

TCDC celebrates growth in Todd County

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

“How welcoming is my community?”

That’s the question Ben Winchester told people they need to ask about their communities at the Todd County Development Corporation Annual Dinner on April 9 at the Browerville Community Center.

Winchester, of the University of Minnesota Center for Small Towns, was one of the speakers at the event. Dawn Espe of Region Five Development Commission gave a presentation on the new marketing plan “The Good Life,” which is available to be used by any community in Todd, Wadena, Cass, Crow Wing and Morrison counties. Another speaker, Chad Bullock of West Central Telephone Association, told about their new broad-

band lines to be installed south and southwest of Staples this spring.

Several awards were given out at the banquet. Two Economic Impact Awards were given to Lakewood Health System of Staples and CentraCare Health of Long Prairie. Lakewood CEO Tim Rice

talked about their \$23 million addition and CentraCare Administrator Dan Swenson talked about raising \$3.2 million from the community for their new medical campus, and said they are on the verge of breaking

ground for a new wellness center.

The Emerging Business Award was given to Rigid Machining owned by James Brichacek and Dan Carry.

A Community Appreciation Award was given to Kevin Larson of CTC.

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Economic Impact Award

Lakewood Health System CEO Tim Rice, left, accepts the Todd County Development Corporation Economic Impact Award from Rick Utech, TCDC Executive Director. Besides their \$23 million expansion, Lakewood continues to hire physicians and other providers. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

ment Corporation Executive Director Rick Utech provided a rundown of some of the accomplishments they have achieved over the past seven years, including:

- Developed a revolving loan fund to help new and expanding businesses.
- Established a Small Business Development Center outreach office.
- Helped create 216 new

jobs and retain 165 jobs in Todd County.

- Leader in broadband development projects
- Launched website and partnered with Region Five “The Good Life” website.

- Engaged \$7,663,000 business project dollars financed with TCDC assistance.

But it was Winchester’s talk that gave the crowd of more than 65 people a perspective on what is happening in rural America.

He said that communities are worried that their town is dying when they lose a store or lose a school, but if that was true, “show me all the dead towns,” said Winchester.

He said losing a store is about globalization and losing a school is about child population.

“The number one predictor of school consolidation is the birth rate,” said Winchester. Because of a lower birth rate per family, nearly every rural school in the country is losing population except those near a growing regional center.

Winchester also talked

about the changing economy of rural areas. Education and health services are now the top two industries, as farming and manufacturing have come and gone, and are not likely to dominate the economy again.

One area of growth in the country is in the non-profit sector. Winchester showed statistics that non-profits in Todd County have gone up by 28 percent during a time the population went up by two percent. Non-profit assets jumped from \$31 million to \$100 million in Todd County during that same time.

Rural economies are now as diversified as urban economies, said Winchester, and a person looking for a job has a choice to live anywhere. Because of Baby Boomer retirements, the U.S. is also entering a period of “the tightest labor market we’ve ever known,” so job seekers will have plenty of opportunities to choose where they live.

In order to keep up with

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Hello, Readers,

For anyone who might be feeling the urge to do something worthwhile or an itch to give back to the community, but who just can't quite seem to get around to starting, then Microvolunteering Day, April 15, could be the answer.

Microvolunteering is a simple concept – individuals take convenient, bite-sized actions, often from home, in support of a good cause. This can be anything from writing a letter to an elderly hospital patient or tagging internet photos to help the visually impaired. Microvolunteering Day aims to raise awareness of this kind of short, easy, active citizenship and encourage people to get on and get involved.

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T. McCamant book stems from CLC crop research

Dr. Thaddeus McCamant, specialty crops educator at Central Lakes College, was the lead author for a book for the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture (MISA). The book is titled “Perennial Fruit: New, Unusual, and Unique Crops for Northern Climates.” Contributing author was Sadie Schroeder, then affiliated with Green Lands Blue Waters at the University of Minnesota.

The book provides commercial fruit growers and home gardeners in Minnesota with the current state of knowledge on lesser-known fruits such as aronia, currants, goose-

berries, saskatoon, chokecherries, honeyberries, elderberries, and more. These are “emerging crops” -- fruit that have little or no history of breeding and production research in the United States, but that have potential to become valuable commercial crops.

Most of Minnesota lies within the USDA hardiness zones 3 and 4. Cold winters kill or harm fruit trees and branches, while short growing seasons prevent certain crops from properly maturing. In spite of these shortcomings, a surprising diversity of new and unusual peren-

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Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen...

With all of the April snow, even Santa’s reindeer have been getting a bit confused. Is it time to deliver Christmas presents again? They stopped by Staples for awhile on April 8, but headed back to the North Pole after Rudolph set them straight. With another round of snow predicted for this weekend, Mr. Claus and his flight crew may very well be back to visit the area. Be sure to have some cookies and milk ready. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Survey expected to reveal need for housing options in Todd County

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

A place to call home... While many of us don’t currently think about this, for some, having a place to call home is a real problem.

A group of Todd County citizens have been working with the Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, along with the University of Minnesota Morris, the Center for Small Cities, Todd County Citizens Against Drugs and the Todd County Council on Aging to come up with a survey that would help identify the housing needs in all areas of Todd County.

“The survey will determine needs county-wide. It will help us start establishing what we really need,” said one of the committee members who has been hard at work on not only the survey, but also on looking at options for affordable housing.

The survey’s “mission” is to obtain information that will help potential developers to create affordable housing for seniors.

Todd County Council on Aging Director Verna Toenyan said, “By help-

ing to provide information supporting the building, seniors and the community at large have strongly encouraged me to work toward the development of housing which is safe and affordable.”

It is a big task to take on. But, how does someone eat an elephant?

One bite at a time.

That is why this survey is so important. It is the first “bite” or step in the process to make more

housing options available, if indeed, it is determined to be a viable and strong need in the county.

One developer is awaiting the responses from the survey.

“If the need is shown,

they will come in and do a design survey asking for more specifics on what is needed as far as housing size, one bedroom or two, garage space,” said Toenyan.

The design survey would be a second “bite” out of this enormous task.

But that is for later. First bite, first.

The first part of the current survey says, “Across many counties in Minnesota there are shortages of quality and affordable housing, especially for older adults.

“To better understand the housing situation in Todd County, the Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) would like to ask you a few questions about your current housing situation and your future plans for housing in this quick survey.”

The survey is quick. I finished it in just a couple of minutes online. I suspect that the paper version that is inserted in this week’s newspapers and shoppers will be completed just as quickly.

There are a total of 12 housing related questions.

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Housing survey committee

Some of the committee members who worked on finalizing the survey are, from left: Jan Notch, John Rachuy, Jay Eckel, Tad Eckel, Tammy Schlichting and Virginia Heldt. Several more people have been involved with the survey including Todd County Council On Aging Director Verna Toenyan who has been making contacts with agencies on housing to find affordable senior housing options. (Photo by Karin Nauber)

Lakewood Health System receives level 3 trauma re-designation

The Minnesota Department of Health recently re-designated Lakewood Health System, Staples, as a level 3 trauma hospital. Lakewood Health System and staff voluntarily participated in the intense re-designation process to stay part of Minnesota's statewide trauma system. The process included an outside review of the hospital's resources and capabilities to care for trauma patients. Lakewood Health System met standards of commitment, clinical and equipment resources and staff training. The hospital also participates in a continuous performance improvement process.

"Lakewood Health System has been level 3 trauma hospital since March of 2009," said Lakewood Emergency Services Manager, Connie Wells, RN. "We are extremely happy to be a part of the Statewide Trauma system. As such, we have an obligation and count it a privilege to provide the expertise and care for not only trauma patients, but all patients who present to our emergency department."

For a severely injured person, the time between sustaining an injury and receiving definitive care is the most important predictor of survival - the "golden hour." The chance of survival diminishes with time, however, a trauma system enhances the chance of survival regardless of proximity to an urban trauma hospital.

"Trauma is the third leading cause of death in Minnesota," said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Jan Malcolm. "The goal of the trauma system is to decrease injured patients' time to care by making sure their medical needs are appropriately matched with hospital resources. With the re-designation of Lakewood Health System as a level 3 trauma hospital, we are getting closer to our goal of ensuring seriously injured Minnesotans have access to an organized system of trauma care wherever they are in the state."

On average, trauma claims the lives of 2,400 Minnesotans annually. States with trauma systems have seen survival rates increase by 15 to 20 percent. Wide-scale participation in the voluntary trauma system ensures that a statewide, cooperative effort is in place to care for seriously injured patients.

Minnesota began developing a comprehensive statewide trauma system in August of 2005. Through its re-designation Lakewood Health System recognizes the vital role that communities, ambulance services, hospitals and health care professionals play in the care and management of trauma patients.

For more information, see the Minnesota Statewide Trauma System site at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/traumasystem/>



Posing with the hardware

Staples-Motley Speech Team members competed in the Sub-Section Speech tournament April 7 in Menahga bringing home the second place trophy. (Submitted photo)

SM Speech earns second at Sub-Section

The Staples-Motley Speech Team won the second place trophy at the 23A Sub-Section tournament held April 7 in Menahga.

"If we would have had one or two more speakers, we could have made up the seven point difference between the winners and our team," said coach Heather Sams. Pequot Lake's team won the tournament with 38 entries compared to SM with 23. "That comparison says a lot about how awesome our team is," said Coach Sams.

Sub-Section champions in their categories were: Krystal Yoder, Creative Expression; Jaydon Friedel, Drama; Ethan Gilbertson and Jonah Johnson, Duo; Ari Brings, Great Speeches; Caden Mrazek, Humor; and Jens Klemm, Prose.

Taking second place

were Andrew Bates and Alex Erickson, Duo; Olivia Leslie, Extemp. Reading; Cael Sams, Humor and Samantha Mrazek, Original Oratory.

Third place winners were Sadie Thompson, Creative Expression; Amber Deegan, Drama; Bryn Williams, Extemp Reading; Lilly Niemi, Informative and Delaney Larson, Poetry.

Placing fourth were Caleb Picconatto, Discussion; Johannna Picconatto, Extemp Reading; Alex Brings, Great Speeches and Torii Nienow in Informative.

Placing fifth were Iain Sams and Connor Judd in Duo and placing sixth was Kayla Yoder in Storytelling. First Alternate to Sections was Nick Tabatt in Discussion.

The top six in each category advance to the Section



Champion smiles

Front: Krystal Yoder, Creative Expression; Ari Brings, Great Speeches; Caden Mrazek, Humor; back Jens Klemm, Prose; Ethan Gilbertson and Jonah Johnson, Duo; Jaydon Friedel, Drama. (Submitted photo)

tournament on Saturday April 14 in Pillager.

"Anyone can come to watch so come and support the SMHS speech team," said Coach Sams.

First round starts at 10 a.m. with each round starting 90 minutes after the last. The top six after the first three rounds advance to the final round that starts at 3:15 p.m. The top three then advance to the State Tournament to be held April 21.

Plan ahead before severe storms arrive

Severe spring and summer weather is on its way, and it is important for Minnesotans to plan ahead to protect themselves and their homes.

During 2018 Severe Weather Awareness Week (April 9-13), the Minnesota Commerce Department is encouraging Minnesotans to take a few simple steps to better manage the financial impact of a tornado, flood or other severe weather.

"When severe weather strikes, having the right insurance coverage can mean the difference between financial recovery and financial tragedy," said Commerce Commissioner Jessica Looman, whose agency regulates insurance companies in the state. "Now is the time to review your insurance needs and coverage to make sure you're protected."

The Commerce Department website features a Disaster Information Center with guidance about how you can plan ahead and what to do if you suffer storm damage.

The Commerce Department also offers the following tips:

Make a home inventory

Maintaining a complete,

accurate and up-to-date inventory of the contents of your home will help you determine what insurance coverage you need and make it easier to file a claim if you suffer storm damage.

The Commerce website has an easy-to-use home inventory checklist that can be printed out. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) also offers a free smartphone app to help you compile a detailed image library of your personal possessions and store it electronically for safekeeping.

Another option is to make a video tour of your home. Be sure you save a copy in a secure place where it can be easily retrieved if your home is damaged.

Review and update your homeowners insurance coverage

Policy limits on homes and belongings can become outdated, especially if you have remodeled or added new items to your home. A policy that is more than five years old may not cover the entire cost associated with rebuilding your home or replacing lost or damaged possessions. Review your policy each year to make

sure you have the protection you need.

If you rent, consider renters insurance. Your landlord's insurance policy typically covers only the building structure, but not your possessions as a tenant.

Decide on flood insurance

A standard homeowners or renters insurance policy will not cover flood damage. For coverage against flood risk, you need to purchase a policy through the National Flood Insurance Program. Policies have a 30-day waiting period before they take effect. For more information, visit floodsmart.gov or call 888-379-9531.

