

## Childhood trauma effects can be overcome

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Tom Gonzalez implored the Staples community to work on building relationships. That is one of the solutions to combating the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). He spoke about ACE at a forum on March 19 at Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Gonzalez talked about the causes of ACE, the damage they cause, the body and brain changes they cause, and the resiliency needed to overcome them.

ACEs include household dysfunction, such as substance abuse, battered mothers, mental illness and divorce. They stem from emotional, physical or sexual abuse, as well as neglect. People who have one ACE are much more likely to also have another one.

Chronic health problems are much more common for people with a high ACE score, such as heart disease, lung disease and depression. They can also contribute to higher rates of alcoholism, violence against partners, obesity, unintended pregnancy, low education, unemployment, missing work and workplace injuries.

Many of those behaviors stem from the individual not being able to confront their ACE issues, and their attempts to escape pain and avoid reality.

The problem can become so deep, that the person's brain function

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## How many birds do you see in the trees?

On the first day of Spring, March 21, a flock of birds took refuge in a tree in Staples during a respite from cold, as winter is still hanging on here. The Staples World asks readers, how many birds do you count in this photo? Also can you tell what kind of birds these are? The Staples World staff identified the birds as common redpolls, although we are not sure. They appear to be well-fed birds (no judging their lifestyle here). (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

## Governor candidates share views at conservatives forum

By Mark Anderson  
News Editor

Three Republican candidates for governor shared goals of shrinking the Minnesota government and

reducing taxes, but they differentiated themselves on how to reach those goals and on other issues. The candidates were in Staples March 20 for a forum hosted by Crossroads Con-

servatives, a local political group.

Phillip Parrish, Mary Giuliani Stephens and Jeff Johnson gave opening speeches and participated in a question and answer forum. Other Republican candidates, including Keith Downey and Lance Johnson, were unable to attend.

All three candidates said they would reduce government and cut taxes, but differed on some of the specifics of where they would make their cuts.

Giuliani Stephens said she would get rid of the MNLARS vehicle licensing system and the MNSURE health care system. She also said many organizations duplicate tasks, and pointed to water agencies as an example. "I would only fund mission critical programs," such as public safety and infrastructure, said Giuliani-Stephens.

Johnson said his cuts would start with the state human services budget and said the transportation budget is wasting funds on train lines. He would make cuts to regulations across state agencies. "In half the state agencies - ag, commerce, education - people

think they know how to live our lives better than we do," said Johnson.

Parrish said he would look through every one of the 183 Minnesota agencies and make sure they're all accountable for their spending. His first cut would be ending the refugee relocation program.

Parrish had the strongest anti-immigrant sentiment of the three candidates. His opening statement connected immigrants to money laundering, fraud and human trafficking coming out of Minnesota. He said they're holding classes in foreign countries teaching immigrants how to exploit U.S. benefits.

Giuliani Stephens said she agrees with President Trump's immigration policies, including the border wall and suggested states should have a choice in forming their own immigration policies.

Johnson agreed that immigration will be an important issue for Minnesota, and said he would pause the refugee program until they can figure out the impact. He said he

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### Hello, Readers,

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### Public Notices

Tax forfeited land sale: **8A**

### Obituary

Ruby Sanderson



## Crosses in the sky

Crosses appear in the clouds as the sun sets, befitting for the Easter season. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

## Easter services planned

Staples and Motley churches are planning special events and worship services for Easter week. Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is March 29; Good Friday is March 30; Holy Saturday is March 31 and Easter Sunday is April 1.

**Staples Alliance Church**  
Good Friday - joint service at Thomastown Covenant Church 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday - breakfast 8:15-9 a.m.; Easter worship 9:30

**Staples Assembly of God**  
Maundy Thursday - at Staples Alliance 7 p.m.

Good Friday - at Thomastown Covenant Church 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday - youth group breakfast 9 a.m.; Easter worship service 10 a.m.

**Faith Lutheran, Staples**  
Maundy Thursday - Passion Play, 6:45 p.m.

Good Friday - 7 Last Words Service, 1 p.m.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.; Youth Breakfast 7:30 a.m.; Communion service 9 a.m.

**Sacred Heart, Staples and St.**

**Michael, Motley**  
Holy Thursday - at St. Michael 7 p.m.  
Good Friday - at Sacred Heart 3 p.m.; at St. Michael 7 p.m.

Combined Easter Vigil Saturday at Sacred Heart 8:30 p.m.  
Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. Sacred Heart; 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael

**United Methodist Church, Staples and Motley**

Maundy Thursday - combined service at Motley, Among Friends, reenactment of the Last Supper

Good Friday - Combined services at Motley 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday - Easter Service 9 a.m.

Motley; 10:30 a.m. Staples

**St. John's Lutheran, Motley**  
Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.

Good Friday - 7 p.m.  
Easter Sunday - Breakfast at 8:30 a.m., service at 9:30 a.m.

Motley Free Methodist Church  
Good Friday - Service and Communion 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday - Breakfast 8-10 a.m.; Services 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

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At the 40th anniversary celebration of National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) in Staples, Executive Director Chad Coquette said the organization is "offering service like never before."

His assessment was backed up by some of the partners and members in the audience at the event.

Little Falls School Superintendent Steve Jones said he didn't know what NJPA did when he first heard about the organization a few years ago. Now he is sold on the concept. "What NJPA does is phenomenal, it is truly special," said Jones.

Paul Drange, Director of Regional Programs at NJPA, said the organization is continuing to grow, and will be adding staff to assist cities and counties, schools and non-profits. Drange said their members and partners have "shaped the way we serve

the region."

Cheryal Lee Hills, Executive Director at Region Five Development Commission, said that NJPA is a great partner for regional projects, not just because of their programs. "It is about authentic, real relationships" that they continue to build, said Hills.

At the end of the event, NJPA announced they will change their name to reflect their services, and will be called Sourcewell, starting in June, 2018.

### History

At the 40 year celebration, a fact sheet about the history of NJPA was referenced.

In 1977, the Staples School District took advantage of a new state law that allowed the formation of Educational Cooperative Service Units (ECSU). Superintendent Dr. Duane Lund encouraged enough schools in Region 5 (Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena

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Thank you for subscribing!



**Governor candidates draw a crowd**

Three Republican governor candidates posed for photos at the Crossroads Conservatives forum at Timbers Restaurant in Staples on March 20. (Staples World phot by Mark Anderson)



Phillip Parrish



Mary Giuliani Stephens



Jeff Johnson

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**Candidates seek ways to show differences**

would end sanctuary cities that protect residents who are illegal immigrants.

None of the candidates mentioned school shootings or gun ownership in their opening statements, but they had some differences in response to a question about it.

Parrish is a former teacher and principal and is in favor of some school staff being licensed to carry guns in schools. "They can protect our students," he said.

Giuliani Stephens said the real issues are mental illness and acts. She suggested a local approach, saying "each school knows

the best approach to school safety."

Johnson took that a step further, saying "We need to figure out what's going on with boys in America. Something has happened that has nothing to do with guns." He said some of the suggested approaches, like raising the age limit for certain guns, would do "zero" to solve the problems.

The three candidates also shared their thoughts on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Parrish said the DNR was an "unabated tyrant in Minnesota," and suggested

he would "put them back in place."

Giuliani Stephens said she would like to see DNR regulations rolled back. "Permitting is more cumbersome" because of DNR requirements, she said.

Johnson also said he would like to "reign in the DNR." He cited an alternative program in Wisconsin where local committees set regulations and limits, and the DNR can only overrule them if they have scientific evidence.

All three candidates had the same short response to Minnesota's practice of taxing Social Security income: "End it."

**Counterfeit bill found**

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Department include;

March 19: Staples Police received a call from Unity Bank that they found a counterfeit \$20 bill.

March 21: Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol with a dog running on Hwy 10 west of Trapper Dr. Police arrived on location, made contact with the owner of the dog who

stated it was last seen running towards home.

March 21: Staples Police conducted a traffic stop and cited the driver for driving after revocation, no insurance, possession of a small amount of marijuana in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed from the location.

March 21: Staples Police located a chicken running at large on the 200 block of Long Prairie Rd SW. The owner was advised.

March 22: Staples Police responded to Staples Elementary School for a stu-

dent who had left school property. The child was returned to school by a parent.

March 23: Staples Police took a report of a domestic dispute at a residence on 6th St. NE. The victim was given Hands of Hope packet.

March 23: Staples Police located a driver going the wrong way on Hwy 10. The vehicle was stopped and the information will be sent in to the state for a drivers license evaluation.

March 23: Staples Police assisted Todd County with a domestic on Red Oak Rd.

**No Barriers program offers chance for veterans**

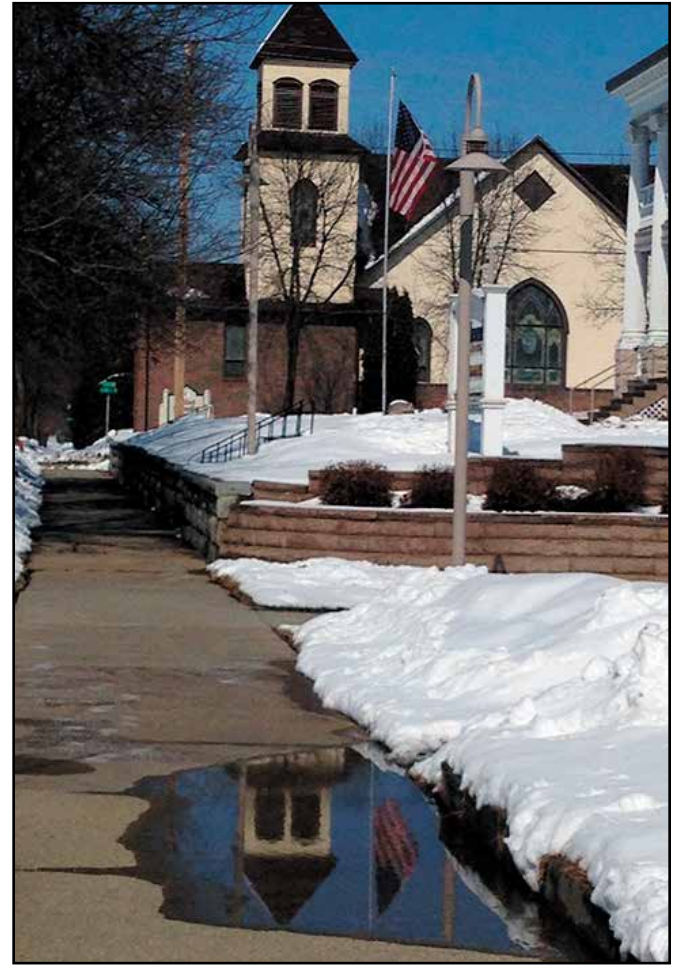
Arvig is participating in a national program to nominate veterans with disabilities for an opportunity to go on a 2018 No Barriers expedition. The CoBank/No Barriers program offers the opportunity for rural veterans to attend one five-day expedition in Colorado or the annual No Barriers Summit in either July or August, 2018. Activities are designed to accommodate participation by veterans with a wide array of disabilities—whether visible or invisible (i.e., PTSD).

In October 2018: A No Barriers Summit will be in New York, suitable for veterans of any disability level. Allows a caregiver or family member to attend as well.

CoBank, a national cooperative lender, will cover the full cost of any veteran selected by No Barriers. It is open to the first 50 nominated veterans nationwide who meet all program requirements.

If you or someone you know is a disabled veteran who may be interested in this experience, fill out the form at [arvig.net/nobarriers](http://arvig.net/nobarriers) before March 30. An Arvig representative will contact you to verify your interest, and work with you to complete the CoBank/No Barriers program application before the official April 13 deadline.

Nominees must be an Arvig customer and have a VA disability rating.



**Reflecting...**

... about another snowstorm that piled eight inches of snow in Staples on March 26. Instead of a snow picture, find above the "day after" picture when temperatures rose and the sidewalk that had been encased in snow and ice now reflected the United Methodist Church spire and the American flag in front of the Lakewood Manor. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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- ~Maundy Thursday Service with First Communion 6:45 p.m.
- ~Good Friday 7 Last Words Service - 1 p.m.
- ~Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.
- ~Youth Sponsored Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
- ~Communion Services - 9 a.m.

