

SEDA agrees to sell building for costs

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) Director Melissa Radermacher said STEP (Supporting, Teaching, and Empowering People) is negotiating an offer to purchase the former Ben Franklin and Staples Dollar Store building from the city for the costs that the city has into it, around \$100,000.

The proposal is to pay approximately an \$8,000 down payment and make monthly payments for 10 years with 3.5 percent interest. After a final offer is made, SEDA plans to hold a public hearing at their Nov. 27 meeting.

SEDA Board member Doyle Yoder said the origi-

nal intent of the project was to sell it for the costs they put into it. “We didn’t want it to deteriorate,” he said.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen agreed that the potential offer is “basically what we set out to do when it was purchased.”

Radermacher said STEP is planning to replace the furnace and air conditioning system, which shows they are committed to staying in the building. STEP offers job training and life skill learning options for adults with disabilities. They use the building for the Baby STEP thrift store, and Radermacher said they are considering moving the Thread Shed store to the building as well.

Comprehensive Plan book

SEDA viewed a draft of the Staples Comprehensive Plan coffee table book. Titled “City of Staples - Our Vision for a Healthy Community,” the detailed comprehensive plan has been shortened to highlights of the community vision, quality of life goals and characteristics of healthy communities.

It has some of the input from community surveys, including quotes under the categories of Staples Today and Staples Tomorrow:

Staples Today - “A nice community to visit. Thriving and growing. Pursuing increased economic development and wellness for its citizens. Showing some signs of growth and improvement. Slowly growing but needs to become more attractive

to the potential for faster growth.”

Staples Tomorrow: “A town attracting more jobs and parents having their kids go to school here. A vibrant retail attraction. A desirable community to live in. A choice for growing families with new school buildings and a growing economy. A unique place to live and thrive professionally.”

The coffee table book will be revised and will be made available to the public in the coming months.

Yellow Ribbon

SEDA Board member Rachel Johnson introduced the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon program to the board. Johnson is working as the northern Minnesota Yellow Ribbon Regional Outreach Coordinator and said Todd County is working on becoming a Yellow Ribbon community.

The Yellow Ribbon program helps military members, veterans and their families, especially at times of deployment. Johnson said Minnesota recently had a deployment of 650 people and another 2,000 are expected to be deployed in 2019.

Other SEDA business

- Radermacher is working with Wadena County to develop a business retention and expansion program for Staples.

- Central Lakes College has scheduled a meeting with Radermacher to talk about options for starting a daycare center at the CLC

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21st Century Workforce Conference set

Sourcewell is working to help carve out the workforce of tomorrow from the students of today.

School, agency, college and business/industry personnel are invited to participate in the Building the 21st Century Workforce Conference on Friday, Nov. 16 at Sourcewell in Staples.

The event is free and will help participants plan, build partnerships and set regional goals in addressing workforce and student needs.

Featured speaker is Brett Pawlowski, National Center for College and Career Transition (NC3T), who will provide expertise in helping partners develop business-school partnership plans.

Additionally, program updates will be shared, as well as breakout sessions, planning workshops and more.

Schools are also encouraged to invite business partners and work collectively in planning sessions.

For more information, contact Bart Graves at 320-349-0161 or bart.graves@sourcewell-mn.gov.

To register, visit sourcewell.co/2LtIqQF.



Before the Vikes game

Cheryl Christensen of Staples attended the special Vikings football game Oct. 14 as a cancer survivor. She was nominated by her daughter, Shannon Badger, and they participated in the breast cancer walk around the stadium and other special events. Cheryl holds her cancer T-shirt by the cancer theme banner. (Submitted photo)

In the fight for her life ...

Christensen battles the C-monster

By Janice Winter
Staples World

Cheryl Christensen of Staples enjoyed attending a great Vikings home football game Oct. 14, with her daughter, Shannon Badger. The Vikes even came away with a win over the Arizona Cardinals.

“We’re such fans,” said Cheryl, noting that Shannon and her husband, Graeme, have season tickets.

The excitement of being

able to attend the game, for most, let alone a win, keeps fans pumped up for weeks. Cheryl was also celebrating a more serious kind of win - one against cancer which she’s been battling for the past year.

Cheryl was selected to participate in the NFL’s “Crucial Catch Initiative” celebrating 100 individuals affected by cancer. The game celebrates the theme “We’re so much stronger than cancer” and features people who are in the

battle for their life against the “C-monster”.

Shannon nominated her mom and they were selected as members of the breast cancer team, participating in an awareness walk on the U.S. Bank Stadium field during half-time of the game.

“It was amazing,” said Cheryl. “Some of the people there were on their second round with cancer,” she said. “That reality was

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Veterans Day programs are Thursday, Nov. 8

Staples-Motley Schools and the Staples All Veterans Park Association will host a Veterans Day program on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. at the high school gymnasium. Elementary, middle school and high school students will be part of the event.

Sacred Heart Area School will also hold a Veterans Day program on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 9:30 a.m.

In addition, Staples-Motley Elementary School invites all veterans to a breakfast from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the elementary gym.

Area veterans are invited to come to the high school event and be recognized during the program. If they want to be introduced, they can register for the program between 9:30-9:55 a.m. The public is also welcome to attend.

The featured speaker is Teresa Sorenson, a U.S. Army Veteran who currently works as Veteran Service Officer in Todd



Teresa Sorenson

County.

Sorenson grew up in Shiprock, N.M., on the Navajo Reservation. She attended Navajo Community College, majoring in pre-law. Her family has served or is now serving in every branch of military service. Her grandmother’s brother was a Navajo Code Talker. Sorenson was enlisted in the army from 1986 until 1989. As a sergeant, she continued on with the Army National Guard. She was an opera-

tions specialist at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Her husband retired from the U.S. Army as a master explosive ordnance disposal member. They now live in Grey Eagle. They have four boys, one of whom is a U.S. Marine.

Park Association VP Huck Holst will be the emcee for the program. Names of area military members will be read to dedicate pavers in the park in their honor. These include:

- SGT Leonard P. Olson, Army, 1949
- SGT Tom Finn, Army Air Defense, 1958-61
- SGT Joseph Fellman, Air Force 1978-82
- Spec 5 Richard T. Anderson, Army Reserve, 1967-73
- Spec 4 Michael J. Blessing, Army National Guard
- Seaman C2 Philip Marden, Navy, 1945-46
- Corporal Richard Sapp, Army, 1953-56
- FN Marvin Strack, Navy, 1952-56

Deer camp opens at Ora Card Hunting Club

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Card family’s annual pilgrimage to their hunting shack north of Staples has begun.

Located in Becker Township, Cass County, the shack is the official headquarters for the group that calls themselves the Ora Card Hunting Club.

It’s named after their dad, explained Arney Card, one of 15 children born to the late Ora and Norma Card. Nine were sons, all of whom inherited their dad’s passion for deer hunting.

“The last deer my dad shot is hanging over there,” Arney said, motioning to a 10-point rack that graces one of the walls of the shack. It’s one of dozens of racks that have been mounted and hung there. Each bears the name of the hunter.

“We all brag that we got the biggest (deer),” Arney laughed. Hopefully, they’ll have more antler racks to



At the hunting shack

Members of the Ora Card Hunting Club met recently at their rural Staples hunting shack to discuss the upcoming deer hunting opener. Pictured, from left, are George Call, Staples; G.O. Call, Hobe Sound, Fla.; and Arney Card, Staples. The hunting shack has bunk beds

for 21 hunters and ample room for eating meals and playing card games. Dozens of mounted antler racks from past hunts line the walls, including one from the last buck Ora Card (Arney’s dad and the club’s namesake) shot. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

add to the collection before the season closes.