Check your auto coverage

Hail, falling trees or flooding can result in costly damage, even a total loss, for your vehicle. If you want to be protected, make sure you have "Comprehensive" or "Other than Collision" in your auto policy.

Commerce is here to help

If you have a question or concern about insurance, contact the Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602 (Greater Minnesota).

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Planning for future will be based on surveys

The survey isn't just for the here and now, either, as Toenyan pointed out.

"If your parent or neighbor is nearly a senior, it is important to plan ahead. Builders need to build ahead, as well. One fall, illness or car accident can put any of us in the mindset of looking for more affordable and accessible housing.

"If you are 50 or older, the homes of the future must be on the drawing

board today. Your input is needed to determine what developers will design," she said.

You can find the survey on the web by typing in the following - tinyurl.com/toddcountyhousingurvey; or you may also go to the Todd County website at www.co.todd.mn.us; the city of Eagle Bend website at www.eaglebendmn.com; or on the Independent News Herald website at www.inhnews.com under

the "More" tab. Click on the survey link at any of those sites to be redirected to the survey.

If you don't wish to take the survey, please feel free to pass it along to someone else.

Paper surveys will also be available throughout the county at senior citizen centers, city halls, libraries and churches.

Help design tomorrow by taking this very important survey today.

Todd County Housing Survey: Across many counties in Minnesota there are shortages of quality and affordable housing, especially for older adults. To better understand the housing situation in Todd County, the Housing Redevelopment Authority (HRA) would like to ask you a few questions about your current housing situation and your future plans for housing in this quick survey. If you prefer to complete the survey online please go to the website at: https://mn.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a2BIHV3ltyrRMh, or you can return this paper version to: Todd County Housing Survey, PO Box 215, Eagle Bend, MN, 56446, by the date: **April 25, 2018**

1. In which city is your current address? (Select one)

☐ Aldrich (56434) ☐ Bertha (56437) ☐ Browerville (56438) ☐ Burtrum (56318)

☐ Carlos (56319) ☐ Clarissa (56440) ☐ Cushing (56443) ☐ Eagle Bend (56446)

☐ Freeport (56331) ☐ Grey Eagle (56336) ☐ Hewitt (56453) ☐ Long Prairie (56347)

☐ Motley (56466) ☐ Osakis (56360) ☐ Parkers Prairie (56361) ☐ Randall (56475)

☐ Sauk Centre (56378) ☐ Staples (56479) ☐ Swanville (56382) ☐ Verndale (56481)

☐ Wadena (56482) Other: _____

2. What is your current age?

☐ 20-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-55 ☐ 56-65 ☐ 66-75 ☐ 76+

3. What is your current annual household income?

☐ Less than \$12,000 ☐ \$12,000-\$25,000 ☐ \$25,000-\$50,000 ☐ \$50,000+

4. How many people live in your household? _____

5. Which type of housing do you currently live in?

☐ Apartment ☐ Duplex ☐ Home ☐ Mobile Home Other: _____

6. Which of the following describes your current housing situation?

☐ Owning your home ☐ Rent your home ☐ Living with others at no cost ☐ Subsidized Housing

7. Rate your satisfaction level regarding your current housing situation. (Unsatisfied 1-5 Satisfied)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

8. What are the things you dislike most about your current housing? (select all that apply)

Housing survey

The paper survey will look like this. Copies are available in several locations including as an insert in county newspapers and shoppers and online.

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Drive, put away distractions

Extra enforcement on state roads April 9-22

For 19-year-old Phillip LaVallee, running countless miles over Minnesota roads helped make him one of the state's top high school distance runners and a talented college athlete. The miles, the training and his life came to an abrupt end as he was running along a Wright County road in August 2013. A distracted driver went over the center line, across oncoming traffic and onto the far shoulder, and struck and killed LaVallee.

In a matter of seconds, a driver's choice to take their eyes off the road can have fatal consequences.

More than 300 law enforcement agencies statewide will be conducting extra distracted driving enforcement April 9-22 to protect Minnesotans from those deadly decisions. The effort is coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS).

Phillip's family takes action

For LaVallee's family, Phillip's death created "Just Drive," a call-to-action for Minnesotans to pay attention behind the wheel. "Phillip's death was hor-

rific but completely preventable. The pain of his absence is always present in our lives, and our family is forever incomplete," said Greg LaVallee, Phillip's father. "We ask Minnesotans to please take to heart how selfish it is to drive distracted. Phillip is forever running in our hearts, but all we have is memories. Being an attentive driver is a simple choice and will save lives."

Extra enforcement and awareness

Sheriff's deputies, police officers and state troopers will participate in the extra distracted driving enforcement campaign. Law enforcement uses overtime funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and distributed by DPS-OTS, to keep Minnesotans safe from the dangers of distraction.

"Enough is enough," said Mike Hanson, Office of Traffic Safety director. "We are such a plugged-in, always-on society that focusing only on the road while driving takes effort. But trying to multitask behind the wheel takes even more effort. If you're trying to do two things - like drive and text, or

stream or post - you're not focused on driving. Those decisions can have severe consequences, like the death of Phillip LaVallee. Please pay attention, and speak up if you're with a driver who's distracted."

Distracted driving is dangerous driving

Texting citations climbed nearly 23 percent from 2016 to 2017.

Distracted driving contributes to one in five crashes in Minnesota.

Distracted driving contributes to an average of 59 deaths and 223 serious injuries a year (2012 - 2016).

Distracted driving consequences

Minnesota's "No Texting" law makes it illegal for drivers to read, send texts and emails, and access the web while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. That includes sitting at a stoplight or stop sign.

- \$50 plus court fees for a first offense.

- \$275 plus court fees for a second and/or subsequent offense.

If you injure or kill someone because of texting and driving, you can face a felony charge of criminal vehicular operation or homicide.



New eye doctor at Staples Eye Clinic

Optometrist Stephanie Parrish joined Seth Dokken at the Staples Eye Clinic, on April 4. Parrish plans to work in Staples one day a week for the next two months, increase to two days a week during the summer and will work four days a week after the new Staples Eye Clinic/Lakeland Dental building is completed in the fall.

Parrish lives in Pillager with her husband Mike and their four boys. She's been working at the Brainerd Eyecare

Center.

Parrish and Dokken became acquainted as undergraduates at the University of North Dakota and have kept in touch since. Dokken said Parrish will help the clinic with better service and make it easier to make an appointment. Staples Eye Clinic offers complete eye care to everyone from babies to seniors. Parrish said she likes to specialize in eye care to children. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Injuries in Highway 10 accident

A rear end accident on Hwy. 10 on April 6 west of Motley left two people injured. Christopher Brotherton, 46, of Staples, was driving a Subaru Impreza along with a passenger Valerie Elifrits, 52, of Staples. They turned onto Hwy 10 from 321st Ave. to go towards Motley, when their vehicle was rear-ended by a Dodge van driven by Shane Gordon, 32, of Brainerd. Brotherton and Elifrits were both transported to Lakewood Health

System Hospital in Staples. Gordon was not injured.

Motley Fire Department personnel assist Staples Ambulance crew with one of the injured. Also assisting at the scene were the Minnesota State Patrol and the Staples Police Department. The state patrol reported dry road conditions at the time of the accident and said alcohol was not involved. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Safety is priority for Work Zone Awareness Week

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is observing National Work Zone Awareness Week April 9-13 to encourage safe driving through highway work zones.

The week is an annual spring campaign to coincide with the start of road construction season. MnDOT officially kicked off the construction season April 4, although many construction projects started earlier.

The theme for the week is "Work Zone Safety is Everybody's Responsibility," reinforcing the message that motorists and construction and maintenance workers should use extra caution in work zones.

More than 250 active work zones are scheduled throughout the state this construction season. A work zone is defined as any area where highway construction, maintenance or utility work is being done. Work zones are identified by warning signs, signals,

barriers, pavement markings and flaggers.

Each year in the U.S., a work zone crash occurs once every 5.4 minutes. Every day, 70 work zone crashes occur that result in at least one injury. Every week, 12 work zone crashes occur that result in at least one fatality.

In Minnesota in the past four years, an average of seven people died in work zone crashes and more than 1,700 fatal or serious injury crashes occurred each year.

"Drivers and passengers are more likely to be killed in work zones than workers, but maintenance and construction crew workers have also lost their lives, been injured or had close calls," said Jay Hietpas, Office of Traffic, Safety and Technology director. "Rear-end crashes are the most common type of work zone crash. Most of these crashes occur because of driver inattention and speeding, both behaviors we can change."

Hietpas said MnDOT works to alert motorists in work zones and sets speeds that are safe for navigating through it. He said when entering work zones, motorists should obey the posted speed limits, pay attention to signs and flaggers, be patient and not drive distracted.

"These work zones exist because we're making roads better and safer. We're asking that people look for the work zones, slow down and put down their cellphones and other distractions," Hietpas said. "The 511mn.org website is a good resource to check for road closures, detours and traffic incidents."

The National Work Zone Awareness Week observance is in cooperation with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the Federal Highway Administration and the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation.



Collision on Highway 10

Staples Police direct traffic on Hwy. 10 near the intersection of 14th St. NE, after an accident on April 6. A vehicle traveling on Hwy. 10 collided with a vehicle trying to cross the highway. No injuries were reported in the accident. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

High schoolers in CEO to present showcase

Our community's next generation of innovative thinkers will be on display next month as students from the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities, or CEO, program showcase their products and services at the 2018 Central MN CEO annual trade show.

The show will be held the afternoon of Wednesday, May 16, at Maasconi's Hwy 10 west in Verndale.

This year's trade show will present seven new businesses, with products ranging from sports memorabilia to tie blankets, and services ranging from lawn care to video editing.

The annual trade show is a representation of what these young people have been working on all year as they have, from concept to reality, built their own operating businesses.

Just like any other trade show, individuals attending the shows will have the opportunity to buy prod-

ucts, sign up for services and book appointment times with the owners at each booth.

The CEO program was designed to introduce area high school students to various facets of the business world and to help them build new skills and professional connections in the local business community.

Ultimately, the program guides each team member through starting and running their own functioning business, all while cultivating essential skills and an expansive, long-lasting network of community members and business owners.

The communities of Staples, Motley, Verndale, Wadena and Deer Creek and the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship partner together to establish and support excellent CEO (Creating Entrepreneurship Opportunities) Programs across the nation

that are long term economic development programs for nationwide forward-thinking communities.



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Improving student success

By Dr. Hara Charlier
President
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Brainerd and Staples

Central Lakes College takes great pride in the specialized support we offer our students. It's personalized, friendly and one-on-one. But, we can do better.

We are fortunate to have wonderful spaces and great students. However, the Brainerd campus has not been updated in many years and students' needs have changed. In order to meet those needs, CLC has submitted a 2018 capital budget request to redesign key Student Services and Academic Support spaces.

Our students work hard to prioritize education while facing many chal-

lenges. Many are first-generation college students, struggle with food or housing insecurity or wrestle with the costs of living. We are honored to serve these determined students, but we must ensure that our campuses provide a welcoming and supportive environment.

That environment is created by ensuring that assistance by talented CLC employees is easy to find. Today, we do our best to ensure that our staff members are within easy reach of students. Unfortunately, they are not located in one place and students often have to search for help. We can do better. We see a future in which all support services are located in a welcoming one-stop center.

We know that students

who feel connected to their college are more successful. CLC achieves that connection through Student Life and enriching the academic experience through programs such as athletics, theatre, and the arts.

Our redesign would move Student Life to a more visible space and add focus on physical and mental wellness. We would also update academic support areas serving athletics and physical education, to ensure these spaces meet the needs of today's students.

Our students inspire us. The 5,000 studying at CLC deserve our best. Our capital budget request would provide planning funds to ensure we do just that. Thank you for your support.

Let everyone buy MinnesotaCare

It's an affordable choice for health insurance

By Jan Malcolm and Chuck Johnson

For nearly three decades MinnesotaCare has been a trusted choice for health care coverage, providing an affordable option for working people earning too much to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to afford traditional insurance.

We now have a opportunity to take the sensible step of allowing all Minnesotans to buy into the program, paying their own way for high-quality, more affordable health coverage.

This common-sense solution would help an estimated 100,000 more Minnesotans access the insurance they need, at prices they can better afford - more than double the number served today.

This proposal comes at a good time. While Minnesota has a solid record on providing affordable health coverage, recently there have been troubling signs. A recent Minnesota Department of Health survey showed nearly 339,000 Minnesotans did not have health insurance in 2017. That's 116,000 more than in 2015.