**"GOD'S GREATEST SURPRISE"**

# Author/appraiser to appear at Staples Public Library April 19

Mark Moran, author/appraiser from Iola, Wisc., will be conducting an antique appraisal event at Staples Public Library on Thursday, April 19, from 5 - 8 p.m. This is a Legacy event.

Moran has written over 25 books on antiques and collectibles and has appeared on the PBS "Antiques Roadshow" program. He has been described as being "a knowledgeable appraiser, a delightful entertainer and has wonderful people skills."

The Great River Regional Library (of which Staples Public Library is a part) provides the opportunity in this region "for you to meet Mark and find out if an antiquated possession has an unusual history, significance (and value) during this special antiques appraisal program."

Moran describes his program, "The History of your Objects, as 'appraisal as theatre.'" He begins by asking how the owner came to acquire the item, what they know about it, (if anything) and he digs into the details of the item's history, quality and value.

And, even if you don't have something you think warrants a review, Moran encourages you to attend and experience the event.

"Expect humor, anecdotes, tales from the road and just a lot of fun," he says.



## How much is it worth?

Appraiser Mark Moran checks out a leprechaun vase at an antiques appraisal event in Wisconsin. Moran, who has appeared on the PBS "Antiques Roadshow" program, will be at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, April 19, from 5 - 8 p.m. People are invited to bring personal objects to the event for evaluation. There is a limit of 40 items, but additional guests are welcome to attend to listen and observe. (Submitted photo)

Moran will examine and appraise things such as:

- Fine art, including paintings, drawings, prints and statuary.
- Furniture (usually smaller pieces are best).
- Ceramics, including figural pottery, vases, dishes, kitchenware and stoneware.
- Glassware, including lighting, marbles and souvenir items.
- Vintage photographs, including snapshots, tin-

types, ambrotypes and daguerreotypes.

- Advertising, including posters, lithographed tin, paper and figural objects.
- Folk art, including carvings, quilts, weather-vanes, windmill weights and "outsider" art.
- Assorted toys, includ-

ing dolls (bisque, composition and plastic), windups and mechanical banks.

- Metalware, including iron, bronze, brass, pot metal, silver, silver plate.
- Clocks, including mantel, hanging and figural.
- Costume jewelry, including brooches, bracelets and earrings.
- Musical Instruments, including string, wind and reed instruments.
- Books.
- Sports memorabilia.

Excluded items include: all weapons, including swords and knives (though folding knives with advertising are accepted); traps (like leg-hold); coins and paper money; Nazi memorabilia; fine jewelry, including precious gems; Beanie Babies.

This is a popular program; people are asked to register well in advance to ensure they receive a time slot. Each event is limited to 40 participants.

To register for a time slot, call the library at 218-894 1401. Additional guests are welcome to listen and observe.

You can learn more about his work, private appraisal appointment opportunities and get in touch with him via email, by visiting his website, <http://markfmoran.com>.



## Food Shelf donations

The Staples Food Shelf recently received monetary donations from the Staples Host Lions and the Staples '93 Lions. Above, from left, Lion Frank Leidenfrost, food shelf volunteer, and Staples Host Lions representative Mike Gedde hold a check for \$3,000. Below, Leidenfrost accepts checks totaling \$425 from Staples '93 Lions representative Deb Sing. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



# PayNearMe - a new way to pay child support

Submitted by Todd County Health and Human Services

using PayNearMe Portal. Barcodes are scanned at the retail location to make the cash payment. A barcode can be reused multiple times at any location of the same retailer, but cannot be used at a different retailer.

Parents can now pay their child support with cash using a vendor; PayNearMe. The following retailers: CVS, 7-Eleven, Family Dollar, and Casey's General Stores offer this service. For a location near you, go to [PayNearMe.com/locations](http://PayNearMe.com/locations).

To make a cash payment at a retail location, parent must have a barcode provided by PayNearMe. Barcodes are generated in three ways:

- Parents can obtain a barcode using the PayNearMe website.
- Parents can use PayNearMe app from his or her mobile phone.
- The county child support office can also generate a barcode for the parent

Parents receive a receipt with a date and time stamp from the cashier as proof of payment. PayNearMe notifies the MN Department of Human Services of the payment within 15 minutes. Payments may take three to four banking days to post to the child support account.

There's a processing fee for each PayNearMe cash payment and a maximum transaction amount.

Learn more by visiting [PayNearMe.com/Minnesota](http://PayNearMe.com/Minnesota).

# How to report public health care fraud

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

In southern Minnesota, a home care company billed for services that were not provided, and provided services without a nurse on staff to supervise patients' care. The owner was convicted of six felonies and ordered to pay back almost \$45,000 in stolen funds.

While her ex-husband was overseas, a woman forged his signature on timesheets stating that he provided her with home care services. She pled guilty to felony charges and was ordered to pay back almost \$45,000 in stolen funds.

A Twin Cities area woman claimed to provide medical interpreter services to patients during times when she was clocked in and working at another job. She was convicted of felony theft.

## Public health care programs

Medicaid and other public health care programs provide important "safety net" health coverage to eligible low-income Minnesotans, including pregnant women, children, senior citizens and individuals with disabilities.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office has estimated that nationwide fraud costs public health programs billions of dollars each year. Health care fraud bilks taxpayers. Every dollar diverted to fraud is a dollar not spent on patient care.

## How to report public health care fraud

Public health care fraud affects everyone. Tips from the public often help

the authorities catch and stop fraudulent schemes. Health care fraud schemes may include, among other things:

- Billing for medical services that were not actually provided.
- Billing for more expensive services than provided.
- Giving or accepting cash or gifts to convince a recipient to seek or continue medical services.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services Surveillance and Integrity Review Section (SIRS) has the authority to investigate suspected public health care fraud, recover overpayments and refer cases to authorities for criminal investigation and prosecution. SIRS has established a hotline for people to report public health care fraud. SIRS' Fraud Hotline can be reached as follows:

- Twin Cities Metro: 651-431-3968
- Toll-free: 800-627-9977

You may also file a fraud report at <https://fraudhotline.dhs.mn.gov/>. SIRS states that people can report fraud anonymously.

Good Samaritans can help stop fraudulent schemes and keep taxpayers from getting bilked. If you become aware of fraud in the Medicaid program, you should report it to SIRS at 651-431-3968 or toll-free at 800-627-9977.

## Motley boy still missing, investigation continues

The investigation into the missing juvenile runaway from rural Motley continues, according to a March 26 report from Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch.

Dylan Joseph Vorbeck, 15, has been missing since March 10, 2018. The investigation has revealed that the juvenile is possibly in the presence of a family member or other parties known to him.

Vorbeck left his home wearing a two-tone blue jacket and red shoes. He is described as 5 ft. 5 inches tall and approximately 130 lbs with short brown hair and brown/hazel eyes. It is believed that Vorbeck left his home on his own.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office is requesting anyone with information about the location or information of the juvenile to



Dylan Joseph Vorbeck contact their office at 218-547-1424, or your local law enforcement agency.

# CAD student survey on drugs, alcohol complete

Nearly 1,200 students across Todd County recently participated in a survey showing the strengths and supports they possess: developmental assets which help young people make positive choices in their lives.

Todd County CAD administered the survey in mid-February to 1,196 students in Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Staples-Motley, Browerville, Bertha-Hewitt and Freshwater ALC.

The majority of the survey focused on these developmental assets, but also included substance use questions measuring four "core" areas of concern: 30 day substance use; perception of risk; perception of parental disapproval and perception of peer disapproval. The questions are required through Todd County CAD's current Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant to collect

every two years. Questions on access to alcohol and marijuana along with student perception of substance use frequency were also included in the survey.

SEARCH Institute of Minneapolis helped design the survey and recently provided results which will be shared at an upcoming Todd County CAD meetings. Community members are invited to attend these meetings, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, held at NJPA in Staples. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 24, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at NJPA. Todd County CAD plans to use the results in their county wide strategic planning. If your business or organization is interested in a presentation of survey results, contact Connie Burns, Health Education Coordinator at [connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us](mailto:connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us) or 320-732-2221.

ALL TWEC members are invited to join us at our

# ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 12  
Memorial Auditorium in Wadena  
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Business meeting: 5:30 p.m.  
Meal to follow



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# Rural call completion bill signed into law

By U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, D-MN

Minnesotans across our state are having trouble completing phone calls: a small business owner in Brainerd losing out to competitors because she can't reach customers; a Fergus Falls elementary school struggling to alert parents about a closure before a big storm hits; an on-call surgeon in Randall who never receives the call from a nearby hospital for an emergency surgery. Persistent phone call completion problems can be a serious inconvenience in rural Minnesota and for some, a dropped call can have much more dangerous consequences.

That's why, as a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, I've made better phone service for rural America a priority. In oversight hearings, I've consistently pressed the FCC to take action. And it's why Republican Senator John Thune of South Dakota and I led the Improving Rural Call Quality and Reliability Act to get to the root of rural call completion problems. With bipartisan compromise and cooperation, we were able to move this bill through Congress and get it signed into law by the President.

This law directs the FCC to establish basic commonsense standards for providers that transmit voice calls and create a registry for least cost-routers. It's a reform that's critical to providing our rural communities with consistent high-quality phone service.

I've heard from people across Minnesota about the headaches caused by delayed calls, poor voice quality, a lack of caller ID information, and calls that are never connected because some phone routers fail to connect or drop calls in rural areas. This is simply unacceptable. A person's ability to make or receive a call shouldn't be de-

termined by his or her zip code. Telecommunications technology has made strides over the past decade, but that progress hasn't always led to better service for rural America. For years, rural consumers have faced call completion problems rarely experienced by those living in metropolitan areas. These call completion issues often occur when carriers choose "least-cost routing services" in order to save money when providing phone service in rural areas where the cost to deliver a call is higher. We can't allow this to continue - rural customers deserve the same access to quality communications as everyone else.

A 2012 test call project found that nearly one in five calls placed to rural areas were delayed, of poor quality, or incomplete. And for years, consumers have had few options but to take their stories of incomplete calls to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Take the owners of Mattracks, a truck track manufacturer based in Karlstad. They've faced call completion issues so severe that their customers were forced to buy products from competitors. We should be making it easier for rural businesses to succeed, not hurting their bottom line.

Minnesota's rural communities play a crucial role in powering our state's economy. When we hold large national telephone networks accountable for using quality, registered routers, we can help make networks more reliable and ensure that businesses compete, families can stay connected and emergency responders can count on their phone calls being completed.

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

## Letters to the Editor

### Response to school issues

In last week's Staples World, a resident of our school district submitted a letter to the editor in which he comments on several items relating to your school board. Then, in his last paragraph, he writes, "I am hoping there will be a response to this letter. You know how to reach me and if there is a response, please tell me in person. I am accessible to all."

I had a lengthy and productive conversation with this individual, whom I know to be a good guy, and this is a portion of what we discussed.

First, the building of a new school, which you say you agree with, is not at the expense of the students and staff. It is the desire of the board to reduce the expense and inconvenience of maintaining three separate buildings, which over time, will reduce expenses and save money for all of us.

Next, there is no intent to cut meal programs for the needy. The budget reductions proposed by the staff and approved by the board contain no provision whatsoever to do that. None. That was apparently discussed in preliminary staff meetings.

You insinuate that school board members are misrepresenting the enrollment numbers "to make a name for themselves." I have been on the board for about 15 months. In that time, whether at a board meeting or public meetings to discuss the wishes of our district residents, I have never once known of a board member to incorrectly state, either the total student population or the open enrollment figures for our schools. Another issue or two may have been referenced, but since I was not on the board at the time, I will not offer comment.

Right now, in a phone conversation, an email chat or a discussion taking place in a Staples or Motley parking lot, there is false information, partial information or flat out lies being spewed and absorbed by people who apparently

would rather not trouble themselves by knowing the facts. The damage that this does to our schools is measurable, and I know of parents who have taken their children out of this district based 100 percent on false information.

