

SEDA to support Staples Christmas

Caution expressed on income based apartments

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority agreed to donate \$2,500 to the Staples Community Christmas Celebration being planned by the Discover Staples Tourism Board. Plans for the event includes a light display at Pine Grove Park, sleigh rides and downtown activities.

The SEDA also agreed

to send a letter of support for the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership when they apply to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to build low income apartments on 12th Street and Michigan Ave. NE. The Staples City Council voted to move ahead with the project.

But the SEDA did not agree to make a financial contribution, which Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher

said would strengthen the application to the MHFA. She said they will also be asking for contributions from local businesses who have employees in the income bracket that will be eligible for the housing.

Loan programs

The SEDA considered a request from Dustin's Auto Repair to use the SEDA's awning and facade loan to build a fence around the

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'Off we go into the wild blue yonder ...'

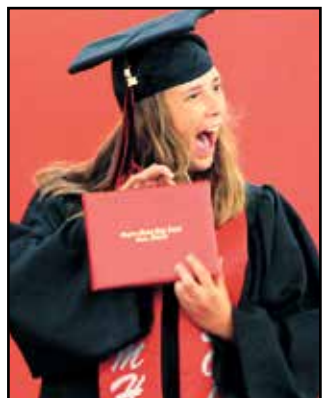


'... Climbing high into the sun'

Isaac Landecker, a pilot in the United States Air Force, completed several fly-by exercises in a C-17 cargo aircraft in Staples on May 24, prior to Memorial Day. Isaac and student pilots arrived from Altus, Okla., Air force Base at 1:21 p.m. at The Vintage golf course and at 1:25 p.m. at the Staples Airport.

Above: The underbelly of the plane is clearly marked with USAF as Landecker makes a second pass over the runway at the airport. The C-17 measures 174 feet long with a wingspan of 169 feet, 10 inches, weighs 170,900 pounds with 585,000 pound take off capacity. The plane was too heavy to land at Staples.

Landecker is the son of Don and Connie Landecker of Staples and a 2004 graduate of Staples-Motley High School. See more photos on page 2a (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



New apartments get final city okay

The Staples City Council held a short meeting on May 22, with the main order of business approving the paperwork for the the apartments to be built on Airport Road, including awarding the sale, terms, covenant and tax increment financing agreement.

Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Jasmer gave an update on the parks activities. She said all of the seasonal camping sites at Dower Lake are now filled. She reported that 107 children attended the Bike Rodeo on May 10. Jasmer said she now has field guides for kids to identify animals, fish and plants, that children can check out of the Staples Community Center. If they fill out a sheet, they can become a junior park ranger.

'I did it!'

Emma Colson was one of the Staples-Motley High School graduates May 25. See more photos on page 9a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hello, Readers,

No Tobacco Day, May 31, was established with the goal of raising awareness of the dangers of this habit, and the thousands of lives it costs every year. Tobacco used to be considered an innocuous little treat for the civilized man, and even went so far as to be touted as healthy by business and (doubtless) paid off doctors to help promote it for use. A hundred years and millions of deaths later it's become undeniable that tobacco use is one of the primary killers of people all over the world. The average smoker spends around \$4,000 a year on cigarettes. Imagine what you could do with that kind of money!

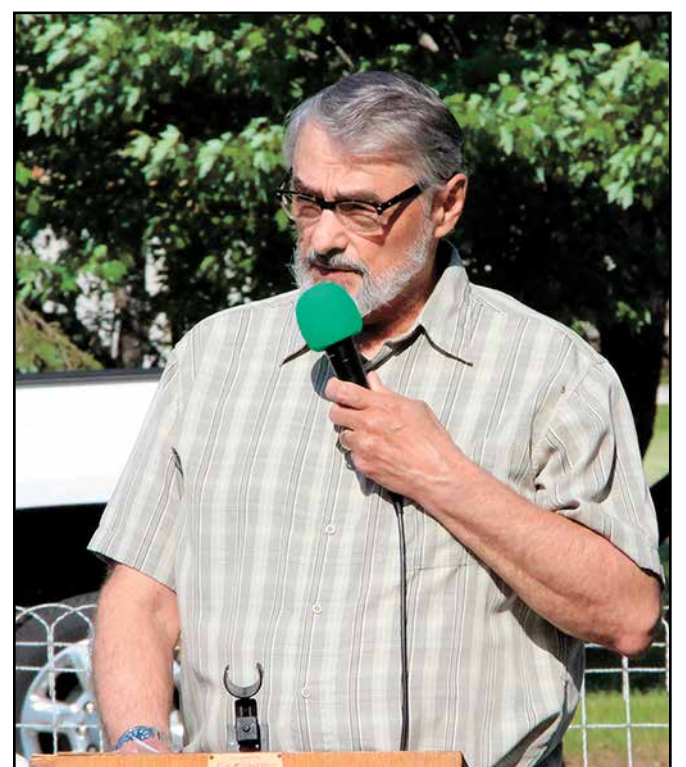
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Remembering the fallen

The Motley American Legion Post #124 provided the color guard and firing squad at four Memorial Day Programs May 28. They are pictured at Bridgeman Cemetery in Pillager. Other services took place at Motley-Staples Middle School, Motley Public Cemetery and Poplar Cemetery in Leader. With temperatures in the 90's that day, attendees were grateful for a steady breeze and shade provided from trees and a few umbrellas. See more photos on page 10a. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Memorial Day speaker

The featured speaker at the Staples Memorial Day program was Ken Klose, a U.S. Army veteran who was in the Vietnam War. See more photos on page 10a. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

The Ag & Energy Center ... 50 years old

Irrigated crops show increased yields

EDITOR'S NOTE: To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Ag & Energy Center DelRay Lecy is writing a history, recording the people and events that created it. He'll show how it has evolved and changed to meet the challenges of the times. This is the second article in an occasional series leading to its release at the Ag & Energy Center's Field Day Aug. 24. The first article appeared in the Staples World April 5, 2018.

By DelRay Lecy

In the first article, we briefly discussed the environment in Staples and the status of agriculture in the 1960s. We also discussed how the local school board and administrators made the bold decision to purchase a 320 acre farm that would become the Central Minnesota Demonstration Research Irrigation Farm (CMDRIF).

For this farm to actually come into existence, much had to be done in a short period of time. The school board approved the purchase in late March of 1968. Anyone familiar with farming realizes that much



Dedicating the Ag & Energy Center

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, left, officially dedicated the Central Minnesota Demonstration Research Irrigation Farm in Staples on Aug. 12, 1968, where more than 500 people attended. Mike Matanich, next to Freeman, was the director of the Staples Area Vocational-Technical School and at right is Dr. Duane Lund, superintendent of the Staples School District, which owned the farm. Now known as the Ag & Energy Center, the farm is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Special activities will be held at a Field Day celebration, Aug. 24. (Submitted photo)

planning and ordering of supplies happens prior to that date. The individuals working to get the farm going that spring did not have that luxury. Besides that, there weren't any irrigation systems on site or even on order. It was "go time."

Long story short... miles of fence line were removed, supplies were ordered, equipment was located for use or lease, new fields were laid out, tilled and planted. Even the irrigation systems found their way to the farm in time for a crop that was short on moisture.

The first year of operation would not have happened if not for a team of ag professionals. Dick Donat, Staples High School ag instructor at the time, served as the first farm director that summer. Chris Back added managing field operations to his load as an Adult Farm Management instructor. He worked with David Klodt to get the crop in and set up the plots. Len Naley was in charge of assembling the irrigation equip-

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Nominations open for Community Awards

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) seeks to honor those who have contributed to the Motley and Staples communities with the opening of nominations for its Community Awards.

"We have so many deserving women and men as well as organizations in the Motley and Staples area," said Mary Jo Hofer, co-chair of the SMACF awards committee. "We really want to recognize and honor them for their contributions."

The Community Awards Celebration will be Thursday, Oct. 11, at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center in Staples.

Both Hofer and co-chair Melissa Birkholtz emphasized that people can submit a nomination a second or third time if that nominee was not selected the first year.

"The more information you can give us, the better," added Birkholtz. "It is very helpful to the selection committee if you can give specific details and examples of why you feel your nominee is worthy of the award."

Nominations will be accepted now through July 10 in six categories. Those categories are:

- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Group or Organization
- Outstanding Business
- Outstanding Youth
- The Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Chairman's Award

The Chairman's Award can be suggested by the person submitting the nomination. Possibilities might include:

Outstanding Senior Citizen, Educator, Police Officer, Child Care Provider, etc., anything that does not fit into the other five categories.

"The nomination for Outstanding Youth is open to anyone age 18 or younger who's enhanced the quality of life for people in our communities through membership in organizations such as FFA, Scouting or through specific events during the past year," Birkholtz said.

Nomination forms should include the following:

- Contact information of the individual or organization making the nomination.
- Contact information of the individual, business or organization being nominated.
- A response to the following question: How has the individual or group contributed to the well-being of the Staples Motley Area Communities?

Nomination forms should be sent to the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 101, Staples, MN 56479.

Additional information and nomination forms can be found on the SMACF website at www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org. The form on the website can be completed online, then printed and mailed.