Those statistics come to life in stories from all around Minnesota. The Minnesota Farmers Union reported the cost of health insurance dominated its statewide listening sessions, including the story of a couple who would incur more than \$40,000 in out-of-pocket costs before seeing a benefit from their insurance.

Amid these concerns, Minnesotans have voiced strong support for expanding MinnesotaCare so anyone can buy in, as Gov. Mark Dayton proposed this year for a second time.

More legislators need to take these voices to heart if this solution is to succeed. We encourage policy makers to consider these five things as they weigh this issue:

- The MinnesotaCare Buy-In builds on what works. Created by a bipartisan group of policy makers, MinnesotaCare

enjoys broad support. MinnesotaCare helps people address urgent health needs, but it does more than that. People who are insured are more likely to get the preventive care they need to keep small problems small.

- Costs would be lower than the private market. The MinnesotaCare Buy-In would cost, on average, 28 percent less than the expected cost for commercial health plans, and enrollees would be eligible for significant tax credits. Meanwhile, the buy-in would reimburse health care providers at the same rate as Medicare, strengthening the financial health of small, often rural practices and local hospitals.
- Enrollees would pay their own way. This is not free health care. Individuals who choose the MinnesotaCare Buy-In would pay their own way, meaning the cost of their premiums would pay for their coverage.
- The buy-in would be sustainable over time. After minimal start-up costs, enrollee premiums would pay for the program. The MinnesotaCare Buy-In option is a more fiscally responsible and sustainable solution than costly and short-term alternatives such as premium discounts and reinsurance.
- This is a common-sense approach. By building on the successful MinnesotaCare program, we add an affordable choice to the marketplace - that's especially valuable in the five counties where only one health plan was available this year.

The MinnesotaCare Buy-In won't solve all health care problems, but it meets an important need and helps 100,000 more Minnesotans get health care. That's a good start.

Jan Malcolm is the Minnesota Health Commissioner and Chuck Johnson is the Acting Minnesota Human Services Commissioner.

Affordable health care needed for farmers

By, Gary Wertish, President
Minnesota Farmers Union

Despite all the debate about health care policy in Washington, D.C., last summer, Congress came up with no solution. Rather, it ended up being another round of finger-pointing and arguments about repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act.

Meaning family farmers who've been struggling with high premiums, some up to \$40,000 a year, got no reprieve. Others were forced to go uninsured. This is not acceptable for people who do one of the most dangerous jobs out there.

The Minnesota Legislature has an opportunity to ease that burden for the farmers in our state. In 2017, Gov. Mark Dayton proposed adding a "buy-in" option to the MinnesotaCare program, allowing eligible working families a way to get more affordable health insurance premiums. He's revised the proposal and re-introduced it this month.

Several of our members use MinnesotaCare now. Others, like Brian and Therese Romsdahl of

Watsonwan County, could benefit from being able to buy into it. The Romsdahls, who raise grains and beef, said in their meeting with Gov. Dayton, that they owed \$33,000 in health care costs in a year. Moved by their story, Dayton invited them as guests to his State of the State address and recognized them for the good work they do as family farmers, while calling on lawmakers to act on health care.

A better option is needed to help the Romsdahls and countless other Minnesota farmers who continue to grow our food. With so many unable to break even on their farm businesses right now, reducing costs in as many places as possible is critical. Partisan fighting isn't going to help anyone.

Under Dayton's 2018 proposal, the MinnesotaCare Buy-In would reimburse medical providers at

the same rate as Medicare enrollees, which would strengthen the financial health of small and rural health practices. It would expand health insurance choices for families across the state, especially those in rural Minnesota. Enrollees would pay their own premiums, so it would be of no additional cost to taxpayers. According to the proposal, it would take a one-time startup cost.

Feedback in favor of the buy-in option has been positive. It's not perfect, but MinnesotaCare has been working for 26 years.

The burdens on family farmers are increasing every day. We can help ease one of those burdens with more access to affordable health care. It's time for the Legislature to end the partisan cycle of blame and pass a health care plan that takes the heavy costs off the backs of family farmers.



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Letter to the Editor

Donations appreciated

Second Harvest Heartland believes that no one should go hungry. One in ten Minnesotans doesn't know where the next meal will come from; and one in six children may not eat tonight. Not only is hunger a basic need, but good food is also foundational to everything else in life.

As Minnesota Food Share Month has come to an end, I want to take this opportunity thank all those who have contributed to the Motley Area Food Shelf. We have achieved our goal raising \$22,832.58.

There are many who went the extra mile in raising money, or gathering food donations by holding a special event. The Staples Area Women's Chorus and girl choir, Colla Voice, made admittance to their concert a cash or food item donation to benefit the local food shelves. The Motley-Staples Middle School and Little Cardinals Academy collected 1,500 pounds of canned goods. Unbelievable.

The Leader Lions had a pancake breakfast and the Swan Valley Lutheran church ladies donated the proceeds from their quilt raffle. The Free Methodist Church had a dinner and concert.

Social Services at the Little Falls Courthouse held several fund raisers throughout the month of March, dividing the proceeds among the Little Falls, Motley and Pierz food shelves. Thank you!

Other monetary or food contributions came from individuals, churches, community organizations, businesses and included some grants. I wish I could personally thank each of you for your willingness to help those less fortunate. People you may never know benefit from your kindness.

Lastly, we have some awesome volunteers at the food shelf, you all know who you are. I can't thank them enough for all that they do.

Again, thank you, for your generous donations on behalf of those whose lives you have made better.

Sherry Miller Frisk, Director, Motley Area Food Shelf



Minnesotan's poetry to be read April 19

The original work of sixteen Minnesota poets will be read at the Wadena County Museum's "Minnesota Voices" program April 19 at noon as part of National Poetry Month.

The poets selected include: Marge Barrett, Eric Bervig, Ruth Boldan, Sue Bruns, Barry Carter, Samuel Cole, Neil Dyer, Kendra Gilsdorf, Audrae Gruber, Joyce C. Krueger, Melissa Kugler, Julie Martin, Susan McMillan, Lauren Nickisch, LaVonne Selleck, and Jan Smith.

If the poet's unable to attend, the poem will be read by a local writer.

The public's invited to attend this free event. Seating is limited. Reservations recommended.

The Wadena County Museum is located at 603 Jefferson Street N., Wadena. Call 218 631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net.

Minnesota Voices is a free program featuring Minnesota writers and their work. It is held the third Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m.

Staples Public Library programs offer diverse topics for all ages

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 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. 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.

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.

Tami and the Bachelor - April 19

Join us for a fun, musical performance by Tami and The Bachelor from 2-3 p.m. They sing a variety of music from old country tunes, 60's music to The Gershwin's. For teens and adults. Held at the Lake-wood Senior Campus, 401

Mark Your Calendar

April 18

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Mto Wed., April 18, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited to attend.

Kathleen Novak is at Book Ends



Kathleen Novak

Book Ends, the monthly meet-the-author event in Wadena, welcomes Minnesota novelist Kathleen Novak on April 14.

Kathleen is a native Minnesotan from Iron Range country and set her novel "Rare Birds" in a town reminiscent of Hibbing. The setting in her second novel "Do Not Find Me" alternates between a cabin in northern Minnesota and New York City. Novak writes with one foot planted firmly on both locales.

"Rare Birds" will appeal to both young and adult readers. You'll meet many of your neighbors, young and old, in this fictional town where a dozen characters and their stories interweave across ten days of June 1960.

"Do Not Find Me" tells the story of a Minnesota son of immigrants who migrates to New York City and, of course, is smitten by the first attractive woman he sees. The story is their story of unrequited love, as told by the immigrant son and his daughter who finds the mysterious note "Do not find me" as she cleans his cabin after his death. The author takes great risks with the story but makes it work.

Book Ends meets on second Saturdays of each month at The Uptown in Wadena at 11 a.m. One hour of conversation and short readings is followed by Q&A and lunch. There is no charge for the event. Lunch is on the attendees.

For questions or comments, contact Jerry Mevissen at 218-472-3400.

This activity is made possible by a Legacy grant.

Staples Library features local author Elisa Korenne

Elisa Korenne's 'Hundred Miles to Nowhere - An Unlikely Love Story' book tour includes a stop at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, April 26, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Released by North Star Press in 2017, the book was a finalist for the Next Generation Indie Book Awards and is already into its third printing.

According to a press release, Korenne, an award-winning songwriter known for her original songs about oddballs in history, left New York City in 2006 to be an artist-in-residence in rural west central Minnesota. When she fell in love with the local outdoorsman, she moved and became a fish out of water in New York Mills, a town of 1,100 people. To survive the culture shock, she wrote and composed about herself and other oddballs. "I felt lonely and disconnected," Korenne says. "So I channeled my loneliness the only way I knew how."

Korenne's culture shock evolved into a memoir that is already gaining attention. In smooth, well-crafted prose, her memoir tells the story of finding somewhere, and someone, in the middle of nowhere.

The book is an unlikely love story about a musician, culture shock, and discovering that sometimes lost is on the way. It features naked jaunts through New York City, a three-day canoe-camping trip of a blind date, learning how to eat roadkill for dinner, moonshine, and a tornado.

Since becoming a Min-



Elisa Korenne

nesotan, Korenne has become known as a pioneering rural artist. Gull Lake TEDx chose Korenne to be a featured speaker at their April 2017 conference. Prairie Public Television in Fargo commissioned her to create songs and appear in a series of ten mini-music documentaries of unusual people and events in the Upper Midwest. Subjects include controversial politico A.C. Townley, health-insurance saleswoman Sister "Lumberjack" Amatta Mackett, and Mail Order Bride Rachel Calof.

Korenne began her music career in 2001 after leaving her role at the international development nonprofit she cofounded, Geekcorps. An alternate Peacecorps for technology professionals Geekcorps helped build businesses developing countries. "I loved what I was doing, but music was calling to me."

Now, Elisa Korenne is a singer-songwriter, storyteller, and a student of history who weaves songs about the human condition from strands of rock, blues, folk and Americana.

Her experience writing about fish out of water helped Korenne craft her story in Hundred Miles to Nowhere, but she had to learn how to write. "I thought I knew how to write. I already wrote professionally: song lyrics and reports on technology and development. I naively thought it would take me a few months to write a book." Eight years after her initial efforts at capturing her story in a column for the New York Mills newspaper, Korenne finished her memoir. "The book looks almost nothing like those first attempts," she admits. "Hopefully it's a lot better."

Korenne still lives in New York Mills, now with her husband and two young sons, a baby and a two-year-old. Despite her success at cultivating a music career and a life in rural Minnesota, Korenne still feels the culture shock of being a fish out of water. "Now it usually just makes me smile," she says. "And it serves my husband well. When he wants to be bold and direct - two very un-Minnesotan characteristics - he just sends me in to do it."

When asked what she misses most about New York City, Korenne still answers, "performing arts and an oversupply of fine, decadent baked goods."

For more information about "Hundred Miles to Nowhere," visit online www.ElisaKorenne.com or attend her upcoming book tour at Staples Public Library, located at 122 6th St. NE in Staples.

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Born to Meghan and Justin Gangestad of Baxter, a baby boy, Benjamin Kolbe weighing eight pounds on March 31, 2018.

Born to Karen Kehn and Christopher Banaka of Staples, a baby boy, Charles Timothy weighing seven pounds, five ounces on April 1, 2018.

Born to Karen and Greg Resch of St Cloud, a baby boy, Ryan Jacob weighing seven pounds, six ounces on April 2, 2018.

Born to Jessica and Phillip Stanley of Breezy Point, a baby girl, Evelyn Rae weighing five pounds, 11 ounces on April 2, 2018.

Born to Alisha and Joshua Winter of Staples, a baby boy, Greyson Daniel weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on April 3, 2018.

Born to Joli Martin and Andrew Evenson of Fergus Falls, a baby boy, Isaiah Ray weighing eight pounds, four ounces on April 3, 2018.

Born to Amanda and Lewis Bell of Brainerd, a baby girl, Penelope Karen Maureen weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on April 4, 2018.

Born to Courtney Dumpprope and Ryan Schrupp of Pine River, a baby girl, Reagan Nicole weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on April 5, 2018.

Born to Stephanie and Aaron Broughton of Waite Park, a baby boy, Ladd James weighing nine pounds, three ounces on April 5, 2018.

Born to Ashley Niles and Tyler Pietz of Pillager, a baby girl, Abigail Rose weighing six pounds, four ounces.

Student Achievements



Jill Clark
Central Lakes College Medical Assistant student Jill Clark won one of three \$1,000 Minnesota Society of Medical Assistants scholarships for 2018. Clark, of Pillager, is only the fourth CLC student to receive one of these scholarships. She will be recognized at the Minnesota Society of Medical Assistants Spring Conference in April in Morton.