In the near future, your board will be presenting you with information that you will be using to determine the future, and the fate, of this district and our kids. Your school board was elected, by you, to represent you. Our phone numbers and email addresses are in this newspaper.

We had meetings to gather your input on the future of our district. Now, we will have meetings for you, and with you, to implement your wishes. Please find out what is really being discussed before you make comments in the newspaper or anywhere else. Know what was decided at a board meeting before you repeat what you heard was decided.

Having the correct information is essential for you going forward. Please try to get that information from someone who knows what it is.

Greg Frisk  
Motley, Minn.

### The protest

As I read in the Staples World about the kids leaving the school building to go out and protest gun violence, a few thoughts came to mind.

I wonder how many our students know about the Second Amendment and what it stands for? I wonder if those who were protesting really understood what they were protesting? Do these young adults know what state and federal laws we currently have in place to curtail gun violence?

Do they know about the events that took place before the Parkland shooting happened? That the FBI failed to do anything about this kid? Do they know that the Parkland Police had been called numerous times to this kid's home and nothing was really done? What about the sher-

iff's deputy who should have entered the building and did nothing?

What about the school shooting that happened in Maryland? The one where the school resource officer was able to neutralize the threat before a lot more students were killed. You sure don't hear much about that in the news. How many of the protesters knew about this?

Look at the areas with the strictest gun laws. Violent crime is up. While in the states with less strict gun laws, crime is down. There are statistical reports out there that prove factual evidence extensively showing how crime can be reduced with pro gun control implementations.

This walkout was a highly publicized event. Why would our administrators allow these kids outside of the school building to become targets? What's not to say some deranged person was not in the area to hurt these kids? In my mind, this was very irresponsible.

If there is a room with a 100 people without guns and 100 people in another room with guns, which room do you think the person looking to commit an evil act is going to choose? Since 1950 nearly all mass shootings were committed in gun free zones.

In ending my thoughts I would like to say shame on the Staples World for not talking to the students who didn't walk out. Also shame on Mike Schmidt for just talking to the kids who protested rather than the whole student body. Way to take sides.

Eric Wallace  
Staples, Minn

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** After this letter was submitted, the St. Mary's County (Maryland) Sheriff's office released a report on the school shooting. The shooter died from a self-inflicted gun shot after being confronted by the school resource officer. The sheriff's office said it was not a random shooting incident, as there was one intended victim and one single shot fired before the confrontation.

## Letters to the Editor

### Restrictions needed

Guns don't kill people. People kill people. Cars kill people. Should we take away cars?

Really? These are your arguments for allowing anyone and everyone to own assault weapons?

In Minnesota, to get a driver's license, you must take classroom training, pass a written test, provide adequate identification, practice driving with a certified driver educator or responsible adult for at least three months, then pass a driving test with a state driver's examiner. Then, if you are under 21, you will receive a provisional license until you reach the age of 21. Any breaking of driving laws can result in fines, suspension or revocation of your license. These requirements are only so you can drive, not own a vehicle.

To own a vehicle, you have to have the vehicle registered and insured. The insurance is in case you harm someone with your vehicle. You need to purchase additional insurance to protect yourself and vehicle. But your vehicle and driver's license can still be taken from you.

Your driver's license and vehicle can also be taken from you for medical reasons. If you are a danger to others, you cannot drive.

Wouldn't it be nice if some of these same restrictions were applied to guns? Maybe our kids could go back to having nightmares about the monsters under their beds instead of being shot at school.

(And can you imagine a car being built and sold to the general population whose main purpose was to kill people? I sure hope not!)

Norma Elvine  
Staples, Minn.

### Open letter to Dave Anglin

You are an incredible coach! We've seen the hard work, support and care you've invested in our son Jeremy, not only in his wrestling years here at Staples-Motley but in the years since he wrestled in your program.

Dave, you have been a wonderful mentor, coach, friend to Jeremy since we moved here in 2013. When the opportunity for our family to move to Staples-Motley became available, Jeremy was so excited to move here and wrestle in your program, he moved in with my parents early so he could attend the Summer Wrestling camp with his new team. You welcomed him on to your team, made him feel at home the very first day.

Without your leadership and coaching Gil and I both

know that Jeremy would not have had the success he did in his wrestling career here at Staples-Motley. Thank you for motivating my son to set goals and strive diligently to accomplish them. For that, you have our sincere thanks.

Shelly and Gil Miller  
Staples, Minn.

### Ban snowmobiles

I hope the snowbanks soon melt, so the snowmobilers can put their machines away for the season. I hope they had fun riding where ever there was snow, even if it wasn't on a designated trail, but someone's front lawn. We've had snowmobiles turning around in our yard and driving over planted trees. We put up a fence. Now they ride across front lawns, the boulevard snowbanks, landing on my cleared tarred driveway, breaking chunks off the edge of the tar. The tar chunks ended up in my snowblower causing damages to the first stage augers and breaking belts. Expensive repairs. This winter the snowmobilers tore up the gravel in my driveway. Now there's loose stones, just waiting to do damage to my snowblower. They also ran over a flower planter. Everywhere I walk in town, I see evidence of snowmobile damage, scratches to sidewalks and on the tarred streets.

When they ride across my property without my permission and do damage, it's trespassing. Because they cannot ride on designated trails, I feel the city should ban them completely.

Cheryl Blasing  
Motley, Minn.

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## Don Wedll to speak on Native American history

Talk is at Old Wadena Society annual meeting

Don Wedll, former commissioner of Education and Natural Resources, Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe, will be a guest speaker at the Old Wadena Society's annual meeting on Sunday, April 8, at the Northern Pacific Depot in Staples.

The presentation, which begins at 1 p.m., will focus on Native American history in the Staples/Wadena areas, as well as understanding its lasting influence.

"Hear Don talk about the fascinating history of the Crow Wing River, who Chief Wadena was, the drama that unfolded from the interaction of the early French fur traders and the Native people of our area; and how this past influenced such issues like Mille Lacs hunting and fishing rights," according to a press release.



Don Wedll

Wedll grew up on a small farm in Elizabeth (near Fergus Falls), and upon graduating from high school, went on to attend Moorhead State University where he studied math.

After college, Wedll worked at the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation as a math tutor. He was also the Director of Education

for the reservation and the tribal school reservation.

In the early 1980s, he was asked to develop a Natural Resources Department at the reservation. Wedll also worked as the Chief of Police at the reservation.

He left the reservation in 2008, to do environmental work in Alaska by the Bering Sea. Wedll worked with 59 different remote villages, he said.

When Wedll retired, he moved back to the Mille Lacs area, where he currently resides. He is a member of the Friends of the Old Crow Wing; and has studied extensively about the history of the Staples/Wadena area and the relationship of the Ojibwe in Mid-Central Minnesota. He looks forward to sharing that knowledge at the upcoming event in Staples.



## Making way for new trees

Approximately 10 trees were cut down recently at Living Legacy Garden in Staples. According to Hannah Barrett, Research Coordinator at Central Lakes College's Ag and Energy Center, the red pine trees were removed because they were mature and some of the tops had been broken off. In addition, it was decided it would be best to remove them before they became an issue, possibly hitting lights and plants if they were blown over during a wind storm. The plan is to replace them this spring with some of the conifer trees located at the CLC farm. Some of the varieties being considered include white pine, balsam fir, white spruce, white cedar; and deciduous trees such as maples, willows, oaks and birches. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



## Staples Public Library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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

### D.I.Y. fun activity - 'Animal Quest'

Stop in during open hours at the library during April and guess the animal by its shape and the clues given. A winner will be

## Easter Bingo March 31

The public is invited to participate in "Easter Bingo" on Saturday, March 31, at A Daughter's Love, 512 4th St. NE in Staples.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude at 12:15 p.m.

Participants are asked to pick up their bag of goodies and map prior to the start of Easter Bingo at the following Staples businesses: SouthSide Mini Mart located at 223 6th St. SE; and Edina Realty, located at 308 2nd Ave NE.

drawn each week from the correct answers for a prize.

### Tween/Teen poetry contest - April 2-30

Celebrate National Poetry Month by participating in the Tween/Teen poetry contest at the library. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Each participant can submit two original poems during the month of April. Check the library for the criteria list. There are two categories; ages 8-12 and 13-18. Poems will be displayed, the top three poems in each category will receive a cash certificate and all entrants will receive a gift certificate from a local business. Deadline for submitting poems is April 30.

### Minnesota Workforce Center visits - April 4

A workforce center staff person is available the first Wednesday of each month from 2-4 p.m. Assistance for adult job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance.

### Tech time - April 4

Trouble understanding your laptop, iPad, Kindle or any other electronic device? Would you like to download books from the library's website or use ebooks but aren't sure how? Tech help available the

first Wednesday of each month; 10 a.m.-noon. Stop by the library or call for individual help. A Great River Regional Librarian will assist you. For teens or adults.

### Lego builders April 10 and May 8

An hour of block building will be held, Tuesday, April 10 and Tuesday, May 8; 4-5 p.m. An assortment of Legos and large blocks are provided, bring your imagination and we'll provide the challenges. Ages 5-13. Registration required. Limit 10. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

### Reading Roundhouse Storytime - April 11

Join storytime from 10:30-11a.m. for fun stories and activities. Ages Pre K to second grade. Registration required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the library.

### Make a Book, Write a Poem - April 14

Marie Olofsdotter will help participants make a book and write a poem, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The book can be a stick-bound book or a house shaped accordion book. Ages six through adult. Limit 12. Registration is required. A Legacy event

## 'Sneak peak' at upcoming Community Ed. classes

Staples-Motley Community Education will hold a registration event Monday, May 21, 4 - 7 p.m., at the high school cafeteria in Staples.

There will be a 'sneak peak' at upcoming classes, including firearm safety; baseball skills camp; pitch, hit & run; making tapas,

cooking with kids; pottery studio; tai ji quan; enrollment fair; florida fun.

Staples-Motley Community Education offers a variety of classes and activities for lifelong learners. For class descriptions and rates or to register see the Community Education brochure on counters in the community or on Staples-Motley Schools website at www.isd2170.k12.

mn.us. Click on the Community Education tab. Online registration can also be found there or by calling 218-894-2497.

## Story of Last Supper to be told at FLC

A narrated presentation of the Passion Play, the story of the Last Supper, will be given as the Maundy Thursday service at Faith Lutheran Church Thursday, March 29, at 6:45 p.m.

Communion will be part of the service.

## Educational Opportunities

### April 20

**SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING** hosted by the Cass County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management Division, Friday, April 20, 6 p.m., Sylvan Township Hall, 12956 24th Ave. SW, Pillager. For info., to RSVP, call 218-547-7437 or email chad.emery@co.cass.mn.us.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### Weekly events

#### ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Monthly events

**'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP** MTG

third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** MTG third Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m., Maslowski Wellness and Research Center, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

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

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

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

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

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

Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

**SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC** sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

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

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

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

5423.  
**WOMEN OF TODAY** MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

### April 4

**FREE TAX-AIDE** Wednesdays, 1 - 4 p.m., through April 11, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For low to moderate income taxpayers. For info., 218-894-5772.

### April 7

**OPEN HOUSE - THE LANDMARK INN** Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., 631 3rd Ave. NE, Staples. Public invited to come and learn what events are offered. Tae Kwon Do open house will be held in the lower level studio. For info., to reserve a craft table, call 218-894-4444. For info. on Tae Kwon Do, call 218-894-0104.

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## Todd 4-H teams advance to state bowl

Todd County 4-H groups formed teams to compete in the General Livestock Knowledge Bowl. The team meets weekly at the Sauer farm near Long Prairie to study information on beef cows, sheep, meat goats and pigs in preparation for competition at the Regional Project Bowl.

The teams recently traveled to Deer River and competed at the 2018 Regional Project Bowl. The Senior team received a silver medal for placing second and the Junior team received a gold medal, for first place. The teams will now compete in the State Bowl April 7, held in Sauk Rapids.

Above, the Junior/Senior team (left to right): Bernadette Sauer, Becky Berscheid, Melissa Sauer, Nathan Trantina, Anne Sauer, Joseph Sauer and Sara Carstensen.



