

Bartylla honored with DNR volunteer award

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Linda Bartylla remembers when her husband Dave was honored as the Snowmobile Instructor of the Year by the Minnesota DNR in 2013.

“He was so proud, he was shaking, he had tears in his eyes,” she said.

“He would have loved getting this award,” said retired DNR Officer Jeff Halverson, as he presented Linda with a 40 year award from the DNR for being a volunteer snowmobile safety instructor for hundreds of kids who took the classes.

“I can’t say how much we appreciated him,” said Halverson, “he did a lot for this community.”

Dave died in March of this year, at age 68, and the award was presented in May.

Besides teaching snowmobile safety for 40 years, Bartylla also taught ATV classes for many years. He was president of the Staples Sportsmans Club for many years and had been a member for at least 30 years.



Will be missed

Besides being a hunter, fisherman, and volunteer safety instructor, David Bartylla also enjoyed restoring Farm-All tractors. Pictured, Dave enjoys the view from the latest tractor he restored before his death in March.

He will be missed on the trails, on the lakes, and on the landscape. (Submitted photo)

Also presenting the 40 year award was DNR Officer Randy Posner, who recently took over Halverson’s position as Staples area DNR officer.

Posner also appreciated Bartylla for his work long ago, but it is a completely different story.

Posner’s parents ran Lakeside Resort on Fish Trap Lake and Randy grew up there for a few years.

The four Posner brothers all knew when Dave Bartylla was putting his boat on the lake. “We would fight over who got to go with him,” said Randy.

If he had a spare seat, Dave would invite one of the boys to fish with him, and it was often a successful trip.

“We were guaranteed to catch fish, and he loved to catch walleyes. He was a good fisherman,” said Posner. He remembered Bartylla started using Lindy rigs before they became popular.

But it wasn’t just the fish, it was also his attitude. “He was a great guy, he took the time to talk to kids,” said Posner.

DNR career

Bartylla launched the fishing, hunting and snowmobiling interests for many current outdoorsmen and women. Looking back, Posner said “Going on those fishing trips was one of the things that got me into this profession, for Dave to make that connection at that age.”

The memories kindled dreams to return to the area. “I always wanted to be a game warden,” he said.



Accepting volunteer award

Linda Bartylla holds the DNR award for her husband Dave’s 40 years volunteering as snowmobile safety instructor in the Staples area. The award was presented by Randy Posner, left, Staples DNR Officer, and Jeff Halverson, retired DNR Officer who worked with Bartylla for many of those years. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

He started as a sheriff’s deputy in Beltrami County before becoming a DNR officer in 1998. He was at Montevideo for two years and then transferred to Brainerd. “I always wanted to get back to where I grew up,” he said about taking the Staples area job. He is a graduate of Motley High School.

Posner said he will continue Halverson’s philosophy of trying to be fair to hunters and fishers. “I don’t take it personally, I know good people make mistakes. But if someone is harming natural resources on purpose, that is a different story,” he said.

Hello, Readers,

In a major civil rights victory, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down an unanimous decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka on May 17, 1954, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional. The historic decision, which brought an end to federal tolerance of racial segregation, specifically dealt with Linda Brown, a young African American girl who had been denied admission to her local elementary school in Topeka, Kansas, because of the color of her skin. The decision served to greatly motivate the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s and ultimately led to the abolishment of racial segregation in all public facilities and accommodations.

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Memorial Day plans in Staples

The Staples Memorial Day service is planned for Monday, May 28, at Evergreen Hill Cemetery at 9 a.m. The rain location will be at Centennial Auditorium at Staples-Motley High School.

Hosts of the program include the American Legion Post and Auxiliary. Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, will lead the invocation and closing prayer.

Vietnam veteran Ken Klose of Staples will give the Memorial Day Address.

Volunteers are welcome to help put flags on veterans graves, starting Monday, May 21 at 5 p.m. The group will meet at the Mausoleum at the northwest corner of the cemetery.

Cemetery board members will be at the cemetery Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. to answer questions and/or collect donations.

School building options need more details

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The devil, as they say, is in the details and at this point the Staples-Motley School Board is struggling to define more of those details for the building options under consideration.

Mike Angland of Wids-eth Smith Nolting, the firm hired by the district to develop the project plans, showed the board very preliminary architectural renderings for two options at their work session May 14.

One of the biggest unknown details is the status of a field house/community center/public use space. This space would have gyms and locker rooms for the school’s use

that could also be used by the public. It could have a wrestling room, a weight/exercise room and meeting rooms. It may or may not have a swimming pool.

The City of Staples, Lakewood Health System and NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) have expressed interest in collaborating with the school district to create a multi-use community space available for public use. They have hired a company who has just begun the process for a feasibility study.

The study won’t be completed until mid-July but it is expected to have enough details about potential usage and specific recommendations that an architect can use for design

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Top students in their class

Claire Wolhowe (left) and Alex Davis have been named valedictorian and salutatorian respectively for the 2018 graduating class at Staples-Motley High School. The girls will both speak at their commencement ceremony May 25 at the high school. Wolhowe recalled that she and Davis were school patrol captains together when they were students at Staples Elementary School. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Wolhowe, Davis, lead SMHS graduating class

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Claire Wolhowe and Alexandra (Alex) Davis have been named valedictorian and salutatorian of the Staples-Motley High School Class of 2018.

“Claire and Alex represent all the characteristics of fine high school students,” Principal Mike Schmidt said recently. “They’re involved, academic, artists, athletes and strong in their values. They’ve represented themselves, our staff and community with tremendous integrity.”

She didn’t consciously set out to be valedictorian, Claire Wolhowe said. However, she always strove to get good grades throughout her years at SMHS and to nab the number one academic slot at her school “is an honor,” she said.

Wolhowe shared that she learned the most from the English and government classes taught by Onni Sharp Anderson. “They were hard and a lot

Local teachers are ‘Educators of Excellence’

Several local educators were among the 49 educators from Region 5 schools who were honored by National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) on May 9 at its fifth-annual Educators of Excellence Awards Banquet at Grand View Lodge near Nisswa.

Nominated by their respective schools for their commitment to excellence, these educators demonstrate best practices, leadership and innovation in education, which leads to increased student success.

“It is an honor to celebrate the hard work and dedication of educators throughout our area

schools,” said NJPA Leader of Education Solutions Cassidy Rice. “Tonight’s event featured individuals who were nominated by their colleagues for recog-

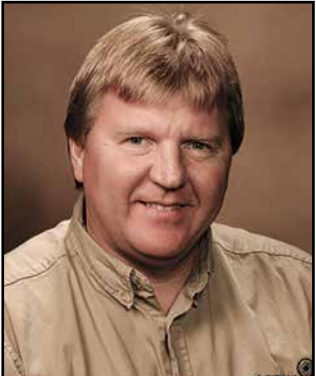
nition, which speaks volumes. We are thankful for their commitment to their students, schools and communities.”

NJPA honored Teach-

ers of Excellence, plus celebrated four additional awards: Leader of Excellence, Paraprofessional of Excellence, Coach of Excellence and Team of Excel-

lence. Honorees are from school districts within Region Five, an area served

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Dairy Princesses and Ambassadors

Representing the Todd County American Dairy Association are, from left, Erica Hollermann, Megan Pachan, Rebekka Paskewitz, Megan Hollermann, Rachel Paskewitz and Olivia Hollermann. (Photo by Ashley Thiel Photo)

Todd County names dairy representatives

The Todd County American Dairy Association held their annual Princess and Ambassador coronation March 10. The day was filled with speeches, personal interviews, mock media interviews, crafting and seminars. Each girl was required to write a speech and present to the judges, who also conducted their interviews. The girls heard from guest speaker Amanda Savoie from Nelson Creamery about the F.A.R.M. program (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) and how it benefits farmers to show consumers how

much they care for their animals. Among the learning and judging they young women showed their creative side by each making a personal sign with help from Lindsey Rinde from Sprinkle of Joy. Coronation was held that evening with four princesses and two ambassadors being crowned. Princesses are: Megan Hollermann, daughter of Shawn and Debbie Hollermann; Megan Pachan, daughter of Mike and Cheryl Pachan; Rachel Paskewitz and Rebekka Paskewitz, daughters of

Alan and Vicki Paskewitz. Ambassadors included: Erica Hollermann and Olivia Hollermann, daughters of Ryan and Sarah Hollermann. As representatives the girls will visit schools, care centers, local businesses, ride in area community parades and serve ice cream at local town festivals. They will also be at Breakfast on the Farm. The princesses will go on to attend the “May Event”, held May 18-20, where they will have the opportunity to vie to become one of the twelve Princess Kay of the Milky Way finalists.

City of Staples adopts new investment plan

At the May 8 Staples City Council meeting, the council approved a proposal to shift funds into the 4M Fund, operated by the League of Minnesota Cities. City Clerk Diane Archer said it would be a cost saving move, as current city investments are lower than market value. The council also

approved a resolution to support two applications for the NJPA Innovation Funding program. One project was from Staples-Motley High School for the ProStart program. The other was for the City of Pillager to purchase dewatering equipment that would be loaned to other cities in the region when

needed. The council approved support for Moran Township and Philbrook for a broadband grant from CTC. The council approved a resolution to sell tax increment financing revenue note for the TIF district approved on the Dokken/Gagnon professional building to be built on Hwy. 10.



Tasting geography around the world

The Staples-Motley eighth grade geography class had a chance to taste their east and southeast Asia geography unit when chef Tanner Fideldy of Timbers Restaurant showed them how to make sushi rolls. Pictured from left, Brookelyn Huisenga, Malaya Reem, Klaire Storry, Francesca Hanson and

Mackenzie Wilds try the spicy tuna rolls and California rolls. Teacher Steve Fligge said all of the sushi rolls were eaten, and he was impressed with the willingness of the restaurant to come to school and enhance the geography unit. (Submitted photos)

SWCD to celebrate 60 years

A lot can and does happen in 60 years. Throughout those years, your local conservation district has provided the technical and financial assistance you’ve needed to put conservation on the ground has remained constant. To celebrate these 60 years, the Wadena SWCD is having an open house Thursday, May 24, from 1-3 p.m. at the 4-H Building on the Wadena County Fairgrounds. Refreshments, a short program on the past 60 years of work with a loy of historical photos throughout the years will all

be included. The Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District, or SWCD, was organized on May 26, 1958, by local farmers with the help of the Agriculture Extension Service to achieve and maintain the highest quality and quantity of natural resources possible. Those farmers had a vision to create an organization to help others with protecting the soil and water resources in Wadena County while still being able to properly use the land. Today the Wadena SWCD has

many programs that help landowners conserve agricultural land, forests and water resources by working with private landowners, Wadena County, cities and townships. The SWCD also provides an annual educational event called “Conservation Days” to area fifth and sixth graders, offering the students an opportunity to learn about natural resources and local history in an outdoor classroom. The public is welcome to see more of the work of the past 60 years at the open house.