"Jill is an excellent student, both in her academics and practical skills. She is dependable, self-motivated and conscientious in everything she does. She is respectful to her peers, as well as staff and faculty at the college," said Dawn Verdon, Medical Assistant Program director and instructor at CLC. "I have no doubt that Jill will be a successful medical assistant wherever she works. She demonstrates a high level of professionalism and maintains high ethical standards."



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FFA learn about ag issues

Staples-Motley FFA members Kai Gelle, Olivia Leslie, and Ben Olander attended the APEX conference in St. Paul, shown here with Representative John Posten. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley FFA students attend APEX

Three Staples-Motley FFA members traveled to St. Paul to attend the Agricultural Policy Experience (APEX). Kai Gelle, Olivia Leslie and Ben Olander, with advisor Kerry Lindgren, attended the conference at the state capitol March 4-6. Thirty selected FFA members from around the state attended the APEX event. Discussion on agricultural issues included: agricultural education, rural mental health or agricultural license plates. FFA students performed a mock committee hearing to discuss, learn the process and participate in a hands-on experience, seeing the beginning process of a bill. APEX participants planned and met with elected officials from their district or from other areas of the state. The members of Staples-Motley met with Representative John Poston, Representative Rod Hamilton, Senator Carrie

Ruud and Senator Paul Gazelka. In these sessions, members were able to talk about issues one-on-one and be "advocates for agriculture." "The APEX conference provided an opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and grow as an individual," said Kai Gelle. Ben Olander said, "It was really cool to meet with my representatives and others from around the state and hear their agricultural background and share ours with them." "The whole conference was really eye opening for me. I went in not knowing anything about political processes and came out knowing much more about Minnesota legislation," said Olivia Leslie. The conference allowed Staples-Motley FFA students to learn a lot and they were able to correspond with elected officials in person.



Five generations

Five generations recently gathered in Staples. Seated is great-great grandmother Iras Chapin of Staples, holding great-great granddaughter Madelynn Petersen; kneeling is grandmother Julie Nelson of Atwater; standing is great-grandmother Shari Christiansen of New London and Madelynn's mother, Michele Petersen of Belgrade. (Submitted photo).

Realtor receives award

Edina Realty, a Berkshire Hathaway affiliate and the Midwest's largest residential real estate firm, recently announced that Judy Altrichter from the Cushing, Staples and Motley area is being recognized for outstanding sales performance, market knowledge and customer

service as members of Edina Realty's President's Circle. Membership in Edina Realty's Circles places them in the top 40 percent of Edina Realty agents.



Judy Altrichter

Obituaries

David Tervonen



David Andrew Tervonen, 66, of Staples, passed away April 4, 2018, at the Harmony House in Motley.

A Celebration of Life will be held Monday, April 23, at 11 a.m. at Staples Alliance Church, with visitation one hour prior to services at the church. A luncheon will follow the services.

Interment and a graveside service will be held Tuesday, April 24, at 11 a.m. at the Chisholm Cemetery. There will be a reception to follow at First Baptist Church, Chisholm.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

David was born September 17, 1951 to Toivo and Helena (Rae) Tervonen in Chisholm. After high school, he continued his education and received BS Degrees in English Education and Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology. David dedicated 22 years to teaching at Victory Christian Academy and Hibbing High School. In 1972, he married Patty Hanson. David was a member of the Staples Men's Chorus and enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and camping and was a sports fan. David



cherished spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Noelle (Mike) Hudalla, of Staples and Leah (Brian) Wiger, of Columbia, SC and Shayna Tervonen, of Stacy; one son, David (Meghan) Tervonen, of Bemidji; two grandchildren; two sisters, Ulla (Derek) Smith, of Monticello and Anneli Bakk, of AK; a niece and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Allan.

David's battle with Alzheimer's Disease and Lyme Disease was a hard struggle. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates memorials for research of those diseases.

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LaVern Wohlert

LaVern (Fred) Wohlert, 88, of Lake Shamineau, passed away April 7, 2018, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Services will be held Saturday, April 14, at 11 a.m. at the Motley United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held Friday, April 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to services at the church.

Military Honors provided by the Motley American Legion Post #124.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

LaVern was born October 21, 1929 in Wadena, to Arthur and Elizabeth (Kresien) Wohlert. He graduated from Wadena High School. After graduation, he worked for Armour Meat Packing in Fargo. In 1950 he joined the U.S. Army, assigned to the 114th Transportation Company at Camp McCoy, WI. He was Honorably discharged in 1952 and began working for National Foods. LaVern was the market manager for many years, later working at Ernie's Food Market in Staples. On April 20, 1954



he married Delores Johnson. They lived in Wadena, Morris, Staples and Lake Shamineau. LaVern enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling and, in 2000, he experienced riding a mule to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back. He enjoyed spending time with family and being at the lake.

LaVern is survived by his wife; one daughter, Roberta; one son, Jeff (Dawn); seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Bev; sister-in-law, Jeanne (Gene); brothers-in-law, Elmer (Andrea), Maurice and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Gerald Konen

Gerald (Jerry) Joseph Konen, 78, of Hutchinson, passed away March 30, 2018 at Harmony River Care Center, Hutchinson.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, April 28, at 10:30 a.m. at Camp Ripley Chapel. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Randall VFW following the services.

Gerald was born January 22, 1940, in Pierz to Werner and Margaret (Kraft) Konen. They moved to a farm near Motley when he was 11. Gerald enjoyed hunting, fishing, participating in football and basketball in high school, graduating from Motley High School in 1958. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force serving in France where he met Lee Berry. They were married January 23, 1965. Gerald was stationed in many different air bases including England, Vietnam, Germany and Thailand, retiring from the U.S. Air Force in 1980. After his retirement from the service he worked with his brothers building houses. Gerald was involved with the VFW, was elected 6th District Commander of Central Minnesota and spent hours volunteering with the VFW making meals and participating in fundraisers. He enjoyed family get-togethers, sharing



jokes and deer hunting.

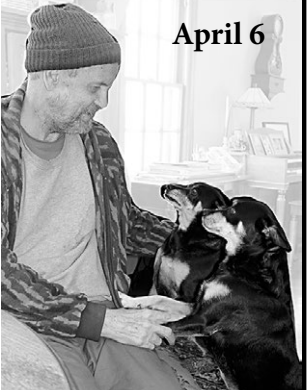
Jerry is survived by his wife; two sons, Jerry of Cushing and Richard (Darren) of Rochester; four sisters, Rose Marie (Jerry Jambor) Zetah, Motley, Betty Weidendorf, Sauk Centre, Margaret (Edward) Doll, Golden Valley, Evelyn (Jerry) Blaine, Virginia Beach, VA; five brothers, James (Villa) Konen, Milaca, Raymond Konen, Green Valley, AZ, Werner (Judy) Konen, Dewey, AZ, Francis (Julie) Konen, Hutchinson and Leroy (Cindy) Konen, Anoka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary Ann Zetah; brothers-in-law, Francis Zetah, Urban Zetah and Wayne Weidendorf; sisters-in-law Audrey Konen and Lillian Konen.

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HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY, RON!

April 6



Max and Molly

Congratulations, Alisha and Joshua
on your new baby boy.

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born April 3, 2018

Welcoming baby home.
Brooklyn, Joshua and Emmitt



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Military records being restored after fire

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

On July 12, 1973, approximately 16-18 million Official Military Personnel Files were destroyed when a fire ripped through the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis. More than 40 years later, staff at the NPRC still are attempting to piece together those records.

Kevin Pratt, NPRC's assistant director for Military Records, told American Legion Department Service Officers School attendees that teams at the facilities are reconstructing 2,000-3,000 records per week. Using information that was not destroyed, and working with other agencies and the military branches to get additional information, close to 6 million records have been reconstructed since the fire.

"It is probably the most painful thing I have to deal with on a day-to-day basis," Pratt said. "It's very difficult to tell a veteran and family members that we don't have their records and that it was destroyed in the fire. It's frustrating to deal with, but we've done a lot of things over the years to try to ... satisfy the requirement for the service veterans. We're at about 90 percent-plus able to do a record recreation of that veteran's service and produce a document they can use for the (Department of Veterans Affairs) and other benefits. That's a good thing, but there's obviously a lot of history lost in that fire."

The NPRC houses military records of individuals who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard dating as far back as 1886 and as recently as 2008.

No National Guard records are stored at the NPRC unless a Guardsman served on active duty or was federalized. Those who were never called up to active duty will likely be referred to their respective state.

No military unit information is housed at the facility, though Pratt said staff there has contacts with agencies that can help locate that info.

"A lot of what we do at the NPRC is liaising with both the (military branches) and the VA in order to provide benefits for the veterans," Pratt said. "In many cases, there's a lot of complexity associated with it, and have to kind of weed through it to find out what we need to do to provide the benefits for the veteran."

Pratt urged anyone seeking a veterans' records for the sake of receiving VA ben-

efits makes sure to state that is the reason for the request. There is a fee of \$25 per five pages to receive a record, but there is no fee if the request is to secure a veteran benefits.

With 77 million records that include several of the same names, Pratt urged providing the most specific information possible when submitting a records request. But, "if a veteran sends it to us on a cocktail napkin, we'll honor that request as long as they sign it," he said. [Source: The American Legion | Steve Brooks | July 27, 2017 ++]

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.

Adopt a Highway volunteers sought

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is looking for individuals and organizations to join the more than 4,100 groups and 16,000 people in the state who are Adopt a Highway volunteers.

The program, which realized an estimated \$6 million benefit in 2017, is a public service project that helps reduce litter along the roadsides. It's been part of MnDOT's maintenance operations since 1990.

"Volunteers pick up litter, keep the roadways beautiful and save taxpayers money," said Ann McLellan, statewide Adopt a Highway manager. "When our volunteers are out cleaning the roadway ditches, MnDOT crews use their time to build and maintain our highways. It's a win-win for all and it shows that Minnesotans care about their state."

There are 5,455 segments of roadways defined for the program. Of those segments, 1,719 are available for adoption.

"Most of the available segments are in Greater Minnesota. In the Twin Cities area, there are nine segments available," said

McLellan. The volunteers, representing schools, businesses, faith-based organizations, families and individuals, clean up nearly 10,000 miles of Minnesota roadways each year.

Last year volunteer groups, ranging from four to 25 people, spent an estimated 239,000 hours picking up 36,658 bags of litter. That's more than 112,000 pounds of litter.

Individuals and groups who want to volunteer should go to www.mndot.gov/adopt/ to find their local area program coordinator. MnDOT provides safety training, trash bags and safety vests, and picks up the filled bags that volunteers leave at the side of the road. MnDOT also posts signs along the adopted segments of roads with the names of the volunteer groups.

Volunteers are asked to commit to the program for at least two years and pick up litter on both sides of the roadway at least twice a year. The average length of an adopted roadway is two to three miles, although some roads are longer.

Crossword Puzzle

Week 15

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Formed by burning tobacco

4. Luxury automaker

7. Religious residences

12. Crusaders

14. Puzzled

15. In a curt way

18. Selling tool

19. Solid material

20. Gold

21. Thick piece of something

24. Pouch

27. "Wonder Years" actor Fred

30. Strong and healthy

31. Waste matter

33. Apply lightly

34. Type of squad

35. Secret political faction

37. Mock

39. Immoral act

41. Early Syrian kingdom

42. Neutralizes alkalis

44. Loud, confused noise

47. Sweet potato

48. Yemen's largest city

49. Farm state

50. Bird's beak

52. Measures distance

53. Pacify

56. Spanish noble

61. Lodging supplied for public convenience

63. Womanized

64. Not divisible by two

65. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

1. Used in perfumery

2. Arabic man's name

3. Assess

4. Prickly plants

5. Falsely assess

6. "___ the whistle"

7. Mama

8. Rocker ___ Vicious

9. Toward

10. Prefix meaning within

11. Midway between south and southeast

12. Cause to be embarrassed

13. Pandemonium

16. Fall behind

17. Cantonese

22. Shad

23. A way to make dark

24. Specialized systems consultant

25. Wings

26. Taxi driver

28. Linear units

29. Large Philippine plant

32. Celebration

36. Fugitives are on this

38. Chinese tree

40. Not sour

43. "Bourne" actor Matt

44. Former OSS

45. Runners run this

46. Offered again

51. Sanctuary

54. Food suitable for babies

55. Caused by a reflection of sound

56. Mortar trough

57. Days in mid-month

58. Exhibit the courage to do

59. Disk of the sun in Egyptian mythology

60. Protects from weather

62. Manganese

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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.