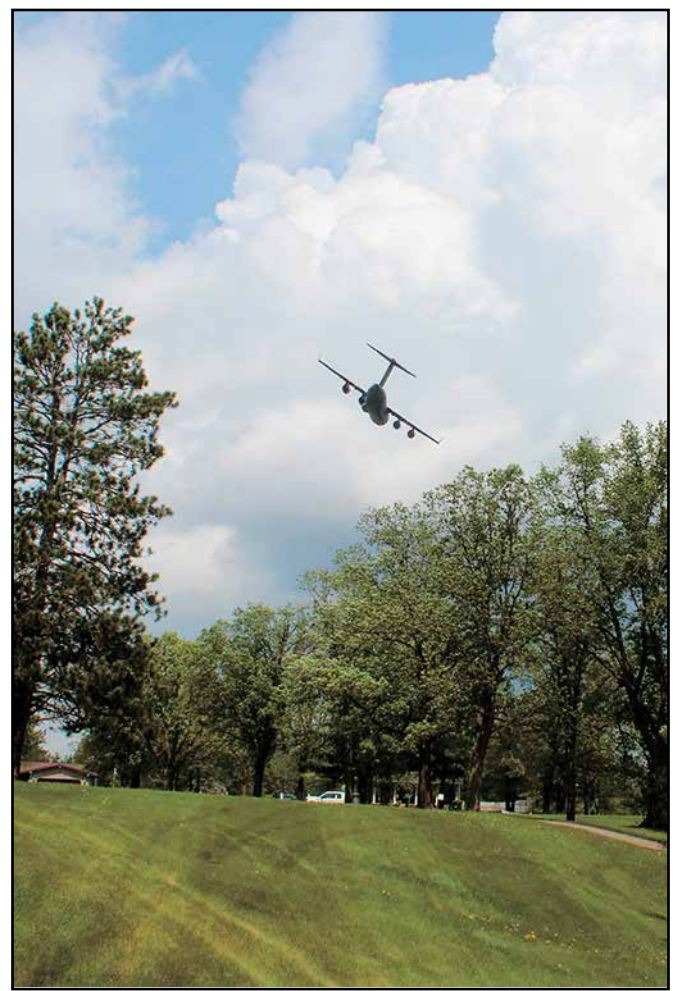
A complete list of past recipients can also be found on the foundation's website.

Nomination forms can also be picked up in Staples at Staples City Hall, Staples World, Staples Public Library and Mayer, Porter & Nelson. In Motley they can be picked up at Motley City Hall and Markus Hair Design.



Flying over The Vintage golf course

Staples native Isaac Landecker, now of Oklahoma, did a flyover at two locations in Staples while conducting a pilot training May 24. Landecker is a 2004 graduate of Staples-Motley High School and the son of Don and Connie Landecker of Staples. He is currently a C-17 pilot with the United States Air Force. Pictured above, from left, Rick Odden, Bobbe Anderson and Dan Orth, all of Staples, watch as Landecker flies his C-17 jet-powered military aircraft over The Vintage golf course in Staples. He did two flyovers at that location and then proceeded to the Staples Airport. That same day, Landecker landed his plane at the Brainerd International Airport. Orth arranged for the Staples flyover. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Irrigation made it possible to diversify crops

ment as it arrived, while continuing as a Farmer General instructor. Two Area Vocational School Farm Mechanics students served as summer assistants: Ken Broker and Bob Ausmus.

Orville Freeman, then United States Secretary of Agriculture, officially dedicated the farm in August, 1968. The demonstration of crops and crop production practices, the demonstration of irrigation systems and practices, and the presence of University of Minnesota research had begun a 50 year run.

A few farmers who had seen the dry years of 1960 and 1967 up close and personal had already added irrigation systems to their operations. They organized the Central Minnesota Irrigators Corporation (CMIC) in 1968. They saw the value of sharing information and working with agencies, schools, and the University to assist in irrigation. Wil Meierhofer provided key support in the early years, becoming CMDRIF Director in 1969

and a long term partnership had begun.

Three of the irrigation systems on the farm were not that unusual: the big gun, the hand-move small gun and the solid set system. Most irrigation systems at the time required a lot of labor. They would irrigate a section and then need to be moved along with numerous sections of pipe to irrigate another section. That may be required as often as every four hours ... day and night in many cases.

The fourth system, the center pivot, was quite unique in the area. This unit would irrigate about 120 acres in a circle and required no moving. The farmer needed to turn on the pump for the water supply and let the system irrigate the field. Once it had completed the circle it could be shut off for a day or two or keep running in drought conditions.

The average corn yield in the area was about 40 bushels per acre in the late 1960s. In 1968 corn varieties were tested under irrigation and yields were recorded. The 1968 CMDRIF Annual Report notes the average yield in the check plot was 82 bushels per acre, with the high yield almost 100 bushels. Corn production data under irrigation had made a statement.

Cucumbers had been grown on small acreages by some area farmers as an excellent opportunity to provide employment and income for their children. With the addition of the farm and contacts with Gedney Pickle Company, a project was started to work with farmers to expand acres and harvest with a machine. For several years, truckloads of pickles headed south

because CMDRIF had provided a new connection to a market. Although this project faded over time, it demonstrated the power of working together.

Edible beans had been grown by only a very few farmers in the area at that time. This was not a crop that could be grown profitably in sandy soil conditions. With irrigation, however, the table was turned.

A CMDRIF staff member, Jim Sutherland, in cooperation with CMIC, found a buyer named Condon Bush from Bush Canning Company (aka Bush Beans).

Wayne Haglin remembers the quote from Mr. Bush that set the tone for a new crop and a new industry for central Minnesota: "Gentlemen, I want to buy beans!" And the rest, as they say, is history. Edible beans are now an established crop in the region.

We have only touched the beginning of this unique entity and there is much more to the story. What happens when a drought hits the region, as in 1970 and 1976, and neighbors see healthy corn plants 50 feet away from their severely stressed corn plants? What happens when it appears that a new corn disease is only found on CMDRIF and quarantine is assigned? And how did this farm make it through the Farm Crisis era?

The story continues ...

Lecy started working at the college in 1974, first as a faculty member at the Ag Center for 10 years and then 28 years in an administrative capacity for Ag and related programs. He continues to work part time on special projects in Farm Business Management.



Here he comes, there he goes

A crowd of well wishers and supporters gathered at the Staples Airport to take photos and show their support by holding up the American Flag. Among about 25 observers were Stan and Diane Carlson, Tom and Lisa Kajer, Mike and Beth Gedde, Bruce and Bev Nelsen, Koot Knosalla, Delores Johnson, Eugene Johnson, Gary Timbs, Nancy Robinson, Mary Noska and more. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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Election judges are required to be eligible to vote in the State of Minnesota and be able to read, write and speak English. The time commitment is two hours of training and two half day shifts at the Primary and General Election.

To sign up, contact Diane Archer, Staples City Clerk, at 218-541-5004 or send an e-mail to darcher@ci.staples.mn.us.

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SEDA seeks loan program fit for business

business, sparking a discussion about what types of projects fit the loan programs. The board decided a fence request would not fit the awning and facade loan program, but might fit with the SEDA commercial exterior building loan, which is a zero percent interest loan.

Radermacher said the commercial loan program was set up for new signage, painting and similar projects. She said it hasn't been used yet, and thought it was because it hasn't been promoted well enough.


The SEDA Board agreed they would like to help the business put up a fence to hide the cars and make it look better. They tabled the request and will talk more about it at their next meeting.

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Todd County appoints interim coordinator

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

Due to the resignation of Coordinator Joe Hatch, the Todd County Commissioners opted to appoint an interim coordinator at their May 22 meeting. An estimated cost will be \$4,179.84.

MIS Director Chris Pelzer, who received the appointment, said when she heard Hatch was leaving she asked if there was anything she could do to help.

"I didn't expect this," she said.

Hatch said that he thought it was important to have the coordinator job description in place due to the supervision over staff. He said that it would be better to have a point person - Pelzer - for the department heads to report to.

Commissioner Barb Becker said she didn't believe that everything on the job description had been approved.

Commissioner David Kircher said they had approved the description a couple of weeks ago and wondered why they were "messing" with it.

Chair Randy Neumann said he didn't see Pelzer taking on the task of being solid waste director.

"So we hang the rope out there while we are arguing back and forth about what she's supposed to do?" asked Kircher.

He suggested they make an interim job description for Pelzer.

"I'm going to protect her," said Kircher. "I don't want to put her in any situation that will put her current job at risk."

Human Resource's Sarah Ogren will be putting an interim description together.

Lori Vrolson, Executive Director for the Central MN Council On Aging provided a report/update of activities in the organization.

Currently, 18 percent of the Todd County population is 65 and older (state of Minnesota is at 17 percent). It's expected that by 2030 29 percent of Todd county will be 65 and older and will continue to grow.

Todd County represents about four percent of their service area senior population.

The Senior LinkAge (SLL) program provided 1,828 sessions of long term care options counseling to Todd County residents in 2017.

SLL is their only direct service. Other areas are contracted for home-delivered meals, caregiver education and respite with Lutheran Social Services.

They're looking for vendors to help them come up with solutions for more senior needs.

They provide counseling so that seniors and their families/caregivers know and understand what services are available.

The report may be read in its entirety on the county website at www.co.todd.mn.us.

The board also heard a report from the Todd County Housing Redevelopment Authority Executive Director Kim Wallace.

Wallace has worked for the HRA for 22 years, 17 of which have been as the director. Her office is located at Sunrose Court in Browerville.

HRA not only works with low income housing options where the renter would pay 30-40 percent of their income, but with so many more things, said Wallace.

She said they are working on getting the Bertha Manor on HRA.

There are currently no county HRA places in Staples.

Wallace is hired by the commissioners on her board who are appointed by the Todd County Commissioners.

Kircher said that he serves on the MRC Board and they have talked about the need for housing for years.

"We need them for our workforce," he said.

Coordinator Joe Hatch said he had met with Wallace and Todd County Economic Development Director Rick Utech about what a housing task force could look like.