Right: The Senior team members: Nathan Trantina, Sara Carstensen, Anne Sauer, Joseph Sauer with their silver medals from regional competition. Both groups advance to state competition on April 7. Coaches include Jeff and Debbie Sauer and Bobbie Blancher. (Submitted photos)



## Student Achievements

**COLTON PASKEWITZ**, a junior at the University of Northwestern in St. Paul, was a recipient of the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Academic All-Conference honors. To be eligible, a student-athlete must reserve with at least a 3.30 cumulative GPA at his or her current institution. Colton, who plays college football, is the son of Lee and Laurie Paskewitz of Browerville. He graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 2015.

**ROBB BROWN**, Staples, was named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Pine Technical

& Community College in Pine City. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time and have earned a grade point average of 3.0 - 3.9.

**LEAH ALLEN**, Staples, recently graduated cum laude from St. Cloud State University with a Bachelor of Elective Studies in Liberal Studies.

**SAMANTHA LAKE**, Staples, recently graduated summa cum laude from St. Cloud State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work.



## Speech winners at St. Cloud tournament

The Staples-Motley Speech team wrapped up their regular season, March 24, at the St. Cloud Tech speech tournament. Members competed with some of the best AA schools nationally. Placings included; Jonah Johnson and Sadie Thompson, third in Finals and second in Honor Finals in Creative Expression; Ethan Gilbertson and Jonah Johnson, sixth in Finals in Duo; Ari Brings, sixth in

Finals in Great Speeches; Alex Brings, sixth in Honor Finals in Great Speeches; Alex Erickson, sixth in Honor Finals in Humor and champion in Finals in Impromptu; Lilly Niemi, sixth in Honor Finals in Informative; Samantha Mrazek, sixth in Finals in Prose and Jens Klemm, second in Honor Finals of Prose. (Submitted photo)

## Hello World

### BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Alexis Barnett and Codee Pollack of Pilsager, a baby boy, Cain Matthew weighing seven pounds, two ounces on March 17, 2018.

Born to Mary and Perry Borntreger of Deer Creek, a baby girl, Rose Mary weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on March 17, 2018.

Born to Tanya and Richard Schmitz of Wadena, a baby boy, Beau William weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on March 19, 2018.

Born to Karla and Rick Skwira of Brainerd, a baby boy, Luther Steven weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on March 20, 2018.

## Obituary



### Ruby Sanderson

Ruby Sanderson, 89, of Staples, died March 20, 2018 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Services were held March 24, at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Ruby was born March 31, 1928 in McCoysburg, IN to William and Viola (Owen) Small. She graduated from Kentland High School in Kentland, IN. Ruby married Dale Sanderson in Sheldon, IL. They lived in Goodland, IN, Maple Plain and in 1972, they moved to Staples. When Ruby was young she enjoyed ice skating and sledding; was a Girl Scout leader, enjoyed camping, fishing, bowling, knitting, crocheting, playing cards, crossword puzzles, watching birds, wildlife and going to the lake. Ruby had a catering business and was also a cake decorator, making all of her children and grandchildren's birthday and wedding cakes. Ruby especially loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruby is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth (Russell) Hanson of Howard Lake and Cheryl Harvey of Staples; one son, David (Melanie) Sanderson of Staples; one sister, Gladys Sell; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren and many others who will fondly remember her as ma and grandma.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Howard and sister, Dorothy.

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## Ben Winchester to speak in Eagle Bend

Ben Winchester from the University of Minnesota will be returning to Todd County, Monday, April 9 at 1 p.m., at the Hilltop Regional Kitchen, Eagle Bend.

Winchester was in Todd County in January 2017, presenting his research on the topic "Rewriting the Rural Narrative." His presentation, sponsored by Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) was very well received and post presentation surveys indicated that community members would like him to return for a more in depth discussion.

City and county officials, are being invited along with community members for this return presentation he gave in January, 2017.

"Rewriting the Rural Narrative - It seems the rural story has already been told. Small towns keep getting smaller. Churches,

schools, clinics, businesses and now post offices, have closed their doors as the lucky few migrate out to the big cities."

"This deficit framework dominates how we discuss and envision our rural communities. However, the story of rural America since 1970 is rich and diverse, with positive trends occurring under the radar."

"Learn how these important positive changes have been occurring across the rural landscape that require us to rewrite the narrative of rural community change."

Winchester will offer time for audience reflection and idea generation.

For additional information call Verna Toenyan at 320-815-4301. To reserve a meal at the Hilltop Regional Kitchen, which is served at 11:55 a.m., call 218-738-5563.

## Author Linda Koutsky at the Wadena Depot

A program featuring author and book artist Linda Koutsky will be held Thursday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Wadena City Depot. Linda Koutsky and Kathryn Strand Koutsky are the authors of "Tempt Me: The Fine Art of Minnesota Cooking". The book is a recent release from the Minnesota Historical Society with first-rate illustrations, vintage advertising, by-gone recipes and the storied history of Minnesota's food industries. The pages of "Tempt Me" offer a true feast for the senses and to make it even more appetizing, Linda will bring some samples to taste.

This program is the first in this year's Spring Legacy Series, presented by the Wadena County Historical Society in collaboration with the Wadena Library and funded by a grant from Kitchigami Library System.

Other programs in the Spring Legacy Series include "Alice in France" by

author Nancy Weber on May 11 and "Minnesota Moxie" by the author Ben Weber on June 17. This program is also a collaboration with the Wadena Library.

Other programs this spring include "Minnesota Voices" held each month, the third Thursday at 12 p.m. at the Wadena Museum. The April 19 program will celebrate National Poetry Month with readings by Minnesota poets.

The Wadena County Historical Society's semi-annual meeting will be held this spring on April 25 at 7 p.m. The featured speaker will be Denis Gardner, director of the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office. All the programs are free and open to the public.

For information contact the Wadena County Historical Society at 218-631-9079 or email: 603wchs@arvig.net or visit the website: www.WadenaCountyHistory.org.

## Homeowners now encouraged to compost, not burn

Annual burning restrictions coming soon. In an effort to prevent wildfires, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources urges woodland property owners to compost their yard waste rather than burn it.

"Burning should be a last resort for yard waste—especially in April and May, when wildfire risk is especially high," said Casey McCoy, fire prevention supervisor. "Composting prevents wildfires and reduces air pollution, so it's the safest possible way to manage yard debris."

The University of Minnesota Extension offers a step-by-step guide to composting yard waste on its website.

For landowners who feel they must burn yard debris, now is the time to do it. That's because annual burning restrictions will take effect immediately

after snowmelt occurs, which will happen soon in parts of Minnesota. Three inches of snow significantly reduces the chances that a fire will escape and burn unintended areas or endanger lives, homes, and neighboring properties. If a yard waste fire does escape, the homeowner is responsible for any damage it does to nearby property.

Although a DNR burning permit is not required in many locations where there is sufficient snow, be sure to check local regulations prior to burning. Once burning restrictions are issued, debris burning will be banned, and no permits issued, until further notice.

For information and daily updates on open burning restrictions and current fire danger, visit mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions.

SAVE THE DATE

### Spring Open House

#### The Landmark Inn

Sat., April 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come and learn all about what events are offered! Fun! Bring your friends to visit or sit and relax reading a book, quilt, craft, play games, cards. Bring your games, own supplies...

and **TAE KWON DO** Open House in lower level studio. Call 894-0104 to save your spot.

Call The Landmark Inn to reserve your craft table 218-894-4444

631 3rd Ave. NE STAPLES

**Thank you,**

to everyone who showered me with birthday cards on my 90th birthday. What a treat it was to read all the special memories you had of me. God has indeed blessed me with wonderful family and friends. Thanks so much everyone for making this a wonderful birthday!

**Marcy Arndt**

Thank you... for reading the Staples World

THE FAMILY OF David "Dave" Bartylla

would like to thank everyone for the many cards, money, food, prayers and many kind words during the sudden death of Dave. Thanks to the ladies funeral lunch group for the delicious meal at Motley Free Methodist Church. We are grateful to Pastor Jim Johnson for the support and kindness during this difficult time. Thanks to Lakewood Health System ambulance crew, air care, Jess Thew and family, care by snowmobilers on the trail and Joe Brenny funeral home and staff.

**Linda Bartylla Roxanne and David Kasper**

Planning a Graduation Party?

No need to remodel, paint or landscape. Host your party at **The Landmark Inn**. No need to worry about the weather, either... I will have you covered!!

Call today 894-4444

Attend my **Spring Open House, Sat., April 7, 10-2** 631 3rd Ave. NE Staples

### Life Currents Policy

To request that an obituary, anniversary, or other event be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, consult our advertising department for display advertising options (rate is \$10.00 /col. inch, Staples World only). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it on the Life Currents page (obits will be placed near the obituary column) and paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is 5 p.m. Monday.

An obituary (with photo) is \$60. Copy is edited. Obituary forms are available.

The Staples World publishes wedding and engagement notices as a courtesy. Submissions are edited and published for one week at no charge. A one-column photograph may be included (word for word or personalized copy are ads - see above). The deadline for copy is 5 p.m. Monday. The Life Currents section can also include, Student Achievements, births, obituaries, etc., edited to our format at no charge.

The Staples World offers a Special Occasion Display ad, 1 col. X 3" for \$25 (must be paid for at the time of placement; reg. \$30 value). Regular ad rate is \$10.00 per column inch for any size ad.

Benefit events are considered advertisements.

See more at: staplesworld.dotphoto.com

Staples World photographs and unpublished photos available online to purchase.

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Share your life.

# '93 Lions "Eggstravaganza" celebrates Easter



## Plinko players

Lion Gavin Christensen, right and '93 Lion Shelly Miiller, top left, helped Paxton Sharpe and Parker Sharpe play the board game Plinko.



## My prize

Arlo Capistrant was excited to show off her Easter egg prize. Below: a more shy pose with mom, Annie.



## Double bunny pose

The Staples '93 Lions Easter "Eggstravaganza" was held March 24 at the Staples Community Center. Games, crafts, activities and more attracted over 140 children, each receiving their own Easter bag.

Above: The Easter bunnies posed for photos with the children. Baby Trambree Mudek was open to the idea of having her picture taken, but brother Corbyn, thought it was better having mom, Krista, hold him as dad took the picture. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



## Crafty concentration

Micky Weber and children Owen and Bianca along with Evan Lehner and his mom, Erica created Easter character crafts.



## Decorated Easter bags

Left: Brothers Christian and Jonathan Winter, along with mom, Michelle showed off their colored Easter bags.



Odin Davis makes an Easter craft after getting his face painted.



## Duck, duck... which duck?

'93 Lions members Sharon Thew, left and LaVonne Selleck, right, with her face painted, look on as kids try their luck at the 'duck' draw.



## All in the family.....

Five members of the Cox family had their faces painted at the '93 Lion's "Eggstravaganza", event held March 24. Matthew, Rosalie, Hailee, Timothy and Brianna attended along with their mom, Sausha.

# DNR offers 'I Can!' programs

Registration began March 27, for the 2018, DNR I Can! programs that teach camping, paddling, mountain biking and fishing skills at Minnesota state parks and trails.

The I Can! series is for beginners of all ages to learn outdoor skills. The programs start in June and continue through the end of August. They include:

• **I Can Camp!** - Develop fire-starting and camp cooking skills, sleep on comfy air mattresses in tents, large enough to accommodate two adults and up to three children.

• **I Can Paddle!** - Get out on the water for a sea kayaking adventure on Lake Superior or a guided canoeing or kayaking experience on a Minnesota lake or river. For ages 12 through adult.

• **I Can Mountain Bike!** - Learn riding techniques and explore moun-

tain bike trails with guides from the Cuyuna Lakes Mountain Bike Club. For ages 10 through adult.

• **I Can Fish!** - Experience the fun of casting into the water and the excitement when there's a tug on the line. Children under age 12 are free. The I Can! series also includes Archery in the Parks programs, which are free and need no reservations.

"We provide all the gear along with friendly instructors who show you how to use it," said Erika Rivers, director of Minnesota state parks and trails. "Our goal is to make it easy for busy families to discover the fun of spending time outdoors together."