Although the official deer hunting opener begins Nov. 3 (for firearms), the Cards have been busy for a few weeks already, repairing stands, preparing gear and doing anything else that’s needed to ensure a successful season.

To be a part of the Ora Card Hunting Club, a person has to be one of Ora’s sons, sons-in-law or a grandson. There’s usually over 20 guys that gather for deer hunting season. “We’ve got bunks for at least 21 people,” said George of Staples, who’s married to Ora’s daughter Dottie. Their son, G.O. Call, travels all the way from Hobe Sound, Fla., every year to hunt.

He hunts deer in Florida too, but G.O. says he prefers the climate and conditions of the north when it comes to this sport. You have to keep on the look-out for snakes when hunting in

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Hello, Readers,

Voting is a constitutional and democratic right that all eligible citizens should exercise. By voting, citizens are able to effect change by choosing leaders who share their views. Voting allows voters to carefully look at issues that are important to them and choose leaders who care about these issues as well. A person’s vote is their voice. Voting based on issues helps lawmakers and officials know what the people think about important issues such as health care, security and education. There is power in numbers, and every vote helps to ensure that people exercise this power. Furthermore, children and other members of the society who cannot vote depend on voters to make the right decisions on their behalf.

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Staples-Motley musicians at Orchestra Hall

Several orchestra members from Staples-Motley Schools (and a few adult leaders) attended a concert at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis Oct. 18. Pictured above, front row: Naila Mikhaeil. Row two, from left: Payton Allen, Brianna Mitchell, Miranda Schotzko, Grace Koskiniemi, Livi Lorber, Lily Richey, Aliza Qureshi, Olivia Opheim, Emali Jimenez-Kloeckl. Row three: Michael Becker, Mason Nielson, Emery Lorber, Kora Wells, Gen Groetsch, Alexis Tweeter, Alex McIlravy, Rose Han. Back row: Ivan Lozano, Alex Brings, Macy Judd,

Keegan Bestland, A.J. Nienow, Sabina Moe, Macy Knudson, Olivia Vogt, Torii Nienow, Cassidy Barthel, Jeffrey Allen, Starr Hofstedt, Lily Albertson, Natasha Lyman, Corrine Japke, Cassidy Radueg, Grace Allen, Nita DeWald, Jadyn Kincaid, Morgan Dolezal, Abby Brown, Madysen Hull. Missing from photo: Jakob Stangle, Ari Brings, Nathaniell Rodrigues, Val Lozano, John Koopmann, Cindy Koopmann, Michelle Jeziorski, Tracey Kloeckl-Jimenez, Heidi Brings. (Submitted photo)

Orchestra students inspired at Orchestra Hall concert

Several Staples-Motley orchestra students (and a few adult leaders) had the opportunity to attend a Minnesota Orchestra concert Oct. 18, at Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis. The group of 49 traveled by way of coach bus and in addition to the concert, enjoyed lunch together. It was an amazing experience for both the students and the adults, reported Cindy Koopmann, an adjunct music teacher at Staples-Motley Schools who organized the event along with her husband,

school orchestra director John Koopmann. The concert featured world-renowned violinist Gil Shaham and conductor Santtu-Matias Rouvali. "I loved it," said Cassidy Radueg, a ninth grader who plays violin in the Staples-Motley High School (SMHS) Orchestra. She especially enjoyed watching the Minnesota Orchestra musicians while they played. "They all moved together, they were in sync." Starr Hofstedt, an eighth grader who plays

viola at SM, agreed. "I also really enjoyed the soloist," she said of Shaham. "He had everything memorized and it was very inspiring." Both of the girls mentioned how beautiful Orchestra Hall was. Radueg also commented that it was fun to spend time in the Twin Cities and to see some of the sites while traveling by bus. Cindy Koopmann mentioned that the Staples-Motley group had front row seats, which allowed the students an opportunity to gather a few autographs

during the intermission as well as visit with the performers. After the concert and lunch, John Koopmann treated everyone to ice cream cones. "We want to give a special thanks to the Motley Lions and the Lincoln Area Business Association for helping to make this trip possible," Cindy Koopmann said.

Solar array CUP okayed for CLC

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

At their Oct. 23 meeting the Staples City Council approved a conditional use permit for Central Lakes College to build solar arrays at the main campus and west campus. The plan shows solar panels are to be set up in the field behind the main campus. CLC is working with the Rural Renewal Energy Alliance on the project, which is expected to be started this fall but will not be con-

nected until the spring. Also at the meeting, the council approved accepting a donation of an undeveloped parcel between Pine Grove Road and 1st Street SW, north of Nebraska Ave. Gerald and Joyce Brever offered to donate the parcel to the city. The narrow block was too small to build on but it connects with a city owned parcel, which City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said could make it big enough to do something with, although there are no plans yet.

Stauber to visit Wadena

Pete Stauber, Republican candidate for the U.S. House from Congressional District 8 will visit Wadena Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. He will appear at the Wadena County Republican Campaign Office at 104 Ash Ave. NE, one block east of the junction of U.S. 10 and 71.

His appearance will be part of a "5 Day Power Play" as he visits as many CD 8 communities as possible in the last few days of the campaign. Stauber recently retired from the Duluth Police Department where he served for 23 years, ultimately as a Lieutenant and West Area Commander. He served two terms on



Pete Stauber

the Hermantown City Council and presently is in his second term as St. Louis County Commissioner. Stauber grew up in Duluth, where he and his five brothers graduated from Denfeld High School. He graduated from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste Marie, Mich., with a degree in criminal justice, where he captained the LSSU hockey team that won the Division I National Championship in 1988. After playing hockey professionally in the Detroit Red Wings Organization, he returned to Duluth to begin his law enforcement career with the Duluth Police Department.

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Bewitching moon

Lee Jenkins of Staples caught this colorful view of the moon early in the morning of Oct. 24. When asked if he spotted any werewolves when he was out, he replied there were many and he was "weary of them." (Submitted photo)

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Peter Gorton and Donaldson Network gaining more state, national attention

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

It is a hot time for an old baseball story, thanks to the work of Staples native Peter Gorton.

The project was featured on KARE 11's "Land of 10,000 Stories" on Oct. 24, more game reports have come in, a field dedicated to Donaldson is being built in his hometown in Missouri and filming for a documentary, "39 Seconds," is wrapping up.

Gorton is researching the baseball career of John Donaldson, a black baseball player from the early 1900s, who decided not to play in the Negro Leagues and signed with small town teams to play baseball across the United

States and in Canada. The project has been featured in the Staples World before, but things are heating up again and the story is getting a wider stage.

The Land of 10,000 Stories segment focused on Gorton's efforts as much as it did on Donaldson.

"A century after John Donaldson's story was first written, Pete Gorton is righting a wrong," said author Boyd Huppert.

"39 Seconds" refers to the 39 second film from 1925 that Gorton recovered from Fergus Falls showing Donaldson pitching and batting. It is the only live action film of Donaldson known to exist.

"Our team wrapped our live action shooting for the documentary and are con-



All star researcher

In a screen shot from the KARE 11 "Land of 10,000 Stories" segment, Peter Gorton shows his work space and talks about John Donaldson in his Minneapolis home.

Donaldson's hometown of Glasgow, Missouri, is

building John Donaldson Field, with plans to construct a grandstand and statue to honor Donaldson.

