system

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Donald Dukowitz

Donald Albert Dukowitz, 94, of Staples, passed away at his home November 5, 2018.

Funeral services will be held on Fri., Nov. 9 at 11 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Interment will be at the Moran Cemetery.

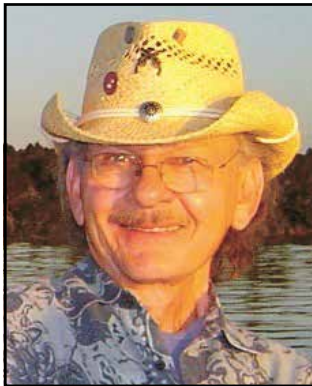
Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Care, Staples.

Donnie was born in Moran Township on July 23, 1924 to Albert and Pauline (Magdziarz) Dukowitz. He attended country school in Moran Township until the eighth grade. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and provided community service projects such as planting trees and building roads. He joined the U.S. Marines when he was 17 and served his county in WWII, where he was stationed in the Pacific Theater. After returning home, he married Mildred Judd in the summer of 1949 in South Dakota. They made their home in Moran Township. Donnie worked as an over the road truck driver most of his life. He was a proud member of the 1,000,000-mile club and was accident and ticket free. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and tending to his garden.

He is survived by nine children, Beverly VanHorne of Sartell, Twylla Wozniak of St. Cloud, Bradley (Cindy) of Staples, Sandra Knosalla (Gary Knosalla) of Staples, Michael (Jane) of Sauk Rapids, William (Karla) of Bertha, Thomas (Cindy) of Swanville, Rebecca (Kevin) Valerius of Crosby and Tony (Jamie) of Staples; one brother, Clifford of Kenosha, WI; 35 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents; wife and brothers.

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Larry Chapin

Larry Milton Chapin, 75, passed peacefully at home with his wife, son and daughter by his side, on November 1, 2018, following a brave battle with lung cancer.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sat., Nov. 17 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Bites Restaurant, 2793 State 371 SW, Pine River. Bring a special memory or photo to share, to leave with the family.

Arrangements were by Kline Funeral Home, Pine River.

Larry was born February 15, 1943 to Milton and Josephine (Winter) Chapin in Wadena. He graduated from Staples High School in 1962. Following high school he worked in Minneapolis for a short time. On Sept. 30, 1963 he entered the Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, then served one year in Cuba. He worked as an auto mechanic in the Marine Corps and was honorably discharged Oct. 27, 1966. Larry married Sherry on Nov. 4, 1967 in Staples. He worked as a Tool & Die Maker and Manufacturing Manager. He was an artist and in retirement pursued his hobbies including woodcarving, chainsaw carving, oil painting and building cigar box guitars.

Larry is survived by his wife of nearly 51 years; one son, Anthony Chapin and partner, Sarah Chapman of Minneapolis; one daughter, Michelle Chapin and her partner, Lindsey of Minneapolis; four sisters, Dolores Johnson of Staples, Eloise (Marvin) Ryan of Pine River, Gloria Freeman of Brooklyn Park, Carol Heldman of Staples and many nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Burl Chapin and Dale Chapin; one sister, Phyllis Peterson and nephew, Wayne Johnson.

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Robert Neuerburg

Robert Neuerburg, rural Verndale, 70, passed away October 23, 2018, at the St. Cloud hospital with his family by his side.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sat., Nov. 24, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Elmer Goche VFW Post 3922, in Wadena.

Arrangements are by Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Robert was born to Leo Edwin and Dorothy Jane (Denny) Neuerburg on April 30, 1948, in Wadena. He attended St. Ann's Parochial School and graduated from Wadena High School.