For more information, including the cost of programs, dates, times, locations, and minimum age requirements visit [www.mndnr.gov/ican](http://www.mndnr.gov/ican) or contact the DNR Information Center at [info.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:info.dnr@state.mn.us) or 888-646-

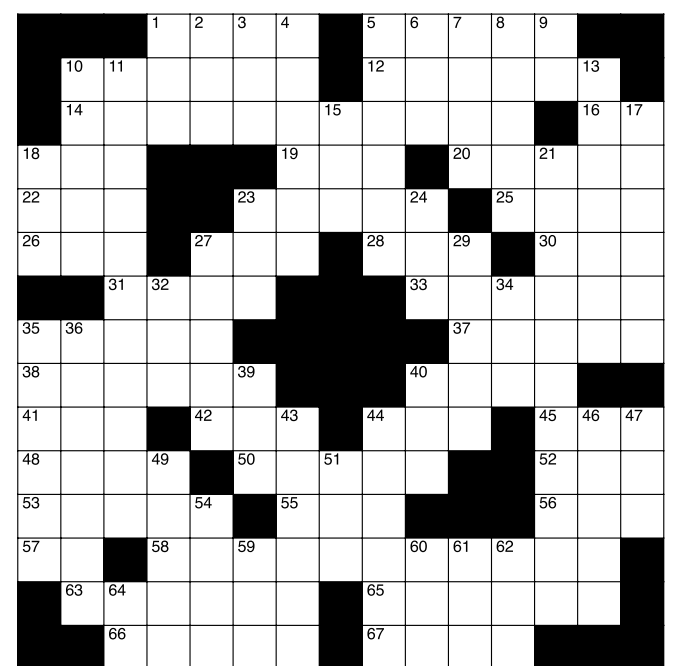
6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).

To register, visit [www.mndnr.gov/reservations](http://www.mndnr.gov/reservations) or call 866-857-2757 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. daily, except holidays).

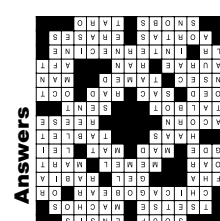
The program series is made possible with funding from the Parks and Trails Fund, created after voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in November 2008. The Parks and Trails Fund receives 14.25 percent of the three-eighths percent sales tax revenue that may only be spent to support parks and trails of regional or state-wide significance.

The program received a Government Innovation Award in 2015. More than 15,400 people have participated in these programs since they were first offered in 2010.

## Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Hot meal
  - Razor clams
  - Blood-sucking African fly
  - Chauvinists
  - Windy City football player
  - An alternative
  - Federal Housing Administration
  - Styles hair
  - Arabic female name
  - Paddle
  - Area once separated from Germany
  - Marketplace
  - Gode Airport
  - Upset
  - Where wrestlers sweat
  - Garland
  - Robert \_\_, poet
  - An iPad is one
  - Fruit of the oak tree
  - Della \_\_, singer
  - Women's clothing retailer
  - Mailed
  - Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
  - Pouch
  - Radioactivity unit
  - Month
  - Nanosecond
  - Domestic
  - What a boy becomes
  - Breezes (anc. Greek)
  - Jogged
  - At the stern
  - Lawrencium
  - Destructive to both sides
  - Arterias
  - Removes
  - Preentious people
  - Tropical Asian plant
- CLUES DOWN**
- Type of whale
  - Type of medication
  - Land of the free
  - Formed an opinion of
  - Logo
  - No (Scottish)
  - Leaves tissue
  - Sacred state to Muslims
  - Thus
  - African nation
  - Someone who has a stake in
  - Parties
  - Subsystem producers
  - Large, flightless birds
  - Compromises visibility
  - A ballet enthusiast
  - More (Spanish)
  - Skeletal muscle
  - Hands (Span.)
  - Weighed
  - Businessman
  - Famous clock Big
  - Unkeyed
  - Break between words
  - Ink (slang)
  - Disappointed
  - Stroke
  - Curdled milk
  - Restaurants
  - Explosive
  - Type of terrier
  - Disfigure
  - Innermost cell layers
  - Bar bill
  - Distinct period of history
  - Mode of transportation
  - Equal (prefix)
  - Operating system



## April 1 deadline to submit poetry

April 1 is the deadline for area poets to submit an original poem which may be selected for reading at "Minnesota Voices" on Thursday, April 19 at 12 p.m. at the Wadena County Museum as part of National Poetry Month.

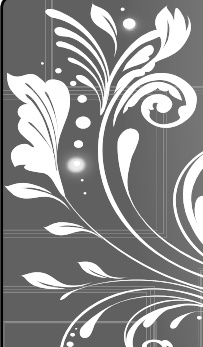
Between 10 to 15 poems will be selected by the panel. The guidelines for submission are as follows: Only poems written by the poet will be considered. The poem should be

no more than 30 lines. The poem may be in any form: rhymed, free verse, prose, rap, etc. The poem may have been previously published. The poets selected will be invited to read their poem at the event on April 19. You are not required to be present in order to be selected. Instead, the poet may elect to have the poem read by a member of the panel.

Submissions should include name, address, email,

the title of the poem and the complete text of the poem. Indicate whether you will be present to read the poem on April 19. Submissions must be postmarked or received by April 1 to be eligible. Poets selected will be notified by April 5.

Submit via email to: [603wchs@arvig.net](mailto:603wchs@arvig.net) or mail to: Wadena County Historical Society, 603 Jefferson Street North, Wadena, MN 56482.



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*When someone we love becomes a memory; that memory becomes a treasure.*



**NOTICE  
MAY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review will meet and discuss concerns of May Township Residents who feel themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low.

Meeting will be held Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall. Everyone welcome.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk  
May Township

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**NOTICE  
STAPLES TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEAL  
AND EQUALIZATION  
MEETING  
AND  
ROAD TOUR**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of determining whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and to determine whether corrections need to be made for 2018.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting and show cause of having such assessment corrected. No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his/her agent, shall have been notified of such complaint.

The meeting will be scheduled by appointment only. Please contact the Todd County Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment. Phone: 320-732-4430.

The annual road tour will immediately follow.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk  
Staples Township

13-14pnc

**NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR  
QUOTES  
BARTLETT  
TOWNSHIP**

REQUESTING QUOTES FOR GRADING, SNOW PLOWING and DITCH MOWING for Bartlett Township for a two year contract beginning May 2018, should be sent to Jan Jares, Clerk, 47810 193rd Ave, Aldrich, MN 56434.

Quotes must be received by April 10, 2018. A Certificate of Liability Insurance for \$1.5 million must accompany quote.

Jan Jares, Clerk  
Bartlett Township

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**NOTICE  
BECKER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEAL  
AND EQUALIZATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk  
Becker Township

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**STATE OF  
MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF  
MORRISON  
DISTRICT COURT  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT**

**AMENDED SUMMONS  
Case No: 49-CV-18-234**

**UPPER LAKES FOODS,  
INC.**  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

**MICHAEL STEVENS,  
d/b/a Mr. Ed's  
Restaurant**  
Defendant.

THE STATE OF MINNESOTA TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve on plaintiffs attorney an answer to the complaint which is herewith served on you within Twenty (20) Days after the service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

The object of this action is a contract and replevin action to recover possession of certain personal property described in the complaint.

The parties are required to attempt alternative dispute resolution under Minnesota Law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration, and other processes as set forth in the District Court Rules. You may contact the Court Administrator about resources in your area.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2018.

**MAKI, LEDIN, BICK &  
OLSON, S.C.**  
Attorneys for the Plaintiff  
BY: Stephan J. Olson  
1109 Tower Avenue  
Superior, WI 54880  
(715) 394-4471  
Minnesota License No:  
0300810

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**ISD #2170  
SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING #18  
Tuesday, February  
20, 2018, 7 p.m.  
High School Media  
Center**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Frisk, Winkels and Longbella present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Business Manager, Boesen; Principal Schmidt; several employees and coaches; Staples World Manager, Halvorson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the additions to the agenda. MC

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. MC  
Chair Longbella rec-

**Public  
Notices**

**NOTICE  
BECKER TOWNSHIP  
ANNUAL ROAD TOUR**

The Becker Township annual road tour will be held Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Please meet at the town hall

Mary Fitcher, Clerk  
Becker Township

13-14pnc

**NOTICE  
POPLAR TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF APPEAL  
AND EQUALIZATION**

**Important information  
Regarding Property  
Assessments  
This may affect your  
2018 property taxes**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Poplar Township will meet on Thursday, April 5, at 12:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The Poplar Town Board regular meetings from April 2018 through December 2018 will be held at the Leader Community Hall in Leader on the second Thursday of the month beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Susan Peet, Clerk  
Poplar Township

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Clerk's Posted Notice

**BYRON TOWNSHIP  
Important Information Regarding Assessment  
and Classification of Property  
This may affect your 2019 property tax payments.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Byron, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

**ROAD TOUR** will follow above meeting, to begin at approx. 11:00 a.m.

Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 2018  
Karen E. Roubal, Clerk of the Township of Byron

13-14pnc

**Staples Motley  
School Board Minutes**

ognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

**Community Forum**

Coaches Chris Kappler and Amanda Olson presented on "Creating a Sports Community of Care" and the InSideOut Initiative.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC

**Finance**

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Finance Report and Authorize the Vouchers. MC

**Personnel**

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Winkels to approve the list of spring coaches. M

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk to approve the maternity leave request from Halle Bergeson approx. May 23, 2018. MC

**Motion** by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to accept the resignation of Travis VanOverbeke; eff. June 13, 2018 MC

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the retirement request of Char Binek; eff. May 30, 2018. MC

**Policy and Curriculum**

Approval of Policies #424 License Status, #423 Employee - Student Relationships, #421 Gifts to Employees and School Board Members and #425.1 Evaluation and Supervision of Employees with no changes; and Policies #420 Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions; #417 Chemical Use and Abuse with minor MSBA revisions

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve Policies #424 License Status, #423 Employee - Student Relationships, #421 Gifts to Employees and School Board Members and #425.1 Evaluation and Supervision of Employees with no changes; and Policies #420 Communicable Diseases and Infectious Conditions; #417 Chemical Use and Abuse with minor MSBA revisions with no changes or minor MSBA revisions. MC

**Motion** by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to

approve policies #415 Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults; #416 Drug and Alcohol Testing; and #418 Drug-Free Workplace and School with MSBA recommended revisions.

All policies are posted on the school website.

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the World's Best Workforce Report Summary. MC

**Reports**

School Board; FED and NJPA

Principals - written reports are available

Supt. Bratlie reported that a structural engineer will be in the district on Wednesday looking at the 1935 HS addition area. He also indicated that he and the Principals will be attending an Admin. Retreat the following week.

SMEA - Certified Negotiations are progressing; language is complete and financial scenarios have been proposed.

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. MC

Complete minutes can be viewed at: [www.isd2170.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd2170.k12.mn.us)

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**SPECIAL  
SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING #19  
Monday, March 12,  
2018, 7:00 p.m.,  
High School Media  
Center**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order; the Oath of Office was taken by newly appointed Member Brad Anderson, who is filling an unexpired term.

Roll Call was taken 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 70 employees and community members; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve additions to the agenda. MC

**Motion** by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

**PERSONNEL**

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the coaching contract for Greg Kossan, Head Baseball Coach. MC

**Motion** by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to accept the resignation of Josi Longbottom. MC

**Motion** by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to appoint Anderson to the Finance Committee. MC He joins Freeman on that committee.

**FINANCE**

Review budget adjustment recommendations

Administration presented six (6) options as we look forward. Each option looked at fund balances and a dollar amount for reductions. Following much discussion from the audience, the board was asked to make a recommendation.