Fancy food from afar

Sushi is not just about taste, but also about appearance, and each plate is served to make it appealing to the eye.



Cooking demonstration

Chef Tanner Fideldy of Timbers Restaurant demonstrates to make sushi for Staples-Motley students.





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prom, serving as a class director. Both her classes and the extracurricular activities have helped prepare her for college, Wolhowe said. She noted that she's already gotten some college science and math generals "out of the way" during high school; and she credits the extracurriculars for having helped her gain confidence. "I enjoyed it," Wolhowe said of her time at SMHS, but she is ready "to see what's next." Wolhowe will be attending Bemidji State University this fall, where she plans to study dietetics. She will also be playing basketball for the BSU Beavers. Claire is the daughter of Craig and Michelle Wolhowe of Staples. Alex Davis said it had been her goal to get straight A's throughout her school career. Being named salutatorian was "a nice perk," she added. As she reflected on her years at SMHS, Davis said her favorite classes were orchestra, science and math. "I liked the teachers," she went on, naming John and Cindy Koopmann, Lorna Bendson and Marly Simmons. In addition to participating in orchestra, Davis said Sno-Daze week ranks as one of her favorite high school memories. Her CIS (College In Schools) courses were very helpful as well, Davis said. Some of the extracurricular activities she was a part of at SMHS included softball, track and field, volleyball, National Honor Society and Knowledge Bowl. "We went to state twice," she recalled of her Knowledge Bowl involvement. Davis is excited to begin her freshman year at Concordia College in Moorhead this fall. She plans to study either biology or chemistry with a goal of being a premed student. She also hopes to play viola in the college orchestra. Alex is the daughter of Darla Davis. Both Wolhowe and Davis will speak at the 2018 Commencement Ceremony May 25, 7 p.m., at the high school.



CLC candidates for graduation

Central Lakes College students line up for graduation on May 9, including Zac Carlson, front row left, who received his associate of arts degree. The ceremony was held at the commons area of the Staples campus. Nearly 130 students earned degrees at the Staples campus this semester. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Accomplishment

Erik Rislund shakes hands with CLC President Hara Charlier while receiving his diploma in diesel and heavy equipment technician.



Smiles for graduation

Lacey Koval smiles after receiving a degree in CNC technologies and getting congratulations from her instructors.

Police reduce prescription drugs collected

On May 8, Staples Police delivered 140 pounds of prescription drugs collected at the police station, to be incinerated. The prescription drug drop box is located in the entryway of the Staples Police Station.

On May 8, Staples Police responded to a report of a domestic at the 800 block of Highway 10. Police arrived and the parties were separated.

On May 8, Staples Police observed a dirt bike motorcycle riding on a trail by the airport. The bike was stopped and the driver was warned and advised about where to ride the cycle.

On May 9, Staples Police assisted Todd County with a domestic at a residence just east of the city, at an address on U.S. Highway 10. Police detained Dawson Collins, 35, who was later arrested for domestic assault.

On May 9, Staples Police received a report of an ATV driving fast through

an alley on the 600 block of 8th Street NE. The juvenile driver and parent were advised and warned on the driving behavior.

On May 12, Staples Police responded to the area of the 1200 block of 4th Street NE for a report of a vehicle driving recklessly. Police located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop at the address of 500 Warner Road. The driver exited the vehicle and did not comply with officer's commands. Police chased the driver inside an apartment and arrested Jill Kobliska, 39, for fleeing police on foot, and also for 3rd degree DWI refusal.

On May 12, Staples Police responded to the Family Dollar store for a report of suspicious activity. Police were advised that someone had dumped some fish and bait into the rear of a truck bed, while the vehicle was parked in the parking lot. Police are investigating this incident.



Sunny day stroll

Baby Charlotte was tucked into her stroller as Grandpa Mike Goff tickled her cheek during their afternoon walk May 3 enjoying a welcome warm day.



Spring perch

A black cat sat on a fan in the windowsill in the former barber shop building in Staples, awaiting more of the sun's warm rays. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter).

Community Foundation awards \$17,245 in grants

Providing opportunities for children and improving community appearance are among the projects supported by the \$17,245 in grants awarded by the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation in their spring grant round.

The recipients and their projects are:

- Central Lakes College for \$1,000 to support activities at the field day Aug. 24 celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Ag and Energy Center.
- Central Minnesota Boys Choir for \$750 for their 2018 tour to Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- City of Motley for \$1,995 for new park grade benches for city parks.
- City of Motley for \$2,000 for a name sign for Converse Park.
- City of Staples for \$1,000 for boulevard banners
- LEAP for \$1,500 for the Staples Christmas Celebration.
- LEAP for \$2,000 to support the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce activities at Motley

June Fest and Staples Railroad Days.

- Old Wadena Society for \$1,250 for the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folklife Festival.
- Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association for \$2,000 for sidewalks to access the Veterans Park along Hwy. 10.
- Staples Motley Area Arts Council for \$1,000 for the summer children's theater production of "Wizard of Oz."
- Wadena County for \$750 to provide Friendly Rider services for Staples Summer Recreation Programs.
- Faith Lutheran Church for \$1,000 for the Back To School Fair.
- Staples Area Food Shelf for \$1,000 to provide products to those in need.

The mission of the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is to develop and strengthen community resources and to enhance the quality of life of individuals, families and organizations in the Staples and Motley area. Since its inception in 1999 the foundation has awarded over \$240,000 in grant funding to area projects.

The foundation accepts grant proposals from non-profit organizations within the Staples Motley School District boundaries that will address one or more of the following areas:

- economic vitality
- human services
- children, youth and families.

The next round of grant applications will be due Oct. 15. The application and grant guidelines are available at www.staples-motleyfoundation.org.

Questions can be directed to the committee members Mike Gold, Joe Roline, Melissa Birkholtz, Mary Jo Hofer and Ron Denning

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the Initiative Foundation.



Making way for Casey's in Staples



Four houses have been torn down in the vicinity of 7th St. NE and Hwy 10 in Staples recently, making room for a Casey's General Store. The Tradesmen Construction, Inc., out of Alexandria is the contracted company. It will be roughly 19 weeks to completion once the dirt work began the week of May 14. Pictured above on May 10, employees Jake Kulzer (one of the supervisors, along with his dad, Brian Kulzer) and Richard Vance work the excavators. In lower photo, the large green house on the corner was half-way down on May 10. On May 11, it was completely torn down. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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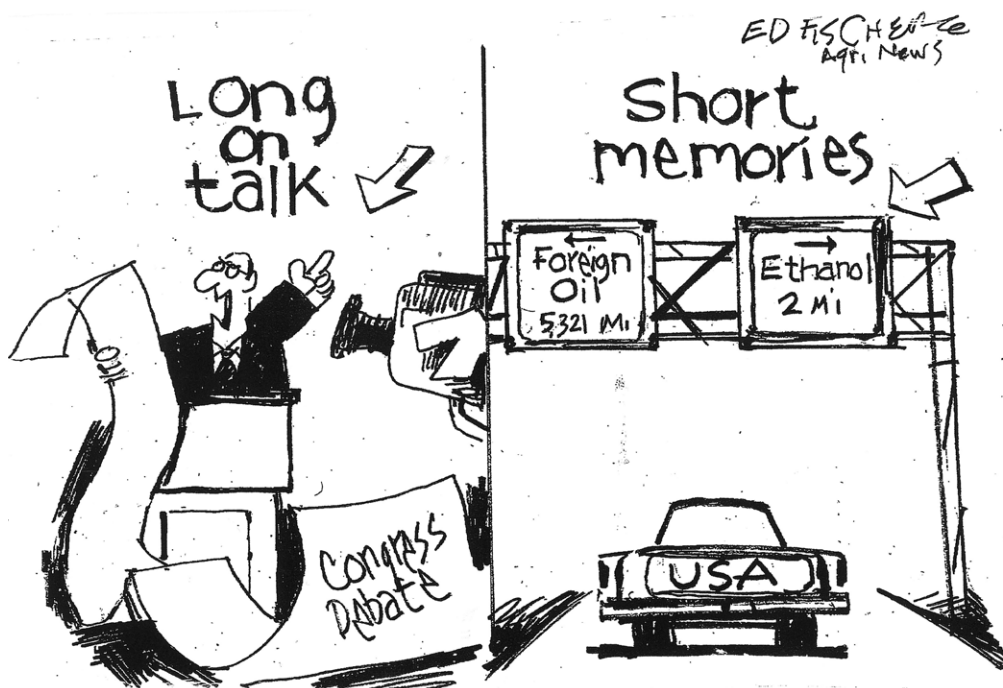
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In recognition of National Police Week 2018, communities across the United States will come together May 13-19 to honor and remember those law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice, as well as the family members, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

- There are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities throughout the U.S.;

- There were 58,627 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2016, resulting in approximately 16,677 injuries;

- Since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty. The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.;

- 360 new names of fallen heroes will be formally dedicated during the 30th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of May 13, 2018. These names include 129 of-

ficers killed in 2017, plus 231 officers killed in previous years but whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now;

- In tribute to American law enforcement officers and at the request of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Public Law 103-222 designates May 15, 2018 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day, which is one of only two days each year during which government agencies, businesses and residents are to fly their U.S. flags at half-staff.

Let us join together during National Police Week and publicly salute the service and dedication of law enforcement officers in Todd County, and in communities across the nation.

For more information about National Police Week, visit www.LawMemorial.org/policeweek.

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When dust settles, farmers focus on land stewardship

By Cora Fox
Center for Rural Affairs

In recent past, the Great Plains has experienced extreme weather conditions. Most recently, we witnessed very high winds combined with dry conditions, resulting in dust clouds reminiscent of the 1930s.