Robert served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, from Feb. 21, 1968 until his honorable discharge on Nov. 26, 1969. Robert married Marilyn Marie Callahan on Feb. 13, 1971, at St. Frederick's Catholic Church in Verndale. Over the years he worked as a carpenter, and part-time as a bartender at the River Inn in Aldrich and Verndale Liquor Store. He was a lifetime member of the Wadena VFW. He was a volunteer fireman for over 23 years, former Mayor of Verndale and a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee. His hours away from work included hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Most of all he loved being with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Robert is survived by his wife of 47 years; two sons, Jason (Gayle) Neuerburg of St. Cloud and Nathan Neuerburg of Verndale; four grandchildren Zachary Neuerburg, Audrey Neuerburg Chapman and Karsten Neuerburg; seven siblings, Jim (Sharon) Neuerburg, Glenda (Ray) Uselman, Kathy (Mike) Kust, Pat Lorentz, Barb (Dave) Rousslang, Mark (Patty) Neuerburg, Jerry (Lori) Neuerburg; brother and sisters-in-law Mark (Joni) Callahan, Sharon Ludovissie and Shirley Callahan and a host of friends and neighbors.

Preceding him in death were his parents; father and mother-in-law, Emmet and Dorothy Callahan; brothers-in-law, Dan Lorentz, Paul Reynolds, Mike Waltz, Doug Ludovisse and Bryan Callahan and nephew, Chad Lee.

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Elvina Pederson

Elvina (Ellie) V. Pederson, 90, of Rosemount, passed away October 8, 2018.

Services will be held Sat., Nov. 17, 2018 at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the service at Faith Covenant Church, 12921 Niccollet Ave. S., Burnsville.

Ellie was born May 15, 1928 to Alfred and Dagmar Elless in Staples. She married Robert Pederson on May 31, 1958 at the Christian Missionary Alliance Church of Staples. She worked for the city of Staples, Wadena Hospital and the Our Own Hardware store in Staples. Ellie retired in 1991 from Director of Purchasing at the United District Hospital & Home in Staples after 22 years. Upon retirement the Pedersons moved to Apple Valley, to be closer to their daughters and families. The past two years Ellie lived in an assisted living residential home, in Rosemount, while Alzheimer's progressed.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years; two daughters, Joy (Brian) Ellsworth and Vicki (Ross) Wunder; four grandsons, Tyler and Michael Ellsworth and Zakari (Lisa) and Dominik Wunder; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Agnete (Harvey) Wright of Wadena.

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Roger Schneider

Roger Schneider, 73, of Staples, died Nov. 2, 2018 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sat., Nov. 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Bear's Den in Leader.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Roger was born February 22, 1945 in Mandan, ND to Leo and Mary (Emineth) Schneider. He grew up north of Mandan. At the age of 16, Roger moved with his family to the Leader area where he attended Staples High School. He married Kim Tonsager on Feb. 9, 1993 in Honolulu, HI. He spent a year working on the railroad based out of Staples and started with heavy equipment as a section crewmember, eventually becoming a section chief. He retired in the late 1990s. Roger enjoyed fishing, hunting and deer hunting for 40 years with his buddy, Joe Rousslang as well as traveling.

Roger is survived by his wife; one son, Jim (Lilia) of Simie Valley, CA; grandson, James and one brother, Dennis Schneider of Motley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Linda Schneider and daughter, Stacy Schneider.

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NOTICE
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP

The November meeting - which was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. November 12, 2018 at the Motley Town Hall - is now scheduled for Tuesday, November 13 due to the observance of Veterans Day.

Ken Swecker, Clerk
44-45pnc

IMPORTANT
PROPERTY TAX
HOMESTEAD NOTICE

This will affect your 2019 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the last year?

Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 1, 2018.

What is a qualifying relative?

For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or owner's spouse.

For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner's uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?

You must apply on or before December 15, 2018.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

Contact the assessor by December 15, 2018 if the use of the property you own or occupy, as a qualifying relative has changed during the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

Todd County
Assessor's Office
215 1st Avenue South,
Suite 202
Long Prairie, MN 56347
(320) 732-4431

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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE
FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 25, 2011

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$143,798.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Bronson J. Windorski and Elaine Louise Windorski, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., a Rhode Island corporation

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on August 31, 2011 as Document Number 475058; as modified of record by document recorded on April 1, 2014 as Document No. A488809 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on April 8, 2013 as Document Number A483674 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Real property in Todd County, Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot 3, Block 3, Wilson's First Addition to Staples, including the West Half of vacated alley which abuts said Lot 3 on the East line thereof, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder.