**Motion** by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to recommend move forward with Option #6, Operating Levy, directing administration to make cuts UP TO \$600,000. MC

**Adjourn regular  
meeting**

**Motion** by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the regular meeting and move into closed session for Certified Negotiations update. MC

**Reconvene in Closed  
Session for Certified  
Negotiations Update**

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to reconvene in Closed Session. MC

**Adjourn the Closed  
Session**

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the Closed Session. MC

**Reconvene in Open  
Session  
Adjournment**

**Motion** by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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**Todd County  
Commissioners Minutes**

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

**Consent Agenda**

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for February 20, 2018 as presented.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the 8's Pub & Grill LLC at the address of 24148 US 71, Sauk Centre,

MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 excluding the dates of May 15, 2018 through August 19, 2018.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Country Club Inc dba Greystone Golf Club at the address of 10548 Andrews Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Rohdes Midway Gas Bar & Grill Inc. dba Midway

See TCC on page 9a

**TODD COUNTY  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF  
TAX-FORFEITED LANDS**

**Friday, April 13, 2018  
2:00 p.m.**

**Todd County Commissioner Board Room  
in the Historical Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So.  
Long Prairie, MN 56347**

- 36 New tax-forfeited parcels
- 7 Preexisting parcels reviewed by Commissioners

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at **2:00 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2018**, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner board room in the Historical Courthouse, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So., Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469, or online at: [www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/auditor\\_treasurer/forfeiture\\_land](http://www.co.todd.mn.us/departments/auditor_treasurer/forfeiture_land)

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Clerk's Posted Notice

**MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP  
Important Information Regarding Assessment  
and Classification of Property  
This may affect your 2019 property tax payments.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Moose Lake, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your Local Board of Appeal and Equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Given under my hand this 19th day of March, 2018  
Karen E. Roubal, Clerk of the Township of Moose Lake

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes continued from page 8a

Bar & Grill at the address of 17908 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Round Prairie Township effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

To approve a Seasonal On and Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for T. Rose Inc. dba Linwood Resort at the address of 17857 Lake St. E, Osakis, MN in Gordon Township effective May 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018.

To approve a Seasonal On and Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License and Setup License for Rainbow Lodge at the address of 20576 Banks Trail, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 15, 2018 through October 15, 2018.

GAMBLING PERMIT - SOCIETY OF ST PIUS X DBA ST JOHN VIANNEY WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Society of St. Pius X dba St John Vianney through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for Society of St. Pius X dba St John Vianney to hold a raffle at the St John Vianney Church & Academy in Round Prairie Township at the address 18910 Ellipse Loop, Long Prairie, MN on August 12, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the February 2018 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900001 through 900002 in the amount of \$557,336.75 and (Regular) 231304 through 231449 in the amount of \$1,035,893.90 for a total of \$1,593,230.65.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 48330 through 48416 in the amount of \$49,728.47.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 513578 through 513604 in the amount of \$22,789.35 and warrants number 702183 through 702361 in the amount of \$90,341.37.

Public Works On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve purchase of one Dodge 2500 Ram Truck from Mike Motors of Ely, Minnesota for \$24,609 and one Chevrolet 1500 Silverado Truck from Ranger Chevrolet of Hibbing, Minnesota for \$27,269.28.

Announcement was provided regarding a 2022 Fed-

eral Funding Award from Region 5 Development Commissioner for Todd County's State Aid Highway #26 Project.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the bid from Lamb Services for AIS inspection services for \$97,000 for AIS Inspection services as detailed in the 2018 AIS Services Contract.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Board Chair to sign the One Watershed One Plan Development Agreement.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for upgrade to the fire suppression system in the amount of \$15,995.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION TO PRIORITIZE CENSUS TRACTS FOR THE FEDERAL "OPPORTUNITY ZONE" PROGRAM WHEREAS, The "Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017" created the "Opportunity Zone" program, and;

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota may designate 123 out of 491 low income census tracts to be included in the "Opportunity Zone" program, and;

WHEREAS, The State of Minnesota is asking each county to designate three census tracts for consideration according to need, commitments to support the zone, development possibilities, engagement, potential positive impact, and;

WHEREAS, Guiding principles provided by the State of Minnesota would rank the following three census tracts in priority order: 790600, 790100 and 790300, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County submits these three census tracts in priority order to the State of Minnesota for consideration for the "Opportunity Zone" program.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve amendment to JPA with Prairie Lakes and to issue the bonds for the evaporator totaling \$1,100,000.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report The Auditor-Treasurer had no activities to report. Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in progress including current recruitments, upcoming grant for architectural condition assessment, and planned attendance along with CentraCare's day at the Capitol.

Adjourn Chairperson Neumann recessed the meeting until March 20, 2018.

Table with columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts, including ANOKA CO GOV'T CENTER, LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC., PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH., etc.

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Table with columns: Vendor Name, \$ Amount. Lists vendors for Health & Human Services, including DHS - ST PETER RTC, DHS - SWIFT, ITEN FUNERAL HOME, etc.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 6, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on March 20, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal: Randy Neumann, Todd County Board Chairperson; Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Community can help overcome effects

changes and their genes also change, thus passing the problems down to the next generation.

But he said there is hope. "Our trauma doesn't have to define us," said Gonzalez.

Resiliency is the ability to function in the face of adversity, but Gonzalez said it requires a positive

environment and community resources to help people overcome their ACEs.

"They need relationships with caring and competent people, and the community capacity to help them," said Gonzalez.

He said relationship building is important from the day a baby is born. When people talk to ba-

bies and play with them, it makes connections in their brains and helps format the brain to build relationships.

It is never too late to work on building relationships, Gonzalez said people age better if they have healthy relationships.

Gonzalez told his own personal story about family issues, combined with alcohol, led to his own adverse experiences.

He gave an example of two relationships that he said saved his life. One was a friend who made a superior effort to get Gonzalez the help he needed at a time when he was at his lowest point. The other was a nurse who just spent five minutes with him, but her kind gesture gave him a chance to start his recovery. Gonzalez said it doesn't always take a big effort to build the relationships needed to help a person.

Gonzalez said he is willing to follow up with any groups in the community who would like to continue to work on ACE issues.

The event was sponsored by Todd County Collaborative, Minnesota Communities Caring for Children, Minnesota Department of Human Services, and Lake-wood Health System.



Restraining trauma

Tom Gonzalez spoke to the crowd at Centennial Auditorium on March 19. He talked about family issues that often cause Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE), and ways to get past them. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Ask a Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: How and what does law enforcement do when they come across someone who is deaf or has hearing disabilities?

Answer: This is a good question and as a State Trooper I've come across situations dealing with this on traffic stops, motorist assists and crashes.

Minnesota's deaf and hard of hearing community recently helped create a two-way communication card. They provided significant input in the card's creation, identifying symbols that would be most helpful to them in communicating.

The Departments of Public Safety and Human Services collaborated to produce the finished product. A deaf or hard of hearing person can keep the two-sided, laminated card in their car and bring it out to show to law enforcement when necessary. The card

features a set of icons the person can point to suggesting the best way to communicate (such as writing or lip-reading) and another set to indicate what help they need. Hospital? Tow truck? Directions? They're all there on the card.

The law enforcement officer can also use it to communicate by pointing to the icon indicating what information they need, such as a driver's license or insurance card. If the officer has pulled over the deaf or hard of hearing person, they can point to icons such as the speed limit sign or traffic light on the back of the card to explain why. There's also a section to help explain what happens next, with icons for things like warnings and tickets.

Along with the icons are helpful tips for communicating, such as "Maintain eye contact with me while speaking" and "Shining a flashlight in my face will make it hard for me to un-

derstand you." The card ends with a list of things a deaf or hard of hearing person might need if arrested or brought in for questions, like assistive technology for phone calls and a sign language interpreter.

So although traffic stops and flat tires still happen, this communication card can make the interaction safer, easier, and more productive for law enforcement and deaf and hard of hearing people alike.

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO\_NW or reach him at jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).

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## Growth due to Cooperative Purchasing Program

counties) to sign a petition that formed ECSU-5. The office was in Staples at the former Freshwater Education building.

In 1995, a state law was revised to allow NJPA to expand services to cities, counties and non-profits. They changed their name to reflect the change and became the North Central Service Cooperative. The offices moved to what once was Donovan's Bowling Alley and Supper Club.

In 2004, the name was changed to National Joint Powers Alliance.

In 2011, due to organization expansion, NJPA needed more space, and built a new 22,000 square foot building on the site of the Carter Ringer Manufacturing Plant in Staples.

In 2016, another addition was needed, adding 32,000 square feet of office and meeting space to the building.

As of March, 2018, NJPA reports approximately 140 employees, with more positions expected to be filled this summer.

### NJPA/Sourcwell today

The rapid growth of NJPA has been spurred by the Cooperative Purchasing Solutions department. Because of their joint powers authority, NJPA is able to develop purchasing contracts for its members across the country. NJPA has contracts with hundreds of manufacturing and service industries, called vendors, to supply the members, which can be any school, city, county, state, or non-profit.

It saves time and money for the members to have the already made purchasing contracts, so they don't have to write a request and send out a bid. It saves time and money for the vendors because they don't have to put in a bid on every request, as their contract

is already made out. NJPA gets a small percentage of each transaction, so as the business grows, NJPA takes in more money.

Much of the new money is used to fund regional programs to help schools, cities, counties and non-profits with training and shared services. They also offer Innovation Funding grants to projects with a regional scope.

The Education Solutions department was started in 2011 and the City and County Solutions program was created in 2014. Both departments hold training sessions, so often that nearly every day educators, administrators, firefighters, government staff and police officers come to Staples for training sessions.

The Low Incidence department, one of the early missions of NJPA, allows schools to share special education professionals and services. A more recent department is Risk Management Solutions, which serves government and education entities with insurance related products.



### School help

Little Falls School Superintendent Steve Jones talks about his appreciation of NJPA.

The name change to Sourcwell reflects NJPA's mission of being the source for governmental entities

with the purchasing agreements they need, as well as training and resources they request.



### Regional partner

Region Five Development Commission Executive Director Cheryal Lee Hills talks about the regional impact of NJPA at the NJPA/Sourcwell open house. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



### Community services

Banners at the NJPA 40th Anniversary celebration celebrated some of the roles the organization plays in the region.

## What are Veteran burial allowances?

By David A. Anderson  
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

VA burial allowances are flat rate monetary benefits generally paid at the maximum amount authorized by law for an eligible veteran's burial and funeral costs. A VA regulation change in 2014 simplified the program to pay eligible survivors quickly and efficiently.

Eligible surviving spouses of record are paid automatically upon notification of the veteran's death, without the need to submit a claim. The VA may grant additional benefits, including the plot or interment allowance and transportation allowance, if it receives a claim for these benefits.

Who's eligible? If the burial benefit has not been automatically paid to the surviving spouse, VA will pay the first living person to file a claim of those listed below:

- Veteran's surviving spouse; OR
- The survivor of a legal union\* between the deceased veteran and the survivor; OR
- The veteran's children, regardless of age; OR
- The veteran's parents or surviving parent; OR
- The executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased veteran.

\*Legal union means a formal relationship between the decedent and the survivor that existed on the date of the veteran's death, which was recognized under the law of the state in which the couple formalized the relationship and evidenced by the state's issuance of documentation memorializing the relationship.

The veteran must also have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. In addition, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- The veteran died as a result of a service-connected disability; OR
- The veteran was receiving VA pension or compensation at the time of death; OR
- The veteran was entitled to receive VA pension or compensation, but decided instead to receive his or her full military retirement or disability pay; OR
- The veteran died while hospitalized by VA, or while receiving care under VA contract at a non-VA facility; OR
- The veteran died while traveling under proper authorization and at VA expense to or from a specified place for the purpose of examination, treatment or care; OR
- The veteran had an original or reopened claim for VA compensation or pension pending at the time of death and would have been entitled to benefits from a date prior to the date of death; OR
- The veteran died on or after Oct. 9, 1996, while a patient at a VA-approved state nursing home.

Disabilities determined by VA to be related to your military service can lead to monthly non-taxable compensation, enrollment in the VA health care system, a 10-point hiring preference for federal employment and other important benefits. Ask your VA representative or Veterans Service Organization representative about Disability Compensation, Pension, Health Care, Caregiver Program, Career Services, Educational Assistance, Home Loan Guaranty, Insurance and/or Dependents and Survivors' Benefits.