Wallace's update may also be read on the county website.

In other business the board

- Approved the 2018 payment of \$10 to the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Long Prairie for the care of county lots.

- The board also approved the payment of \$50 to each regular organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries in Todd County to support the payment of expenses in connection with the proper observance of Memorial Day Services.

- Approved the 2018 payment of \$200 for each senior citizen center located in the county.

- Approved an abatement for Roger Dukowitz because the house on the affected parcel burned down in July of 2016.

- The fire was reported to the assessor's office shortly afterward. The value of the home was not removed for the 2017 assessment, taxes payable in 2018. The financial implication for the county is \$584.

- Adopted a resolution appointing the Honorable Daniel A. Benson to the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board due to the retirement of the Honorable Sally Ireland.

- Approved the Final Plat for "Sleepy Hollow Lots" owned by Gilda (Marlene) and Harlan Clark in Bruce Township.

- Kircher asked Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber since Bruce Township does their own zoning, if this was how the county does its planning?

- Stieber said it was and that Bruce Township had worked with him on this plat.

- Marlene Clark said eight county departments that looked at the plat.

- Approved a Hold Harmless Agreement from Glen Middendorf for ditch maintenance of approximately 750 feet of CD33 on Vince Decker's parcel in Reynolds Township Section 20. The maintenance will be done at Middendorf's own expense.

- Because the Todd County Sheriff's Office dispatch needs to upgrade equipment to have the ability to receive text to 911 calls, the Todd County 911 Committee recommended entering into a contract with Vesta Solutions in the amount of \$131,862 for a five year contract with payments made annually of \$26,372.

- The board approved it.

- Currently, Mille Lacs County is taking Todd County's text to 911 calls. The county's system has to be in place by December.

- Approved the purchase of call handling software and training package from PowerPhone to certify dispatchers as emergency medical, fire, and law enforcement dispatchers.

- The initial cost for this program will be \$7,330 with a maintenance cost of \$300 per year.

- Sheriff Don Asmus said that a number of years ago, before he was sheriff, the dispatchers lost their certification to give emergency first aid over the phone. This training will allow them to be certified and give this help over the phone.

- Approved the sheriff's office to enter into a service agreement renewal with Motorola Solutions to maintain the radio consoles in dispatch.

- This agreement is a five year contract which will be invoiced annually for a total amount over five years of \$50,965.16.

- Motorola offered this five year contract at a discounted price over the current year-to-year contract. This is an annual increase of three percent versus five percent.

- After considerable discussion regarding the Conditional Use Permit granted to Troy Larson, the board approved revoking the CUP since Larson is no longer at the residence/business located in Little Elk Township.

- A concern about \$4,600 for work that was done on the township road to accommodate Larson's trucking business was discussed as Larson did not pay it.

- Citizens are concerned that they will have to pay for this.

- County Attorney Chuck Rasmussen said that they could take Larson to small claims court.

- Kircher said he felt Stieber was being too "gentle" on this since it was an after the fact CUP as the business had been going on for a number of years.

- Stieber said that when nothing is being constructed, they need more tools to get at things like this.

- Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida asked if they could add the fees as a special assessment through her office.

- Stieber said they could, but he was not familiar with how that worked.

- Approved a request to rezone a 40 acre government 40 from R-10 to AF-1 zoning. The request was made to allow registration of a livestock operation within the 40 acre area for Paul Theisen in Birchdale Township.



Adding splashes of color in Staples

Staples-Motley High School students in Kerry Lindgren's Plant Science class spent time recently planting flowers throughout the City of Staples.

The students planted seeds on March 12 and have been tending them since that time. Pictured above, from left, transplanting zinnias into one of the planters on 4th St. NW, are Konner Morales, Ethan Holmberg, Emmet Anderson, Justine Haugo, an intern from North Dakota State University; and Shaune Magnuson. In lower photo, Morales and Anderson water plants in one of the planters. The students weren't sure exactly how many flowers they had planted, but they mentioned that the school's greenhouse was full. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Todd board rescinds sale

By Karin Nauber, Todd County reporter

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in a short special meeting May 22.

The first item of business was to rescind the board action made at their May 1 meeting for the sale of the former VFW parking parcel currently owned by the county in Long Prairie.

Corrective action was required to ensure a complete sale process was possible to fulfill the commissioner's original intent.

It was approved. The next action was to re-approve the sale of the parcel with the corrections.

The correction was that the county could not sell the property directly to the developer Cody Nelson without proper protocol which would include the state statute requirements of posting a public notice and advertising for public bids.

The reason it was thought that they could do this was because the property is to be developed for housing. Nelson's intent is to demolish the old VFW building and construct a new housing project consisting of two-four unit apartments.

In working with Nelson and the city of Long Prairie along with the county attorney and city attorney, it was decided that the county should rescind the previous board action and follow the state statute.

The new corrected action shows the county's intent of selling the property to the city of Long Prairie and not to a

private developer to promote this future housing project.

In other business the board adopted a resolution affirming Todd County's support for the proposed Long Prairie Airport Improvement Project.

The city of Long Prairie has been working on a proposed 500 foot extension to the existing Long Prairie Airport runway system. Todd County is a financial partner with the city for the airport and any proposed improvement projects. Todd County's portion of the project is estimated at \$30,000.

According to Commissioner Rod Erickson, the city wants to go out for bids on the project so that if the funding comes through, the bids will be in place.

Chair Randy Neumann said that extending the paved runway has been an ongoing discussion for the past two years.

"We wanted to extend it 1,000 feet, but the feds won't allow that," said Neumann.

He said the federal government funds 90 percent of the project and five percent comes from the state. The remaining five percent is a 60-40 split between the city and the county. The city's portion is approximately \$44,828.

Neumann said the airport is being used. "The longer the runway, the bigger the plane," he added.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that while some money has been budgeted, about \$15,000 will come from the general fund for the county's portion of the \$30,000.

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The media burdens must run two ways

By Lee H. Hamilton

I was chatting with a group of students the other day when one of them looked me in the eye and commented, "You're very tough on journalists." I had to plead guilty.

Of course I'm tough on journalists. Maybe even as tough on them as they are on politicians.

Our representative democracy depends on journalists doing their jobs. Why? Because it's essential that citizens get the solid, accurate and fair information they need to make good judgments about politicians and policy decisions. Our system cannot work if journalists and the institutions they work for don't shoulder the burden of serving as watchdogs, holding government accountable, shining a light on overlooked challenges and exploring complicated issues in as clear-eyed a manner as possible.

Which is why, if you value representative democracy, you have to be deeply concerned about the once-over-lightly journalism that fills our media. Too often, reporters, commentators and online contributors focus on trivia, partisan posturing and political gamesmanship, and not on the substance of issues.

The disruptive forces that have laid waste to traditional journalistic organizations have pared down the newsrooms that can carry out in-depth journalism and investigative reporting. Yet the world we live in is so complicated and so difficult to

understand that the need is greater than ever for journalists to pick out what really matters in their communities or in the nation and convey solid information to the citizen.

I have no illusions about how difficult this is. Nailing down good information requires a lot of effort, persistence and time. A single story can take months to follow carefully. Making sense of the issues that affect us - in politics, the legal system, medicine, war and peace, the economy - requires patience, expertise, analytical skill and the ability to convey complexity in a simple fashion.

The prevalence of fake news and misinformation makes this search for objective truth ever more difficult and challenging. If we don't have the right information as citizens, then we don't have the facts to shape our opinions - and we're going to be in trouble as a nation.

Disentangling truth and untruth from the citizen's standpoint is really hard. So I applaud and admire journalists who are dedicated to truth. And there are enough of them that there is still plenty of good, solid reporting.

It's not always easy to find, though, amidst all the less-than-solid noise that fills our media landscape. This places a particular burden on us, as citizens, to work hard to find it and understand it. Especially because some of the institutions we once relied upon for independent, objective information - I'm thinking specifically of Congress here - have increasingly stopped serving as models for the search for truth.

The plain truth is, there's much to distract both journalists and citizens from what's really necessary to cover and to understand. Sorting through all the information at our fingertips, distilling meaning from it, zeroing in on

what's really important: that's work that both journalists and ordinary citizens have to undertake.

If you're a local journalist, that means looking into every nook and cranny of government and chasing down what's important and what doesn't add up. For more broad-based journalists, the responsibility is to look at events, analyze them and convey what needs to be conveyed to the public to make sound decisions about good governance.

And for citizens, it means conscientiously following reliable, fact-oriented media - and not just a single source, either, because none has a monopoly on the truth - and using their reporting to make discriminating judgments about public affairs.

Getting all of this right is essential to making our government work. Journalists have to ask themselves whether they are getting to the bottom of stories and giving enough information to citizens so they can make good judgments - or are they too focused on trivia and entertainment and posturing? And citizens - whose media tastes drive so much of what the media provide - need to be focused on what matters.

It's a complicated dance, but in the end, it comes down to one thing: journalists need to provide, and citizens need to ask for, the reporting that's necessary to make the country work.

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Staples City Clean Up Day is Friday, June 1

Mark your calendars. The City of Staples will be holding the annual Staples Area Cleanup Day Friday, June 1, from 3-7 p.m. at the city street shop/compost site area on 12th St. NE.

All township residents surrounding Staples are welcome to utilize this service.

The Staples Area Cleanup Day event is designed to allow city and area residents to easily and affordably dispose of unwanted items such as building materials, old appliances, garbage, electronics and other "collectibles" right here in Staples. Last year Staples area residents disposed of over 19,000 pounds of junk and over 45 appliances/electronic items.