For title reference see a deed from Elaine Louise Windorski f/k/a Elaine Louise Wold and Bronson

J. Windorski recorded 12/14/2009 in Instrument 466001. Also being the same property conveyed to Elaine Louise Wold from Stephen D. DesMarais and Helen C. DesMarais recorded 07/11/2007 in Instrument 450130.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 901 PLEASANT AVE. NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

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

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$108,546.99

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Embrace Home Loans, Inc., a Rhode Island corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0108703

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100049700011834971

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: November 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale. The time allowed by law for redemption by the United States of America or any agency thereof is twelve (12) months from the date of the sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 29, 2019.

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

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

Dated: October 5, 2018

WELLS FARGO BANK,
N.A.
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW
GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. *Corbin C. Smith, Esq.* Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 Dale Street North St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (18-0764-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT
215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
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320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Greg Salber:** Lot 3 Block 1 Ex N 95 FT of John's Addition in Hartford Township

Site Address: 31316 Killdeer Drive. PIN: 12-0045700

1) Request to build a 2200 sq ft home and a 32' x 28' attached garage 90' from the Long Prairie River instead of the required 150' setback.

2) Request to build a 15' x 20' deck 75' from the Long Prairie River instead of the required 150' setback.

3) Request to build a 32' x 64' garage 80' from the

Long Prairie River instead of the required 150' setback.

Adjournment.
Next meeting:
December 27, 2018

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County
Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
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NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY

Winter holiday decorating at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, will be allowed beginning Nov. 15, 2018 with items to be removed by Jan. 13, 2019.

Please confine your floral arrangements to a flower pot, container, pedestal plant stand or shepherd hook.

NO: Christmas trees (real or fake), snowmen, stuffed animals, all toys, chimes, solar lights, grave-stone saddles (wire toppers for floral), Santas, trinkets, gadgets, stockings,

garland, tinsel, books, plastic items, porcelain figurines, holiday banners or any items hanging from or placed on top of grave-stones, etc. as these items are not allowed.

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Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday School & Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

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Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 7:00 p.m.
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“Be Careful about what you do with Good Things”

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

I wouldn't be surprised if I have written a similar devotional theme in the past. I guess it is because it is an ongoing challenge for me. It is the matter of what Jesus describes in Matthew 16:26 (NLT) when He asks, “How do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul in the process? Is anything worth more than your soul?”

There are times in the Bible when reference to ‘the world’ is not a compliment. In fact, it is sometimes used to describe things that are against God. I've come to realize that in this Scripture, that may not be the case.

Remember, God created the world very good in Genesis 1. Now, there are some things that are sinful by their very nature, but nature as a whole, is wholesome. Genesis 24:1 reminds us that “the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it; the world and all who live in it.” So, what's the problem?

As people, we have a tendency to take some-

thing that is good and misuse it. This happens when we make created things an end unto themselves. This happens when we lose sight of Who owns everything and what everything is truly for. Everything and every person, being created in the image of God and died for in Jesus on the cross, is here for God. That might initially sound selfish but after all, when God literally created everything and God literally gives generous life to everyone, then anything God does is unselfish. We'd do well to often remember that God is the generous Potter and we are the clay.

Back to our Matthew 16:26 Scripture, we find in the verses before it that we misuse God's good ‘world’ when we are selfish with it, when we attempt to make our life an end unto itself rather than a means to living for the One Who both made us and Who died in our place on the cross to pay for all of our sins.

So, let us be free again if we have slipped, by ‘gaining God’ and not ‘the world.’

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Halloween costume parade at SHAS

Students and teachers at Sacred Heart Area School observed Halloween, Oct. 31 with a costume parade.



Chef Timothy Cox posed with Thing 1, Paislee Boozell. Paislee's brother was Thing 2.

Above: Kindergarten students line up for their turn to show other classrooms their costumes. Students also observed All Saint's Day on Nov. 1. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Charley Noska as Pippi Longstocking.