Deadlines for all classified ads, including garage sale ads is 5 p.m. MONDAY to be published in Thursday's Staples World and 5 p.m. Wednesday for the Staples Square Shooter.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sunlight & Youth.....6:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship.....10:45 am.
Sabbath School.....9:30 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.

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

Aldrich
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

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

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megarden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Meal
6:30 p.m.....Groups

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

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

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

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

One of the valuable lessons which I learned growing up was that family is important.

My father was fond of saying that friends would come and go, but that family would always be there for you. I also recall how painful it was to both of my parents when there was an argument between siblings. Brothers and sisters shouldn't fight like mortal enemies, a little healthy competition is okay, but siblings should always stick up for each other. If there are rifts in your family, do your best to heal them, and strive to help your family and always be there in times of need. We should have this same attitude to our extended family, to our aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews and even distant cousins. But, we should also realize that we are all God's children and thus part of the human family. No doubt it pains God to see his children fighting and killing each other, no less than it pains human parents when they see their children fighting.

"From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. . . . As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'"
Acts 17: 26-28

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Motley and Pillager

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
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218-894-1112

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**NOTICE
THOMASTOWN
REGULAR MEETING
SCHEDULE**

The regular board meetings for Thomastown Township will be held the following days:
May 7, 2018
June 4, 2018
July 9, 2018
August 6, 2018
September 10, 2018
October 1, 2018
November 5, 2018
December 3, 2018
January 7, 2019
February 4, 2019
March 4, 2019
April 1, 2019
All meetings will be held at the town hall building beginning at 7:00 pm.

Stacy M. Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
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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.**
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**NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP BOARD
OF EQUALIZATION
AND APPEAL**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Meadowbrook, Cass County MN shall meet on Thursday April 19, 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.
The meeting will adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
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**NOTICE
THOMASTOWN
BOARD OF APPEALS
AND EQUALIZATION**

The annual Board of Appeals - Equalization meeting will be held at the Thomastown Town Hall on Friday, April 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

Stacy M. Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
15pnc

**TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT**
**215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie,
Minnesota 56347**
320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday April 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Daryl and Lynn Dhein:** Bass Lake View Outlot A in Section 8 & 9 of Burnhamville Township
Site Address: 19406 Ermine Dr. PIN: 06-0096500
1.) Variance request to exceed the 10 yard limit for substantial alteration of topography within a shore or bluff impact zone, or in a moderate or severe steep slope for an after the fact shoreland alteration to establish an approximate 800 square foot paved sidewalk. 2.) Variance request to exceed the maximum sidewalk width of four feet for an after the fact constructed sidewalk.

2. **Steve and Sandy Rasmussen:** Sandy Beach (30-127-32) Lots 1 & 2 Blk 1 Section 30 in Grey Eagle Township. Site Address: 29760 Arden Dr. PIN: 11-0053100
1.) Reduce the setback from 100 feet to 74 feet to construct a replacement dwelling. 2.) Exceed the maximum height of 18 feet to 30 feet to construct replacement dwelling within lake setback.

3. **Anthony and Debra Wessel:** Anderson's Subdivision of Govt Lot 2 Section 23 of Birchdale Township Site Address: 27627 Amber Lane. PIN: 03-0050200
1.) Variance request to reduce the setback from 100 feet to 49 feet to construct a replacement dwelling. 2.) Exceed the maximum

height of 18 feet to 20 feet to construct replacement dwelling within the lake setback.

4. **Michael and Patricia Serie - Serie Living Trust:** Little Deer Beach Addition Lots 24 & 25 and adjoining lakeshore in section 25 Leslie Township. Site Address: 22347 Gateway Dr. PIN: 15-0064100, 15-0029900
1.) Variance request to reduce the setback from 100 feet to 88 feet to construct a 18 foot by 16.5 foot addition to existing dwelling. 2.) Exceed the maximum height of 18 feet to 31.2 feet to construct a second floor for the existing dwelling 62 feet from the OHWM of the lake.

5. **Charles Anderson, Nancy Anderson:** E 639 Ft of Govt Lot 3 S of Shady Lane (Adam's Drive) Section 20 of Kandota Township. Site Address: NA PIN: 14-0022201
1.) Variance request to reduce the setback from 150 feet to 130 feet to construct a 1,510 sq ft addition to an existing structure. 2.) Exceed the maximum height of 18 feet to 26 feet to construct the proposed addition within the lake setback.
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County
Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
15pnc

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THE MINNESOTA
SECRETARY OF
STATE**
**Certificate of
Assumed Name**
*Minnesota Statutes,
Chapter 333*

The filing of an assumed name does not provide a user with exclusive rights to that name. The filing is required for consumer protection in order to enable consumers to be able to identify the true owner

of a business.
ASSUMED NAME:
Whispering Pines Log Homes
PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:
22338 180th Street
Verndale, MN 56481
USA
NAMEHOLDER(S):
Name:
Whispering Pines Log Homes, L.L.C.
Address:
22338 180th Street
Verndale, MN 56481
U.S.A.

By typing my name, I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

SIGNED BY:
Jacob William Umland
MAILING ADDRESS:
22338 180th Street
Verndale, MN 56481

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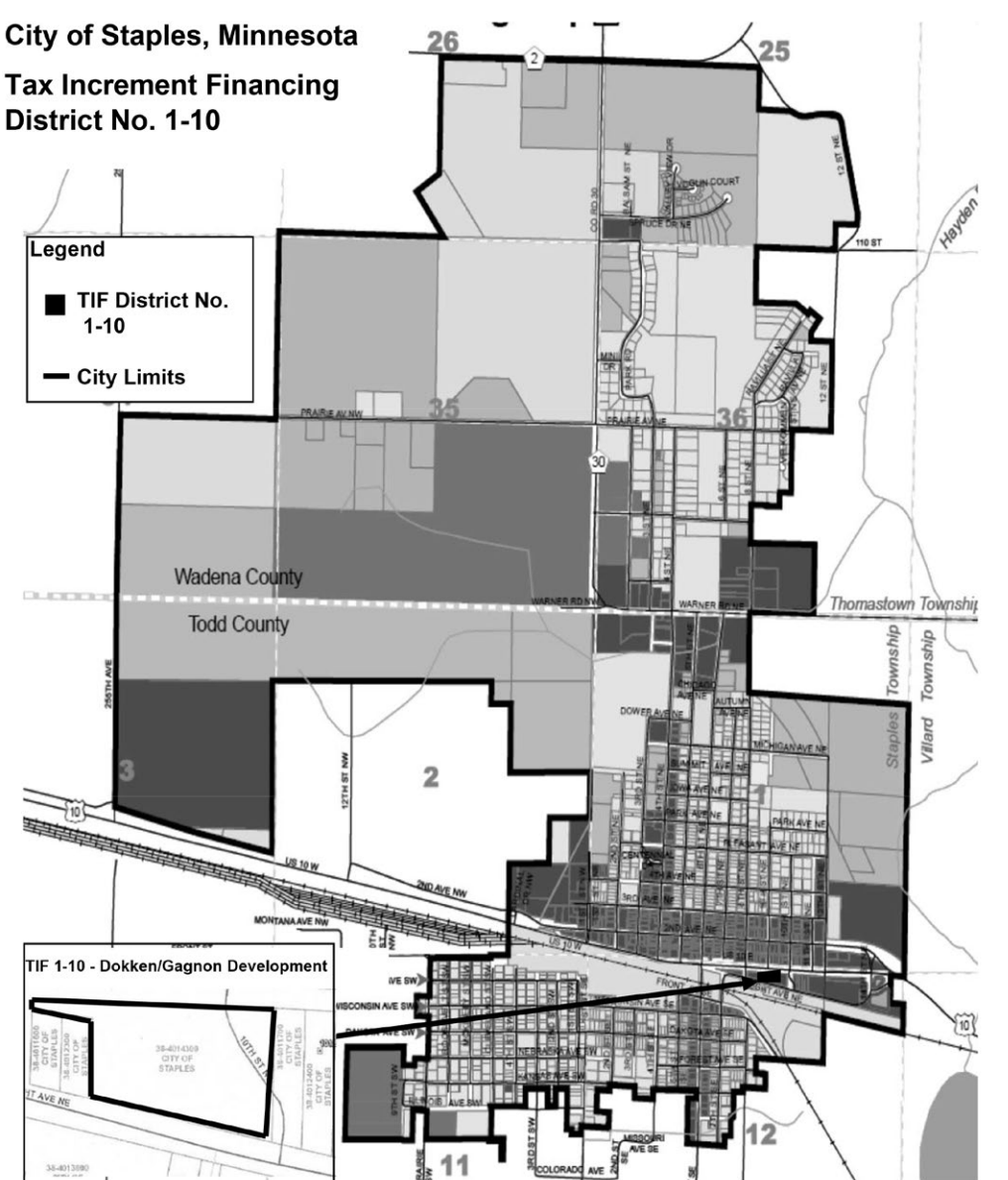
**CITY OF STAPLES
COUNTY OF TODD
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-10
WITHIN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Staples, Todd County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Staples City Hall in the City of Staples, Minnesota, relating to the (a) the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No.1-10 within Municipal Development District No. 1, and (b) the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, inclusive, as amended (the "Act"). Copies of the Tax Increment Financing Plan as proposed to be adopted will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

The property included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-10 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Administrator. A map of the proposed Tax Increment Financing District is set forth below:

City of Staples, Minnesota
Tax Increment Financing
District No. 1-10



The boundaries of Municipal Development District No. 1 are coterminous with City Limits.

All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their view orally or in writing.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL,
/s/ Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator
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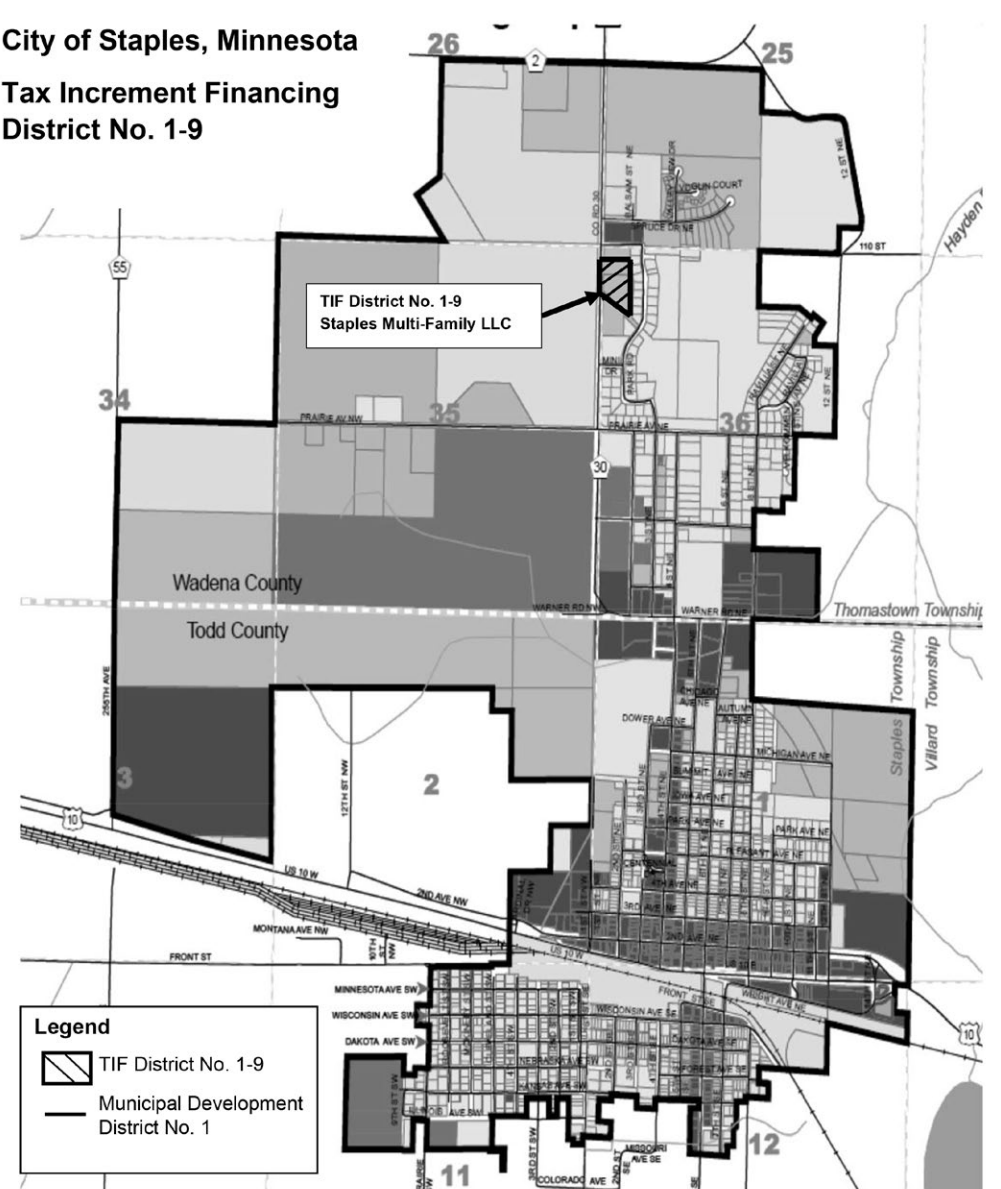
**CITY OF STAPLES
COUNTY OF WADENA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-9
WITHIN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Staples, Wadena County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the Staples City Hall in the City of Staples, Minnesota, relating to the (a) the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No.1-9 within Municipal Development District No. 1, and (b) the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, inclusive, as amended (the "Act"). Copies of the Tax Increment Financing Plan as proposed to be adopted will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

The property included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-9 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Administrator. A map of the proposed Tax Increment Financing District is set forth below:

City of Staples, Minnesota
Tax Increment Financing
District No. 1-9



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RATE INCREASE NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearings for Minnesota Energy Resources customers served by the Consolidated Viking, Great Lakes, & Centra Pipeline (CON) PGA

Minnesota Energy Resources asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for permission to increase its natural gas rates by approximately 5.05 percent or about \$12.6 million per year overall. Depending upon customer class and use, the actual percentage of any increase will vary. The requested increase would add about \$3 to a typical residential customer’s monthly bill.