With a challenging ag-

ricultural economy, partnered with changes in land values, larger equipment, and farming practices, many farmers and ranchers are removing windbreaks. Budgets are tight and producers are trying to maximize use of the land, but risk the loss of valuable topsoil. Windbreaks can be used to control soil erosion by wind and water,

enhance crop production, and protect livestock.

While weather events can't be controlled, farmers and ranchers can be proactive in protecting our resources. Instead of tearing out aging windbreaks, they can replace trees and implement additional soil-conserving practices, such as reduced tillage or planting cover crops. Federal working lands conservation programs, such as the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), help producers adopt and implement these practices.

Recently, the House released their version of the farm bill - and it disincentivizes land stewardship. The bill eliminates funding for CSP, and cuts dollars for all working lands conservation programs by nearly \$5 billion over 10 years. Farmers and ranchers are stewards of the land who need funding, tools, and resources to protect our soil and water.

With a farm bill that doesn't value conservation, should we be wary of another dust bowl?

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Why is a community or technical college best for many students?

By Mitch Pearlstein

I've written and spoken many times in recent years about how I would never try to dissuade anyone from seeking a four-year college degree if that was their dream. And nothing here changes any of that. If a young person's plan is earning a B.A. or B.S., I will continue saying what I have been saying all along: "Congratulations and good luck. I wish you great things."

But while not attempting to talk anyone out of going to a four-year school remains a matter of principle, that doesn't mean I believe all students are well-served by seeking a bachelor's degree. Many graduating high school students would be better served by investigating the scores of well-paying and satisfying jobs and careers available to young men and women with associate's degrees, one-year and two-year certificates or job training via apprenticeships and military stints.

But here is where things get complicated, as it's one thing to suggest to middle-class white young people that they consider learning a trade or mastering a technical skill without attending a four-year institution. But it can be quite another to suggest the same to their low-income classmates, especially those of color, as such ideas may not be received warmly for powerful reasons of history.

I appreciate these sensitivities given how financially disadvantaged and minority students often were shunted off to third-rate, nonacademic high school tracks, and hence, landing miles away from good colleges as well as prestigious professions.

But the fact remains: While the kinds of educational routes and occupational destinations that my American Experiment colleagues and I have been advocating under the banner of "Great Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree" can work well for nearly all, they may work particularly well for young people who have not had great experi-

ences in school and who view four more years of it as particularly unappetizing.

Getting to the heart, this fact of academic life applies to students of all backgrounds, with all kinds of grades and test scores, but especially who have had the most challenging times.

For decades now, teachers at both four-year and two-year institutions have worked passionately trying to provide remedial services, primarily in reading, writing, and math, so that underprepared students could succeed in regular classes. Huge numbers of students have worked diligently trying to catch up. But it has been clear for long time that compensatory efforts are not working well.

"For too many students," a vice president of a group called "Complete College America" has said, "college begins and ends in remedial courses."

This can be very painful. A fair question at this point is why might many struggling students do better in a two-year college (at least to start) than in a four-year one?

The first answer is a personal one. I was a bad high school student who might have been devoured if I had started at a demanding university, on the small chance I could have gotten into one. Key to whatever academic success I subsequently had was spending my freshman year at a community college, where I retrieved discipline I had lost a-half-dozen years earlier.

A second, related answer is that for students who have rarely if ever ex-

celled academically, a community college's pace and atmospherics may be a better fit. It certainly worked that way for me.

None of this is to suggest that coursework at a good community college isn't rigorous. Just that it may be less intimidating to students whose academic confidence is low because they haven't had much academic success.

Then there are costs, played out in writing only two-years-worth of tuition checks as opposed to four; taking out only two-years-worth of loans instead of four; and the lower opportunity costs of only two years in school as opposed to four.

A further answer is that for students who, unfortunately, are uninterested in the liberal arts, having to contend with courses in literature, history and the like for only two years instead of four is a more viable prospect.

And frankly, a driving force here is helping make postsecondary education a less dreaded experience for young people who really don't like being in school. How might they acquire the kinds of skills that lead to well-paying and satisfying careers before they grow frustrated enough to pack it in?

Or as a professor friend recently told me, two-year degrees often work "because by the time a student gets impatient, they're darn close to done."

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Staples Area Farmer's Market begins May 24

The Staples Area Farmer's Market kicks off Thursday, May 24, from 2 - 5:30 p.m. at the main campus parking lot of Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Britney Bursch, with Innovation Consulting, LLC, is the Market Manager. There are several returning vendors, Bursch said, going on to mention that they will be offering a variety of produce, meats, baked goods, fruits, herbs, jams, jellies, local honey and flowers.

New vendors, especially those with a variety and different products, are welcome at the Staples Area

Farmer's Market.

The Market Bucks program is back again this year, Bursch said, mentioning that shoppers can double their EBT (Electronic Benefit Transfer) dollars with this program. They will also have the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) for those who are eligible to receive these checks in the mail; and employee wellness programs which are available for local companies. Contact Bursch at Innovation Consulting, LLC, if your company is interested in this program.

The Farmer's Market will be held every Thurs-

day at the Lakewood location from 2 - 5:30 p.m. In addition, several Saturday events will take place at Veterans Park in Staples. These include:

- July 14, Thank a veteran
- Aug. 11, National Farmer's Market Week
- Aug. 25 - Railroad Days
- Sept. 8 - Back to School/ Kids Day
- Oct. 13 - Fall Festival.

For more information about the Staples Area Farmer's Market or to reserve a vendor's spot, contact Bursch at Innovation Consulting, Inc., at 218-296-0238.



New date for GiANT Worldwide session

Pictured, Trainer Rynell Schock listens to the audience during the April GiANT Worldwide leadership training session at NJPA in Staples. The next Lunch and Lead session has been moved to Thursday, May 31 from 12-1 p.m. at NJPA. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Lamp Camp teaches theater skills to youth

"Hansel & Gretel" is the musical for Lamp Camp 2018, a drama camp for ages 8-18, to be held at Centennial Auditorium in Staples. The camp will be June 11-22, Monday-Friday with a public performance Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m. Free will donations will be accepted.

Children ages 8-12 will meet: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day. Youth ages 13-18 will meet: 1:30-5:30 p.m. each day. All campers will attend from 8:30 a.m. until end of performance Friday, June 22.

Justin Edin artistic director, Sam Fujii music director and Nicolette Paskewitz choreographer will be returning this year. "Lamp Camp is a great place to build confidence and learning different aspects of music and theater," Edin said.

Resistration with Justin Edin will be held at the Staples-Motley High School, Monday, May 21 from 4-7 p.m. or to register on line visit the website www.lctstaples.com or email lctstaples@gmail.com or Justin at jjedin33@gmail.com

Mental Health Month highlights need for state's crisis services

Crisis services are a critical piece of the mental health system. During Mental Health Month this May, the Department of Human Services is highlighting services that get people in crisis the help they need, when they need it.

One in five Minnesotans face mental illness each year, and one in 25 people live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder. Fortunately, there are more treatments, services and community support available, and many people with mental illness can and do recover.

To help people before they are in crisis, building a continuum of care has been a focus for the state for several years. People should receive the appropriate care in their own communities, and not be referred to more intensive - and more costly - care than required.

When mental health crises do arise, there are a range of services to help, such as mobile crisis teams, phone support lines and suicide prevention

programs.

"As with any illness, it is critical that people get the mental health care they need and get it quickly," said Acting Human Services Commissioner Chuck Johnson. "Minnesota has worked hard to build a crisis mental health system that meets the needs of people throughout the state and is there when you need it, easy to reach, and sustainable over the long run."

Mental health crisis services in Minnesota include:

- Crisis phone lines: In Minnesota, crisis services are one call away through county crisis lines. Phone numbers can be found at mn.gov/dhs/crisis. In the Twin Cities metro area, DHS is currently testing one phone number for crisis services: **CRISIS (274747). Calling **CRISIS from a mobile phone in the Twin Cities will connect the caller directly to local crisis services. DHS anticipates rolling this service out statewide in the near future.
- Crisis Text Line: A new suicide prevention service that helps people

contemplating suicide and facing mental health issues. Crisis Text Line connects people who text MN to 741741 with a trained counselor who will help defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources. Since texting has fast become a preferred way of communication for many, texting-based services such as Crisis Text Line is an important way to reach more people.

- Mobile crisis teams: Teams of mental health practitioners who provide psychiatric services to individuals within their own homes and at other places outside of a clinical setting. Mobile crisis services provide for a rapid response, and they work to assess the individual, resolve crises and link people to needed services. In recent years, Minnesota has invested in bringing these services to all parts of the state, 24/7. Last year, crisis teams received more than 54,000 calls.

For more information about crisis services in Minnesota, visit mn.gov/dhs/crisis/.

Free Shred Day offered

Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union will offer a free Shred Day in their parking lot at 1220 4th St. NE, Staples, Monday, June 18, from 1-2 p.m.

Through a partnership with Paper Storm Document Shredding, Mid Minnesota is offering free com-

munity-wide Shred Days at all their locations.

The idea is to keep the wrong person from finding social security numbers, financial account numbers, credit card numbers and any other valuable identifying data. Last year more than 16,000 pounds of documents were shredded during MMFCU's Shred Days.

Shred Day will be held rain or shine and this service is free, however there is a limit of three boxes of documents per person.

Shred Day not only offers an opportunity to safely dispose of sensitive documents, but it also recycles material that might have otherwise end up in land fill sites.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, May 21, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Frank Odell speaking about the speech program during the school/community forum.
- Financial items including approval of capital outlay list, five-year lease for 41 SMART boards at \$1,485 per month and revisions to the staff and program reduction list.
- Personnel items including accept the retirement of Marlys Skeesick, middle school paraprofessional; accept resignations from Deb Meyer, elementary enrichment; Robin Rothstein, middle school special education; and Heather Kadus, middle school STEAM; approve QCOMP career ladder positions; approve contracts for Mark Carlson, head wrestling coach, and Mark Jacobs, activities director/physical education teacher.
- Curriculum and policy items including approve review of policies on fixed assets and budding/quoting guidelines to reflect changes in financial guidelines and first readin of suggested hiring guidelines with a revision to equal employment opportunity policy.
- Other items include approve the management plan for lead-in-water.
- Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA, school board committees and Reading/Math Corps.