Crews from Long Prairie Sanitation, SW Recycling, and the city will be on hand to assist in unloading vehicles and trailers.

The 2018 disposal fees will be:

- FREE: Appliances (dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, microwaves, water heaters, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers etc.)

City Corner



By Jerel Nelsen
Staples City Administrator

- FREE: car batteries, scrap metals
- 10¢ per pound to dispose of refuse and junk
- \$20 per TV or monitor
- \$10 per electronic item
- \$1 Fluorescent tubes
- Passenger car tires: \$4/tire
- Pickup truck tires: \$5/tire
- Semi-truck tires: \$7/tire
- Tractor tires: \$13/tire

Remember that household hazardous waste (paints, thinners, old bleach, chemicals, etc.) cannot be accepted and transferred during this event. Everyone needs to take these items directly to the Browerville station.

If you have questions, if a particular item is able to be disposed of call Jerel Nelsen at Staples City Hall at 218-894-2550 to check into this for you ahead of time. Form the line on 12th St. NE, NOT Michigan Ave. We will open the gate at 3 p.m.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity and thank you for your efforts to help clean up our community.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you for service

I woke up the other night to Fort Ripley doing a flyover our house. My first thought was, "I hope they don't wake up the kids."

Then I began to pray, thanking God that I live here. For the people who sacrifice for my freedom, so when I hear those war machines my first thought isn't of terror, or fear for my family, but that my family may continue to sleep in peace.

A HUGE thank you to all who have served and who are currently serving!

Melissa Elfstrum
Staples, Minn.

Typical Bruce

In reading last week's letter submitted by Bruce Nelsen, I am moved to say, isn't that typically Bruce, thanking others for their efforts and contributions as is the case of the repairs made to the 50 year old bandshell? Bruce has a remarkable gift of reflecting his contributions and give credit to others.

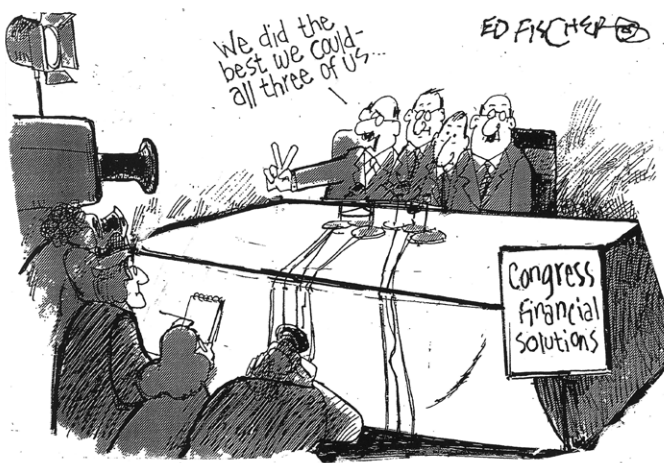
May the work of Bruce, Joe, Rick and Don provide enjoyment all summer long at the weekly concerts.

Be proud, Staples. You have much to be proud of! Thank you, Bruce!

Mel Nefstead
Baxter, Minn.

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Motley church plans Community Picnic Nights

Motley Free Methodist Church will be hosting 'Community Picnic Nights' at Converse Park in Motley once a month during the summer. The first 'Community Picnic Night' will be held Wednesday, June 6, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. A picnic supper will be served and games will be played.

In addition to the June 6 date, future Community Picnic Nights will be held on Wednesdays, July 11 and Aug. 8. For more information, call Valerie Johnson at 218-296-1706 or Motley Free Methodist Church at 218-352-6888.

CLC summer camps

Central Lakes College announces five summer youth camps available to the community.

Raider VB Camp
June 18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Opportunities to improve, have fun playing and training for volleyball.

SEaM Camp (Science, Engineering & Manufacturing)
July 9-13, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Open to students entering grades 6-12, in the fall of 2018. Busing available from Brainerd.

The SEaM camp provides an opportunity for hands-on experiences with electronics, motor controllers, mechanical drafting, manufacturing machining, and robotic automated systems. As part of the camp, students build robots and test their skills in a robot obstacle course and demolition contest.

SCRUBS Healthcare Career Exploration

June 19-20, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Open to students entering 8th or 9th grade in fall of 2018.

Students will spend two days exploring a variety of healthcare careers including nursing, medical assistant, radiology technician and others, through field trips and hands-on activities facilitated by healthcare professionals and college faculty. Students will be provided with their own scrubs top, along with meals which are included.

Nitro-X Camp

June 25-29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
For students entering 6, 7, 8 in the fall of 2018.

The Nitro-X camp is a week long day camp where students work in teams to build and modify a 4x4 remote controlled (RC) vehicle. Students learn about

electronics, engines, suspension, paint and diagnostics. Student will enjoy field trips to industry partners and explore careers like auto mechanics, heavy equipment operations and maintenance, diesel technicians and marine and power sports. The camp finishes with a 4A-4RC race competition. The camp is sponsored by CLC and the Minnesota Transportation Center of Excellence.

Coding Camp

July 30 - Aug 2.
A.M. class; 8 a.m.-11 a.m.
P.M. class; 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Open to students ages 12 years and older.

C3 is an introduction to mobile application development. Participants will use a variety of programming languages and tools to create simple programs, starting with HTML, CSS and JavaScript.



Explorers

Front: Andrew Breczinski, John Breczinski, Dylan Selander, Corben Berg, Thomas Johnson.
Middle: Elliot Allen, Nathaniel Seaman, Turner Beachy, Evan Schultz, JD Lustilla, Gage Brasel, Joshua Cushing,

Mason Michael, Colton Sandmeyer.
Back: Rj Veith, Cameron Ganyo, Preston Pierce, Vincent Johnson-Ding, Noah Larson, Jett Umlauf, Trevin Torger-son, Reid Judd, Noah Drange.
(Submitted photos)



Voyagers

Front: Xander Kjeldergaard, Conlan Jaeger, Dillan Robben, Benet Robinson, Dylan Lawrence, Zach Kjeldergaard.
Middle: William Dolezal, Teshe Loer, Alex Schultz, Kevin Miller, Drew

Berg, Logan Robben, Griffin Judd, Grant Bestland.
Back: Keller Anderson, Simon Kreklau, Josh Freelove, Noah Moe, Cy Johnson, Teo Lecoustre, Keegan Bestland, Sawyer Ferdon, Jeron Witt.



Reading Roundhouse storytime

The Staples Public Library hosted a group of children, recently for Butterfly stories and Tickle the Duck. The children made butterflies to take home. Children ages Pre-K-second grade can sign up for the next storytime June 13 at 10:30 a.m. Registration required; stop by or call the library at 218-894-1401. Check out www.griver.org or follow the library on Facebook.



These programs are provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. Above, from left, Wyatt and Skylar Patterson, Amelia Anderson, Liam Caudillo, Everett and Grace Hanson and Ella Enberg. At left, Everett with his mom, Jackie and sister Grace Hanson.
(Submitted photos)

Central Minnesota Boys Choir to present concert

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir (CMBC) will present its final concert of the season Monday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. The public is invited to attend; tickets will be sold at the door.

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir is concluding its 18th season of singing and has involved over 300 boys in those years. The original piano accompanist, Debra Haraldson, is retiring at the end of this season and she will be hon-

ored at this concert.

C M B C alumni are being invited to join the current boys to sing two songs at the end of the concert.

The choirs have had many performance opportunities this season: The Community Christmas Concert, SMHS basketball game, area churches, the Season of Lights event at



Debra Haraldson

Lakewood Health System, a road trip to area schools, a boy choir festival in Zimmerman and tours to Fargo, North Dakota and Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The choir and their families also completed a service project this past fall where they raked elderly people's yards in Staples. For information on the choir, visit their website at: centralmnboyschoir.com.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:
AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.
AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.
AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.
AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.
AA MTGS IN VERNDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.
CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.
DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.
TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG

third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.
ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.
DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m., Maslowski Wellness and Research Center, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.
FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.
GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.
MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.
MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.
SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.
TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.
WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCoChair@yahoo.com.
WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.
WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.
June 11
CELIAC DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG Mon., June 11, 6 p.m., Wadena Alliance Church, 1428 Jefferson St. South, Wadena. For info., 218-631-2170.

Farm Fresh Directory is now available

Minnesota Farm Bureau recently unveiled their annual spring direct marketer listing "Farm Fresh." The listing is a great tool for consumers to purchase products right off the farm. The direct marketer publication also lists a number of farmers who provide wholesome entertainment for families such as apple orchards, fall festivals or Christmas tree farms.

To receive a free copy of the listing contact Minnesota Farm Bureau at 651-905-2114 or visit fbmn.org/farm-fresh.

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Farm Fresh Directory is published once a year and updated regularly online. Anyone interested in being listed in the Farm Fresh Directory should contact Judy Pilcher at 651-905-2114 or by email at jpilcher@fbmn.org.

All farmers listed in the Farm Bureau Farm Fresh Directory are Farm Bureau members.

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Military myths and legends about headstone coins

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

Humans have been leaving mementos on and within the final resting places of loved ones almost from the beginning of the species. Excavations of even the earliest graves uncover goods meant to serve the deceased in the next world, such as pottery, weapons, and beads. The earliest known coins date to the late seventh century B.C., and as societies began embracing such monetary systems, the practice leaving of coins in the graves of citizens began yet another way of equipping the dear departed for the afterlife.