The MPUC has lowered the interim rate increase. The interim rate increase was changed from approximately 3.78 percent or \$9,465,720 to 2.81 percent or \$7,033,485. If final rates are lower than interim rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

Public hearings

Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman is holding four public hearings. Any Minnesota Energy Resources customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Minnesota Energy Resources’ service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	1:00 p.m.	Kahler Apache Hotel, Grand C Ballroom 1517 16th St. SW, Rochester, MN 55902
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	7:00 p.m.	Albert Lea City Hall, City Council Chambers 221 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, MN 56007
Wednesday, May 16, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Grand Rapids City Hall, City Council Chambers 420 N. Pokegama Ave., Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Thursday, May 17, 2018	6:00 p.m.	Rosemount City Hall, Council Chambers 2875 145th St. W, Rosemount, MN 55068

Bad weather? To find out if a meeting is canceled – call (toll-free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit mn.gov/puc

Submit written comments

Online Visit mn.gov/puc, select *Speak Up!* find this docket (17-563), and add your comments to the discussion.

Email Email comments to consumer.puc@state.mn.us

U.S. Mail Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Written comments should include:

- The Docket Numbers in the subject line or heading
 - MPUC Docket Number G-011/GR-17-563
 - OAH Docket Number 8-2500-34864
- Your name and connection to the docket
- Anything you wish to say about the docket

Important: Comments are available to the public on the MPUC’s website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from submissions.

Accommodations

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in these meetings such as sign language or large print materials, please contact the Office of Administrative Hearings at 651-361-7000 (voice) or 651-361-7878 (TTY) at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Evidentiary hearings

Formal evidentiary hearings on Minnesota Energy Resources’ proposal start on July 10, 2018, at the MPUC, 121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul. The purpose of the evidentiary hearings is to allow Minnesota Energy Resources, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of the Attorney General-Residential Utilities & Antitrust Division, and others who have joined the litigation to present testimony and to cross-examine each other’s witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

If you wish to formally intervene in this case, you may submit a Petition for Intervention to Administrative Law Judge Eric L. Lipman, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620. The deadline to file a Petition for Intervention is February 14, 2018.

Effect of rate changes

The chart below shows the effect of the interim and proposed increases on monthly bills for customers with average natural gas use. Individual changes may be higher or lower depending upon actual natural gas use. .

PROPOSED CHANGE IN AVERAGE MONTHLY BILLS

Current Customer Class	Proposed Customer Class	Proposed Class Annual Usage Range	Average Monthly Usage (Therms)	Present Monthly Bill*	Current Interim Monthly Bill Effective 1/1/2018	New Interim Monthly Bill Effective 4/1/2018	Proposed Final Monthly Bill**
CONSOLIDATED SALES							
General Service (GS) - Residential Sales	GS- Residential Sales	N/A	72	\$55	\$57	\$56	\$58
General Service (GS) - Small Commercial & Industrial (SC&I) Sales	C&I Firm Class 1	0- 1,500	85	\$70	\$73	\$72	\$73
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	0- 20,000	186	\$131	\$137	\$135	\$151
General Service (GS) – Large Commercial & Industrial (LC&I) Sales	C&I Firm Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	507	\$328	\$340	\$337	\$321
	C&I Firm Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	9,692	\$5,461	\$5,612	\$5,573	\$5,277
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	0 - 20,000	234	\$176	\$183	\$181	\$178
Small Volume Interruptible (SVD) - Sales	C&I Interruptible Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	4,794	\$2,146	\$2,202	\$2,188	\$2,109
	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	18,838	\$7,948	\$8,128	\$8,082	\$7,897
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 1	0 - 20,000	666	\$440	\$461	\$455	\$375
	Agriculture Grain Dryer - Class 2	20,001 - 500,000	1,726	\$878	\$908	\$900	\$730
Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) - Sales	C&I Interruptible Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	1,538	\$752	\$776	\$770	\$707
	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	58,581	\$21,804	\$22,101	\$22,024	\$24,211
	C&I Interruptible Class 4	1,000,001 - 2,000,000	89,909	\$33,365	\$33,812	\$33,697	\$35,085
Small Volume Joint (SVJ) - Sales	C&I Joint Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	5,288	\$2,432	\$2,501	\$2,483	\$2,657
CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORT							
Small Volume Interruptible (SVI) - Transport	C&I Interruptible Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	4,804	\$748	\$815	\$798	\$746
	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	11,379	\$1,388	\$1,513	\$1,481	\$1,393
Large Volume Interruptible (LVI) - Transport – Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Applicable	C&I Interruptible Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	52,661	\$3,106	\$3,386	\$3,314	\$5,303
	C&I Interruptible Class 4	1,000,001 - 2,000,000	326,610	\$17,705	\$19,297	\$18,888	\$23,988
Small Volume Joint (SVJ) - Transport	C&I Joint Class 2	1,501 - 100,000	6,443	\$1,090	\$1,188	\$1,163	\$1,677
	C&I Joint Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	23,553	\$3,241	\$3,532	\$3,458	\$5,405
Large Volume Joint (LVJ) - Transport - Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Applicable	C&I Joint Class 3	100,001 - 1,000,000	102,307	\$6,691	\$7,292	\$7,138	\$14,030
Super Large Volume Interruptible (SLVI) - Transport - Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) Exempt	C&I Interruptible Class 5 – CIP Exempt	>200,000	599,536	\$6,941	\$7,094	\$7,055	\$6,739

* The present rate levels identified in this application represent the rates authorized in Minnesota Energy Resources’ last rate case in Docket No. G-011/GR-15-736.

** The table above reflects proposed increases for final rates to the **monthly customer charge** and the **per therm distribution charge**. For joint service customers, the table also reflects proposed increases to the daily firm capacity charge.

How to learn more

Minnesota Energy Resources’ current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Minnesota Energy Resources
2685 145th Street West
Rosemount, MN 55068
Phone: 800-889-9508
Web: www.minnesotaenergyresources.com/company/rate_case.aspx

Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone 651-539-1534
Web: <https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp> Select 17 in the year field, enter 563 in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

Questions about the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission’s review process?

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121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101
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Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Citizens with hearing or speech impairments may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.



Police answer security calls

Recent reports made to the Staples Police Dept. included:

April 5: Staples Police received a report of a large cement block on Hwy 10 near 14th St. NE. Police went to the area the area and located a large chunk of snow that had fallen from a vehicle, which resembled a cement block. Police removed hazard.

April 6: Staples Police responded to the 100 block of 4th St. NE to speak with a complainant regarding an assault at a business on the 100 block of 3rd St. NE. Police are investigating.

April 7: Staples Police conducted a traffic stop and arrested Melanie Brose, 46, of Little Falls for 3rd degree DWI.

April 7: Staples Police arrested Alicia Trana, 22, of Staples for 3rd degree DWI.

April 7: Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 7th St. NE for a report of an open door at a residence. Police cleared the residence, attempted to make contact with someone but was unsuccessful, then secured the door.

April 8: Staples Police responded to the 500 block of Warner Rd for a report of a domestic. Police arrived on scene and found the residence to be dark and quiet. Police were unable to make contact with anyone at the residence.



The Tulip and The Cardinal on the Barn Quilt Trail

The 2 ft. x 2 ft. barn quilt with a tulip design, above, is installed in the raised flower bed near the main entrance to the Lakewood Care Center on Prairie Ave. NE in Staples. Closer to the door is another quilt near a bench. Altogether, four barn quilts were created by the residents who said they “wanted people to know that even into their nineties they can still do something for the community!” These are not listed on the barn quilt trail because you can’t drive by them, you have to park and walk to the entrance.

One of the newest quilts on the trail, above right, was painted by Emma Gerard, a Staples-Motley High School student, for Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit

Union. The 4 ft. by 4 ft. quilt is at 1220 4th St. NE, Staples. The title is “Power, Wealth and Enthusiasm!” Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota now has over 75 quilts on their trail in Todd, Wadena, Morrison and Cass counties with more expected to be installed this spring. The local trail is listed on the American Barn Quilt Trail, a collection of the hundreds of painted quilts found in many states and in Canada. The web address is <http://barnquiltinfo.com/map-MN.html>. The website for the Central Minnesota trail is barnquiltsmn.org. A map can be downloaded from the site. Printed maps are also available at Staples Historic Depot or by emailing barnquiltscmn@gmail.com.

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Be active in making newcomers feel welcome



Ben Winchester

the new world, Winchester suggested rural communities pay more attention to the 46 percent of Minnesotans who move every five years, and take an active role in welcoming them and helping them feel welcome.

“The number one outcome” for a rural community is to “talk to your

newcomers,” said Winchester.

Rural communities also need to be aware of the stories they are telling about their town. Winchester said “the difference in whether kids want to move back to their home town is the narrative they hear while growing up.”

While some people in small towns are prone to talk negatively about their community, Winchester said they don’t realize that they are living the lifestyle that most of the country wants. “We’re probably in the place we want to be, we just don’t recognize it yet,” he said.

The proof of that is the number of newcomers that continually move into the community. “People are moving to your town for what you are today, they don’t care about your past problems,” said Winchester.

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Book focuses on emerging crops with economic potential



nial fruit crops can grow here. A major driving force behind the growth in new crops is the recently discovered and rediscovered health benefit of berries and other fruit.

The current base of knowledge for these emerging crops is extremely small compared to crops like apples or strawberries. Most of what we know about emerging crops comes from people who experiment in their own yards or farms. Innovative growers are constantly

discovering new varieties or developing new ways of growing emerging crops. The economic potential for these crops will increase as innovative farmers, food entrepreneurs and researchers discover or relearn better ways to plant, manage, harvest, process and market these crops. Investment in an emerging fruit crop could pay good dividends down the road.

McCamant repeat-

edly invites readers to experiment with species and varieties, to discover what works in their own situation and to engage in selection, breeding and propagation of well-adapted and productive plants. He also provides ample advice about potential pitfalls of the various crops. This book will provide intrepid would-be fruit farmers with the knowledge base to enable their exploration of the potential of emerging fruit crops.

“Perennial Fruit” is fully and freely available online on the MISA website: <https://www.misa.umn.edu/publications/perennialfruit>.



Apples

CLC specialty foods instructor Thaddeus McCamant showed one of the many varieties of apples at the 2017 Field Day.

Table 2. Vitamins and antioxidants in fruit, and proposed medicinal benefits.				
Crop	Vitamins and Minerals	Beneficial Compounds	ORAC* values	Proposed Medicinal Benefits
Black Currants	Vitamin C, Iron	Anthocyanin	7,957 ¹	Increased blood flow
Red Currants	Vitamin C, Iron	Anthocyanin	3,387 ¹	
Gooseberries	Vitamin C	Anthocyanin	3,332 ¹	
Aronia	Vitamins A and E	Anthocyanin	16,062 ¹	Improved heart function
Juneberries	Vitamin A	Anthocyanin	1,731 ²	
Elderberries	Vitamin A	Anthocyanin	14,697 ¹	Antiviral, combats cold and fever
Honeyberries	Vitamin C	Anthocyanin		
Chokecherries	Vitamin K, Riboflavin	Anthocyanin, quercetin	3,504 ²	Diarrhea, abdominal cramps
Nanking cherries	Vitamin C	Anthocyanin		
Actinidia (Hardy Kiwi)	Vitamin C		1,210 ¹	
Goji berries	Vitamin A	Long chain Polysaccharides	3,290 ¹	Boost immune system
Autumn Olive/Goumi	Vitamin A	Carotenoids, lycopene		
Seaberry	Vitamin E	Carotenoids, fatty acids	1,433 ²	Skin care, sunburn

*Oxygen Radical Absorbing Capacity; a measure of antioxidant activity
¹ From D.B. Haytowitz and S. Bagwhat, 2010
² From W. Li, F.S. Hosseini, A.W. Hydarnak, L. Lowry and T. Beta, 2008

What do these fruits do for health?