Mark Your Calendar

May 22

CARE COMMUNITY MEAL
Tues., May 22, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 4th St. NE, Staples. Free. For info, 218-894-2372.

May 24

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG
Thurs., May 24, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Brian Freed, caller; Donna Stone,

cuier. For info., 218-296-1641.

June 14

THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S 28TH 'FUN, FOOD AND FUND DAY' Thurs., June 14, at St. Louis Catholic Church, 505 Burr St., Paynesville. All women in St. Cloud diocese invited. For info., to register by June 4, call Irene at 320-548-3539.

Baccalaureate Service

The Staples-Motley ministerial invites the community to the Staples-Motley High School 2018 graduating class' Baccalaureate Service.

The service will be held Sunday, May 20, 7 p.m., at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. A time of fellowship will follow the service.

For more information, contact Pastor Carl Larson at Faith Lutheran Church, 218-894-1546.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, May 22, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider resolution approving contract for private development with Staples Multi Family LLC and awarding the sale of, and providing the form, terms, covenants and directions for the issuance of its Tax Increment Revenue note in the maximum principal amount of \$444,000.
- Consider resolution providing for an interfund loan between Staples Economic Development Fund and TIF 1-9 Fund.



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Children's eye care energizes Dr. Parrish

Stephanie Parrish, O.D., who practices at Staples Eye Clinic, is the recipient of the 2018 Dr. W. David Sullins Jr. InfantSEE® Award.

The Sullins Award annually recognizes a doctor of optometry who makes a significant contribution to optometry or to their communities through the InfantSEE program. InfantSEE, a public health program of Optometry Cares®-The AOA (American Optometric Association) Foundation, is designed to ensure that eye and vision care becomes essential to infant wellness.

Dr. Parrish, has conducted nearly 300 eye assessments since 2013 through InfantSEE, will receive the award at Optometry's Meeting® in Denver, Colo., June 20-24.

"It has given me great pleasure watching Dr. Parrish help live out Dr. Sullins' dream of educating parents and delivering eye care to the infants of our central Minnesota community," says Kerry Beebe, O.D., who worked previously with Dr. Parrish at an eye care center in Brainerd. Dr. Beebe earned the 2016 Sullins Award.

"Her passion for seeing these young infants and children is evident in the smiles of the families she serves," Dr. Beebe says. "Her unselfish giving of time and expertise to further the mission of InfantSEE and Optometry is justly recognized with this well-deserved award. She's touched the lives of countless families and continues to be an inspiration to us all."

Dr. Parrish cares for patients from age 99 to two weeks old. In a Q&A, she discussed access to care and why she focuses so much of her practice on pediatric eye care through InfantSEE.

Q: When did you decide



Dr. Stephanie Parrish

to dedicate so much of your practice to pediatric eye care?

A: Dr. Beebe was a huge mentor to me. And when you start having your own kids (mine are now ages 10, 8, 6 and 2), you just fall in love with them and then become comfortable working with them.

The reason why I became an optometrist was more of a 'lightning' moment. I was on a mission trip in Eastern Europe, and we were giving out Bibles and sharing our faith with others. Because the vision of many people there was so poor, they weren't able to read the Bibles-including many children, who had obvious vision issues.

I was pre-med at the time, but felt God steering me toward optometry. I felt a strong conviction that I wanted to help people see both physically and spiritually.

Q: You speak to parent groups, nurses, childcare providers and physicians. You're active with the Minnesota Optometric Association. You're a wife and mother of four. How do you find the time to serve others?

A: I have a very supportive, wonderful husband, Mike. When I work with young patients and they put their glasses on for the first time, it's a special thing to see their eyes light

up and the smile come across their face.

I've taken a couple of eye care mission trips and had the opportunity to do a rotation to China and, while I was there, I had the opportunity to spend a few days at orphanages, working with children with Down Syndrome.

I did a lot of eye exams there, which gave me a much broader perspective on life. Access to care was just not there. When you can provide care to people who normally don't have it, it's moments like that that are so rewarding and motivate me to find the time to serve others.

Q: You joined the InfantSEE program as a provider shortly after graduating from the Pacific University College of Optometry. Why should other doctors of optometry become InfantSEE providers?

A: The InfantSEE program can really change the life of a child. Getting children into the office, where I have the opportunity to correct major vision issues when they're so young, can legitimately change the path of their lives. By advocating for the health of the kids and educating the parents, I'm able to provide excellent care and build important relationships.

A side effect of the program is that it also has built up my practice, and as a young doctor of optometry there's no better way to build into the future of your practice than by investing in the InfantSEE program. By providing an exam to the child, I've often brought in entire families. Families see your willingness to help them, and they appreciate it.

I am passionate about the InfantSEE program because I see the difference it has made in the lives of others as well as in my own.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Jessical Iken and Joseph Mench of Wadena, a baby boy, Kobe Dax weighing eight pounds, one ounce on May 5, 2018.

Born to Lydia and Andy Slabaugh of Hewitt, a baby girl, Karen Rose weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on May 5, 2018.

Born to Nickole and Chris Laney of Browerville, a baby girl, Vayda Rose weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on May 5, 2018.

Born to Traci Haapala and Seth Kern of Sebeka, twin boys, Matthew Roberts weighing five pounds, five ounces and James Lucas weighing five pounds, nine ounces on May 5, 2018.

Evergreen Hill Cemetery reminder

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board met April 10, 2018 at the Staples Community Center.

The cemetery opened May 7. It was noted by the board to remind the community to follow the cemetery policies, which are posted at the cemetery, when placing flowers on the gravesites - other items are not allowed. For questions you may call any of the cemetery officers. Their numbers are posted at the cemetery.

The board accepted a donation of a golf cart from the Henry Schornack Family, which was needed to replace the old one. Many thanks to them.

Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD awarded degrees to nearly 900 students during its spring commencement programs May 11. Local graduates included:

- Carly Bell, 2014 Pillager High School graduate, Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude

- Charles Crandall, 2011 Staples-Motley High School graduate, Bachelor of Science

- Michael Denny, 2010 Staples-Motley High School graduate, Bachelor of Arts

- Brian Huber, 2013 Staples-Motley High School graduate, Bachelor of Arts
- Jasmine McGillivray, 2013 Staples-Motley High School, Bachelor of Science

- Zachary Schmitz, 2013 Staples-Motley High School, Bachelor of Science

- Jo Staydohar, 2000 Staples-Motley High School graduate, Bachelor of Nursing.

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Benefit events are considered advertisements.

Obituaries



Donald Gold

Donald Charles Gold, 80, of Motley passed away at his home May 5, 2018 due to complications of dementia.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lincoln Evangelical Free Church 1354 320th St., Cushing, on Saturday, May 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A lunch will be provided.

A private family burial will be held at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Don was born October 21, 1937, in Staples to Elmer M. and Marlys M. (Batcher) Gold. He was baptized and confirmed in the United Methodist Church of Staples. He attended public school in Staples graduating in 1955 and attended one year at St. Cloud State University. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Schmitt on August 25, 1956. They made their home south of Motley where he assisted his father in raising turkeys, purchasing the farm from his father in 1960. Don operated a gas transport delivering petrol to the El-Ray Truck Stop in Motley, later hiring a driver which he continued until 1977. At times Don managed other side businesses such as cattle, pigs, lumber and gravel but the turkey business was his mainstay. He expanded the turkey farm many times over the years moving to egg production in the 1970s and partnering with his sons, Mike and Tom. He retired in 1999, selling his interest in Gold Turkey Farms.

Don received his private pilot license in August 1974 and flew several cross country trips for pleasure and business. He especially enjoyed flying into areas that were not reachable by auto for his favorite pastime of fishing. He was a past member of the MN Turkey Growers Association, the Staples United District Hospital board and First Integrity Bank board.

He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, spending time in Canada. Following retirement, he and his life companion Lael Wiegele spent time traveling. He enjoyed playing cards and cribbage. Don spent his last years residing in his own home with his grandson Derek (Kali) Gold and family.

Survivors include two daughters, Stephanie (Alvin) Sjoberg of Willmar, and Theresa (Michael) Emery of Idaho Falls, ID; three sons, Michael (Cindy) Gold of Staples, Thomas (Linda) Gold of Motley and Russell (Cindy) Gold of Acworth, GA; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and one brother, Douglas (Vicky) Gold of Motley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, many aunts and uncles and special friend Lael Wiegele.

In lieu of memorials or flowers, the family requests that donations be sent to The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration, www.theaftd.org/

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Anna Rach

Anna Mae Rach, 62, of Aitkin, formerly of Staples, passed away May 8, 2018 at Riverwood Health Care Center in Aitkin.

A gathering of family and friends was held May 12, at the 40 Club Convention Center in Aitkin.

Arrangements were with Sorensen-Root-Thompson Funeral Home in Aitkin.

Ann was born May 27, 1955 in Bertha to Donald and Betty (Scott) Kozitka. She graduated from Staples High School. Anna married Dennis George Rach on August 24, 1974 in Staples. She was retired, after having worked most recently in retail and sales. She loved and adored her grandchildren.

Anna is survived by her husband; one daughter, Heidi (Jori) Packer and one son, Chad (Erin) Rach two grandchildren; mother, Betty Scott; two brothers, Butch and Duane; three sisters, Patty, Belinda and Dawn (Dan); and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and two sisters, Carol and Sue.

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Elmer Holton

Elmer Lee Holton, 87, of Motley passed away May 15, 2018.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Micheal Catholic Church in Motley with Father Joe Korf presiding. Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will take place at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Elmer was born October 5, 1930 in Staples to Augusta (Thorman) and Charles Holton.

Survivors include his wife, Gert of 62 years; one son, Mike of New York, two daughters, Roxanne Kowalski of Staples and Sandra (Greg) Grondahl of Brainerd; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Gerald Jordan

Gerald (Jerry) Jordan of Motley died May 8, 2018 at the St. Cloud VA Hospital.

Services will be held Friday, May 18 at 1:00 p.m. at Camp Ripley, Administration Building.

Inurnment was with the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

Jerry was born June 8, 1958 and grew up in California; he served in the U.S. Navy on the USS John F. Kennedy carrier. He has one sister, Mary Ann and one niece, Sylvania.