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Joseph Baity cruised around Staples on Halloween as a skateboarding Jesus. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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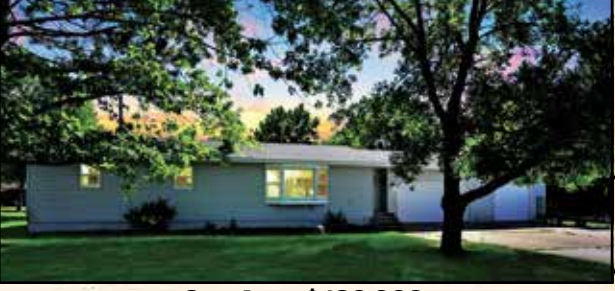
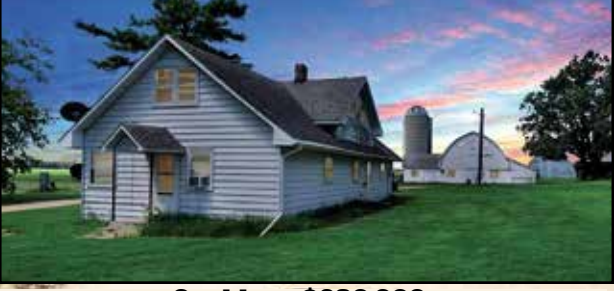
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Cardinals on the move at state cross country

Left, Bentley Christensen sprints to the finish line at the state cross country meet. Right, Kyanna Burton turns the corner before kicking up the finishing hill at

the state meet. Both runners finished the season on a high note, with Burton placing 19th for an All-State finish. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Three Cardinals earn All-State rank in cross country meet

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley cross country teams had a successful state meet as Emmet Anderson placed third and Hunter Klimek 17th for the boys to lead the Cardinals to a seventh place finish. In the girls race, Kyanna Burton was 19th and Kira Sweeney was 38th as the girls team placed fifth.

"I was greatly pleased with our performances," said Coach Bruce Fuhrman. "We were thinking top five is where our boys and girls were this year. The boys were only 20 points shy and this could have been made up anywhere."

In the girls race, Sweeney started fast but faded a little in the second half of the race. Burton took over in the second half and had a strong race. Ashley Robben continued her late season improvement by placing 44th.

"Kyanna and Ashley have surged in the past

three weeks in cutting time," said Fuhrman. "They had great practice sessions and we could see that there was a spark to come from them. It was good to see them up in the front with Kira."

With the top four runners competing in the 19-20 minute range all season, Fuhrman said it will give the team confidence to reduce their times in the future.

In the boys race, Emmet Anderson started with the lead pack and ran a torrid 4:48 first mile. That fast pace hurt later in the race as he slowed down the next two miles but he came back in the last quarter mile to pass a runner and place third.

Klimek stayed in the top 20 the entire race to earn All-State honors.

"Emmet and Hunter will be quite a front running tandem next year and it was great to see them as All-State," said Fuhrman.

Bentley Christensen moved up in the pack in the last two miles, passing

24 runners to become the third Cardinal runner.

"Bentley really stepped up in this race as he has in the past four races," said Fuhrman.

Tanner Robben was close behind Christensen and Ben Bartczak came back from an injury to be the fifth Cardinal scorer.

Team results Minnesota State Cross Country Meet

Girls results: Perham 94, Howard Lake-Waverly 99, Winona Cotter 140, Luverne 147, Staples-Motley 176, Lake City 198, Mesabi East 219, Lac Qui Parle Valley 221, West Central Area 229, Providence Academy 255, Jordan 267, Belle Plaine 277, Glencoe-Silver Lake 281, East Grand Forks 290, North Shore 291, Blake 310

Staples-Motley runners (team scores in parentheses) 19 (12) Kyanna Burton 19:27, 38 (16) Kira Sweeney 19:51, 44 (20) Ashley Robben 19:57, 88 (42) Addison Lorber 20:34, 149 (86) Addisyn Cichos 22:01, 174 (111) Abby Brown 24:03, 175 (112) Madysen Hull 24:21