A chart from the McCamant book showing health benefits of some of the fruit featured in the book.

Note from Thoddeus:

Does a chokecherry by another name taste just as astringent?

Shortly after 2000, a few Canadian horticulturists recommended changing the name “chokecherry” to “wild black cherry.” Although the proposed name change would have caused confusion in Minnesota, which does have native wild black cherries (*Prunus serotina*), I decided to gather information. In 2008 and 2009, I conducted taste tests at a farmers’ market. I told the consumers that we were testing 4 new fruit jellies. Two of the samples were chokecherry from the same jar, with one labeled “chokecherry” and the other labeled “wild black cherry”. The other two jellies were also new crops like red currant and aronia. Two people noticed the trick. One woman refused to do the taste test because she heard that chokecherries were poisonous. Everybody else rated the two chokecherry jellies with different names roughly the same, including a large group of teenagers who had never eaten chokecherry jelly. Chokecherry jelly was rated quite high by both new and old consumers.

In the past thirty years, chokeberries have become aronia berries and Oregon alberts have become hazelnuts, but there doesn’t appear to be a need to change the name of chokecherries. Changing the name would attract few new consumers while turning off many people from the Great Plains and Intermountain West who grew up eating chokecherry products. Lewistown, Montana is unlikely to change the name of their annual “Chokecherry Festival,” for instance.

Behind the scene research stories

The “Perennial Fruit” book contains several notes from Thaddeus McCamant, including side stories and anecdotes from his research.

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Post contest jam session

While the judges were tallying their scores, contestants at the recent Fiddler's Contest in Pillager combined their talents, playing a few familiar tunes for the audience including "Cripple Creek" and "Amazing Grace." Pictured above, from left, are fiddlers Sam Smith, Fargo, N.D. (second place in his age group); Abigail Carey, Farmington (first place in her age group); Sara Smith, Fargo (Fiddler of the Year and first place in her age group); Shelby Huston, Minot, N.D. (second place in her age group); Maria Mathison, Foreston; and Kevin Huston (Shelby Huston's father), providing guitar accompaniment. Pictured in lower photo is Harold Hines of Pillager, who placed first in his age group. Hines also provided guitar accompaniment during the jam session. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Pillager contest brings in talented fiddlers

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Eleven fiddlers took the stage at Pillager High School April 7, competing for cash prizes at the 34th Annual Fiddler's Contest. Sara Smith of Fargo, N.D. was named this year's "Fiddler of the Year."

The fiddlers ranged in age from pre-teen through senior citizen and hailed from towns across Minnesota and North Dakota. They played a variety of tunes, including, "Old Joe Clark," "Eighth of January," "Billy in the Low Ground" and "Blackberry Blossom."

The Oak Street Chapel Praise Band from Brainerd provided entertainment prior to the contest; and band member Pastor Todd Wooden also served as emcee for the evening.

Winners in each age category are listed below:

- Ages 7 - 13: Abigail Carey, Farmington, 1st; Sam Smith, Fargo, N.D., 2nd; Adrian Trumble, Alexandria, 3rd; Mike Trumble, Alexandria, participation.
- Ages 14 - 19: Sara Smith, Fargo, N.D., 1st and Fiddler of the Year; Shelby Huston, Minot, N.D., 2nd; Mariangely Linder, Northfield, 3rd; Maria Mathison, Foreston, participation; Bailey Carey, Farmington, participation.
- Ages 20 - 35: Amanda Trumble, Alexandria, 1st;
- Ages 64 - 74: Harold Hines, Pillager, 1st.



'...and the winner is...'

Glen Niles and his daughter Lone Freeman, both of Pillager, listened as the in-house raffle numbers were read during intermission at the Fiddler's Contest in Pillager April 7. A number of prizes, donated by area businesses and individuals, were given away during the course of the evening. In addition, a grand raffle took place, with winners taking home cash prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$300. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Food Shelf donations

A number of donations were received by the Motley Area Food Shelf during March, Food Share Month. Pictured above, Sherry Miller Frisk, food shelf director, receives a \$1,040 check from Lion Deb Alexander on behalf of the Leader Lions. The funds were raised during their annual pancake breakfast at Swan Valley Lutheran Church, along with the proceeds of a quilt raffle held by the ladies of the church. Below, Frisk receives a \$500 check from Fran Kunkle on behalf of First International Bank of Motley. The bank also donated a cart full of canned goods. (Submitted photos)



By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting April 9, the Motley City Council accepted the resignation of Fire Chief Todd Judd and a letter of retirement from Police Chief Ron Smith.

Judd has been a member of the MFD for the past 10 years and was appointed Chief in 2017. In 2016, he served as 1st Asst. Chief; and the year before that, 2nd Asst. Chief. He told the council that he was resigning as chief for personal reasons, but will remain a member of the fire department.

The council proceeded to approve Kyle Frisk as the new Fire Chief and Brad Olson as the new 1st Asst. Chief, the position formerly held by Frisk.

Appreciation for Judd's service as Fire Chief was expressed by the council members. "You were a good chief," council member Steve Johnson said.

Smith has served as Motley's Police Chief since December of 2015. In his letter to the council, Smith noted that he is retiring from a 29-year law enforcement career. He has selected May 31, 2018 to be his final day of employment with the City of Motley.

In his letter, Smith said,

"I have truly enjoyed serving the people of Motley. I have gotten to know some wonderful people during my time here. Because I live in the area, I will still be a part of the community and look forward to serving in other ways."

"I have served a long and enjoyable career in the field of criminal justice having served as a corrections officer, probation officer, police officer and police chief. This career has spanned 29 years and it is time to do something else. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the City of Motley."

Upon council acceptance of Chief Smith's retirement letter, Mayor Yoder thanked him for the work he has done in Motley and wished him luck in his new adventure.

Later on in the meeting, during the council forum, the council discussed having Officer Jason Borash act as Interim Police Chief until they find a replacement for Smith. Mayor Yoder said he would like the council to take their time and not rush into hiring a new police chief.

In other matters the council:

• **HEARD** a request from Bob Jenkins for \$3,000 to be used for Music in the Park. Jenkins said he would like

to book two bands in July and two in August. No motion was made by the council. Mayor Yoder noted that this was Jenkins' third request to the city. He was denied twice and with no motion made the third time, the mayor said he did not expect this to change in the future.

• **DENIED** a request made by Christopher Malcolm and Charlene Wilson to be allowed to have four dogs at their residence on Beaulieu St. West. The city's ordinance states that no household within the city limits shall own or possess more than three adult dogs unless prior council approval is given. Any dog over the age of three months is considered an adult.

Malcolm and Wilson said it had been their understanding that five animals were allowed per household. They currently have four dogs, two of which will be three months old shortly.

The council noted that they are in the process of making changes to the city's ordinances, but that has not taken place yet.

Although they were sympathetic toward the requesting party's situation, the council said they did not feel they could go against the ordinance that

is already in place. Council member Pat O'Regan said that he would need to hear a reason for their having four dogs before the council could consider approving their request.

As they were leaving, Malcolm asked what the city's ordinance was regarding pot-bellied pigs. "They make a lot of noise," he said.

• **APPROVED** a request made by Motley-Staples Middle School art teacher Amanda Olson to take down the art on the power poles along Hwy 10 and replace with new art. The council agreed that the art could stay up through the summer, but would need to be taken down by Oct. 1.

• **APPROVED** a special event permit application made by the June Fest planning committee.

• **APPROVED** the request by members of the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce/June Fest 2018 Committee for the city to offer support for the June 16 event. This includes allowing public works employees to offer assistance, as well as a \$3,000 financial donation.

• **ACCEPTED** a donation from 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing (owned by John Brichacek) in the amount of \$669.10, to be used by the

See **COUNCIL** on page 3b

Jamie Hauge is Pillager's 2018 Citizen of the Year

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

When the announcement was made that Jamie Hauge had been named the 2018 Pillager Citizen of the Year, she was no where to be found.

"I didn't hear my name," she laughed, in a later conversation. "I was back working in the kitchen...I thought it would be someone else."

The announcement was made at the Fiddler's Contest April 7, the annual event sponsored by the Pillager Fair Board, of which Hauge serves as president.

It's fitting that Hauge, a longtime volunteer in the Pillager community, would be doing what she does best when her name was called...serving others.

Fellow fair board member Jennifer Paananen spent a few minutes describing the honoree prior to announcing her name. She noted that the person was known for her many good deeds in the Pillager community. Her selfless actions have affected many lives, both directly and in-

directly.

"She is a wife, mother, grandmother, friend and cook," Paananen said, adding that this person has delivered many home-cooked meals to people in need. She went on to describe the honoree as being a very hard worker, not known for being lazy. "She is about getting the job done the right way."

The 2018 Pillager Citizen of the year was a person who spear-headed the 'Pillager Coats for Kids' program. While driving school bus, she observed children that were not dressed in proper attire. She decided to do something about it and since that time many children in need have been given a warm coat and other clothing.

This person is Jamie Haugen, Paananen announced, to the cheers of hundreds in attendance at the fiddler's contest.

She was shocked, Hauge said of receiving the citizen of the year trophy. "I feel like I'm part of the big picture," she said of her volunteer work with the Pillager Fair Board, which

she has been a part of since 1998. "We are all in there doing what it takes to get the job done," she went on, noting the hours spent at the fair grounds cleaning, cooking, digging ditches, etc. "You do what you are physically able to do."

In addition to her work with the fair board, Hauge is on the board of the Pillager Family Center (PFC). That is the organization which helped launch Hauge's idea to have a Pillager Coats for Kids program. She credits the support and enthusiasm of Betty Doss, PFC Director, for helping make this program a reality. Hauge is also thankful for the thousands of dollars donated for 'Coats for Kids' by the Pillager Lions and the Pillager Fire Department.

Hauge is insistent that children in need be given new coats, not used. She recalled seeing a young boy who had been given a new coat, along with a matching hat and mittens. "He was so proud...jumping up and down," she said. It's moments like that that reinforce to her why she en-

joys volunteering so much.

She is proud to be a part of the Pillager community, Hauge said, adding that she moved to the area from Bloomington in 1996. "We bought some land up here and used to do some camping on occasion." They decided they liked the area so much, they moved there permanently. "This is a very welcoming, friendly town," she said.

Hauge and her husband, Kyle live outside of Pillager on 20 acres, where they have room for horses and dogs; and visits from the grandkids. She has two grown children from a previous marriage, Jeff Knobloch and Sarah Knobloch; and two grandkids, Michael and Bailey (Jeff's children), all of whom live in the area.

She couldn't imagine moving back to the Twin Cities area, Hauge said, adding that she found it much more difficult to be a part of a community there. In Pillager, she has found meaning through volunteering; and rich friendships along the way. "People around here even



Presented with her trophy

Jamie Hauge (right) was named the 2018 Pillager Citizen of the Year at the annual fiddler's contest April 7. Also pictured is Pillager Fair Board member Jennifer Paananen, who presented the trophy to Hauge. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

know when you've been sick," she said, adding that she's been the recipient of kindness from others since moving to town over 20 years ago.

Pillager is also a town where most people probably know your name. Especially if your name is Jamie Hauge, the town's 2018 Citizen of the Year.



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Local band entertains the crowd

The Oak Street Chapel Praise Band from Brainerd provided entertainment prior to the start of the 2018 Pillager Fiddler’s Contest. Pictured, from left, are Frank Hood, bass guitar; Judd Alvord, guitar; Pastor Todd Wooden, guitar; Tom Carson (hidden), drums; Mike Williams, harmonica; Judy Blocker, keyboard. Pastor Wooden also served as emcee at the competition. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Motley City Council discusses variety of items at its regular meeting

police department.

• APPROVED the fire department’s request to renew their annual membership to the Todd-Wadena Firefighters Association.

• LEARNED that checks totaling \$315 had been made out to the Motley Fire Department instead of the Relief Association, to which they were intended. It was not clear as to how these monies

could be transferred back to the Relief Association and the matter was tabled until next month’s regular meeting. Chief Judd said he thinks people might not understand that there is a difference between the Motley Fire Department and the Motley Relief Association.