He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Jordan, Sr.

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FFA/Farm Bureau hold competition

Molly Lindgren, Staples Motley FFA took second in the FFA/Farm Bureau discussion meet competition held April 22, at the Minnesota State FFA Convention on the University of Minnesota campus. Macy Rennpferd, Maple River FFA chapter took first place. Judging was based on their basic knowledge of critical farm issues, their ability to exchange ideas and information in a setting aimed at cooperative problem solving.

From left: John Weston Barber, finalist, Elbow Lake; Laura Shoutz, finalist, Litchfield; Molly Lindgren, runner-up, Staples-Motley; Macy Rennpferd, first, Maple River and Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap. (Submitted photo)

Lakewood receives grant from Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation

Lakewood Health System of Staples recently received a \$20,000 grant from Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation to purchase a Nomad portable hand-held dental X-ray.

With this funding for dental X-ray equipment, Lakewood Health System (LHS) will be able to offer more comprehensive dental services at the Lakewood Care Center. These services provide access to oral healthcare for care center residents, by providing coordinated care to meet the patients' needs and preferences in the delivery of high-quality and high-value dental care. This is a proactive healthcare approach with a key strategy to improve dental care to the senior population.

"We are incredibly appreciative of

the generosity of these grant funds from Delta Dental," said Lakewood Vice President of Senior Services, Kathy Dobson. "The grant has made it possible to provide care to residents who would otherwise have been unable to receive it. Our residents, families and staff have repeatedly expressed appreciation for the ability to have such services right in their home setting."

Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation focuses on choosing grant recipients who show innovative strategies to expand oral health access for Minnesota's underserved populations; demonstrate significant opportunity to promote and expand preventive and education services; and show an ability to measure results.

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Geditz is newest family practice provider at Lakewood

Brittany Geditz, Physician Assistant (PA-C), is the newest family practice provider to join the Lakewood Health System team in Staples.

Originally from Chanhassen, Geditz received her Masters of Science in Biology, with Graduate Studies in Emerging Infectious Diseases from the University of St. Joseph, and her Masters of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Bethel University. She is a member of the Minnesota Association of Physician Assistants, the American Association of Physician Assistants, and the Christian Medical and Dental Association.

Geditz first came to Lakewood as a student in 2016, and worked here as a phlebotomist from January to April of 2018. As a family practice physician assistant, Geditz has special interests in women's



Brittany Geditz, PA-C

health and pediatrics. She is blessed to be able to bring the Lord into her practice, and pray for, and with, her patients, both in and outside of the office.

"I knew from the moment

I started my clinicals at Lakewood back in 2016 that someday I would be part of the Lakewood family," said Geditz. "I feel honored to be amongst such a wonderful team, and I look forward to my journey here."

Geditz and her husband of three years have a one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, who keeps them very busy. They spend their time visiting family in the Twin Cities and South Dakota.

Geditz sees patients at the Staples and Pillager clinic. To make an appointment with her, call 218-894-1515.

Suicide prevention text services expand

Minnesotans across the state can now access suicide prevention and mental health crisis texting services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

As of April 1 people who text MN to 741741 will be connected with a trained counselor who will help defuse the crisis and connect the texter to local resources. The service helps people contemplating suicide and facing mental health issues.

Minnesota has had text suicide prevention services since 2011, but they've only been available in 54 of 87 counties and tribal nations. Crisis Text Line will offer suicide prevention and education efforts in all Minnesota counties and tribal nations, including, for the first time, the Twin Cities metro area.

"It's important that we reach people where they are at, and text-based services such as Crisis Text Line are one vital way to do that," said Human Services Assistant Commissioner Claire Wilson. "It's especially crucial that we

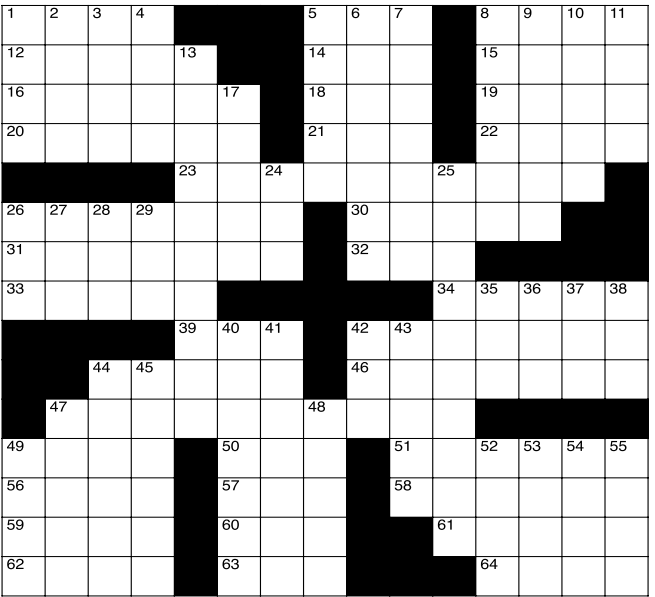
reach youth with these services, and we all know that texting has fast become a preferred way of communication."

Crisis Text Line, a non-profit working nationally since 2013, is the state's sole provider for this service as of April 1. Crisis Text Line handles 50,000 messages per month - more than 20 million messages since 2013 - from across the country, connecting people to local resources in their communities. For callers who are in the most distress, the average wait time for a response is only 39 seconds.

Crisis counselors at Crisis Text Line undergo a six-week, 30-hour training program. Supervisors are mental health professionals with either master's degrees or extensive experience in the field of suicide prevention.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 also provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, as well as prevention and crisis resources.

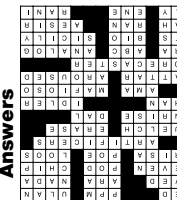
Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- In bed
 - Project portfolio management
 - ___ Bator: Mongolian capital
 - Roamed
 - Notre Dame legend
 - Parseghian
 - Nothing (Spanish)
 - Not level
 - Self-contained aircraft unit
 - Baseball broadcaster Caray
 - ___ Tomei, actress
 - "The Raven" writer
 - Bathrooms
 - Skilled inventors
 - Forcefully silence
 - Remove
 - The arrival of daylight
 - Split lentils
 - "Walking Dead" actress
 - A lazy person

- Doctors' group
- Crooks
- Fragrant essential oil
- Conjured
- One who predicts
- Scarlett's home
- Television network
- Something comparable to another
- What a thespian does
- Word element meaning life
- Italian island
- "King of Queens" actress Remini
- Jogged
- Norse gods
- Lazily
- Midway between northeast and east
- Hindu queen

- CLUES DOWN**
- Top Rank boxing promoter
 - ___ fide (Latin)
 - At all times
 - Hindu female deity
 - Tufts of hairs on plant seeds
 - Edited
 - Portuguese archipelago
 - Your parents' brothers
 - Pakistani city
 - Farewell



Early childhood providers, professionals, honored

The Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition hosted a "Provider Appreciation Event" May 8, honoring early childhood professionals for their work and dedication with young children. Staples-Motley High School Principal Mike Schmidt began the evening by thanking them for being so important in the lives of young children and their families. Sharon Swenson followed with a two hour Develop approved training on "Music the Powerful Partner." NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) provided the venue. Above: front row, from

left, Nicky Anderson, Heather Rader, Julie Bestland, Susan Estabrooks-Anderson, Mary Noska and Lisa Kajer. Middle row, from left, Brenda Pogreba, Angie Dobson, Kim Marstein, Eden Tkalcich, Denise Anderson, Denise Allshouse and Shari Henrikson. Back row, from left, Chantal Clews, Taylor Heldman, Jessica Pearson, Stacy Harthan, Beth Fabian, Jody Waterman, Kelsi Shalow, Sharon Swenson, Morgan Swank, Julie Johnson and Amy Tervola Hultberg. (Submitted photo)

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891 Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA 6:15 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Youth Pastor Julie Boone Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sonlight & Youth 6:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Congregational Church, UCC 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. NE., Staples 218-894-1546 Pastor: Carl Larson Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church 218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text MASS: Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923 Pastor Nathan Hillman Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 a.m.	United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248 Pastor Greg Leslie Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m. Aldrich Congregational, United Church of Christ One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of Month Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 www.bethanylutherancushing.com. Rev. Jean M. Megardon Lay Pastor Bob Mueller Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m. Kids' Club 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing www.cushingbaptistchurch.org Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study 7:30 p.m. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader 218-397-2470 Pastor David Stevens Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Maple Hill Lutheran Pastor David Stevens Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.	Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466 218-352-6888 Pastor Jim Johnson Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley 218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf MASS: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.org Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.	Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer 7:00 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m. Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale Church 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Sall 218-371-7189 Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard SUNDAY Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m. Prayer 9:20 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Groups Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night 5:30 p.m. Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St., PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor Chuck Horsager 218-639-4225 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Looking at life through God's eyes

Pastor Bary Klein, Staples Church of Christ

I have two prayer guides divided up into the 31 days of the month. One prayer guide is mainly about people. The other prayer guide is about thanking God for His many gifts in daily life. It's in this second guide that I come to day nine which includes Scriptures that point to our five spiritual senses. In other words, they are Bible verses that help us think about the spiritual world behind the physical world of our senses of hearing, seeing, touching, tasting and smelling. If you're interested, you can look at Psalm 94:9, Mark 10:13, Psalm 34:8 and II Corinthians 2:15 to get a "flavor" of this.

As we go through life, we can get into the old adage of "being so far into the trees that we can't see the forest." The meaning of this is that we get so focused on the moment that we can't see the bigger pictures.

Now, it seems like we can lose the BIG picture of any given moment by either being naïve at best or hard-hearted at worse. Ironically and interestingly, children can "cut to the chase" about BIG-GER pictures than we can as adults all too often.

Little children have uninhibited filters if they are loved, valued and cared for. (Let's be that kind of adults toward them.)

No wonder Jesus often calls us back to "child-like faith" in Him. We read of Jesus' teachings on this in Matthew 18:3, 19:4 and 21:16.

Children innately express their hunger for learning about their Creator. Children are sponges. If simply amazes me how language is ready to be embraced in the mind of a child. They pick up on words and meanings and start putting together cognitive thoughts that defy mere human analysis. They are expressing the image of God (the Word). Children initially use words to engage those around them in life-giving ways. Later on, we learn to use words in destructive way. Life-giving words are about the BIG picture in God. Destructive words are about selfishly being so far into the trees that we aren't even interested in the larger forest picture of life.