Boys results: Perham 64, West Central Area 140, Mora 161, Lac Qui Parle Valley 170, Nova 183, East Grand Forks

201, Staples-Motley 209, Greenway-Nashauk-Keewatin 212, North Shore 215, Plainview-Elgin-Millville 217, St. James 225, Mankato Loyola 237, Minnehaha Academy 268, Heritage Christian 280, Lake City 300, Redwood Valley 329

Staples-Motley runners (team scores in parentheses) 3 (3) Emmet Anderson 16:07, 17 (11) Hunter Klimek 16:32, 98 (53) Bentley Christensen 17:27, 108 (57) Tanner Robben 17:33, 147 (85) Ben Bartczak 18:04, 150 (87) Luke Brownell 18:07, 152 (89) Jack Tyrrell 18:13



Rutten gets a big one

After the first weekend of deer hunting, Eli Rutten is the leader of the youth division of the Staples True Value Big Buck Contest, with this 188.6 pound deer. Other youth deer leaders include Justin Schmidt, 184.4, Conner Kuhns 177.0, Carson Mertens 144.2, Owen Winter 140.0, Tyler Johnson 119.7 and Sam Roggenkamp 114.4.

Adult leaders include Darren Holst 217.3, Leroy Peterson 210.0, Justin Rogers 195.4, and Janell Hammond 186.4.

Deer hunting continues this weekend, with more big bucks coming in next week. (Submitted photo)

Zebra mussels on area lakes

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed zebra mussels in Koetter Lake in Stearns County, Mound Lake in Todd County and Crookneck Lake in Morrison County.

A property owner on Mound Lake contacted the DNR after finding adult zebra mussels on a dock and boat lift being removed from the lake for the season. Others subsequently contacted the DNR after finding zebra mussels in several other parts of the lake. DNR invasive species staff confirmed that zebra mussels are widely distributed in the lake.

DNR staff searched Crookneck Lake this summer, after an initial report of a single zebra mussel. They did not find additional zebra mussels at that time, but recently confirmed an adult zebra mussel on a dock being removed by DNR Parks and Trails staff from the public access.

A property owner on Koetter Lake in the Cedar Island basin contacted the DNR after finding adult zebra mussels on a dock and boat lift being removed from the lake for the season. DNR invasive species staff confirmed several half-inch zebra mussels.

Minnesota law requires keeping docks and lifts out

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Ode to tamarack

Legendary canoe country naturalist, outdoorsman and author Sigurd Olson had a name for it: "smoky gold." There are other golden hues in nature, from the leaves of autumn birches to the goldenrod that blooms in road ditches that signal summer's end, to the buttery, golden yellow of a brown trout's belly. But the gold of tamaracks when they turn in October is more than just a color.

Under clouds or sun, tamarack glow. They light up a landscape that has become more gray and brown as the brilliance of autumn maples, aspen and birch fall from trees and become the decaying litter that will feed new life on the forest floor.

The golden glow of the tamaracks will be gone soon, too. But while it lasts, it's one of the magical sights of autumn. If trees were art, tamaracks would be an impressionist painting. Up close, any of a tamarack's thousands of golden needles might seem no big deal. More feathery than the spruce, red pine or even the supple needles of the white pine, but conifer needles nonetheless.

But like a painting by an impressionist, whose brush strokes are best appreciated at a distance, the magic of tamaracks is as much about a scene as it is about a tree. Tamaracks rarely grow in isolation. They are a tree of the lowlands, the term "tamarack swamp" being a giveaway for the growing conditions

in which they thrive. Perhaps because they're more tolerant of "damp feet" than many tree species, when you see one tamarack you're likely to see many. Rather than scattered spots of bright color interspersed in the forest, we often see acres of "smoky gold."

The color had been there all along, but hidden. When the sun's angle becomes more acute and less direct with Fall's arrival, the needles on the tamarack go through the same chemical transition as the leaves on the trees and shrubs we most associate with fall color. The chlorophyll in the tamarack's needles is not replenished, allowing the golden yellow pigment to show through.