• APPROVED a one year leave of absence request from MFD member Lonna

Dille. Dille has been accepted into graduate school and will be obtaining her master’s degree.

• APPROVED a request from Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton to purchase a used street sweeper for \$5,500.

• SET next regular council meeting for Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

April 4 - The MPD assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with apprehension of a subject in a stolen car. The incident took place at Hwy 64 and Hwy 210 in Motley.

April 3 - The MPD issued a citation to Jessica Adams, 35, for driving with a revoked license.

March 30 - The MPD issued a citation to Anthony Klotter, 38, for driving with expired tabs. He had been stopped for speeding.

March 29 - The MPD assisted a Cass County deputy with the apprehension of

a subject that tried to run from him when he was being arrested on a felony warrant.

April 4 - The MCSO in the arrest of Hubert Wolbeck, 32, at the 33000 block of Aspen Ln., Motley.

April 4 - The MCSO received a call from a Cushing resident who reported that someone siphoned gas out of his plow truck. The incident took place at the 3000 block of Scandia Dr.

April 2 - The MCSO responded to a report of a possible attempted break-in at the 26000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing.

March 30 - The MCSO issued a citation to Chad Birkholtz, 37, for not having insurance.

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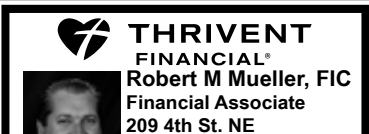
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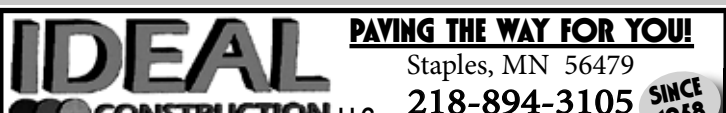
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Baseball seniors

Staples-Motley baseball seniors for the 2018 season, from left, Reid Busker, James Ehresman, Travis Eisel, Isaac Swendsrud and Mason Nyhus. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



New coach at work

Staples-Motley baseball coach Greg Kossan goes over some strategy with the players during one of their practices. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Baseball team has players ready to go

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

With the first two weeks of the baseball season snowed out, the Staples-Motley baseball team knows they will have a lot of games to play in a short time, once the fields have dried off. The players believe they will be ready for that challenge.

“We have a lot of pitchers and a lot of experience,” said senior Reid Busker.

The team also has a new coach Greg Kossan, who is in his first year as head coach, but still provides continuity with the pro-

gram.

“He’s coached all of us at some point,” said James Ehresman.

“We respect this coach,” said Isaac Swendsrud.

“I pretty much know all the guys, I have coached them at some level,” said Kossan, who has been a coach at all levels of summer baseball.

Kossan agrees with the assessment that the team will be ready when the outdoor season starts. “We have a large number of guys that can throw strikes. We have good seniors and some younger guys, the team is skilled.”

On top of that, Kossan said the team is working hard in the practices so far. “Guys are giving it their all, there’s not much more you can ask for.”

Greg’s son Mark Kossan will be an assistant coach and Jeff Halverson will coach the junior varsity team.

Kossan said they are trying to keep things interesting during their extended indoor practices. He is doing a lot of teaching about strategies and signals. “We’ll make the best of it, we have a lot to cover,” he said.

Comments sought on deer management plan

Minnesota’s new deer plan sets a new statewide harvest target, increases citizen participation in deer management, and outlines ways to keep the population and habitat healthy.

The Department of Natural Resources is taking online public comments on the new plan now through Wednesday, May 9. Also, the DNR will hold 35 public meetings in April around the state so people can talk to wildlife managers, ask questions and provide input.

There will be no formal presentation at the meetings. Instead, local wildlife staff will provide handouts explaining the deer plan and process and will talk with attendees individually and in small groups. All meetings are scheduled from 6-8 p.m. and people can arrive anytime during the two-hour time frame.

Brainerd, Detroit Lakes and Little Falls are among the locations chosen for public meetings.

The locations and dates are:

- April 18 at Brainerd Area DNR Office, 1601 Minnesota Drive, lower conference room.
- April 24 at Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 19502 Iris Road, Little Falls.
- April 26 at Minnesota State Community College, 900 Minnesota Highway 34, campus auditorium, Detroit Lakes.

“We’re setting a course for deer management that encourages more dialogue among stakeholders, the public, and DNR staff,” said DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr. “Our ultimate goal is to support our hunting traditions, better engage the public, and to maintain sustainable, healthy deer populations throughout Minnesota.”

Part of the plan outlines strategic ways the DNR will prioritize its resources and activities to meet the plan’s eight key goals, which range from keeping Minnesota deer healthy to ensuring biological and societal factors are considered in management decisions.

“The plan recognizes the diversity of interests, considers multiple objectives, and is informed by the best available science,” said Leslie McInenly, DNR acting wildlife populations and programs manager. “It also factors in ways to reduce the negative impacts deer can have on people and the landscape.”

The plan establishes an annual statewide harvest target of 200,000 deer. Although only one of several performance measures outlined in the plan, the harvest target will help communicate how the DNR is meeting overall population goals through time.

In general, annual harvests less than 200,000 will indicate a need for more conservative regulations to rebuild deer populations. Harvests greater than 200,000 will suggest hunting regulations need to be liberalized so more deer are harvested to reduce populations.

“It’s important for people to know we’ll be measuring our performance in a variety of ways, from increased opportunities for public engagement to improving deer habitat and limiting disease,” McInenly said. “That strategy will inform us if objectives are being met and what areas need more work.”

McInenly added that the plan doesn’t address the details of specific regulations or operational issues,

but rather plots a long-term strategic direction for managing the herd.

For more than a year, a 19-member citizen’s advisory group helped the DNR draft the deer plan. The group’s members had knowledge of deer management, interests related to deer and familiarity with different areas of the state.

“I want to express the agency’s great appreciation for the substantial public input and work of committee members in developing the plan,” McInenly said.

Public can comment on new plan

The public can comment on the proposed plan on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/deerplan.

A questionnaire asks people to indicate their level of satisfaction with the purpose, mission, vision and goals of the plan and provides opportunity for people to give additional feedback on whether the plan reflects the conversation and public input over the last few years.

Also, the DNR’s 35 open-house meetings in April will help people understand the deer plan. “The open houses provide an opportunity to learn more about the plan, ask questions, and meet the local staff who help manage wildlife and habitat,” McInenly said.

For a complete list of community meeting locations and dates is available at mndnr.gov/deerplan.



Bowling league champs

Thursday Twilight bowling league champions for 2018 are the members of the Staples Vet Clinic. Team members, left to right: Tia Freitag, Ruth Lugert, Kathy Marcussen and Betty Klingaman. (Submitted photo)

Whose water is it?

In late March, a Minnesota judge, from Ramsey County made headlines with a ruling that should prompt us to ask a deceptively simple question: “Who owns our water?” The pronoun “our,” in this case, means the planet’s water; on the surface in a lake or pond, a creek or a river, or underground in the aquifers we tap for irrigation and for use in our homes.

The judge’s ruling concerned a lake north of the Twin Cities that has been slowly disappearing. White Bear Lake is a community north of St. Paul. It’s also an actual lake, one that has seen its water level drop dramatically in recent years, in some cases leaving docks and boat lifts perched comically high and dry. Perhaps less comical if it happened to be your dock or boat lift, and your property – which almost certainly lost value as a result.

The water level’s decline has been linked to demand for water in surrounding communities, pumping water from the same aquifers – underground streams – that feed the lake. Some of the water is used in homes in surrounding communities. Some is used commercially. About 30 percent of water use in this northeast sector of the Twin Cities is said to be used to keep lawns green and healthy during the growing season.

Right or wrong, the judge blasted the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for not adequately regulating the pumping and use of water from underground sources, including being too generous in issuing permits for commercial water extraction, and not declaring and enforcing lawn watering bans that might have limited the negative impacts on this lake.

The judge also had harsh words for private citizens. Though you’d be hard-pressed to find a homeowner

who hasn’t at one time or another watered their lawn, the judge risked alienating these folks by describing this as mindless waste. She ordered the state to issue lawn watering bans – and broader water use restrictions – if the lake falls below its current, somewhat recovered, level. But if you’re an angler who fishes there, or you use the lake for other recreations, you’d probably side with the judge’s opinion on where that water should be.

This case is not a unique example of competing demands for limited water resources. Near the distant end of Minnesota’s North Shore of Lake Superior is Lutsen Resort, one of that remote area’s major employers, a magnet for Minnesota and Thunder Bay Ontario skiers in winter, and a popular resort in summer, too. It’s a charming place with a long history, a fine reputation, and the closest thing in Minnesota to “mountain skiing.”

Meandering through the Lutsen Resort property is the Poplar River. It’s one of many North Shore streams that over millennia have worn steep, tortuous, boulder-studded courses from upland forests and swamps where they originate, down to The Big Lake. The Poplar River is a trout stream, and like most others of its kind on the craggy North Shore, its flow can vary greatly from season to season.

Good flow, meaning an adequate volume of water, is critical to all stream and river fish. Oxygenated water for breathing, shelter from predators, and food supply are all tied to adequate flow. The Poplar River’s flow is shared not only among its brook trout – and those who fish for them – but also with Lutsen Resort, which in winter draws water from the river for making snow. Winter just happens to often be a time of low flow in these rivers.

The resort has in the past maintained that it would be less feasible economically to meet its snow-making needs by piping water from Lake Superior; it’s cheaper to draw it from the Poplar River. This became an issue several years ago when the resort proposed increasing its water draw

from the river. Some complained that past DNR enforcement of water permit limits had been lax. Then, as now, there is substantial local pressure to support the resort, which employs many from the upper North Shore. Is there enough water in the Poplar River to properly support its trout and Lutsen’s skiing legions? If not, whose interests should come first?

A similar question of water use priorities arose in the 1990s, when irrigated potato production began in earnest in the watershed of the Straight River, near Park Rapids. The Straight River was a widely-known and much-loved fishing destination, and as a spring-fed river there was concern that intensified irrigation might reduce its flow, warm its waters and endanger its fish.

Some believed there should be a moratorium – a “hold” – on new irrigation wells until their impact on the subsurface water flowing into the Straight River could be more fully understood. But the presence of a potato products processor nearby as a willing buyer added to the appeal of intensive potato farming, and irrigation more or less guaranteed a successful crop; thus, no moratorium on new wells.

My wife and I are about to move into a home we’re building, and part of that process included the drilling of a well to supply our water needs. There’s laundry, dishes, washing the car at home if I’m sufficiently ambitious, a drink for the flowers in window boxes and maybe watering a vegetable garden. Being a Minnesotan, where water is abundant – and probably too much taken for granted – the only question I recall asking about the process was “How deep did you have to go?” I took it for granted that we’d have the water we’ll need; didn’t consider that there could be a limit to how much I’m entitled to.

There are many places in the world, some right here in our own country, where there are life and death implications to the question “Whose water is it?” Yet even here, in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, we’re finally coming to understand that it’s not a limitless resource.

Todd County’s Walk-In Access

Minnesota DNR’s Walk-In Access (WIA) program provides new hunting opportunities on private land. The WIA program is entirely voluntary for landowners and was started in 2011 in 31 southwestern Minnesota Counties. Enrollments have reached over 26,700 acres in Minnesota.

Walk-In Access is a tool to generate additional income of \$10-\$13/acre for landowners who have parcels of greater than 40 acres in high quality natural cover. (Some exceptions apply.)

- \$10/acre base rate
- +\$1/acre if greater than 140 acres
- +\$1/acre if less than a half mile from public hunting land
- +\$1/acre if enrolled multi-year

Parcels may include those already in a conservation program such as CREP, CRP, RIM or WRP. However, any parcel that has high quality natural vegetation such as grassland, wetland or timber may be considered. Contracts are 1-3 years and landowners may opt out at any time, without penalty, although payments are pro-rated based on the date of the opt-out. Maps of currently enrolled WIA sites and more information on the program can be found at www.mndnr.gov/walkin.

All sign-ups are done at the local Soil & Water Conservation District of-



Hunting sign

Walk-In Access land can be posted to let potential hunters know where they can hunt.

fice. Todd County landowners interested in learning more about enrolling in the WIA program can contact Lew Noska, Todd SWCD, 320-732-2644.

Walk-in rules

Rules for Walk-In Access land:

- You must purchase a WIA Validation to legally hunt WIA Sites. Purchase online or call: 1-888-665-4236 (ELS CODE 190).
- Landowners cannot give others permission to hunt without a validation.
- No motorized vehicles are allowed.
- No target practice, trapping, dog training, camping, horseback riding or fires are allowed by the public.
- Erecting blinds, stands or other structures is not allowed; portable structures are okay.