Gorton recently assisted in writing a Donaldson biography for the Society of American Baseball Researcher (SABR).

All the action means the project is still very much active and Gorton is still discovering reports of more games that Donaldson played in.

"Together we have discovered John Donaldson's 405th documented win along with his 5,044th documented strikeout," said Gorton.

Gorton has created an interactive Google Map that shows every town that Donaldson played in, including three games in

Staples in 1924.

One more thread of the project is to repair John Donaldson's grave monument, which had been damaged by a lawn mower. "The Donaldson Network will not rest until his legacy is restored," said Gorton.

The Land of 10,000 Stories segment sums up the reason Gorton has been continuing this crusade for the last 18 years:

"He was obviously a major leaguer not in the major leagues, and not in the major leagues because of his skin color, and that's part of the legacy we need to restore," Gorton says. "If he had been white, he would have had a profound major league career and he would be a household name right now."

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Remaining positive and patient is key to regaining health



Reflecting

Cheryl reflects on the past year as she comes upon the anniversary of detecting breast cancer. A quiet moment at home, she is wearing her Viking's "Stronger Than Cancer" T-shirt as she celebrates life and family. True to form, she also had a cancer survivor bracelet which she already gave to a friend. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

not one I was ready for."

In December 2017, Cheryl was scheduled for knee replacement surgery. In her pre-op, she realized she had forgotten to schedule her yearly mammogram. "Can you squeeze me in?" she asked and was able to complete the exam the day before knee surgery.

Cheryl's a strong advocate for yearly mammograms and her 2017 exam was done with the new 3D mammography screening at Lakewood Health System, Staples.

Cheryl concentrated on recovering from knee replacement, checkups, physical therapy and at-home recovery. Lakewood

Clinic called and wanted to schedule a second biopsy of her breasts.

"It was one week after my second biopsy when the doctor called me," said Cheryl. "You know it's serious when the doctor calls."

Cheryl was told she had cancer. She went into a whirlwind of appointments and pre-op care, and on Dec. 31, 2017, she had lumpectomy surgery. Two weeks later a port was implanted for her to receive chemotherapy treatments, later followed by radiation.

"I have the angry cancer," said Cheryl. Twenty-one lymph nodes were removed. She, her oncologist and

the medical staff became very close; along with the nurses at the infusion center. "Throughout this whole... bad thing..." said Cheryl, "they were wonderful; professional but caring, I think beyond..." Chemotherapy treatments were every three weeks.

"I'd have two bad weeks ... maybe one good week.. and then it'd start all over again," she said. The chemo treatments were scheduled for 18 weeks - which took through June 13.

"Shannon and my husband, Ken, have been my rocks throughout this whole cancer thing," she said, crediting her whole family for their support and listening ear. "Scared?" she said, "Yes, I'm scared - I still am."

"I'm a positive person, always have been a positive, people person and that's the first thing they tell you after you find out you have cancer... Be positive, remain upbeat," she said.

Following several more treatments, Cheryl said she started feeling somewhat better in July. "It's been one difficult summer," she said, shaking her head. "Do you like my hair?" she asked. Instead of a bald head or wearing her wrap, her now silver colored hair had grown to nearly a half-inch long.

Usually active in nature, Cheryl bounced between continually feeling ill and totally fatigued. Cancer patients have to keep their white blood cell counts high and must

be continually monitored. Avoiding public areas is recommended because of heightened chances of getting sick, something that could be devastating to an already highly taxed immune system. "In other words - don't go out," she said, at least while on chemo as the chance of picking up germs, no matter how careful someone is, is a risk.

In late summer and feeling better, Cheryl called her doctor and said, "I would like to do something and get out of the house. Can I?"

With doctor's permission and the promise to stay away from the smoking section, Cheryl and Ken took a one hour drive to the casino. "We stayed about 45 minutes, and drove back home. It was so good to get out and the drive was beautiful."

Following her short outing, Cheryl felt well enough to go on vacation. "We went camping," she said. "We have an RV and drove, that way we could take our time and if I didn't feel well, everything was there for me to rest." The family traveled to the Apostle Islands in Wisconsin.

Two months later she



Game selfie

Shannon and her mom at the Viking's game Oct. 14.

was cleared to return to work at Home Depot, first going on four hour shifts and now to six hours.

In December, one year following her almost forgotten mammogram which detected her cancer, she will have a complete followup. She's looking forward to it, however, "Ken and I have discussed the possibilities of the cancer coming back," she said quietly. "But, I don't need breasts to be a good person," she said.

For now, her usual bubbly self is re-emerging as she increases her activities and looks positively towards the future and time spent with her family.

She's excitedly looking forward to a grandson's

wedding in November; she has a new three week old great-grandson; the twins will be graduating; Shannon's oldest will be graduating and next year, in September the Christensen's are planning a family get-together to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

"Spaghetti for 50 - that's what we're calling it," Cheryl said. "Spaghetti is my favorite food." The event is being planned for outdoors under a tent where the Christensen's will renew their vows.

Cheryl's work career has included owning her own day care, when they moved to Staples from Clarissa; working at the Southside Mini Mart; 10 years at El-Ray in Motley and 18-1/2 years at Home Depot in Baxter. Ken is a salesman at Sunnybrook Auto in Menahga.

Cheryl and Ken have four children, Jennifer Ganner, Big Lake; Ken, Staples; Benjamin, Holdingford and Shannon, Staples. Their children are all Staples graduates and grown with families of their own, which Cheryl plans on staying just as close with them as always.

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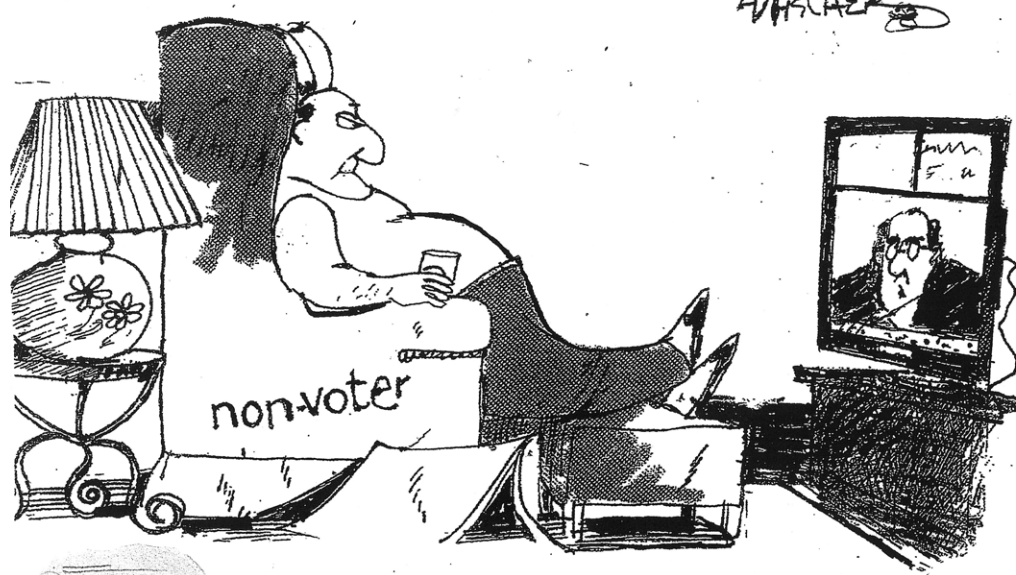
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Health benefits found for volunteering later in life

Jon Knopik, Area Supervisor, Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program

According the Corporation for National and Community Service, a national study has shown that volunteers who are 50 and older live longer than same age non-volunteers. Another recent study of Americans over age 60 found that those who volunteer reported lower disability levels and higher levels of well-being compared to those who do not volunteer.