Unlike the pines, which go through a partial transition and needle-drop in fall, the tamarack goes through a complete transition, all needles turning color and dropping to earth in the same season. The tamarack is a true conifer, just like the pines, spruce and balsams, its reproduction being by seed-bearing cones. But unlike these other conifers, the tamarack is also labeled deciduous, a term botanists reserve for plants that lose their vegetation all at the same time. Among the very few other conifers to shed all their needles at once is the cypress, found in the deep south.

A recent hunting trip found me in an October landscape that is a mosaic of shallow lakes, timbered swamps and potholes, laced together by waterways ranging from small creeks to the Ottertail River. The latter winds indecisively in many directions to eventually join with the Bois de Sioux to become the Red River of the North, demarking the Minnesota-North Dakota border as it

flows north to finally empty into Hudson Bay.

Not far to the east, across the Height-of-Land, waters have a very different destination, flowing toward the headwaters of the Mississippi River and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico.

Wherever the path took me in daylight, whether by boat or on backroads to see the old waters where I have hunted for more than 40 years, I was never far from an expanse of tamarack. Some close, others distant; some in platoon strength, others division-like in their number. But, invariably, that same translucent gold. Perhaps this is due to the lacy delicacy of needles that are smaller and finer than any of our other conifers. Perhaps it's the sparse, open spacing of tamarack branches, which allows light and vision to penetrate deeply into their uniquely beautiful ranks.

When I was grade school age I became acquainted with a retired neighbor whose backyard became a veritable jungle of wild flowers and shrubs. I don't recall the exact circumstances, but I remember being presented with a tamarack seedling, which I planted in our backyard almost as you would plant a peony or a rose bush.

Though I tended it conscientiously, it failed to thrive. Perhaps the soil was not sufficiently wet, or acidic, or the setting was somehow lacking in the characteristics or chemistry of the lowlands where wild tamaracks grow. Like a wild creature in a zoo that is only a shadow of what it would be in the wild, perhaps my effort was doomed from the start. Perhaps a tree as unique and beautiful as the tamarack deserves to be a wonder that is discovered only when we venture into wild places.



Volleyball awards

The Staples-Motley volleyball team gave out season awards, including, front row from left, Brooke Heldman, varsity letter; Aubrey Brandt - letter, Most Ace Serves; Alix Peterson - letter, All-Conference Honorable Mention, Most Improved, Coaches Award; Bella Martin, letter. Back row from left, Mackenna Bjerga, letter, All-Conference Honorable Mention, Most Set Assists, Highest Serving Percentage; Heidi Lombard, letter, Most Digs, Sportsmanship Award; Kiara Storry, letter, MVP, Team Spirit Award,

All-State Academic Award; Tabettha Allen, letter, All-Conference Honorable Mention, Most Kills; Kiera Dumprope, letter, Most Blocks, All-State Academic Award.

The Cardinals finished 9-16 and 2-3 in the conference. Both seniors earned the Academic All-State Award with a 3.80 cumulative grade point average or higher over the course of their high school career. The team received the Silver Academic Award with a 3.73 cumulative GPA.

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Runners rock the state meet

Staples-Motley runners at the state meet, above, Emmet Anderson (701), Hunter Klimek (702) and Tanner Robben (705) take off fast. Top right, Ben Bartczak passes a runner at the finish. Lower left, Kira Sweeney keeps up with the pack early on. Lower right, Addison Lorber (853) battles it out with some of the top runners in the state. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Report invasive species

of the water for at least 21 days before putting them into another body of water. The DNR recommends these steps for lake property owners: Look on the posts, wheels and underwater support bars of docks and lifts, as well as any parts of boats, pontoons and rafts that may have been submerged in water for an extended period. Hire DNR-permitted lake service provider businesses to install or remove boats, docks, lifts and other water-related equipment. These businesses have received training on Minne-

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The artist at work

David Geister is pictured by the World War One (WWI) mural he painted over a three-year period. The mural will be unveiled Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Camp Ripley Education Center in Little Falls, with discussions taking place at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Submitted photo)

Beware of deceptive Medicare advertising

A recent federal law change has many Minnesota seniors shopping this fall for new Medicare plans for 2019 and they may also be getting more mailings and sales solicitations with offers of Medicare coverage.