### How much does VA pay? Service-Connected Death

- If the veteran died on or after Sept. 11, 2001, the maximum service-connected burial allowance is \$2,000.
- If the veteran died before Sept. 11, 2001, the maximum service-connected burial allowance is \$1,500.
- \* If the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, VA may reimburse some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased Veteran's remains.

### Non-Service-Connected Death

- If the veteran died on or after Oct. 1, 2017, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$762 for a plot.
- If the veteran died on or after Oct. 1, 2016, but before Oct. 1, 2017, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$749 for a plot.
- If the veteran died on or after Oct. 1, 2015, but before Oct. 1, 2016, VA will pay a \$300 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot. Effective Oct. 1, 2011, there are higher non-service-connected death rates payable if the veteran was hospitalized by VA when he or she died.
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- If the veteran died on or after Oct. 1, 2016, VA will pay a \$749 burial allowance and \$749 for a plot.
- If the veteran died on or after Oct. 1, 2015, but before Oct. 1, 2016, VA will pay a \$747 burial allowance and \$747 for a plot.
- If the death occurred while the veteran was properly hospitalized by VA, or under VA contracted nursing home care, some or all of the costs for transporting the Veteran's remains may be reimbursed.
- Note: If the veteran dies while traveling at VA expense for the purpose of examination, treatment or care, VA will pay burial, funeral, plot or interment allowances, and transportation expenses.

### Unclaimed remains


- If a veteran dies and their remains are unclaimed, the entity responsible for the burial of the veteran would be entitled to a \$300 burial allowance.
- If the veteran is buried in a VA national cemetery, VA may reimburse the cost of transporting the deceased veteran's remains. VA may also reimburse for the cost of a plot.

How can you apply? You can apply by filling out VA Form 21P-530, Application for Burial Benefits. You should attach a copy of the veteran's military discharge document (DD 214 or equivalent) and a death certificate. If you're claiming transportation expenses, attach a receipt for the expenses paid.

You can call us toll-free within the U.S. by dialing 1-800-827-1000. If you are located in the local dialing area of a VA regional office, you can also call us by checking your local telephone directory. For the hearing impaired, our TDD number is 711.

Pension and Fiduciary? You should mail your application to the VA regional office located in your state. You can obtain the mailing address for VA regional offices by accessing our locations site. The address is also located in the government pages of your telephone book under "United States Government, Veterans."

As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



## Men's Night Out 2018

Featuring: **Justin Morneau**  
of the Minnesota Twins

**Justin Morneau** played 14 seasons in the major leagues, including 11 seasons with the Minnesota Twins from 2003-13. The former first baseman played a key role on three different AL Central Division championship teams and won the American League Most Valuable Player Award in 2006. The four-time All-Star played 1,278 games in a Twins uniform, hitting .278 with 221 home runs and 860 RBI.

Morneau was hired by the Twins as special assistant to baseball operations after announcing his retirement. In his new role, Morneau will help position player development by focusing on transition programs and teaching an understanding of major league expectations, environment, and culture. He will also be involved in the amateur draft process and throughout the year as a resource for player acquisitions.

**Grand Prize...** Sign up that evening for your chance to be one of 15 people chosen for an exclusive meet-and-greet held directly after the keynote! Winners get a free autographed item and a photo with Justin Morneau.


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## Two-vehicle crash near Pillager claims life of Cushing woman

Snow and ice were factors in a two-vehicle crash that claimed the life of a Cushing woman just after 5 p.m. on March 26.

The Minnesota State Patrol reports that the incident took place east of Pillager at Hwy 210 and 11th Ave SW in Sylvan Township, Cass County.

According to their report, 82-year-old Ronald Leyde of Cushing was driving a 2010 Honda Civic, westbound on Hwy 210, when he lost control and crossed the center

line and was struck by a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck that was eastbound on Hwy 210. The pickup truck was driven by 40-year-old Adam Fulton of Pillager.

Sandra Lee Leyde, 73, of Cushing, was pronounced dead at the scene. She was a passenger in the Honda Civic, along with 39-year-old Shaun Leyde of Cushing. Both Ronald Leyde and Shaun Leyde were transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd where they were treated for non-

life threatening injuries.

The driver of the pickup truck was transferred to St. Joseph's Hospital in Brainerd and treated for non-life threatening injuries. His passengers, Connor Fulton, 9; and Landon Fulton, 12, were not injured.

All of the occupants of both vehicles were wearing seat belts, state patrol said. Alcohol was not involved. Other responders included the Cass County Sheriff's Office.



## Planning committee hard at work



Plans for the Motley June Fest, scheduled for Saturday, June 16, are well underway. The event's planning committee met recently to discuss details and make decisions regarding the festival itinerary. Pictured above, from left, are committee members Don Delude, Sherry Miller Frisk, Barb Markus, Stephanie Jordahl, Mary Koenig. In lower photo, from left, are Barb Cline, Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director; committee members Greg Frisk, Amy Brichacek, Delude, Sherry Miller Frisk, Markus, Jordahl (partially hidden), Bruce Brotherton. Also present, but not pictured, were committee members Pat O'Regan and Tami Brotherton. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

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## Concert fundraiser for food shelf

The Motley Free Methodist Church held a fundraiser concert and meal March 24, raising \$1,353 (and some canned goods) for the Motley Area Food Shelf. Above are members of the church's praise team who provided music at the event. From left: Marisela Vasquez, Sheri Johnson, Jennifer Buscho, Jessica Judd, Ev Johnson, Tim Cline, Mary Duberowski. Below, members of the community enjoy a meal before the concert. (Submitted photos)



## June Fest to include wings fest, fireworks, music. more Sponsorships, volunteers needed

Plans are in full swing for the third annual Motley June Fest, which will take place in the City of Motley Saturday, June 16.

The event celebration is sponsored by the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce and is being held in conjunction with the Morrison County Fair in Motley.

A number of activities are scheduled to take place, including a parade, wings contest, concert by Downtown Sound, street dance, 'Motley Sings' contest, fireworks and games for kids.

The wings contest is being chaired by Stephanie Jordahl and Mary Koenig. Prizes will be given for Judges Choice, People's Choice and possibly, Best Theme. The chamber will provide the wings and the teams (who pay an entry fee) will bring their own cooks and recipes.

Prizes will also be given

to winning parade entries. The parade is chaired by committee member Greg Frisk.

New this year is a one-mile 'Fun Run' prior to the parade; and skate board demonstrations and lessons will take place at the skate pad at Converse Park, featuring instructors from 3rd Lair Skate Park and Skate Shop in Golden Valley.

Other items on the agenda are a 'Water Wars' hosted by the Motley Fire Department, bean bag tournament, kiddie tractor pull, kids games; and the annual 'Motley Sings' contest featuring up and coming singers ages 15 - 25.

Food and crafts vendors will be on site throughout the festival and a beer garden will be available as well. The committee mentioned that a picnic meal (catered by a local restaurant) will be served by vol-

unteers.

Attendees of June Fest are encouraged to visit the Motley Fair that day as well. A number of activities are planned for people of all ages. Children will enjoy a wood shop, magic show, bounce houses and petting zoo. Adults won't want to miss the demo derby, classic car display and music.

Total expenses for Motley June Fest are estimated to be around \$16,000. Sponsorship letters are being mailed out in the near future. It was noted that the deadline to be included in advertising is May 1.

The planning committee will meet again on April 11, 6 p.m., at Motley City Hall. For more information, contact Barb Cline at the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce office at 218-894-3974.

## Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

March 18 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Briana Fischer, 26.

March 17 - The MPD received a call from a parent who stated her 10-year-old daughter was refusing to buckle up in the car so that they could return home. Caller stated that the daughter also kicked the door and the window of the back seat. The MPD responded and proceeded to sit the child in the back seat, put the seat belt on her, and then followed their vehicle a short way out of Motley.

March 17 - The MPD responded to a domestic situation at the 400 block of Pine Ave. S, Motley.

March 25 - The MPD paged out the Motley Fire and Rescue Dept. and Staples Ambulance for a small child with his thumb stuck in the crib.

March 18, 21 - The MCSO issued speeding citations to Julie Belfiore, 56; and Amber Dahl, 21.

March 19 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle in the median of Hwy 10 near Cushing. Upon arrival, the deputy made contact with the driver who stated he was driving from St. Cloud to Cushing and fell asleep, causing him to drive into the median where he got stuck in the snow. No signs of impairment noticed.

March 18 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity near the 30000 block of Hwy 10, Motley. Caller stated she thought she saw someone walking along the woods off of Hwy 10 near Ridge Road. The responding deputy was unable to locate.

March 18 - The MCSO received a call regarding a male and female screaming at each other at an apartment at the 400 block of Pine Ave. S., Motley. The responding deputy stood outside the door and could hear a female screaming and hollering. He then knocked on the door, which was answered by the male party who stated the female was out of control. A one-year-old child was

present, the deputy noted.

March 17 - The MCSO received a report of suspicious activity at a cabin at the 4000 block of 290th St., Cushing. Caller stated that someone had been in his cabin but he couldn't find anything missing or damaged.

March 17 - The MCSO reports that while driving on Aztec Rd near Ridge Road in Motley, the deputy found an iPhone lying on the shoulder of the roadway. The phone was locked but still had battery life.

Photos were placed on Facebook with an attempt to locate the owner.

March 17 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting assistance in locating a male who had left his foster house and was walking down Hwy 64 towards Motley. The responding deputy arrived and found the subject walking by the DOT office. The Cass County deputy took care of the situation while the MCSO deputy provided cover.



## Sixth graders win the all-school challenge, earn pizza party

Sixth graders at Motley-Staples Middle School collected 550 pounds of food for the Motley Food Shelf during the recent all-school challenge. A total of 1,538 pounds

of food was collected by the middle school, along with Little Cardinals Academy.

Pictured with the sixth grade students are members of the JCI Staples (Jaycees)

one of the event sponsors. The winners of the challenge enjoyed a pizza party and root beer floats. (Submitted photo)

## Students hold food drive, collect 1,538 pounds of grocery items for food shelf

Motley-Staples Middle School students recently donated a total of 1,538 pounds of grocery items to the Motley Food Shelf.

The donations had been collected by the students as part of an all school challenge (4th - 7th grades as well as Little Cardinals Academy), with the class collecting the most pounds being awarded a party complete with pizza and root beer floats.

Taking first place in the challenge was the 6th grade class which collected 550 pounds of grocery items.

The event was organized by sixth grade teacher Sarah Decker and JCI Staples (Jaycees) member Paige Lenk.

JCI Staples partnered with ISC (Motley-Staples Middle School Student Council) to put on the food drive. Several local businesses also donated items for the pizza and root beer float party. These included Tower Pizza, Giovanni's, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Jon's Family Foods, Unity Bank and Lakewood Health System.

Comments from school staff indicated that this was the most successful food drive the students had been a part of to date. Lenk added that it was fun to help run the event and to see how well it turned out.



## Delivering the food

Students at Motley-Staples Middle School and the Little Cardinals Academy held a food drive during March, collecting 1,538 pounds of food for the Motley Food Shelf. Pictured above, ready to deliver the collected grocery items to the food shelf are, from left, 6th

grade teacher Sarah Decker and JCI Staples (Jaycees) member Paige Lenk, organizers of the event; Kevin Klein, school custodian; and JCI Staples member Zach Johnson and Megan Haber. (Submitted photo)



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From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

While public Wi-Fi networks (or Wi-Fi “hotspots”) offer free and convenient access to the internet in public spaces, other network users may be able to watch your activity online and obtain your passwords and account information, putting you at risk of theft or identity theft.

How can someone get my information using public Wi-Fi networks? Criminals can use software from the internet to monitor your web browsing activity and view anything that appears on your device’s screen while using the public Wi-Fi network. In addition, hackers may use public Wi-Fi networks to remotely access people’s smartphones, tablets and computers to install malware or spyware that can transmit information from the device directly to the hacker.

What information is at risk? Almost everything on your device, from user names, passwords and email addresses to the apps installed, credit card and bank account information, Social Security numbers and birth dates can be vulnerable. If a hacker acquires your account credentials (user name and password), this information may be used to steal additional information or money from your accounts.