Mythologies within certain cultures added specific purpose for coins being left with the dead. In Greek mythology, Charon, the ferryman of Hades, required payment for his services. A coin was therefore placed in the mouth of the dear departed to ensure he would ferry the deceased across the rivers Styx and Acheron and into the world of the dead rather than leave him to wander the shore for a hundred years. In England and the U.S., pennies were routinely placed on the closed eyes of the dead, yet the purpose of that practice was not clear - some say it was to keep the eyes of the corpse from flying open (even though the eyes, once shut by the person laying out the body, do not reopen).

In these more recent days, coins and other small items are sometimes discovered on grave markers, be they plaques resting atop the sod or tombstones erected at the head of the burial plot. These small tokens are left by visitors for no greater purpose than to indicate that someone has visited that grave. It has long been a tradition among Jews, for example, to leave a small stone or pebble atop a headstone

just to show that someone who cared had stopped by. Coins, especially pennies, are favored by others who wish to demonstrate that the deceased has not been forgotten and that his loved ones still visit him.

Sometimes these small remembrances convey meaning specific to the person buried in that plot. For more than twenty years, every month someone has been leaving one Campbell's Tomato Soup can and a pocketful of change on the plain black granite tombstone that marks the grave of Andy Warhol. The soup can is easy to explain, given Warhol's iconic use of that commodity in his art, but the handful of change remains a bit of a mystery. In a similar vein, visitors often leave pebbles, coins and maple leaf pins at the grave of Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, the man who replaced Canada's Red Ensign with the Maple Leaf flag.

While visiting some cemeteries you may notice that headstones marking certain graves have coins on them, left by previous visitors to the grave. A coin left on a headstone or at the grave site is meant as a message to the deceased's family that someone else has visited the grave to pay respect. For Military, leaving coins of different denominations denote their relationship with the deceased. Leaving a penny at the grave means simply that you visited. A nickel indicates that you and the deceased trained at boot camp together, while a dime means you served with him in some capacity. Leaving a quarter means you were there with them when they took their last breath.

The earliest reference to this practice we've found so far dates only to June 2009, when it appeared as a website post. A version now commonly circulated on e-mail appears to have been drawn from it, albeit

some changes have slipped in, such as, "A buddy who served in the same outfit, or was with the deceased when he died, might leave a quarter", becoming "By leaving a quarter at the grave, you are telling the family that you were with the Fallen when he/she was killed". According to tradition, the money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries is eventually collected, and the funds are put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

In the U.S., this practice became common during the Vietnam War, due to the political divide in the country over the war; leaving a coin was a more practical way to communicate that you had visited the grave than contacting the Soldier's family, which could devolve into an uncomfortable argument over politics relating to the war. Some Vietnam veterans would leave coins as a "down payment" to buy their fallen comrades a beer or play a hand of cards when they would finally be reunited. Today, military folk do sometimes leave very special remembrances at the graves of deceased servicemen: challenge coins. These tokens identify their bearers as members of units and are prized and cherished by those to whom they have been given; thus, any challenge coins found at gravesites were almost certainly left there by comrades-in-arms of the deceased. Next time you visit a cemetery, leave a coin. And now you know. [Source: Together We Served December 2017]

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



Attended state FFA convention

A number of Staples-Motley FFA Chapter members attended the Minnesota State FFA Convention this past April in the Twin Cities. Pictured above, back row from left: Mikayla Williams, Shane Guggenberger, Matthew Iquinto, Garrett Carlson. Middle: Rachel Paskewitz, Amy

Michel, Haileigh Mollner, Lizzie Boyer, Abbie DiGiovanni, Rylie Rau, Kai Gelly, Hailey Owen, Lizzy Noble. Front: Natasha Lynman, Danielle Carpenter, Drew Berg, Gabe Misner, Scout Strickland, Olivia Leslie, Blayne Dumpprope, Josiah Paskewitz. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley FFA Chapter challenged to 'Go Beyond' at state convention

By Rylie Rau
FFA Officer Reporter

The FFA Chapter at Staples-Motley High School participated in the 2018 Minnesota FFA Convention April 22 - 24 in the Twin Cities.

This year's convention was titled, "Go Beyond." It challenged all FFA members to go beyond. Go beyond their dreams, go beyond their comfort zones, go beyond in everything and challenge themselves. The convention was em-

powering and enlightening with many guest speakers and nearly 3,500 FFA members from across the state. We participated in general events, competitive events, educational tours, leadership workshops, college visits and more. It was a great opportunity for every member of the FFA, but especially from our chapter, getting to represent our community.

Our top placing team was Agricultural Sales, which included Rachel Paskewitz, Scout Strick-

land, Blayne Dumpprope and Olivia Leslie. They placed third in team ranking. Individual rankings were: Scout Strickland, 12th; Olivia Leslie, 15th; Rachel Paskewitz, 19th; Blayne Dumpprope, 22nd.

The Staples-Motley FFA Chapter had several CDE's (Career Development Events) compete at the state level. Those teams were: Ag Sales, Fish and Wildlife, Small Animals, Forestry, Nursery Landscaping, Horse Evaluation, General Livestock.

New veteran's GI Bill changes

The new Forever GI Bill signed into law by President Trump earlier this year has multiple provisions that will roll out in 2018. Among them are changes to the Post-9/11 GI Bill for Purple Heart recipients, reservists and dependents all of which start in August.

Post-9/11 Purple Heart recipients will be eligible to receive 100 percent of GI Bill benefits regardless of how long they served. This includes coverage of tuition at a public school's in-state rate for 36 months, books and housing stipends.

There'll also be scholarship funds available on a first-come, first-serve basis for GI Bill users who need a fifth year of school to complete science, technology, engineering or math programs.

The Veterans Affairs Department will begin calculating housing stipends based on where a student takes the most classes a change from current policy, which uses the ZIP code of a student's school.

If a dependent who received transferred benefits dies before using all of the benefits, the Forever GI Bill gives the service member or veteran the ability to transfer remaining benefits to another dependent. This provision will apply to all deaths since 2009. (Source: Military Times, Natalie Gross December 26, 2017)

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



Farmer's Market now open in Staples

The Staples Area Farmer's Market opened May 24, at Lakewood Health System Hospital parking lot in Staples. Several vendors were set up, offering baked goods, flowers, syrup, honey, vegetables and more. Pictured in top photo are the Community Health Team at Lakewood. From left, Katie Jo Poppler, Alicia Bauman (community health manager), Amy Wise, Taylor Miller. Center photo: Burt Scripture of Motley (left), with Burt's Bee's, chats with customer Becky Lindgren. Bottom: Megan Lindgren (left) looks at tomato plants at the booth of vendor Deb Erickson (right) of Verdale. The Staples Area Farmer's Market is held at the LHS parking lot in Staples Thursdays, from 2 - 5:30 p.m. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Tuesdays June 5, 12 and 19
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Times are: 8-11am - Class Time
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Students should be prepared to spend time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday completing work assigned on Tuesday and Thursday. They can recover the equivalent of one full year course if they attend classes and complete the assigned work. Please bring a referral from your high school with the subject area and credit amount to be made up.

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Staples World

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Sandy and Scotty Paskewitz of Pillager, a baby boy, Maddox Duane weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on May 18, 2018.

Born to Emerald and Matt Zuniga of Baxter, a baby boy, Abel Paul weighing eight pounds, three ounces on May 18, 2018.

Born to Mackenzie and Daniel Determan of Nisswa, a baby boy, Augusta James weighing eight pounds, three ounces on May 19, 2018.

Born to Bren and Michael Davis of Brainerd, a baby boy, Dean Weston weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on May 19, 2018.

Born to Tracy and Ben Frisk of Motley, a baby girl, Ari Joy weighing eight pounds, two ounces on May 20, 2018.

Born to Mariah Neff and Brian Lettman of Pillager, a baby boy, Cayde Robert weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on May 21, 2018.

Born to Tamara Peterson and Nicholas Heifort of Staples, a baby girl, Avery Jean weighing eight pounds, five ounces on May 21, 2018.

Born to Krista and Jordan Heldman of Verndale, a baby girl, Abigail Rae weighing seven pounds, one ounce on May 23, 2018.

Born to Lacey and Michael Brennan of Pine River, a baby girl, Blayke Rose weighing eight pounds,

one ounce on May 24, 2018.

Born to Kayla and Eric Januszewski of Staples, a baby boy, Kirby Kenneth weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on May 24, 2018.

Born to Kimberly Lane of Wadena, twin baby boys, Mason George weighing five pounds, 10 ounces and Gannon William weighing six pounds, three ounces on May 25, 2018.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT CENTRA CARE HEALTH HOSPITAL IN LONG PRAIRIE INCLUDED:

Born to Katrina and Matthew Sams of Staples, a baby boy, Clayton Lynn weighing eight pounds, five ounces on May 5, 2018. Grandparents are Dave and Kelly Plaggerman and Mike and Marry Sams.



Sewing dresses for Haiti

Piecemakers Quilt Club members met recently to sew dresses for Haiti. Most of the fabric for the dresses came from Teresa Crews's (daughter of Charlie Crews) stash. Teresa passed away suddenly on Nov. 22, 2017. The dresses will be given to the group of community members who will be traveling to Haiti in June. From left are Mary Theurer, Judy Halverson, Beth Fabian, Annette Good, and Deloris Stapel. Kathy Crews, Judy Droubie and Lisa Kajer were also part of the project. (Submitted photo)

CLC Fall Honors List

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has announced its 2018 Spring Semester Honors List.

The President's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher while enrolled in at least 12 credits. The Dean's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.25 - 3.74.

The released honors list does not include students who have requested no release of information. Local students named includes:

Motley

President's List: Kendra Beach, Jared Cleveland, Jonathan Decker, Heather Joslin, Eric Kossan, Lisa

Kossan, James Nistler, Jeremie Vanek, MacKenzie Zetah.