Volunteering may be particularly helpful for older Americans undergoing a life stress such as moving or the death of a spouse, or for those who are at risk for being isolated. One study found that bereaved individuals who engaged in volunteering activities experienced a shorter course of depression than those who did not volunteer.

There is evidence that the health benefits of volunteering are due to increased physical, social and mental activity. In addition, there is evidence that the health benefits of volunteering are strongest among rural retirees and those who do not drive or are limited drivers.

The research findings are that volunteers not only help their community but also experience better health in their later years, enjoying greater levels of well-being, lower rates of depression and increased levels of strength and energy. This all leads us to believe that life really does begin at 50 or 60.

So, if you are in or are approaching your "golden years," what are you waiting for? Simply make a phone call to your local school or city agency and see what opportunities are waiting for you!

Letters to the Editor

Where have flowers gone?

All the flowers at Evergreen Hill Cemetery have been taken away as directed by the cemetery board, although not all members knew about this.

The flowers were all in compliance, in either vases or flower pots on the tombstones/graves. This is what the cemetery by-law rules state.

Those of us with loved ones there take pride in remembering them by putting out the flowers, for all year.

My family has had loved ones buried there for many years and this has never

happened before! Without any notice at all, they were all cleaned up and taken away.

This feels like stealing to me, and the board should be held accountable.

Kathy Blessing
Staples, Minn.

Coaches key to team success

Staples-Motley is very fortunate to have three amazing coaches for the cross country teams, Bruce Fuhrman, Kristie Johnson and Steve Fligge. These

coaches commit countless hours to our student athletes to help not only achieve their athletic goals but also mentoring them in skills they will need to succeed in life.

Their work has resulted in the boys cross country team returning to the state meet for a second straight year and this year the girls CC team qualifying for the state meet as well.

Not only are these students great athletes but great students - both teams qualified as academic gold this season as well. Thank you, coaches, for all you do for our kids.

Good luck at state - Go Cards!

Jacque Bartozak
Cushing, Minn.

Flowers gone

It's a sad time when a person loses a loved one. It's also sad when the flowers can't be left on their graves. Why?

The flowers were in the vase on the monument, according to cemetery rules. They were my plot, my flowers, my monument.

Who is going to reimburse everyone for all the missing flowers, statues, etc.?

Anita Hove
Staples, Minn.

You think bombs will deter, discourage and destroy freedom? Think again.

By Gene Policinski

We - all of us, Americans and others around the world - will not be silenced by bombs, bombast or even murder.

The lowlife(s) behind the spate of pipe bombs sent to prominent critics of President Trump and his administration are engaged in a futile, juvenile attempt to punish a group of former public servants and private citizens, while trying to send a chilling message to all of us: "Speak out 'the wrong way' and you will die."

Message back: No luck, pal. Free expression in its many forms wins out every time. You've already failed.

At any given moment in history, people like you have misunderstood the role of the dissident and the need for the robust and sometimes discomfiting discourse that flows through this nation each day, and around the world.

Every generation, particularly at times of stress, has seen attempts by individual despots and nations to silence the "other," the acidic critic or the harsh political opponent.

Just a few years after the U.S. adopted the First Amendment in 1791 as part of the Bill of Rights, Congress and President John Adams attempted to silence critics - arresting some dozen and a half editors. How'd that work out? Failed within a few years.

In 1837, Elijah Parish Lovejoy, a Presbyterian minister, abolitionist and newspaper editor, was killed in Illinois by a pro-slavery mob. President Lincoln jailed pro-South editors during the Civil War for their views. Modern-era pogroms in the name of patriotism, from the "Red Scare" following World War I to the McCarthyism panic of the 1950s, destroyed some careers and

asked Americans to betray each other because some held contrarian views. Protesters throughout history have tried to shout down or shout over those they oppose. They failed.

If you think this latest round of attacks, as dangerous and sad and reprehensible as it is, will quiet a free people, guess again.

In 1971, the radical "Weatherman" group bombed the U.S. Capitol - as did another such group in 1983. In 1954, a group of Puerto Rican separatists broke into the House of Representatives and opened fire with handguns, wounding five Congressmen. But still, we spoke, wrote, assembled and petitioned for the "redress of grievances" on a wide set of issues.

An insane person's attempt to kill GOP members of Congress in 2017 at an early morning softball practice session in Washington, D.C., did not shut down our First Amendment rights. Nor did a 2011 shooter's attack on then-Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Gifford in Arizona.

Admittedly, some free speech tests the limits of taste, believability or even fiction. Conservative conspiracy theorists and talk show hosts wasted little time in speculating that the mailed explosives are connected to various plots and plans by liberals - from "false flag ops, because that's what they do" - to calculated October political maneuvering. Trump attempted to blame the news media and Democrats for the bombs sent to each critic - a bizarre, unsupported, knee-jerk theory that is much more politics than anything else.

But free speech protects the expression of silly or self-serving ideas as well as good ones. And when the "adults in the room" (the FBI, NYPD, ATF and oth-

ers) find the real culprits, the accountability factor built into public commentary will enable us to discern "mis" and "dis" from actual information and facts.

Those who believe Trump is a threat to democracy continue to speak. And in like manner, those who defend Trump appear daily in the public square, from boisterous-if-repetitive rallies to "Fox & Friends."

Even the murder of Washington Post contributing journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi thugs has not silenced those who would speak freely. Nor have the multiple murders of journalists around the world every year. In war-ravaged Syria, news continues to flow, sometimes from towns reduced to mere rubble.

Opposing views do not mean compromise, accommodation and respect are unreachable. Engagement is not endorsement. Free speech is the engine that over time has and does drive positive change. Want examples? The modern civil rights movement. The women's suffrage movement. The LBGTQ movement. The pro-life and pro-choice movements.

Groups in our society for more than 225 years - immigrants, abolitionists, pro- and anti-gun advocates, labor union advocates, conservatives and liberal alike - have used First Amendment freedoms to speak their minds and enlist fellow citizens to their views.

You think a few pipe bombs could do away with all that? Pathetic.

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Christmas for Kids

The Staples '93 Lions will be sponsoring the annual Christmas for Kids.

This program assists with the yearly need to provide holiday joy to children in the Staples-Motley School district who otherwise may not have a Christmas.

The ages served are birth through 15 years. People who could use a little extra help with Christmas gifts for these children may pick up applications at Staples-Motley Elementary School or Motley-Staples Middle School. The appli-

cation deadline is Nov. 21.

Parents or guardians will then need to pick up gifts on Sat., Dec. 8, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Staples Community Center.

For questions, call Lion Donna Shaw: 952-240-0308, Lion Kay Mueller: 218-296-0585 or Lion Janet Opheim: 218-397-2376.

If you would like to make a donation to the program, mail a check to Christmas for Kids, C/O Donna Shaw, 49766 Thunderbird Dr., Staples, MN, 56479

Workshop set for meat, dairy goat producers

The University of Minnesota Extension will hold the Todd County Area Goat Workshop Thurs., Nov. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Thunder Lodge Sports Bar & Supper Club, 22056 US 71, Long Prairie. Registration will start at 10 a.m. There is no cost to attend.

This workshop is for both dairy and meat goat producers who are interested in learning about overall goat nutrition, production, reproduction and management of goats. Ag business professionals who work with dairy and meat goat producers are also welcome to attend.