Spend some unhurried time with a child today or a child-like faith adult. It will help you and me to look at life through God's eyes anew.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store "The Prescription Store" 2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242 Motley and Pillager	Ernie's Food Market Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more Staples, MN 218-894-1072	Staples Veterinary Clinic "Complete Animal Care" Staples, MN 218-894-1775	Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank Fully Insured to \$250,000 Staples, MN 218-894-3900
Central Building Supply Bob Reeck, Manager Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN	Staples World Your community newspaper since 1890 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 218-894-1112	Tower Pizza Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches Staples, MN 218-894-3299	Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental" Open 7 days a week. Staples, MN 218-894-3263

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #20
Monday, March 19, 2018, 7 p.m.
High School Media Center

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Freeman, Winkels, Lund, Frisk and Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Business Manager Boesen; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; approximately 50 staff, students and community members; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund to approve the addition of agenda items # 14a and #14b. MC

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

School/Community Forum

Ms. Ferdon presented an update to the board on QCOMP, explaining the positions, the stipends and the impact QCOMP has had. Next week certified staff will vote on continuing QCOMP for another year.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Finance Items:

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

Motion by Freeman,

seconded by Lund, to approve the educational cuts as presented and forming a committee to look at additional cuts.

The motion was then amended to:

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the educational reductions in the amount of \$273,300. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to form a committee to explore ongoing operational efficiencies and to look at additional cuts as needed for the coming school year. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to appoint Anderson and Freeman as the two Board members to sit on this committee. Supt. Bratlie will be tasked with forming the remainder of the committee.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Staff Development credit reimbursement for Melissa Holley at \$150.

Personnel

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to accept the resignation of Craig Wolhowe, Head Girls BB coach with permission to post. MC

Thank you to Craig for his years of service and dedication to the district and the GBB program.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the one (1) year Leave of Absence Request from Alina Robinson; school year 2018-2019; with permission to post for a one (1) year position. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to post for a HS Special Education Teacher. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to ac-

cept the retirement of Kathy Iverson; eff. 5-31-18. MC

Thank you to Kathy for her 30 years of service and dedication to the district and we wish her the best in retirement.

Policy

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the review of listed policies with no revisions. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve Policies #519 Interview of Students by Outside Agencies and #522 Student Sex Nondiscrimination with MSBA recommended revisions. MC

Reports

School Board; FED; NJPA;

Principals' Reports - written reports available Superintendent Report - Widseth, Smith, Nolt-ing has been selected for the building project and a contract will be initiated. Phase I will be up to the election date; Phase II will be renegotiated if the referendum passes.

Mr. Bratlie will be working on the project Review and Comment; will be lobbying at the Capitol with MREA the following day regarding Sped Funding, TRA, and School Safety/Mental Health.

He is also looking at marketing proposals

SMEA - staff have a meeting on Weds., and will hold their QCOMP election the following week.

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. MC

Complete minutes can be viewed at: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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Practicing multiplication



Dan Carlson (above right), Minnesota Math Corps tutor at Motley-Staples Middle School, goes over a multiplication lesson with seventh-grader Cody Carry. At left, Carry works on one of the math problems assigned. Carry has been meeting with Carlson two times a week since the end of January and says his math skills have improved a lot in a few short months. Carlson currently works with 12 students each week. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Retired law enforcement officer tutoring math

Carlson finds fulfillment in serving others

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

After coming out of retirement for the second time, Dan Carlson of rural Motley is finding fulfillment by serving as a Minnesota Math Corps tutor at Motley-Staples Middle School (MSMS).

"I wanted to give back," said Carlson, who previously served more than 35 years in Minnesota law enforcement...including 10 years as part of a SWAT team, 10 years in a CSI Unit, seven years in Internal Affairs, five years as a Public Information Officer and five years as the Emergency Manager for Burnsville.

Carlson retired the first time in 2010, having served as sergeant with the Burnsville Police Department. "It didn't stick," he said of retirement, adding that he went on to spend six more years as the emergency management coordinator for Dakota County. He'll turn 58 later this month and says he's been loving every minute of his new post-retirement job at the middle school. When he sees the smiles on students' faces, "it makes me smile," Carlson said.

Dan and his wife, Kristi, moved from the Twin Cities area to a home on Lake Shamaineau in 2016. It's an area they love and one their family enjoys visiting. The Carlsons have two grown daughters, Brittny and Brianna, and two grandsons. Plus, Dan's sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Bob Swenson, live in nearby Staples. In fact, Dan takes credit for introducing them when he and Bob were partners on the police force in Marshall.

However, after settling into his new community,

Dan found he had time on his hands. "You can only do so much fishing, golfing and relaxing," he shared. "I felt the need to continue serving my community, but in a different way."

Dan went online to search for service opportunities and discovered AmeriCorps, which offers a variety of programs including Reading Corps and Math Corps. His daughter, Brianna, is a literacy tutor for Minnesota Reading Corps and she encouraged her dad to look into the AmeriCorps program.

He was little apprehensive when he was hired on to be a math tutor at MSMS. "I'm not a math person," Dan said. However, he went on, the program is very structured and it guides instructors with what they need to know "to help kids be successful."

Dan has been working as a tutor at the middle school since the end of January. He started with 14 students and in two months "graduated two kids out of the program," Dan said. "The program really works well."

He works at the school from 8:20 a.m. - 3:20 p.m. three times a week. During that time he works one-on-one with 12 students. He spends approximately 40 minutes with each, helping them with their math assignments.

This is the first year the Math Corps program has been offered at the middle school. Laurie Paskewitz, a Title 1 Coordinator, is an internal coach for the Math Corps program, as well as the Minnesota Reading Corps program, which has been offered at Staples-Motley Elementary for the past nine years.

"It's a wonderful program," Laurie said. She

went on to explain that training is offered to new tutors every August at the Convention Center in Minneapolis. They are trained in "interventions," which are mini-lessons that fit the needs of the students. These lessons, led by the tutors, help fill the gaps of what these students have missed.

There are currently four full-time Math Corps tutors at the elementary school and one full-time tutor at the middle school. Dan works three-fourths time. Tutors receive a stipend through AmeriCorps.

The need is great for both Reading Corps and Math Corps tutors, Laurie said. With reduced funding from the government for programs like Title 1, the AmeriCorps program helps reach students that need individualized help.

According to a press release, Minnesota Reading Corps and Minnesota Math Corps are statewide, research-based initiatives to help every Minnesota student become a successful reader by the end of third grade or become proficient in math by the end of eighth grade. Tutors will reach an estimated 33,000 students throughout Minnesota during the school year.

The rewards are many, Dan said of being a Math Corps tutor. "I'd encourage anyone with time on their hands to look into it, he added. "These are great kids...they just need a little extra help."

Anyone interested in learning more about Reading Corps or Math Corps, or applying to serve, should visit readingandmath.net or contact 866-859-2825.

Public Notices

NOTICE STAPLES-MOTLEY ISD #2170 BID REQUEST FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sealed bids for the 2018-19 school year for dairy products will be accepted until **12:00 p.m. on June 18, 2018**, in the district office of Independent School District #2170 located at 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479 at which time bids will be opened in said office.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Bid for Dairy Products" clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be sent to Independent School District #2170, District Office, 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the district office at the above address or by calling (218) 894-5400, ext. 3164.

Independent School District #2170 reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

Greg Frisk, Clerk
School Board
Staples-Motley
School District, ISD #2170
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PUBLIC NOTICES: Your Right to Know

Public notices are a community's window into the government. You look for those notices in your newspaper. From zoning regulations to local budgets, governments have used local newspapers to inform citizens of its actions as an essential part of your right to know.

Keep public notices in newspapers!

NOTICE OF FILING FOR THE 2018 STATE GENERAL ELECTION TODD COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in Todd County on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of electing candidates for the Federal, State, Judicial and County offices listed below. The filing period for the offices listed below begins at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2018, and ends at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

Note: Filing offices will be closed Monday, May 28, 2018, in observance of Memorial Day.

The place of filing for Federal Offices is the Office of the Secretary of State, State Office Building, Room 180, 100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55155-1299.

The place of filing for State Offices is with the Office of the Secretary of State or with the County Auditor of the County in which the candidate resides.

The filing place for County Offices is with the County Auditor.

Candidates may file in person or by mail, if the filing is received during the filing period. Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 204B.09, subdivision 1a, may arrange to file during the seven days immediately preceding the candidate's absence from the state.

This notice is provided pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 204B.33.

FEDERAL OFFICES
United States Senator

(Term ending January 3, 2025)

United States Senator
(Special Election for Term ending January 3, 2021)

United States Representative for District 7

STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES
State Representative for District 9A

State Representative for District 9B

STATE EXECUTIVE OFFICES
Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Secretary of State
State Auditor
Attorney General

JUDICIAL OFFICES
Supreme Court Chief Justice - 1 Seat

Supreme Court Associate Justices - 3 Seats

Judges of the Court of Appeals - 6 Seats

Seventh Judicial District Judges - 11 Seats

COUNTY OFFICES
County Attorney

County Auditor-Treasurer

County Recorder

County Sheriff

County Commissioner for District 2

County Commissioner for District 4

Todd Soil & Water Conservation District I Supervisor

Todd Soil & Water Conservation District III Supervisor

Todd Soil & Water Conservation District V Supervisor

Witness my hand and official seal this 25th day of April, 2018.

Denise Gaida,
Todd County Auditor/
Treasurer
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Architectural renderings show how options could look

These design concepts were shown to the Staples-Motley School Board at their May 14 work session to help them visualize the building options they are considering. The image above left shows a view looking straight down at the current high school location with the additions described in the accompanying story. The image above right shows the straight down view of the current elementary school site. Immediately below is an angled view of the high school site looking northwest. The bottom image is an angled view of the elementary site looking to the southwest. In all four images the darker parts show the existing building. The lighter colored spaces show new construction. In the top images the fieldhouse/community center space shows possible configurations for gyms and a swimming pool. The elementary site would have plenty of room for the high school by building to the west where a baseball diamond is now shown. It was emphasized that these are design exercises to get the conversation started and to help determine specific needs. (Images provided by Widseth Smith Nolting)



TEACHERS continued from page 1a

Area teachers honored by NJPA for excellence

by NJPA, including Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties.