Dean's List: Kylee Smith, Tiffany Sykes.

Pillager

President's List: Jill Clark, Emily Fleck, James Jares, Justin Mast, Angela Masurka, Hannah Ruhl

Dean's List: Gregory Gentry, Savannah Rasinski, Rose Richards, Jacob Siefkes.

Staples

President's List: Kathryn Barrett, Tyler Davidson, Claire Mayhew, Darci McGillivray, Lisa Meacham, Nicholas O'Brien, Alexandra Raiden Ritter, Sadie Thompson. Dean's List: Jacob Bak-

Student Achievements

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD held its commencement exercises May 6. Local students who graduated include:

Logan Jackson, Pillager, graduated with a degree in Business. He is the son of Robert and Tina Jackson.

Shawn Deegan, Staples, graduated Magna Cum Laude with degrees in Communication, Political Science, English Writing. Shawn is the son of Kristi Deegan.

Brianna Poppenga, Staples, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Nursing. She is the daughter of Kevin Rende and Diane Poppenga.

Daniel Spandl, Staples, graduated Cum Laude with a degree in Music Education. He is the son of Kristie Robinson.

Motley Sings! accepting singers for June Fest

Amateur singers ages 15-25 are sought to compete in Motley Sings!, a qualifying city event for Minnesota Sings!

The competition will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 16, in downtown Motley during June Fest.

The first place winner will receive \$150 and second place receives \$100. Both are eligible for larger prizes at the state competition in September and will receive a \$50 gas card for travel.

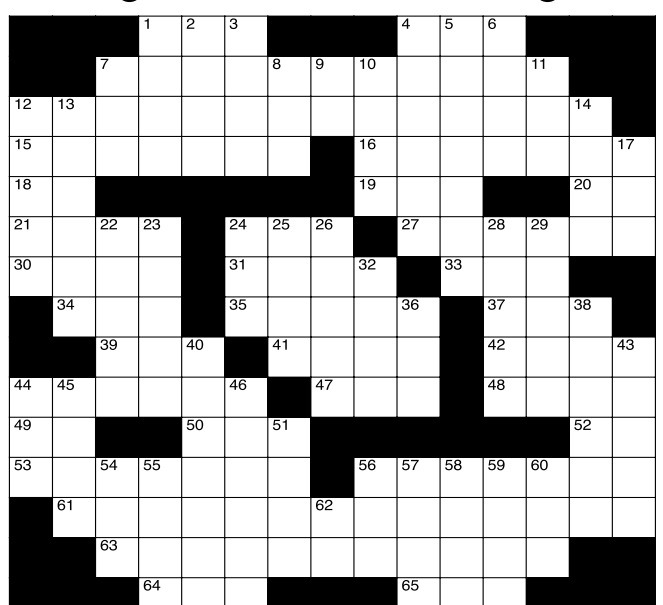
To enter contact Janet at 218-839-3900 or jaanders53@gmail.com.

The competition is sponsored locally by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Area Church Directory listing various churches and their services, including Staples Alliance, United Methodist, Motley Free Methodist, Church of Christ, Congregational Church, UCC, Faith Lutheran, Sacred Heart Church, Seventh Day Adventist, Thomastown Covenant, Trinity Lutheran, United Methodist, Motley Free Methodist, Church of Christ, Congregational Church, UCC, Faith Lutheran, Sacred Heart Church, Seventh Day Adventist, Thomastown Covenant, Trinity Lutheran, United Methodist, Motley Free Methodist, Church of Christ, Congregational Church, UCC, Faith Lutheran, Sacred Heart Church, Seventh Day Adventist, Thomastown Covenant, Trinity Lutheran.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS: 1. Small lump, 4. Helps little firms, 7. A way of performing, 12. Lawyers, 15. Stirred up, 16. Believed in, 18. The Bay State (abbr.), 19. Makes computers, 20. Sodium, 21. As fast as can be done (abbr.), 24. Institute legal proceedings against, 27. More compact, 30. Ethiopian river, 31. Quantitative fact, 33. No (Scottish), 34. A concession of no great value, 35. Tony-winning actress, 37. More (Spanish), 39. Russian space station, 41. Helicopter, 42. At the peak, 44. Makes ecstatically happy, 47. Excellent, 48. Material body, 49. The Golden State (abbr.), 50. A unit of plane angle, 52. Argon, 53. Fancy, 56. Fried mixture of meat and spices, 61. How green plants use sunlight, 63. Without wills, 64. Unhappy, 65. Meat from a pig's leg, CLUES DOWN: 1. Mentor, 2. Lyric poems, 3. A dry cold north wind in Switzerland, 4. Trapped, 5. Used for road surfacing, 6. Cuckoos, 7. Prefix "away from", 8. Seth McFarlane comedy, 9. Not out, 10. "The Simpsons" bus driver, 11. Popular HBO drama (abbr.), 12. Acclaimed Indian physicist, 13. Removes, 14. One-name NBA player, 17. Revolutionary women, 22. Smell, 23. Ground-dwelling songbird, 24. Midway between south and southeast, 25. American state, 26. Keen, 28. Khoikhoi peoples, 29. Int'l defense organization, 32. Samoan money, 36. A sign of assent, 38. One from Somalia, 40. Boat race, 43. Trims, 44. French coins, 45. Indigenous Scandina- navian, 46. Flew alone, 51. Loch where a "monster" lives, 54. Japanese title, 55. Pros and cons, 56. Present in all living cells, 57. Something to scratch, 58. Branch of Islam, 59. Appar, 60. Former CIA, 62. Yukon Territory, CW185310

A Time of Graduation: Facing the Future

Fr. Joseph E. Korf, Pastor St. Michael Church, Motley and Sacred Heart Church, Staples. "May God give you... For every storm, a rainbow, For every tear, a smile, For every care, a promise, And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, A faithful friend to share. For every sigh, a sweet song. And an answer for each prayer."

As I write this column the seniors from the various area high schools are preparing to celebrate their graduations. New challenges are before them as they prepare to move into this next stage of their lives. I would like to share with them some words of wisdom that the Seminary rector, Fr. Alfred Deutsch, shared with my deacon class 44 years ago as we prepared to move into a life of ministry. Fr. Alfred spoke of the many "Rites of Passage" that we would experience in our ministerial life. He reflected on the fact that we were to leave the comfort of the structure of seminary life and the educational mode that we were in. He spoke about how we were moving into the life of pastoral service and the many unknowns that are associated with ministry. He likewise pointed out that our life journey would take us to a multitude of different places both literally as well as figuratively. He spoke of the many ups and downs of life that we would experience. With each of these situations there would be a "Rite of Passage" that would lead us into another phase of our life. For you seniors, your graduation is one of those "Rites of Passage". At the conclusion of his talk he encouraged us to stay close to God through prayer and the awareness of God's presence around us. He made the point that anchoring our lives in God would help us to face the future with all of its joys and disappointments. It is these words of wisdom that Fr. Alfred shared with us who were embarking on a new stage of our life's journey that I would like to share with you who are graduating and transitioning into another aspect of your life's journey. May you remain close to God who desires to be part of your life and then your future will be filled with blessings. In closing, may God's gift of the Holy Spirit guide you and all others who are in various stages of transition.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #21 Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7 p.m. High School Media Center

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Longbella, Freeman, Anderson, Winkels and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending was Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; approximately 35 district staff, students and community members; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to add items #17b, 17c, and #24.1 to the agenda; and to remove agenda items #12 and #13. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to adopt the agenda MC

Chair Longbella recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

Consent Agenda:

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

Finance Items

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the February and March Financial Reports. The check vouchers had not been reviewed. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson to approve the Resolution Au-

thorizing Application for NJPA Innovative Funding. MC

Personnel:

Motion by Frisk to not approve the ATTPPS/QCOMP MOU for 2018-2019. The motion died for lack of second.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the ATTPPS/QCOMP MOU for 2018-19. Voting in favor: Freeman, Winkels, Longbella and Anderson. Opposed: Frisk MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Head Coaching Assignments: Chris Kappler - Head Football Coach; Adam Taylor - Head Girls Basketball Coach; Nick Doll - Head Boys Basketball Coach. Voting in favor: Freeman, Winkels, Longbella and Anderson Opposed: Frisk MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to increase the contract time of Jackie Engebretson to full time Accounts Payable/Account Receivable. It was noted that this is a .5 reduction in the Business Office. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2018-2019 contract for Abelein Dunn; HS Special Education; BA Step 2. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2018-19 one year contract for Alexis Smith; 5th grade; BA. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to accept the retirement of Donalee Butler; grade 3; eff. May 31, 2018, with permission to post. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to accept the resignation of Emily Hoeschen; HS FACS; eff. May 31, 2018. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to accept the resignation of Onni Sharp-Anderson; eff. May 31, 2018. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of MacKenzie Holst; MSMS Para; eff. March 20, 2018. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Katie Tackmann; Girls Tennis Coach w/permission to post. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman to post for open positions. It was noted that there may be additional vacancies and the district will need to post in a timely manner.

Voting in favor: Frisk, Freeman, Winkels and Anderson Opposed: Longbella Curriculum and Policy

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2018-2020 Technology Plan. MC

A new plan is implemented every two years to set and accomplish goals.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the review of Policy #504 Student Dress and Appearance; Policy #527 Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles, Searches, etc.; Policy #610 Field Trips and Field Trip Request Form; and Policy #509.2 Early Kindergarten Admission and Forms with no revisions. MC

Motion by Winkels,

seconded by Anderson, to approve Policy #532 Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams with recommended MSBA revisions. MC

Reports:

Principals - written reports were available Superintendent Bratlie gave a legislative update and reminded the group that the Steering Committee would be meeting later that week.