### What can I do to protect myself?

If you use a public Wi-Fi network, choose the most secure network available. If you aren’t sure whether the network is secure, ask an employee. Common secure network types include WEP, WPA, and WPA2 (the strongest). Even encrypted networks aren’t a guarantee that your device

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If you send personal information through a website using a public Wi-Fi network, make sure the website is encrypted (encryption converts the information to a jumbled code that reverts back to its original state once it reaches its destination). You can determine if a website is encrypted by looking at the web address. If it begins with “https,” then it is encrypted (the “s” stands for “secure”).

Check for encryption on every webpage where you send or receive information—even within the same website—as some pages may be encrypted while others are not.

If you log-in to an account using a public Wi-Fi network, sign out as soon as you are done using the account. Otherwise, someone could access your account long after you were accessing it.

Keep your software up-to-date and never turn your firewall off. Your device will notify you when an update is available. Install anti-spyware/anti-malware software (there are several reputable products available online for free or with free trial periods).

Identify any public Wi-Fi network that you connect to as a “Public Network” and turn off file sharing on your computer. Consider disabling your wireless connection if you are using your device in a place with a public Wi-Fi network and do not need internet access.

Look into using a virtual private network (“VPN”), or other add-ons or plug-ins which encrypt information between your device and the Internet.

### A word on mobile phones and apps

Since mobile apps may have limited or no encryption, it can be best to avoid using them to relay important information on a public Wi-Fi network. If you have to use a mobile app to send sensitive information, only use networks you know are secure or a 3G or 4G network. Some smart phones have a feature that automatically connects them to any available network. Turn off this feature in the phone’s settings, or turn the phone to “airplane mode.”

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# Open water outlook is icy, dicey

By Steve Carney

Seems like winter's not going away any time soon as we continue to suffer through cold temperatures and rounds of snow.

This has been the winter from hell but we need to have a positive outlook as we head into April. Because of the extended winter, anglers need to make some adjustments as we head into the open water season. Some thoughts...

My prediction is that there'll be ice on the big waters up north for the inland opener. Lakes such as Leech, Winnibigoshish, Mille Lacs, Gull and Lake of the Woods could easily still have rafts of floating ice during early May. I've seen these conditions before and it might be wise to have a Plan B. We're still making ice as I write this and it doesn't look promising.



## Where will they bite?

Opener 2018 will be about making the correct lake decision at the last minute.

The 2018 opener will be the perfect time to think about the shallower, southern and western Minnesota lakes that typically have earlier ice-outs than the northern lakes. Many of these so-called prairie

lakes feature water no deeper than 20 feet and are usually very good come mid-May. I depend on these shallower lakes during the first few weeks of the open water season and have found they're a much bet-

ter bet than trying to fish a deeper, northern lake during late Spring conditions.

Fishing the border lakes of South Dakota and Minnesota are a no-brainer for success during the inland opener on May 12. These lakes are shallow and have currents which allows the water to warm sooner and fishing in May is like fishing in June up north. The Glacial Lakes region around Waubay and Watertown are also good options. The Missouri River near Chamberlain will have walleye in the spawning mode in May while we still have ice on the lakes. I'm planning on making a last minute decision and heading west, deciding on the lake probably a few days before the opener. It's all about the weather, ice-out dates and location.

# Fish and politics cook up an unpalatable chowder

I'm as ardent a believer in the democratic system of government as anyone. But sometimes you have to admit it has its weak points. Winston Churchill, one of the most important world leaders of my parents' generation, put it well when he said that "Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the others." Meaning, of course, that while democracy has its failings, other forms of government are worse.

In a democracy like ours, the people we elect to represent us can propose just about anything. If enough of their fellow lawmakers go along with it, that proposal - good or bad - can become law. If we think that everyone we elect and send to St. Paul - or Washington, D.C. - is bound to have good judgment, we're either very young, or way too trusting. Some really questionable ideas find their way into legislation, are debated, come up for a vote and even become law.

A good example is legislation currently up for consideration by our state senators and representatives at the Capitol in St. Paul. Part of that legislation would let county commissioners decide which species of fish the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) can stock in lakes that are entirely within that county's borders. Given the fact that any lake with public access is considered public water and is free to be used responsibly by all Minnesotans, this is a bold step.

As is so often the case, there's more to the story. This proposal, which would give 87 different county boards of commissioners the last word in Minnesota fish stocking, is a tactical move. It's secondary to a proposal opposing the DNR's plans to expand its program of stocking muskies in Minnesota waters. The legislation would prevent the DNR from stocking muskies in any new waters, and funds that had been planned for such use would be redirected to stocking walleye.

At its most basic, this is a matter of personal preference. There are far more Minnesotans who self-identify as walleye fishermen than as muskie fishermen, though some are enthusiastic about both. Tourism enters the picture, too. Some fear that stocking this top-of-the-food-chain predator will reduce wall-eye-catching success, and cash-spending visitors will become ex-visitors.

Just to add another dimension to objections to muskie stocking, some have even contended that

stocking muskies will discourage people from swimming. Rare, but widely-publicized incidents of gashes suffered while swimming - rightly or wrongly attributed to muskies - have added a Big Bad Wolf element to the debate.

Muskie enthusiasts, many of whom are extremely avid - pursuing this fish almost to the exclusion of others - are solidly behind the DNR. The DNR claims it is only proposing muskie stocking where it confidently believes the overall fish populations won't be harmed. The agency points to fish census data on lakes where both muskies and walleye populations are thriving. There are certainly lakes where both species have coexisted since long before Minnesota had a conservation agency to manage them. That said, it's certainly true that lakes and rivers can be different from one another in many ways, favoring some species more than others.

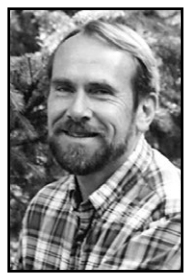
What makes the issue so intractable is the fact that the good or bad of stocking muskies in new waters can't be tested in a laboratory. The only laboratory for proving the wisdom or folly of wider stocking is the real thing. And then, it goes without saying, you may not be able to put the genie back in the bottle.

I have a lot of faith in Minnesota's fisheries professionals. But not absolute faith. There've been some high-profile mistakes. The latest to come to light is a four decade program of stocking Lake Superior streams with a western Canadian race of rainbow trout. It has interbred with the wild steelhead rainbow strain there, and diluted the genetics of that far more desirable fish. To its credit, the DNR conducted the research that revealed this problem, and has responded by halting the program. In the DNR's defense, it should also be remembered that all science - including fisheries science - is in part trial-and-error, and learning from those errors.

Nevertheless, whatever the wisdom - or not - of expanding the number of muskie waters in Minnesota, it's hard to see how giving county commissioners the power to make fisheries management decisions could be the answer. Some of these well-meaning citizens may have scientific expertise, or the gumption and curiosity to inform themselves. Others wouldn't know a shiner from a black eye.

The idea that county commissioners would have the power to decide what fish get stocked, where, and how many or how few, is frightening. That would be like having 87 separate fisheries departments, each subject to local prejudices and in all probability guided not by science, but by local politics. That might be another example of democracy at its worst.

Inside the Outdoors



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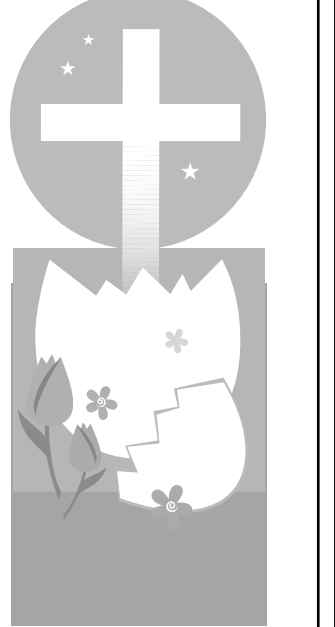
# Staples Area Church Directory

<b>Staples</b> <b>Staples Alliance</b> 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. <b>Assembly of God</b> 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.	<b>United Methodist</b> 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. <b>Aldrich</b> <b>Congregational, United Church of Christ</b> One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich Pastor David Seaton..... 218-445-5831 Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. Communion..... 1st Sunday of Month <b>Balsamlund Lutheran</b> 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp..... 701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship..... 8:15 a.m. Sunday School..... 8:30 a.m.	<b>Motley</b> <b>Motley Free Methodist</b> 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. <b>St. John's Lutheran</b> 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.	<b>Hewitt</b> <b>Church of the Nazarene</b> 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffert Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer..... 7:00 p.m. <b>Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)</b> 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
<b>Church of Christ</b> 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. <b>Congregational Church, UCC</b> 204 5th St. NE, Staples..... 218-894-2571 Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service	<b>Bethany Lutheran</b> 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 www.bethanylutherancushing.com. Rev. Joan M. Megorden Lay Pastor Bob Mueller Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. <b>Lincoln Evangelical Free</b> 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.	<b>St. Michael</b> 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. <b>United Methodist</b> 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley..... 218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Leslie www.mokeyumc.org Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m. Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m.	<b>Verndale</b> <b>Verndale Alliance</b> 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. <b>Family Life Church</b> 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale Church..... 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self..... 218-371-7189 Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldgaard Prayer..... 8:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship..... 8:45 a.m. Worship..... 10:00 a.m. Prayer or Life Groups..... 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal 6:30 p.m. Ministry Groups/Bible study
<b>Faith Lutheran</b> 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. <b>Sacred Heart Church</b> 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.	<b>Cushing Baptist</b> 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. <b>Leaf River Township</b> <b>The Old Country Church</b> Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement	<b>Oylen</b> <b>Oylen Alliance</b> Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m. <b>Pillager</b> <b>First Lutheran Church</b> 717 River Street S, Pillager, MN 218-746-3775 Pastor Hector Merced Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m. Sunday School..... 8:30 a.m. <b>Casino Assembly of God</b> Pastor Dan Johnson N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone..... 218-746-3839 Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m. Worship..... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship..... 7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY..... 7:00 p.m.	<b>Hope Chapel Alliance</b> 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. <b>Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)</b> 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale Pastor Robin Fish Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
<b>Seventh Day Adventist</b> 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Saturday Worship..... 10:45 am. Sabbath School..... 9:30 a.m. <b>Thomastown Covenant</b> 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. <b>Trinity Lutheran</b> 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.	<b>Leader</b> <b>Swan Valley Lutheran</b> Leader..... 218-397-2470 Pastor David Stevens Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. <b>Maple Hill Lutheran</b> Pastor David Stevens Leader..... 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School..... 11:00 a.m.	<b>First Baptist</b> 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Jake Anderson 218-746-3768 curious@fbcpillager.com Worship Gathering..... 10:00 a.m. Connection Point..... 9:30 a.m. (serving coffee and donuts)	<b>Verndale United Methodist</b> 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m. <b>Central United Methodist</b> 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.

## The promise of Easter

It is no coincidence that the celebration of Easter takes place each year in early spring, commemorating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For Easter is a celebration of rebirth, and what better time to celebrate this than when the earth is springing back into life. The new life of spring reminds us that this world is eternally productive and creative. The apparent lifelessness of winter is only an illusion. Sleeping just beneath the surface, is life and more life, awaiting God's gentle touch to reawaken it. In the same way, Easter reminds us that the death of our bodies is an illusion. Beneath it is life and more life. The Bible tells us that God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. We will one day shed our bodies, as the trees shed their leaves and snakes shed their skins, and we will be reborn into life everlasting.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.



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**Thursday Twilight League Bowling Wadena Lanes**

**MARCH 22, 2018**

1. League Champ: Staples Vet Clinic	1,663	<b>High Team Series-</b> Staples Vet Clinic	1,663
2. Mason Bros.	1,651	<b>High Team Game-</b> Spectrum Marketing	578
3. Lefty's	1,620	<b>High Ind. Series/ High Games</b>	
4. Consolation Champs Spectrum Marketing	1,660	Tia Freitag	570
5. Ted and Gen's	1,504	Ruth Lugert	542
		Marge Harrison	535
		Deb Pundt	506
		Addison Crocker	499
		Jackie Perius	430