The Minnesota Commerce Department, which regulates the insurance industry in the state, is urging seniors and their family members to be alert for confusing or deceptive advertising and sales offers.

When reviewing Medicare plan sales information or researching online, it is important to know what information is from Medicare, what is from a legitimate insurance company or agent, and what might just be from a scam artist trying to steal your money.

The 2019 Medicare Open Enrollment period continues through December 7. To help seniors protect themselves as they shop, the Commerce Department offers the following tips:

- When looking for Medicare on the internet, make sure you go to the official website at Medicare.gov. Don't be fooled by private websites with similar addresses such as Medicare.com, Medicare.org

and Medicare.net.

- Read the fine print and don't be deceived by appearances. Some advertisements and sales materials may look like they are from Medicare. If it is misleading in appearance, it may also be misleading in what it is really offering.

- Do not believe any agent who claims to work for Medicare, or any advertising that claims to offer plans "sponsored" or "endorsed" by Medicare.

- Hang up on any phone calls, either live or recorded, trying to sell you a Medicare plan. Insurance companies and agents are not permitted to make unsolicited Medicare-related calls.

- Contact Minnesota's Senior LinkAge Line, which is authorized by Medicare to provide free, comprehensive, unbiased assistance to help you understand your Medicare choices. The toll-free phone number is 1-800-333-2433.

- If you receive a Medicare advertisement or sales solicitation that you think is deceptive, misleading or a scam, report it to the Minnesota Commerce Department by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 800-657-3602

WWI Centennial Commemoration at Camp Ripley Education Center

Military Museum Library now open, free

An art unveiling and World War One (WWI) Centennial discussion will take place at Camp Ripley Education Center in Little Falls on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The Education Center is part of the Minnesota Military Museum Library which opened this past Memorial Day. The library is home to more than 15,000 books and publications related to military history.

To commemorate the WWI Centennial, Randal Dietrich (MN Military Museum's Executive Director) and David Geister (Artist and Marine Veteran) conceived of a mural featuring 100 notable individuals who helped shape, or were shaped by, the Great War and had a hand in making modern America. These include Ellard Walsh, George Leach, Lesley McNair and others.

This expansive 30-ft. mu-

ral, on permanent display in the museum's library, was inspired by an even larger painting created by two French artists a century ago. Geister completed the mural in public view over a three-year period. Hundreds of conversations followed and many more are to come as the public continues to explore the history of the war and its enduring legacy.

This free, 50-minute program will include remarks by Randal Dietrich and David Geister. The museum will also display archival items of Minnesotans who served in WWI.

In addition, a ceremonial bell ringing will take place at the Military Museum on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m.

The year-round lending library is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Thursday - Saturday.



The first library patron

Garrison Command Sergeant Major Matt Erickson (left) was the first patron of the Minnesota Military Museum Library at Camp Ripley in Little Falls. He is pictured with Museum Archivist Ryan Welle, along with the book he checked out, "The Gopher Gunners." (Submitted photo)

'This little piggy' can't live in city limits

By Dawn Timbs,
Staples World reporter

Whether or not pot-bellied pigs should be allowed within city limits was discussed at the Motley City Council's regular meeting Nov. 5.

The issue was posed during the public forum section of the meeting by Motley resident Holly Cuffe, whose neighbor's pigs have made their way into her yard on occasion.

"What's up with pigs?" Cuffe asked the council, adding that she felt there needed to be a "Come to Jesus" moment about the matter: Can you have pigs in town or not? was her question, adding that she was looking for some sort of clarification and enforcement.

The owner of the pigs, Erik Affolder, was also at the meeting. He stated that he owns four adult pigs and three baby pigs, the latter of which have been sold. They are all litter-box trained and are his pets.

Affolder said that one of the little ones got out, but he has since wrapped tin around the escape route. He also mentioned that he does not own the property where the pigs are currently housed.

Police Chief Jason Borash said this issue first surfaced last May, at which time Affolder's pot-bellied pigs were being kept at another house in Motley. He was advised that they could not stay there since it was within the city limits. Affolder subsequently moved his pigs to a farm.