View the entire list of honorees at njpa.co/educators-honored-18. Local educators included:

• **Coach of Excellence, Bruce Fuhrman, Staples-Motley School District (head coach – cross country and girls track, assistant coach – boys basketball)**

Bruce Fuhrman is a veteran coach within the ranks of the Staples-Motley Athletic Department, moving into his 25th year of coaching.

He appropriately models what all of our student athletes should consider, as he is a three-sport coach. His duties as head cross country, assistant boys basketball, and head girls track coach keep Bruce extremely busy throughout our school year.

Our student athletes are blessed, and we are very lucky to have a coach like Bruce who is so dedicated to education-based athletics and mentoring our student athletes in sport and life.

His purpose statement for his programs showcases the man he is:

“When working with others, I understand the greatest tools of coaching are words concepts, and practices that are not only followed, but mentored; I communicate love and respect by the tone of my voice and by the way I speak. I must possess the heart of a servant and take to heart: The need for quality is an ever-present requirement of my position, today and every day,

in all that I do. How I do things becomes an expectation.”

• **Allison Vangsness, Motley-Staples Middle School**

Allison goes above and beyond to provide an excellent education for Motley-Staples Middle School’s seventh grade social studies students. She is constantly finding new ways to enhance the educational experience in her classroom. This includes applying for and obtaining grants that not only help her classroom, but the whole district.

In obtaining technology and hands-on artifacts, she enhances the students’ educational experience by bringing social studies to them. This drive for improvement and excitement for learning is contagious not only with students, but also with fellow staff members.

• **Joleen Elfstrum, Staples-Motley Elementary School**

Jolene is Staples-Motley Elementary’s Technology-STEAM instructor, bringing new opportunities in a fun, creative manner. She shares experiences in technology, Tech Mobile, and Project Lead the Way with all students at Staples-Motley Elementary.

She is flexible, helpful, kind, caring, and extremely patient.

Whenever a new opportunity comes up, Jolene is there to say, “How can I help make this happen for our kids?”

• **Catherine Cyr, Staples-Motley High School**
As an educator, Catherine Cyr strives to deliver

the needed content to her students, all the while considering their individual needs and tendencies.

As a mentor, Catherine is genuine in her conversations, accountabilities, and ‘You Can Do It’ approach with her students.

As a leader, she advocates for the students’ educational needs, independence, and future successes.

Catherine has masterfully cared for and educated her students to the highest of expectations,

never wavering in her belief of them. She’s made impacts in their lives, far beyond their academics.

Other area teachers honored:

- Mathew Parker, Freshwater Education District
- Angie Hurtig, Bertha-Hewitt School District
- Lisa Paulson, Verndale Elementary School
- Mary Ellenson, Wadena-Deer Creek Elementary School
- Mike Ortmann, Wadena-Deer Creek Grades 5-12

SCHOOL continued from page 1a

School board facing many unknown factors as they consider building options

plans. If the school district wants to ask the voters for a building referendum, it has to have all the plans approved by the state department of education. The deadline is the end of June to be put on November’s ballot.

The building steering committee has decided that is unrealistic and have set their sights on a possible referendum in February 2019.

Timing is an issue for another reason. The City of Staples would likely include a building in the next bonding bill which won’t go to the state legislature until 2020.

Another unknown is how a financial partnership might be configured and how much each partner would be able to add.

An option discussed at the work session was to build the gyms and other spaces necessary for the school’s use, but make sure the utilities and infrastructure could accommodate the addition of a swimming pool and other additional spaces for public use.

Angland said he found it difficult to assign costs to a field house/community center space without more details on size and usage, i.e., number of gyms, size of pool and any other amenities that might be added.

“A big variable is what’s appropriate for the community, the school and the partners,” Angland said.

The first images that Angland showed was what the building could look like with grades K-12 at the current high school site.

A two-story wing would be added to the south side of the property east of the south gym. The 1935 addition that includes the main spectator gym would be demolished and replaced with a two story classroom space.

One configuration would have the grades K-4 elementary on the main floor with a grades 5-8 middle school on the upper floor to create separation between the two. The south gym would be used by both the elementary and middle school. The current parking lot on the south side would become playground and green space.

The kitchen and cafeteria would remain, but be remodeled to accommodate more students.

The classrooms and spaces to the north of the cafeteria would be renovated to meet current educational needs. Music rooms would be repositioned near Centennial Auditorium.

The field house/community center with three gyms would be added to the north side of the building. The current Staples Community Center would be demolished. That space and the current football field would become parking areas.

Some of the factors to

consider with the high school site option included the utilities that would need to be upgraded and the fact that it would use all of the space with no room for future expansion. They also would have to provide safe routes to the athletic fields.

The second option showed images of the Staples-Motley Elementary School site with expansions to make it accommodate grades K-8.

Middle school space as well as a cafeteria and commercial kitchen would be added to the north and west along with flexible space that could have many uses. A field house/community center complex could be added to the west where it would be adjacent to the athletic fields and visible from Airport Rd.

There would be fewer utility issues with this site and there would be room to expand.

In response to board questions, Angland noted that there was plenty of space to add the high school to the west. The field house/community center could be moved to the north where it would be visible from 4th St. NE.

One major detractor to this location is its distance to Centennial Auditorium, a topic that will certainly be discussed again.

Angland also said that in meeting with the building principals, they felt strongly that they would like grades K-12 under one roof. They felt there was more opportunity for collaboration and more flexibility in scheduling teachers with different types of licensure and certifications. Also neither teachers nor students would have to travel to another building.

Angland summarized by saying these were both “snapshots of two design exercises to look at potential concepts.”

Bryan Winkels, one of the school board members on the building steering committee, was also concerned about the potential costs for each site, noting that the very preliminary estimates are high. However, he also mentioned the number of unknown factors that will change the estimates.

“We have to look at what makes the most sense for the school and community,” Winkels said.

Greg Frisk, the other school board member on the building steering committee, had a different view.

“If we’re going to do it, let’s do it right,” he said. “The taxpayers are secondary. Our kids are first. Don’t let what we think taxpayers will do dictate what we do.”

The steering committee was seeking direction from the board and it was decided to proceed with defining more details for both options with the goal of assigning cost estimates.

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By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

A number of new trees are being planted throughout the City of Staples.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Jasmer, these include 10 Japanese lilac trees in the downtown area plus 30 maples and approximately 115 saplings planted in a variety of areas including Dower Lake Recreation Area, Northern Pacific Park and along the city's trails.

Jasmer noted that the Japanese lilac trees, which are being planted to replace downtown trees that have died, are salt and drought resistant. "They probably were not getting enough water," she said regarding the former trees. Hopefully, planting a variety that can

survive drought conditions will help solve this problem.

The city does the best it can to ensure that its trees flourish, including watering them at least three times each week. “We accept help from businesses, too,” she said, adding that some businesses have volunteered to water the tree in front of their establishment on a regular basis. This has been a great help, especially when there has not been adequate rainfall.

4th Street. As part of that project, approximately 65 trees were planted along the downtown streets. It would have made sense to put in an irrigation system prior to the new sidewalks to ensure the trees would get ample amounts of water. But, as the old saying goes, "Hindsight is 20/20," Jasmer said.

Some of the downtown trees that didn't survive will not be replaced. In at least two areas, the trees and grates were removed and the holes filled back in with cement. To fill this void, the city has placed large flower planters where the trees once stood. Jasmer said there has also been talk of adding some sort of sculptures to those areas down the line. That is just an idea, of course, Jasmer added.



Planting trees downtown

At least five Japanese Lilac trees were planted in downtown Staples May 9, replacing trees that had not survived the previous year. Pictured above near the Stomping Grounds coffee shop at 4th St. NE are, from left, public works department employees Clyde Mertens, Bruce Grondahl, Steve Statema. In lower photo near Staples Eye Clinic, Mertens (left) holds the tree while Grondahl digs a deep enough hole for it to be place in. Once the tree was planted Statema (center) lowered the grate. Mertens said that the downtown trees have been replaced a few times. He noted that they need plenty of water to ensure they will survive. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Helping care for the city's tree

Kathy Odden of Staples prunes the tree located outside of the Staples World at 4th St. NE, at which she is an employee. The tree was planted a year ago by the city's public works department, in charge of maintaining the downtown streets. The tree had been a replacement for one that had not survived. In

the process of replanting, the city exchanged all of the soil in hopes that that would help the new tree survive. Several trees planted in recent years did not make it, but this particular tree is doing well, thanks in part to Odden volunteering to water it on a regular basis. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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All-Conference team

All four Staples-Motley girls golfers earned Mid State Conference honors on May 14. From left, Ava Schneider, honorable mention, Alix Peterson, All Conference, Bo Erholtz, honorable mention, and Adrianna Dickey, All Conference. (Submitted photo)

Fantastic four stay strong on golf course

With just four varsity golfers representing the team at every meet, the Staples-Motley girls golf team is meeting every challenge with excellent team scores to finish near the top at their meets.

Coach Glen Hasselberg said there are many junior high golfers who could fill varsity spots, but they are not quite ready to make the jump yet.

Varsity golf teams are allowed six players, but only the top four count in the team score. So none of the Cardinal golfers can afford to have an off day, going into each meet with the courage their teammates provide. In four meets this past week, the team mixed up their order of finish each meet, but still golfed well against some of the top teams in the state.

To cap off the week, all four finished in the top ten at the Mid State Conference meet on May 14 at The Preserve golf course.

Alix Peterson shot an 84 to place third in the conference. She scored a torrid 77 at the previous home meet on May 12.

Adrianna Dickey was sixth at the conference meet with 88.

Ava Schneider has been right behind the leaders in most meets and scored 93 to place ninth in the conference.

Bo Erholtz was the team's top golfer on May 7, but fell to their fourth golfer at the conference meet to place tenth overall.

The boys golf team also played their conference meet, placing fourth in a very tough conference. Beck Erholtz earned All-Conference with a sixth place finish, shooting 80.