Speakers & Topics

- Raising Replacement Does; Dr. Michael Schlegel, Purina
- Marketing Strategies; Dr. Travis Hoffmann, U of M/ NDSU Extension
- Milk Quality & Keeping Milking Does Healthy; Jim Salfer, U of M Extension
- Grants & Financial Opportunities for Goat Producers; Wayne Martin, U of M Extension
- Herd Health & Reproduction; Dr. Maggie Wehseler, DVM, Litke's Vet Service.

RSVP to Brenda Miller by Nov. 8 for an accurate meal count for lunch, 320-533-4655, nels4220@umn.edu, or by mail: U of M Extension-Brenda Miller, 215 1st Ave S, Suite 101, Long Prairie, MN 56347

School board work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center for a work session.

Discussion items include:

- Superintendent search planning with the Minnesota School Boards Association representative.
- Facility long range planning focusing on educational gains and barriers.

Mark Your Calendar

November 8

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg
Thurs., Nov. 8, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Jim Lizakowski, caller; Rita, cuer. For info., 320-760-6043.

November 14

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Mtg Wed., Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited.



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Lakewood Health System to host 23rd Annual Season of Lights

The Lakewood Health System Foundation and Lakewood Hospice and Palliative Care programs would like to invite the community to their 23rd Annual Season of Lights lighting ceremony.

The lighting ceremony and program will take place on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center (1212 2nd Ave. NE, Staples). The program will include a performance by the Staples Area Men's Choir, a remembrance message with Dr. Julie Benson and Chaplain Paul Johnson, and a time for reflection and grieving. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

The Season of Lights is an opportunity to sponsor an illuminated tree light to remember and celebrate special individuals and loved ones. Green, amber, blue, red and white lights will be available at varying prices. Donations will be accepted anytime. All donations will be dedicated

to the continuation of Lakewood's Hospice and Palliative Care programs.

The Season of Lights is sponsored by the Lakewood Health System Foundation and the hospice and palliative care programs, which dedicate themselves to improving the quality of life by providing resources, care and understanding for people with terminal illnesses, their caregivers and families. The mission of the Lakewood Health System Foundation is to provide the opportunity to preserve and enhance health and wellness for the communities it serves by encouraging the support of the Foundation through charitable gifts.

For more information about Season of Lights or other donation opportunities through the Lakewood Health System Foundation, visit www.lakewoodhealth-system.com, call 218-894-8503 or email foundation@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Rachael and David Ehlers of Wadena, a baby girl, Charlotte Faye weighing seven pounds, four ounces on October 18, 2018.

Born to Melissa Storstad and Josh Kelm of Baxter, a baby boy, Caleb Lain weighing six pounds, 11.2 ounces on October 18, 2018.

Born to Alyson and Blake Twardowski of Browerville, a baby girl, Wyatt Theresa weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on October 18, 2018.

Born to Tasha Koering and Eugene Evenson of Fort Ripley, a baby girl,

Ezra Marie weighing seven pounds, 2.5 ounces on October 18, 2018.

Born to Ashley Christiansen and Brice Hermesen of New York Mills, a baby boy, Kasen Bradley weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on October 22, 2018.

Born to Melissa and Charles Cory of Staples, a baby girl, Brynlee Autumn weighing seven pounds, six ounces on October 23, 2018.

Born to Courtney and Derek Schumann of Browerville, a baby girl, Madison Grace weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on October 23, 2018.

Born to Cynthia Decker and Jeremy Haugen of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Ezmae Marie weighing

eight pounds, five ounces on October 25, 2018.

Born to Mary and Fred-dy Gingerich of Wadena, a baby boy, Amos F. weighing nine pounds, six ounces on October 26, 2018.

Nutrition support group at TCHC

Tri-County Health Care is introducing a new bi-monthly support group entitled, 'Change Your Weighs,' replacing the Diabetes Support Group.

The purpose of the group is to provide nutritional resources/information for people with diabetes, pre-diabetes or those seeking to lose weight or learn more about a healthy diet. Group time is from noon - 1 p.m. in the lobby room at the Maslowski Wellness and Research Center, Wadena. Everyone may attend; you are welcome to bring a lunch. A small snack will be provided. Participants are not required to stay the entire hour.

Classes will be held every other month, taught by a registered dietitian or nurse/diabetes educator from TCHC.

Upcoming dates and topics include:

- Nov. 27 - How to handle the holidays
- Jan. 29 - Changing your weighs w/physical activity
- March 26 - Healthy weighs w/food labels
- May 21 - How to manage stress for a healthy lifestyle
- July 23 - Grocery shopping/tour.

For information, call 218-632-7113 or visit TCHC.org.

Obituaries



Kim Riewer

Kim Louise Riewer, 57, of Staples, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2018 surrounded by her family at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Sat., Nov. 3, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Father Gabriel Walz officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Fri., Nov. 2 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and again one hour prior to Mass at the church.

Arrangements are by Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Kim was born March 1, 1961 in Robbinsdale to Robert and Ruth (Leslie) Nurnberger. She graduated from Staples High School in 1979. Kim married Gary Otteson on Feb. 24, 1979. Gary and Kim had two children, Jolene and Aaron. He passed away on June 3, 1981. Kim was united in marriage to John Riewer on September 27, 1986 and together they had two children, Malerie and Jordan. John and Kim and the children lived in Co-kato. In 2006 they moved back to Staples. Kim managed the gift shop at Lakewood Health System. She enjoyed gardening, fishing, traveling, crocheting and sewing. Kim was a "sports mom" and enjoyed playing softball. Family was the most important to Kim, and she loved spending time with them at the cabin in Nevis.

Kim is survived by her husband, John; daughter, Jolene (Derek) Owen and children, Eli and Ruthie; son, Aaron (Ashley) Otteson and daughter, Camilla; daughter, Malerie (Christopher) Klabo and children, Juliette and Calvin; son Jordan Riewer; parents, Robert and Ruth Nurnberger; two brothers, Robert Allen Nurnberger and Scot Nurnberger and one sister, Sherri Nurnberger.

She was preceded in death by first husband, Gary Otteson.

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Marge Evans

Marjorie J. Evans, age 90, of Staples and Sylvan Lake, passed away Saturday, October 27, 2018.

A memorial service will be held on Sat., Nov. 3, at 2:30 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church of Staples. Visitation will be held prior to the service, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Interment will be at Mayville Cemetery in Mayville, ND, at a later date.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Marge was born on October 20, 1928 in Bowesmont, ND to Robert and Bee (Walker) Somers. She lived in Downer, MN during her elementary school years, and in Grafton, ND during high school, from which she graduated. Marge received her college degree from Mayville State College, where she met Mark Evans. They were married on June 12, 1949 in Grafton. Marge obtained her master's degree in education from Bemidji State University. She taught elementary school in Portland, ND, Sebeka and Staples. Marge also taught music for four years at 17 rural schools in Todd County. Marge taught workshops for creating educational training materials for elementary teachers, which were offered to teachers in several states for Continuing Education Credit. Marge retired from teaching after 33 years in the Staples School District.

She was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church, a Director-At-Large in the State of Minnesota Retired Teachers Educators Association, and a member of the Bosom Buddies cancer organization.

Marge is survived by one son, Dr. David Evans (Dr. Katherine Tom-sich-Evans) of Colorado; daughter-in-law, Deborah Schlichting of Edina and six grandchildren, Corwin, Kendrick, Garion, Katryna, Mackenzie and Erin.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Mark Evans, Sr. and son, Dr. Mark Evans, Jr.