However, three weeks ago Affolder moved his pigs back to another residence within the city limits of Mot-

ley. According to Lorri Sampson who spoke up during the public forum, Affolder did not know this house was in city limits.

Mayor Al Yoder thanked Cuffe for bringing this matter to the council. He stated that there is an ordinance that states swine are not allowed to be kept on city property.

Affolder stated that his pigs are not swine, but pets.

Yoder also mentioned that Chief Borash has had to spend a lot of time on animal issues which ends up costing the taxpayers a lot of money.

Chief Borash said that he had recently seen some of the pigs. He estimated that the large one weighed 300 pounds and the smaller ones 100 pounds each. Affolder said they only weighed about 41 pounds each. Chief Borash said he told Affolder that the pigs needed to be removed from the premises by Nov. 6 and as of that date no efforts had been made.

City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja said that Affolder is in violation of the city ordinance. If he wanted to apply for a swine license, a public forum would first need to be held.

In other matters the council:

- HEARD a summary of a closed meeting held Oct. 8, regarding the performance review for Lacey Smieja, City Clerk/Treasurer. Smieja received a total of 45.75 out of 56 points. Mayor Yoder congratulated her on her score noting it was highly satisfactory.

- APPROVED purchasing LMCIT equipment breakdown coverage from Orth Insurance Agency (Dan Orth).

The cost is approximately \$1,800 a year, with a \$250 deductible.

- HEARD the monthly fire department report from Motley Fire Chief Brad Olson which included 17 calls for October. Mayor Al Yoder expressed his appreciation for Chief Olson attending the council meeting. He noted that he understands Olson may not be able to attend every meeting, but when he is able to it is appreciated.

- HEARD the monthly police report from Motley Police Chief Jason Borash which included a total of 69 calls for October.

- ACCEPTED Troy Davis of Motley as the neutral third party to hear and rule on challenges to administrative citations.
- LEARNED that the City of Staples had been awarded funding from Sourcewell in Staples to extend the trails system. A preliminary meeting for the Trail Feasibility Study has been set for Dec. 4. Council member Pat O'Regan was approved to be a member of the trails committee.

- APPROVED a motion not to waive the monetary limits on municipal tort liability established by Minnesota Statutes, section 466.04. Motley is a member of the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT), the company from which they obtain their liability coverage.

- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m., or immediately following the Truth in Taxation/public hearing which is scheduled that day at 6 p.m.

Motley Police Department, Morrison County Sheriff's Office

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

Oct. 31 - The MPD received a complaint of a possible domestic in progress

at the 34000 block of Sunset Loop in Motley. Todd County was notified and sent officers to the scene. The MPD assisted as backup.

According to the report, a male suspect was eventually taken into custody.

Oct. 30 - The MPD received a call from Big Boyz Tire in Motley reporting the theft of four batteries, the connecting cables and mounting hardware from one of the semi tractors

parked in the back of their property. The items are valued at approximately \$986.

Oct. 30 - The MPD received a complaint from Unity Bank in Motley regarding fraud.

Oct. 28 - The MPD received a report of suspicious activity at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S. in Motley. The complainant found a five gallon water jug inside of a black bag near the garden. The water jug contained some gasoline in it and the complainant believes it is connected with recent gas thefts from vehicles at that location.

Oct. 27 - The MPD received a complaint from Motley Discount Liquor that an 18-year-old came into the store and may have possibly stolen a bottle of liquor. A video of the theft was obtained on Oct. 30 and will be added to the file.

Oct. 30 - The MCSO paged out the Motley Fire Department for a one-car accident with unknown injuries at Hwy 64 in Cass County.

Oct. 29 - The MCSO issued citations to Lance Christopher Hedin, 34, for speeding and possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle. The marijuana (which had been field-tested positive by the deputy) weighed 2.6 grams without the baggie it was discovered in. Hedin was subsequently arrested.

Oct. 25 - The MCSO paged out the Motley Fire Department for a chimney fire in Cass County.

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