Team results

Girls scores
Otter Invitational, Ferguson Falls, May 7

Staples-Motley 2nd out of 12 teams, between Bemidji and Brainerd

Bo Erholtz 81, Alix Peter-

son 87, Adriana Dickey Ava Schneider 94

Cardinal Invitational at Legacy, May 9

Bemidji 335, Alexandria 341, Staples-Motley 372, Elk River 378, Rogers 400

Alix Peterson 84 (4th place), Adriana Dickey 89, Bo Erholtz 94, Ava Schneider 105

Cardinal Invitational at The Vintage, Staples, May 12

Staples-Motley 5th out of 15 teams

3. Peterson 77, 20. Erholtz 90, 24. Dickey 92, 44. Schneider 99

Mid State Conference at The Preserve, May 14

Detroit Lakes 324, Staples-Motley 359, Park Rapids 380, Pequot Lakes 386, Aitkin inc., Crosby-Ironton inc.

3. Peterson 84, 6. Dickey 88, 9. Schneider 93, 10. Erholtz 94

Boys scores
Mid-State Conference

Detroit Lakes 314, Crosby-Ironton 330, Pequot Lakes 342, Staples-Motley 350, Park Rapids 353, Wadena-Deer Creek 392, Aitkin inc.

Beck Erholtz 80, Finn Erholtz 85, Jack Benson 88, Alex Giza 97, Alex Rosenthal 102, Jack Adamietz 120

Ladies golf league at The Vintage starts June 4

The ladies golf league at The Vintage will begin Monday, June 4, with a nine hole three-four person scramble. Tee time is between 5-5:30 p.m. After league play ladies are encouraged to enjoy dinner and great fellowship in the clubhouse.

Each Monday we will rotate nines, playing different events where you can select your partner/group. Scramble is played the first Monday of the month and

it's optional for the last one as well. Other events we try vary like a "Par 3" event, to "Bingo-Bango-Bongo." All are meant to be fun and help golfers improve their skills and enjoy the night out. Small prizes are given out each Monday, some by event, others by random draw. It's a non-competitive league and every experience level of golfers are welcome. It is hoped and encouraged that golfers try to attend each Monday

evening

If you are able to come early to warm up before heading out to play, they lessons are provided before league play begins, starting about 4:30 p.m. League director, Jody Hagenson, helps league member with tips at the practice green and/or the range as a part of your league season dues. For more information call The Vintage Golf Course at 218-894-9907.

One shoe victory inspires Cardinals

Emmet Anderson exemplified guts and determination by winning the 1,600 meter run with only one shoe at the True Team Section 6A meet on May 10.

Anderson got his heel stepped on early in the race, and had to ditch the shoe in the first 100 meters. He still led the race for the first three laps, but got passed with 200 meters to go. Anderson started his sprint with 100 meters left and repassed the runner to pull out the victory, securing 30 points for the team. Racing with just a sock caused blisters on his foot, so he did not run the 3,200 meter race, but Hunter Klimik stepped up and placed fourth.

Max Giza won four events at the meet, but the Cardinals missed out on the true team state by finishing fourth.

The 4x100 relay team also was a champion, with Jordon Carlson, Cael Sams, Zac Carlson and Chase Davis finishing in 45.35 seconds.

The girls team finished ninth with two excellent relays leading the way. The 4x100 of Ashley Vasquez, Larken Hirschey, Heidi Lombard and Jordan Dechaine was third in 54.42, and the 4x800 of Addison Lorber, Aften Robinson, Kiera Dumpprope and Ashley Robben second in 10:30.

True team is the chance for the team to go to a state meet. The athletes still have a chance to qualify for individual state later in the season.

Team results

True team meet at Pelican Rapids.

Girls results - Pelican Rapids 172, Osakis 680, Barnesville 666, Frazee 660, Wadena-Deer Creek 579, Ottertail Central 564, United Clay-Becker 550, Breckenridge 527, Staples-Motley 447.5, United North Central 447, Ashby/Brandon/Evansville 408, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross 218, New York Mills 194, Browerville 36

100 - 12. Jordan Dechaine 13.59, 18. Larken Hirschey 13.99

200 - 15. Aften Robinson 28.60, 23. Heidi Lombard 29.76

400 - 17. Abby Dukowitz 1:08, 25. Camryn Banaka 1:11

800 - 13. Kiera Dumpprope 2:40, 22. Isabelle Mikel 2:56

1,600 - 7. Kira Sweeney 5:47, 9. Addison Lorber 5:53

3,200 - 5. Sweeney 12:32, 6. Ashley Robben 12:37

100 hurdles - 18. Aubrey Brandt 19.85, 19. Jayce Kobliska 20.48

300 hurdles - 14. Brandt 55.97, 18. Ashley Vasquez 58.43

4x100 - 3. Vasquez, Hirschey, Lombard, Dechaine 54.42

4x200 - 10. Dukowitz, Bana-



Determination

With one shoe off and one shoe on, Emmet Anderson sprints past a runner to win the true team section 1,600 meter run. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

ka, Robinson, Brooke Ferdon 2:01

4x400 - 11. Arissa Brandt, Banaka, Dukowitz, Kobliska 4:42

4x800 - 2. Lorber, Robinson, Dumpprope, Robben 10:30

High jump - 12. Aleeah Halverson 4'4", 19. Lorber 4'2"

Long jump - 23. Hirschey 12'3", 24. Camryn Banaka 12'2"

Triple jump - 18. Dechaine 26'8", 21. Kobliska 24'11"

Discus - 6. Toni Brings 94'1", 12. Tabetha Allen 80'6"

Shot put - 10. Allen 28'1", 22. Brings 22'0"

Boys results - Wadena-Deer Creek 844, Frazee 739.5, Osakis 722, Staples-Motley 690.5, Ottertail Central 634, Breckenridge 588, Barnesville 541, United Clay-Becker 523, Pelican Rapids 504, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 467, Ashby/Brandon/Evansville 452, Wheaton/Herman-Norcross 307, Browerville 275, New York Mills 146, United North Central 102

100 - 9. Jordon Carlson 11.74

200 - 1. Max Giza 22.57, 4. J. Carlson 23.46

400 - 8. Sivert Klefsaas 55.77, 15. Corey Hanson 59.10

800 - 5. Matthew Fisher 2:13, 11. Ben Bartczak 2:19

1,600 - 1. Emmet Anderson 4:46, 9. Hunter Klimek 5:03

3,200 - 4. Klimek 10:54, 6. Tanner Robben 11:08

110 hurdles - 1. Giza 14.83, 16. Sam Jennissen 21.65

300 hurdles - 1. Giza 40.99, 20. Scout Strickland 51.39

4x100 - 1. J. Carlson, Cael Sams, Zac Carlson, Chase Davis 46.35

4x200 - 9. Z. Carlson, Klefsaas, Hanson, Sams 1:42

4x400 - 7. Fisher, Klefsaas, Javier Fernandez, Sams 3:52

4x800 - 4. Fisher, Bentley Christensen, Robben, Bartczak 9:00

High jump - 5. Davis 5'10", 14. Javier Fernandez 5'4"

Long jump - 9. Davis 16'11", 10. J. Carlson 16'10"

Triple jump - 18. Fisher 33'8", 22. Fernandez 32'7"

Pole vault - 1. Giza 13'0", 10. Jennissen 8'0"

Discus - 9. Scout Strickland 102'4", 23. Ethan Gilbertson 86'11"

Shot put - 20. Strickland 33'7", 23. Isaac Kronnenberg 33'2"



Making the play at third base

Isaac Swendsrud charges in on a ground ball before throwing for the out during the win against Lake Park-Audubon. Baseball story on page 4b. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

First base

Allison Cushing races the batter to first base after snaring a ground ball. Cushing got the out and kept another baserunner from advancing. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

most they have scored this season and they are very

excited about that progress, as are the coaches."



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Lumberbats drop two games

Staples Lumberbats Manager Jason Bachmann usually counts on the defense the Bat's baseball club has played. Not this past weekend. Errors and mental fielding mistakes accounted for a 16-3 loss, on May 13, to the Wadena Deer Creek Shockers and a 12-8 loss, May 14, to the Lake & Pine's Nimrod Gnats.

Against the Shockers Eric Hybl started on the mound and took the loss as WDC scored six runs in the fourth inning and took command of the game.

Against the Gnats of

Nimrod matchup, the Lumberbats saw a nine run third inning, that made the difference in the game. Mike Voeltz took the loss on the mound for the Lumberbats.

The Lumberbats will be at home again at Pine Grove Park, on Saturday, May 20, going up against the Sebekia Stingers and Sunday, May 21, the Verndale Bison come to town. Both games start at 1:30 p.m.

The Lumberbats are 1-1 in Lake & Pine League play and 1-4 overall.



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Top, Zac Carlson hands off to Chase Davis to win the 4x100 relay. Bottom, Jordan Dechain runs the homestretch.

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Getting kids road ready

A young bike rider patiently waits while Jake Capistrant of Jake's Bikes in Alexandria makes some adjustments on his bike. Capistrant tuned up the bicycles of the kids attending the Bike Rodeo on May 10. Lakewood Health System also gave out bicycle helmets to children to get them ready to ride safely this summer. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Kids on wheels

Kids on bicycles were going every which way as kids practiced their bike skills on the obstacle course at the Bike Rodeo on May 10.



Rotary supports Bike Rodeo

Staples Rotary members cooked and served hot dogs at the Bike Rodeo on May 10. From left, Marv Rothstein, Dan Orth, Al Kolling, Ed Perry and Kurt Wilson. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Testing wheels on the trail ride

Kids at the Bike Rodeo had an opportunity to ride along the bike trail behind John's Family Foods in Staples.

Diamond skills

Right, Cardinal softball catcher Riley Peterson holds on to a high pitch behind the plate.

Below, baseball pitcher Mason Nyhus cleaned up the win against Lake Park-Audubon, pitching two innings and giving up one run. Thomas Kossan started the game and earned the win on the mound. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Serving community

Dan Orth serves up a hot dog at the Bike Rodeo on May 10. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Cardinals split doubleheaders

The Staples-Motley baseball team split two different doubleheaders in the past week, beating Detroit Lakes 8-7 on May 10, but dropping the second

game 7-2. On May 14, the team beat Lake Park-Audubon 12-2, then lost to Pelican Rapids 14-0 in the second match.

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