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Roger McGinley

Roger McGinley, 66, of Bertha, died October 23, 2018, at his home.

A memorial service was held Oct. 27 at Thomastown Covenant Church in Staples, with Pastor Nathan Hillman officiating.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Roger was born Nov. 2, 1951 to Leonard and Gladys (Muntean) McGinley in Byron. Roger married Cheryl Gossman on June 23, 1995 in Sargeant. They made their home in Sargeant, Harmony and most recently, Bertha. Roger worked in the construction and mechanic fields, farmed and was a stay-at-home dad.

Roger enjoyed being with his family, tinkering, gardening, mowing the lawn, being outside, talking on the phone and Pepsi.

Roger is survived by his wife; seven children, Shelly (Mark) Pritzl and children, Alexis and Mariah of Lake City, Marty (Jami) McGinley and children, Brady, Logan, Graham of Overland Park, KS, Tracy (Marcus) Mitchell and children, Richard, Kevin, Marcus, Mataya of Red Wing, Josette (Levi) Van Pelt and children, Tad, Marcus, Jeanette and Lincoln of Arizona, Tyler (Lizzie) McGinley and children, Amelia, Abigail, Adelyn of Verndale, Tallen McGinley and child, Ariana of North Dakota, Tara (Justin Scheffler) McGinley and child, Kaitlyn Scheffler of Staples; one great-grandchild, Braxton; two sisters, Darlene and Donna; two brothers, Ronnie and Leonard; many ex-Amish family, especially Inga and Mason Laumb; numerous special nieces and nephews, especially Echo (Ron) Mcalister and Ayden, Autumn and Harvey.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Debbie and brother Richard.

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Janice Cameron

Janice Lianne Cameron, 82, of Baxter, formerly of Aldrich, passed away at her home October 23, 2018.

No services are being planned at this time.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

Janice was born on February 19, 1936, in Bertha to John and Lilian (Erickson) Strom. She graduated from Staples High School in 1954. Janice married Don Cameron on July 28, 1956.

Janice is survived by her husband of 62 years; four children, Stephen "Reno" (Cathie) of Pierz, Jani "Susie" (Scott) Nundahl of Aldrich, Jon "Tyke" (Felicia) of Santee, CA and Jodi of Baxter; eight grandchil-



dren; seven great-grandchildren and one brother, John Strom of Aldrich.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Jeffrey.

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Thank You

The families of Marvin Griffith would like to thank everyone for all the cards, monetary gifts, flowers and food. A special thank you for the care from Lakewood Health System Hospital, the ambulance crew to Fargo and the care at Essentia Care Center of Fargo. Thank you to Pastor Hesse for all his visits, Brenny Funeral Home, Mary Martha Guild of Nimrod, all the helpers and food preparers. Thanks also to the pallbearers, Motley Legion, Tri-County Post #124 and anyone we may have missed.

Adeline Griffith,
Alex and Sue Griffith, Augie and Todd Kreoge, Allen Griffith, Allan and Josie Avelsgard, Raymond and Cheryl Avelsgard, Mary and Mike Owen and families

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IN MEMORY OF OUR HUNTER

Chad,

A branch from our family tree has fallen,
With no chance of regrowth,
Which has brought us so much sorrow.
Coming upon us is hunting season,
The first without you here, this will be a sad time
for our boys and the hunting gang.
The Friday night rituals will have one less hunter,
one less laugh, one less jokester,
one less story to share.

Our boys are young men now, but you taught them
so much while you were here, how to hunt
respectfully and with good sportsmanship.
As our hunters head to the woods,
watch over them for safety and good luck.
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☐ Dennis Schuller Legal Marijuana Now January 3, 2025	County Attorney Vote for One	Council Member City of Eagle Bend Vote for Up to Two
☐ Paula M Overby Minnesota Green Party January 3, 2025	☐ Chuck Rasmussen	☐ Virginia Heldt
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Eric Monson
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☐ Dave Hughes Republican	Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 5 Vote for One	☐ Alice Melzer
☐ Collin C. Peterson Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Tom Williamson	☐ Gloriann Bartels
☐ write-in, if any	City Offices	☐ write-in, if any
State Offices	Mayor City of Bertha Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any
State Representative District 9A Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any	Special Election for Council Member City of Hewitt To fill vacancy in term expiring January 4, 2021 Vote for One
☐ John M. Poston Republican	Council Member City of Bertha Four Year Term Vote for Up to Two	☐ Jennifer Crider
☐ Alex Hering Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Debra Kay Nelson	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Birch R. Pettow	Mayor City of Staples Vote for One
State Representative District 9B Vote for One	☐ Gene Captain	☐ Chris Etzler
☐ Ron Kresha Republican	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Stephen Browning Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Special Election for Council Member City of Bertha To fill vacancy in term expiring January 4, 2021 Vote for One	Council Member City of Staples Vote for Up to Three
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Leona (Wiese) Bowman	☐ Thomas Toepfer
Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Team	Mayor City of Browerville Vote for One	☐ Roy J Miles
☐ Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom Republican	☐ Bob Heid	☐ Ron Murray
☐ Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Calvin M Lucas	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Chris Wright and Judith Schwartzbacker Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis	Council Member City of Browerville Vote for Up to Two	Town Offices
☐ Josh Welter and Mary O'Connor Libertarian	☐ Hannah Wieshalla	Town Supervisor Seat C Town of Germania Vote for One
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Mike Iten	☐ write-in, if any
Secretary of State Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any	Town Treasurer Town of Germania Vote for One
☐ John Howe Republican	Mayor City of Clarissa Vote for One	☐ Patricia Hinzmann
☐ Steve Simon Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Harland J. St. George Jr.	☐ write-in, if any
☐ William Denney Independence	☐ Robert A Gamache	Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Little Elk Vote for One
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Thomas Rausch
State Auditor Vote for One	Council Member City of Clarissa Vote for Up to Two	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Pam Myhra Republican	☐ Jim Kroyer	Special Election for Town Clerk Town of Little Elk To fill vacancy in term expiring January 4, 2021 Vote for One
☐ Julie Blaha Democratic-Farmer-Labor	☐ Nathan D Rolfes	☐ Mary Ostrowski
☐ Michael Ford Legal Marijuana Now	☐ Dave Kreidler	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Chris Dock Libertarian Party	☐ Chad Olson	Town Treasurer Town of Little Elk Vote for One
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Dennis Morawczynski
Attorney General Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Doug Wardlow Republican	Vote front and back of ballot	
☐ Keith Ellison Democratic-Farmer-Labor		
☐ Noah M. Johnson Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis		
☐ write-in, if any		
County Offices		
County Commissioner District 2 Vote for One		
☐ Gary Kneisl		
☐ write-in, if any		
County Commissioner District 4 Vote for One		
☐ Nikki Deyle		
☐ David G. Kircher		
☐ write-in, if any		
County Auditor - Treasurer Vote for One		
☐ Denise Gaida		
☐ write-in, if any		
County Recorder Vote for One		
☐ Linda Daoust		
☐ write-in, if any		

Official Ballot

State General Election Ballot
Todd County, Minnesota
November 6, 2018

Judge _____
Judge _____

Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this (●)