SMEA - Jill Schneider announced that teachers would hold the PLC showcase on April 27 and invited Board members to stop by.

Winkels gave a recommendation to move the May Work Session to the 14th, following the district/community feasibility study.

Freeman and Anderson will represent the Board on the Long Range Planning Committee and suggested embedding the Superintendent search plan into that committee, which plans to meet monthly.

Frisk declared the HS musical, Oklahoma, an outstanding performance.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. MC

Complete minutes are available at: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #22 Monday, May 14, 2018, 7 p.m. High School Media Center

MINUTES

Public Notices

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Probate Division Court File No.: 77-PR-18-432

In Re: Estate of Irene Bernadine Olson, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 10, 2018 at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Todd County Government Center, 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirs of the decedent, and for the appointment of personal representative of the decedent's estate in a supervised administration. Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Dated: May 10, 2018 /s/ Daniel Benson Judge of District Court

Dated: May 10, 20018 Brandi Farrow Deputy Court Administrator;

Thomas H. Sellnow (MN# 0127760) Sellnow Law Office, P.A. 229 Central Avenue Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 Telephone: (320) 732-1919 Facsimile: (320) 732-1922 Email: sellnowt@sellnowlaw.com 21-22pnc

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SIGNED BY: Lee Paskewitz MAILING ADDRESS: 30063 County 26 Browerville, MN 56438 EMAIL FOR OFFICIAL NOTICES: lpaske@outlook.com

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



Hats off to 2018 Staples-Motley graduates

The Class of 2018 celebrated their graduation with a traditional hat throwing at the end of their commencement program on May 25. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Sara Oberlander



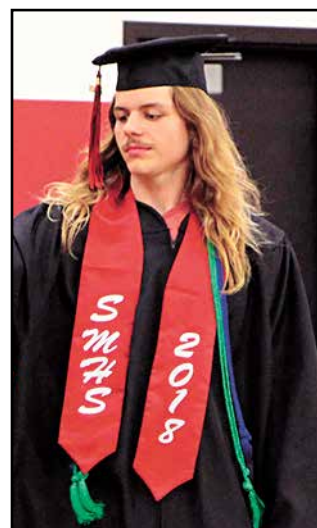
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Starting college with credits earned in high school

Twenty-two Staples-Motley students earned 12 or more college credits in the high school, and were recognized at the Cords and Awards program on May 25. In total, 524 college credits were earned through the high school.



Behind the scenes recognition

Shop teacher Greg Robinson was surprised with a Silent Cardinal Award at the Cords and Awards event May 25, when his wife Nancy picked him out of the crowd of students and led him to the stage with students cheering. Principal Mike Schmidt said Robinson keeps the shop open when needed and keeps the industrial arts department thriving.



Teacher of the Year award

Staples-Motley High School students congratulated social studies teacher Erik Johnson as the Staff of the Year, recommended by students. Principal Mike Schmidt said Johnson does a great job of presenting politically charged issues fairly and factually to his students.



Top GPA students honored

The five seniors with the top grade point averages were honored at the Cords and Awards program on May 25. From left, Nicholas Allshouse, Alexandra Davis, Kelsi Peterson, Kassidy White and Claire Wolhowe.



Honors in absentia

Graduating senior Alex Erickson was unable to attend the SMHS Cords and Awards program on May 25, as he is on a mission trip in Poland. But he made a life-size cutout of himself to collect his awards. Pictured, counselor Steve Jennissen brings out "Alex Erickson" to receive his honor cord, along with Nicholas Allshouse and Mitchell Braith. The cutout was also used to collect Erickson's diploma at graduation that evening.



Keeping the school nice

Lynn Lewweyst was given a Silent Cardinal Award by Staples-Motley students for going above and beyond her job as buildings and grounds worker. Principal Mike Schmidt congratulated her and presented her with a plaque.



Favorite staff

Front desk stalwart Sandy Otteson was honored with a Silent Cardinal award presented by Autumn Nelsen and Anna Willgoths.



Attendance award

English teacher Bob Shaffer, right, reads a plaque along with Principal Mike Schmidt, along with a third mimicked mouth, while honoring Shaffer for not missing a school day in the past four years.



Posting the colors

Members of the Motley American Legion Post #124 prepare to post the colors at the Memorial Day Program May 28 at the Motley Public Cemetery. (Staples World photos from Motley area cemeteries by Dawn Timbs)



Veterans saluting veterans

The rifle salute at the Staples Memorial Day program was conducted by Huck Holst, Gary Mueller and Larry Doucette. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Giving the invocation

Pastor Jim Johnson of Motley Free Methodist Church provided the invocation and benediction at four Memorial Day services in the Motley and Pillager areas May 28. He is pictured at Motley Public Cemetery. Joining him in prayer, from left, are Commander Tom Ladwig and Charlie Poulton, members of the Motley American Legion Post #124 and guest speakers at the four services; and veteran Derek Prindle who sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Commander Ladwig remembered the following Motley American Legion members that died this past year: Robert Erbe, LeRoy Flickinger, William Opheim, Dave Jackson, Robert Nelson, John Novotne, Marvin Pearson, Lionel Stelck, Dale Swenson, Don Vergin, Norm Wilkins, Walter Wilson.



A wreath for the Unknown Soldier

Sergeant of Arms Ron Unger, Motley American Legion, lays a wreath at the grave of the Unknown Soldier during the Memorial Day program at Bridgeman Cemetery.



Memorial Day speaker

Charlie Poulton, 36-year army veteran and retired Chief Warrant Officer, spoke at all four Memorial Day programs sponsored by the Motley American Legion May 28. "What is a hero?" is a question Poulton asked his audiences. He proceeded to tell the story of his hero, Korean War Veteran Don Amundson, who died this past April 28. Poulton is a member of the Motley American Legion.



Shared poems

Commander Tom Ladwig, Motley American Legion Post #124, is pictured with three students who read poems at the Memorial Day Program at Motley-Staples Middle School May 28. The students, from left, included Nevaeh Fratzke, who read, "I Am Old Glory;" Bronte Enyart, who read, "Remember Them;" and Jazmyn Hall, who read, "The Republic from 'The Building of the Ship.'"



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A time to remember

It's a tradition for Randy and Terri Carlson of Pillager to visit the graves of their relatives buried at Motley Public Cemetery on Memorial Day. They are pictured at the gravesite of Terri's uncle Douglas Seely, a WWII veteran. Both of their fathers are buried there, too, the couple said, mentioning Randy's dad, George Carlson, Jr.; and Terri's dad, Eugene Schmidt. Both were navy veterans. Randy is a 1978 graduate of Staples High School and Terri hails from the Crosby area.



A slip, stumble and a win

Three Cardinals start together in the 100 meter dash at the subsection meet. Jordon Carlson, left, slipped on his fourth step, stumbled, but recovered in time to catch the field and place second. Chase Davis, second from left, won the race in 11.86 seconds, and Zachary Carlson, third from left, was just a half second behind but finished in 15th place. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals win track sub-section as many runners advance

The boys track team won the sub-section 23 meet and a flock of Cardinals advanced to compete at the Section 6A track and field meet. The boys team had at least one runner advance in every race, plus several in the field events. One relay team, the 4x100, placed first to advance. The sub-section meet was held May 24 at Sauk Centre.

The Staples-Motley girls distance crew had four individuals and the 4x800 relay team advance. The girls placed fourth as a team.

The section meet will be Thursday, May 31, at Minnewaska High School in Glenwood, starting at 11 a.m.

Notable for the boys team, Max Giza will compete in four events after earning one first and three second place finishes. The boys distance runners will have three compete in the 1,600 and three in the 3,200, with Hunter Klimek qualifying in both events. Scout Strickland unleashed his best discus throw of the year to place fifth and claim the last qualifying spot. The 4x100 of Jordon Carlson, Cael Sams, Zac Carlson and Chase Davis produced their best race of the year to win.

For the girls, the 4x800 of Addison Lorber, Aften Robinson, Kiera Dumpprope and Ashley Robben placed second to advance, while Lorber and Robben advanced in the 1,600 and 3,200, respectively. Kira Sweeney won the 3,200 and was second in the 1,600 by a tenth of a second. Tabettha Allen advanced in both throwing events. Many of the girls had their best times of the season, but were unable to advance.

The top five individual places and the top two re-

lays advance to the section meet, while the top eight places score points for the team score.

Team results

Section 6A, Subsection 23
Boys results: Staples-Motley 132, Pequot Lakes 131, Piller 112, Melrose 73, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 60, Sauk Centre 52, Pine River-Backus 46, Upsala/Swanville 35, Brownsville 32, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 27

100 - 1. Chase Davis 11.86, 2. Jordon Carlson 11.93, 15. Zac Carlson 12.44

200 - 2. Max Giza 23.15, 5. J. Carlson 23.96, 10. Cael Sams 25.02

4000 - 4. Sivert Klefsaas 54.53, 12. Corey Hanson 58.40, 22. Jacob Schmitz 1:07

800 - 5. Matthew Fisher 2:14, 6. Jack Tyrrell 2:15, 9. Bentley Christensen 2:21

1,600 - 2. Hunter Klimek 4:58, 3. Ben Bartczak 5:01, 5. Tyrrell 5:03

3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 10:37, 3. Klimek 11:01, 5. Tanner Robben 11:12

110 hurdles - 2. Giza 14.97, 12. Sam Jennissen 21.71

300 hurdles - 2. Giza 40.14, 11. Scout Strickland 50.40

4x100 - 1. J. Carlson, Sams, Z. Carlson, Davis 45.49

4x200 - 10. Klefsaas, Evan Nanik, Jennissen, Hansen 1:43

4x800 - 3. Fisher, Anderson, Christensen, Robben 8:57

High jump - 4. Davis 5'7, 9. Javier Fernandez 5'2

Pole vault - 1. Giza 12'0", 11. Jennissen 7'6"

Long jump - 14. Nanik 15'4"

Triple jump - 8. Fernandez 35'6.75", 15. Nanik 28'11"

Shot put - 11. Scout Strickland 35'10", 20. Isaac Kronenberg 32'6", 25. Ethan Gilbertson 28'0"

Discus - 5. Strickland 122'10"

Girls results: Pequot Lakes 182, Piller 135, Melrose 75.5, Staples-Motley 69, Sauk Centre 60, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 58, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 50, Upsala/Swanville 32.5, Pine River-Backus 28, Brownsville 8

100 - 14. Jordan Dechaine 14.72, 15. Kearra Mikel 14.75

200 - 11. Aften Robinson

28.50, 15. Larken Hirschev 29.42, 23. Jenna Dvorak 31.03

400 - 9. Abby Dukowitz 1:07, 14. Camryn Banaka 1:09, 18. Malaya Reem 1:12

800 - 6. Kiera Dumpprope 2:38, 10. Dukowitz 2:51, 23. Lili Schneider 3:16

1,600 - 2. Kira Sweeney 5:42, 3. Addison Lorber 5:45

3,200 - 1. Sweeney 13:03, 2. Ashley Robben 13:13, 13. Abby Brown 15:46

300 hurdles - 9. Ashley Vasquez 54.76

4x100 - 4. Vasquez, Hirschev, Heidi Lombard, Dechaine 56.71

4x200 - 6. Lombard, Jayce Kobliska, Robinson, K. Mikel 1:56

4x400 - 7. Jayce Kobliska, Isabelle Mikel, Banaka, K. Mikel 4:51

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

High jump - 8. Aleeah Halverson 4'6"

Long jump - 12. Banaka 13'3.5", 17. Hirschev 12'7.5"

Triple jump - 19. Dechaine 27'4.5", 21. Kobliska 26'4", 23. Rose Han 24'9.75"

Shot put - 4. Tabettha Allen 27'10", 19. Toni Brings 20'8", 23. Ari Brings 18'7"

Discus - 2. Allen 93'11", 7. Brings 88'1", 15. Madysen Hull 69'10"

Huber is national long jump champion

A record-shattering performance helped Minnesota State University Moorhead senior Brian Huber cap off his Dragon track and field career in style as he won the NCAA Division II Outdoor National Championship in the long jump on Thursday in Charlotte, N.C.

Huber jumped a school record 26-2 1/4 in the long jump finals to claim the first national championship of his career. The Staples native is the first NSIC athlete to win the national long jump title, dating back to 1992.

"It's been a roller coaster for me my last couple of years," Huber said. "I didn't make the nationals outdoors last year. To battle back from injury and to come back and win the national title...it is going to take a while for it to set in."

"As a program we talk about being at our best at championship time and that's what we saw today," MSUM head track and field coach Ryan Milner said.



Brian Huber

"Brian has worked toward this moment tirelessly and diligently for a long time. It was awesome to watch him win the national title in his final collegiate championship as a Dragon."

In the prelims, Huber had the best jump of 25-2 1/4. In the finals, Charles Greaves of Texas A&M Kingsville recorded a jump of 25-10 3/4 to take the lead.

"Honestly, I knew someone was going to hit a big jump," Huber said. "It was a matter of time. I expected something like that."

Huber responded with the best jump of his career — 26-2 1/4 — which is also a school record, breaking the one he set earlier this month at the NSIC Championships.

"I was hoping to get over eight meters today. I felt like I could definitely (do that)," Huber said. "I'll take a 7.98; it is my first time over 26 feet."

Huber will leave MSUM as a national champion, a four-time first-team All-American and a five-time NSIC champion. He credits being healthy after struggling with injuries in previous years and his work with assistant coach and Olympian Trevor Barry for being able to rise up to the challenge at the big meets outdoors.

"Being able to stay healthy and peak at the right time has made all the difference," Huber said. "It hasn't set in yet. To know I am the best jumper in Division II, that is something I will take with me for the rest of my life."

Baseball season ends in first playoff round

The Staples-Motley baseball team lost 10-0 in the first round of the Section 8AA playoffs on May 29, facing second seeded Perham.

The Cardinals finished the season 4-16,

and had a six game skid to end the year. On May 22, they lost at Upsala/Swanville 8-6 and dropped a doubleheader at Bertha-Hewitt 7-6 and 6-1 on May 24.

Golfers competing as postseason nears

The Staples-Motley girls golf team placed third at the Detroit Lakes Invitational on May 22, placing third out of six teams. Alix Peterson led the team with 84, placing eighth in the meet. Adriana Dickey was 10th at 86. Bo Erholtz shot 92 and Ava Schneider 94 to round out the varsity scoring.

The Staples-Motley boys golfers got overwhelmed in a big school meet, placing 16th out of 18 teams at the Brainerd Preserve Invitational. The players didn't shoot their best scores and it wasn't enough to stack up against the big school teams.

Beck Erholtz shot 83, Finn Erholtz 87, Jack Ben-

son 92 and Alex Rosenthal 99 for the varsity team scores. Alex Giza shot 101 and Jack Adamietz 116.

The golfers will have a couple more meets before competing in the Section 6AA tournament, June 4 and 5, at Blackberry Ridge in Sartell.

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"Survival of the fittest" is an expression we often apply to individuals; their strength, cleverness, or other traits that might be valuable in enduring harsh conditions, competing, and generally coming out on top. But in the big picture, survival of the fittest is about the fate of a population, ultimately a species. Survival traits are obviously important, but what counts in Nature is who passes on their attributes to the generations that come after.

In short, who wins Nature's "dating game" and finds a mate; or mates, as the case may be. For most wild creatures in our local world, it's a process now in full swing.

For some creatures the breeding privilege does, in fact, come down to strength and dominance. A whitetail buck is a classic example; in uncommon circumstances male-to-male combats have been known to lead to death. With other creatures it can be more complicated, and generally less combative, but still designed to secure breeding rights and the privilege of passing on one's genes. It often comes down to a male impressing a female enough that she chooses him as her mate, but also involves a male establishing territorial boundaries that other males respect. A male's ritual behavior may accomplish both.



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Inside the Outdoors



Successful kick

Matthew Fisher kicks into high gear to place fifth in the 800 meter run and advance to the section meet.



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Hitting her stride

Kiera Dumpprope takes the baton for the 4x800 meter relay. The Cardinals finished second in the race. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Whipping the disc

Tabetha Allen lets the discus fly as she places second in the event. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Paskewitz is All Conference

Nikki (Edin) Paschwitz, former Staples-Motley tennis player, was named to the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference All Conference team for the University of Northwestern, St. Paul. Paskewitz played both number 1 and number 2 singles for the Eagles, going 5-1 in individual play. In doubles, she was undefeated, boasting a 7-0 mark.



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Student Achievements



Motley-Staples Middle School

April Students of the Month at the Motley-Staples Middle School were: Elizabeth Tangeman, Gabe Kroll, Ember Munger, Naila Mikhaeil, Dillan Robben, Cadynce Ferris, Jack Carlson, Kenzie Erickson, Riley Belmore, Zackary Wilhelm, Isaac Calix, Steffany Sullivan, Hunter Scribner, Maddison Stiner, Veronica Barnes, Colby Zetah, Wyatt Jasmer.



Sacred Heart Area School

Students of the Month at SHAS for April were, front, left to right: Rose Zimmermann, Jack Norris, Ben Rutten
 Back: Alexa Dolezal, John Schotzko, Ava Birkholtz, Axel Mertens



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket List winners at SMES in April were, front, left to right: Kenzie Jares, Jocelyn Vogt, Maxx Carlson, Blake Mongan
 Back: Llana Michel, Kathleen Ryan, Kylie Wenzel, Madelyn Kist, Jackson Alexander

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by the Student Achievement awards

- Staples Eye Clinic
- Staples Precision Metalcraft
- Burger King
- Burrows Auto Body
- Busker Concrete
- Tower Pizza
- Central Building Supply
- Orth Insurance Agency
- Ernie's
- Giovanni's Pizza
- Giza Plumbing & Heating
- Ideal Construction Company, Staples
- The Spot Café
- Wayne's Electric of Staples, Inc.
- Insurance Advisors, Staples
- Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union
- James Soule Auto Sales
- Japke Decorating, Carpet & Gifts
- Longbella Drug
- Staples World

- State Farm, Daniel Douts Insurance Agency
- Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPA's
- Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
- Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc.
- 3M
- Homestead Veterinary Clinic
- Sylvan Shores
- Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc.
- Bjerga Feed Stores
- BRICKS Travel Center
- Countryside Restaurant
- Motley Dairy Queen
- Motley Hardware Hank
- Northwind Grocery
- PHB Excavating
- R. Bjerga Construction/Friendly Inn

- Albie Electric LLC
- Zachary Bailey, DDS
- Becker Construction
- Thrivent Financial
- Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc.
- Ron's Auto Repair
- Shear Contact
- Trident Seafoods, Corp.
- Staples True Value
- Stern Rubber Company
- Arvig
- Brenny Funeral Home
- Ken's Collision Repair/SouthSide Mini Mart
- Staples Ace Hardware
- SuperAmerica
- Staples Dairy Queen
- Unity Bank
- The Best Little Hair House in Motley