Town Offices	School District Offices	Special District Offices
Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Villard Vote for One	School Board Member Independent School District No. 2155 (Wadena-Deer Creek) Vote for Up to Three	United Hospital District Board Member Town of Moran Vote for One
☐ Richard Adamietz	☐ Peter Hayes	☐ Sara J. Grove (Sally)
☐ Ken Myers	☐ Ann Pate	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Becca Grieger	☐ write-in, if any
Town Supervisor Seat B Town of Villard Vote for One	☐ Melissa Seelhammer	United Hospital District Board Member City of Staples Vote for One
☐ Shawn Jordahl	☐ Kevin Klawitter	☐ Mary Theurer
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Tammy Kircher	☐ write-in, if any
Special Election for Town Clerk Town of Villard To fill vacancy in term expiring January 4, 2021 Vote for One	☐ Gail Vittetoe	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Ryan Damlo	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Mary Trantina Koenig	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
Town Treasurer Town of Villard Vote for One	School Board Member Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) Vote for Up to Three	☐ write-in, if any
☐ John Reese	☐ Robert L. Follis	
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Mary Freeman	
Town Treasurer Town of Ward Vote for One	☐ Bruce F. Lund	
☐ Dale Gimbel	☐ Brad Anderson	
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	
Town Supervisor Seat A Town of Ward Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any	
☐ David J. Asmus	Judicial Offices	Judicial Offices
☐ write-in, if any	Supreme Court	7th District Court
School District Offices	Chief Justice Vote for One	Judge 1 Vote for One
School Board Member Independent School District No. 786 (Bertha-Hewitt) Vote for Up to Four	☐ Lorie Skjerven Gildea Incumbent	☐ Kris H. Davick-Halfen Incumbent
☐ Keith Bauch	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Kim C Gavin	Associate Justice 2 Vote for One	Judge 5 Vote for One
☐ Sharon Thiel	☐ Michelle MacDonald	☐ Timothy M. Churchwell Incumbent
☐ Janelle Bright	☐ Margaret Chutich Incumbent	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	Judge 6 Vote for One
☐ write-in, if any	Associate Justice 1 Vote for One	☐ Gail T. Kulick Incumbent
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Barry Anderson Incumbent	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	Judge 7 Vote for One
School Board Member Independent School District No. 787 (Browerville) Vote for Up to Four	Associate Justice 5 Vote for One	☐ Mary B. Mahler Incumbent
☐ Heidi Iten	☐ Anne McKeig Incumbent	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Marty Host	☐ write-in, if any	Judge 10 Vote for One
☐ Robert Bryniarski	Court of Appeals	☐ Matthew M. Quinn Incumbent
☐ Penny Benning	Judge 2 Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Anthony L. Brown	Judge 16 Vote for One
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Lucinda Ellen Jesson Incumbent	☐ Gretchen D. Thilmoney Incumbent
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	Judge 4 Vote for One	Judge 17 Vote for One
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Tracy Smith Incumbent	☐ Sharon Grewell Benson Incumbent
☐ write-in, if any	Judge 6 Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Renee L. Worke Incumbent	Judge 19 Vote for One
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Barbara R. Hanson Incumbent
☐ write-in, if any	Judge 7 Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks Incumbent	Judge 20 Vote for One
School Board Member Independent School District No. 818 (Verndale) Vote for Up to Three	☐ write-in, if any	☐ William J. Cashman Incumbent
☐ Scott Veronen	Judge 12 Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any
☐ Tony Stanley	☐ Diane Bratvold Incumbent	Judge 29 Vote for One
☐ Bill Blaha	☐ write-in, if any	☐ Shan C. Wang Incumbent
☐ write-in, if any	Judge 14 Vote for One	☐ write-in, if any
☐ write-in, if any	☐ James B. Florey Incumbent	
☐ write-in, if any	☐ write-in, if any	
☐ write-in, if any	Vote front and back of ballot	

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 25, 2011

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$143,798.00

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

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

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

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

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

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

For title reference see a deed from Elaine Louise Windorski f/k/a Elaine Louise Wold and Bronson J. Windorski recorded 12/14/2009 in Instrument 466001. Also being the same property conveyed to Elaine Louise Wold from Stephen D. DesMarais and Helen C. DesMarais recorded 07/11/2007 in Instrument 450130.

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0108703

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100049700011834971

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action

or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 5, 2018

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Beware open water and thin ice. Aeration to occur on south shore along Lakeshore Drive beginning November 1, 2018 until April, 2019. For inquiries call 763-516-2514.

43-44pnp

NOTICE OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT REGULAR ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, that the regular election of the Hospital District will be held November 6, 2018 at which time the polls will be open in the following voting precincts at the following polling places at the following times:

- Moran Township - Moran Town Hall, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Thomastown Township - Town Hall, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- City of Staples - Staples Community Center, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Becker Township - By mail
- Byron Township - By mail
- Motley Township - By mail

That at said Regular Hospital District Election the following matters will be voted upon: The election of one member to the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2022, representing and from each of the following cities and townships:

- Moran Township
- Thomastown Township
- City of Staples
- Becker Township
- Byron Township
- Motley Township

By the order of the District Board of Directors United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota.

Lana Hansen, District Clerk

43-44pnc

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 2, 2018

Public Comment

Steve Browning, Candidate for State Representative District 9B introduced himself and his campaign initiatives to the County Commissioners.

Alex Hering, Candidate for State Representative District 9A introduced himself and his campaign initiatives to the County Commissioners.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 2nd day of October, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Erickson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Notices

NOTICE MOTLEY TOWNSHIP

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

Ken Swecker, Clerk 44-45pnc

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP

The November monthly meeting for Moran Township has been moved to Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m. The regular agenda will be followed.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk 44pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING DATE CHANGE

The regular November Township meeting date has changed to Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Any questions, please call Kelly Miller, (218) 531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk 44pnc

NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the South shores of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 2018 and early months of 2019. For inquiries call 651-698-8246.

42-44pnc

NOTICE REPLACEMENT BALLOT WADENA COUNTY

The ALL-MAIL ballot precincts of the City of Nimrod and Shell River Township in Wadena County were inadvertently mailed the incorrect ballot by the ballot Vendor.

If you received your ballot, please throw it away. Replacement ballots are being mailed out today, October 24, 2018. Please vote on the replacement ballot that says either CITY OF NIMROD or SHELL RIVER TOWNSHIP on the bottom left corner of the ballot.

You can deliver your ballot to the courthouse or put it in the mail. Your ballot must be received by 8:00 p.m. at the courthouse on election day in order to be counted.

44pnc

Consent Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2018 as presented.

To approve the Human Resources Report for Personnel Actions dated October 2, 2018 as on file.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the September 2018 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 900071 through 900077 in the amount of \$96,309.07 (Manual) 503 through 503 in the amount of \$802.65 and (Regular) 232417 through 232569 in the amount of \$2,630,510.32 for a total of \$2,727,622.04.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400001 through 400001 in the amount of \$843.88 and (Regular) 49842 through 49916 in the amount of \$212,658.60.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514368 through 514396 in the amount of \$25,099.63 and warrants number 703531 through 703599 in the amount of \$85,397.97.

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

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES, INVESTMENTS & ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute § 118A.02, subdivision 1 (a) states "The governing body of each government entity shall designate, as a depository of its funds, one or more financial institutions." and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Minnesota Statute § 118A.01 through § 118A.08, the County Board of Commissioners has the official role to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer to select depositories and make investments of funds under Minnesota Statute § 118A.01 to 118A.08 or other applicable law for and on behalf of the County of Todd and;

WHEREAS, in accordance to Minnesota Statute § 385.07, the County Board of Commissioners has the official role to authorize the County Auditor/Treasurer the use electronic funds transfers where deemed appropriate, expeditious and in the best interest of the County of Todd.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer to select depositories and make investments in accordance to Minnesota Statute § 118A.01 through § 118A.08 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer the use of electronic funds transfers where deemed appropriate, expeditious and in the best interest of Todd County.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

2018 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION FOR TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS, Our homes should be a place of love, safety and security, and for most of us, home and family can indeed be counted among our greatest blessings;

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious

crime that impacts families, workplaces, schools, churches and our communities, regardless of race, age, religion, income level, gender or occupation, and is happening in Todd County;

WHEREAS, The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, safety, and humanity, due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and abuse;

WHEREAS, Domestic violence costs our nation billions of dollars annually in medical expenses, police and court costs, shelters and foster care, sick leave, absenteeism, and loss of productivity. In Todd County, Hands of Hope Resource Center has served 118 men and women, as well as numerous children and secondary victims as of September 6, 2018.

WHEREAS, a coordinated community effort is needed to address this crime; a coalition of organizations including law enforcement, victim services, health care providers, the clergy, social services and concerned citizens to address this recurring crisis;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, In recognition of the important work done by Hands of Hope Resource Center, we the commissioners of Todd County do hereby proclaim the month of October 2018 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and urge criminal justice systems and community members to work with Hands of Hope Resource Center in eliminating domestic violence in our communities.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2018 BOX CULVERT PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on September 18, 2018 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-599-061, said project for precast concrete box culvert construction work on 320th Street in Iona Township, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Houle Excavating, LLC, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$175,166.00

Landwehr Construction Inc., Saint Cloud, Minnesota: \$184,856.10

Riley Brothers Construction, Morris, Minnesota: \$187,430.40

R.L. Larson, Saint Cloud, Minnesota: \$214,227.70

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$253,033.15

J.R. Ferche Inc., Rice, Minnesota: \$256,396.50

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Houle Excavating, LLC of Little Falls, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$175,166.00.

Emergency Management

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

ADOPTION OF THE TODD COUNTY ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Todd County has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, and;

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Plan includes a risk assessment including

past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Todd County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, RESOLVED that Todd County supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Todd County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Ditch Inspector

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: The Todd County Ditch Authority acknowledges receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Faye Arntson to replace a private crossing on County Ditch 22, parcel 05-0016700, Burleene Twp. Section 24.

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - DITCH MAINTENANCE - COUNTY DITCH 8

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker the following was adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, Ray Cline is requesting to maintain approximately 1,045 feet of Lateral 1 on CD8 on his parcel - 26-0014400, located in Ward Twp. Section 16, and;

WHEREAS, a Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and an onsite inspection has been done, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Ray Cline to maintain approximately 1,045 feet of CD8, located on his own property, at his own expense.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the CAI pursuing the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant by submitting an application.

Great River Regional Library

Karen Pundsack and Aron Murphy provided the County Board with an update on GRRL activities.

South Country Health Alliance

Leota Lind provided the County Board an update regarding SCHa initiatives.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioners Kircher and Erickson to serve as members of the Region V+ Adult Mental

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Pretty flowers all in rows

Patrons of Evergreen Hill Cemetery sorted through piles of flowers on Oct. 29, to find the flowers that had on the graves of loved ones. There had been some confusion about the cemetery

rules of how long flowers are allowed at graves and what types of displays are allowed. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Trick or Treating for the food shelf

Approximately 35 area young people went door to door throughout Staples Oct. 28, 'Trick or Treating' for the Staples Food Shelf. A total of 855 pounds of food were collected. Following this activity, the young people en-

joyed supper at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Pictured above from left are Emmitt Winkels, unknown, Ryan Wick, Alex Giza, Lilly Tyrell, Jack Tyrell, Ashlyn Vogel, Emali Jimenez. (Submitted photo)

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Health Initiatives Comprehensive Re-entry (Jail Diversion) Project Team/ Stakeholder Group.

Administration

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the grade and pay increase for Payroll & Benefits Specialist (filled by Kathleen Nauber) to Grade 8, Step 5 (\$24.36) effective October 2, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported that the October 15, 2018 real estate tax due date is fast approaching and provided current statistics on Absentee Voting for the upcoming General Election.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and tours of the County campuses given.

Recess

Chairperson Neumann recessed the meeting until October 16, 2018.

AUDITORS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ALEX POWER EQUIP	\$22,000.00
ASTECH	9,618.28
COMPATICO	2,150.43
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	5,287.64
NILSON'S HARDWARE	3,949.03
PETERS LAW OFF, PA	2,601.00
RJ CONTRACTING & REMODELING LLC	13,371.87
SOURCEWELL	195,051.80
STATEMA'S BACKHOE SERVICE LLC	35,299.36
STEPP MANUFAC	27,134.00
28 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	11,287.93
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	4,694.00
COUNTRYSIDE REST	7,128.80
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	6,603.31
GRR LIBRARY	86,101.25
LAMB LABOR SERV. INC	20,103.00
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC	3,191.25
NORTHERN SALT INC	5,368.59
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH	74,340.00
TRAFFIC MARKING SERVICE INC	2,169.49
25 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	7,283.77
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	66,584.64
CARD SERVS. COBORNS	3,894.51
CARDMEMBER SERV	2,058.28
COMPUTER PROS	4,961.00
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	2,107.96
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	2,000.00
KREBSBACH/MONICA	2,590.23
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	3,080.37
MN POWER & LIGHT	16,323.01

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROG	11,563.00
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472	19,639.00
DHS - SWIFT	22,169.39
JOHNSON/DOROTHY	2,013.26
SOURCEWELL	9,561.24
US POSTAL SERVICE	5,443.00
63 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	15,009.08
Total	85,397.97

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CARLSON/BARBARA J	3,000.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN - ST PAUL	2,665.15
NORTH HOMES CHILD. & FAMILY SRVS	2,768.80
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	2,030.00
PRODUCTIVE ALTS. INC - FERGUS	2,020.23
REVERENCE FOR LIFE AND CONCERN	2,512.00
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	10,103.45
Total	\$25,099.63

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of toast

6. Peter Griffin's daughter

9. A group

13. Ancient Greek unit of weight

14. Small amounts

15. Ready and ___

16. Right

17. Asian antelope

18. Cambodian monetary unit

19. Type of leather

21. Secret clique

22. Cabbage and cole are two

23. Burmese ethnic group

24. Empire State

25. Be in debt

28. Italian monk's title

29. Asian plants

31. Everyone has one

33. One who can't sleep

36. "Glengarry, Glen Ross" playwright

38. Shock therapy

39. Cavalry sword

41. A must-have

44. Type of fabric

45. French composer

46. A type of pen

48. Snout

49. One of the six noble gases

51. Married woman (Brit.)

54. Greek sorceress

56. Depository library

59. A tightknit group

61. Ancient units of measurement

62. He was Batman

63. Dry or withered

64. Margosa tree

65. Tables (Span.)

66. Large jug

67. Make a mistake

68. Puerto Rican genre of music "La ___"

CLUES DOWN

1. Insect drawn to flame

2. A Spanish river

3. Reduce (Brit. sp.)

4. Wish well

5. Robots are an example

6. Young women

7. The tip

8. Young women's association

9. One who is suspicious

10. A child's apron

11. Not dirty

12. Fightin' Irish football coach

14. People from Taiwan

17. Harry Belafonte's daughter

20. Santa's helper

21. Cereal plants

23. Respectful address

25. Unit of electrical resistance

26. Used to managing without

27. Type of chair

29. London footballers

30. Vaccine developer

32. 10 meters

34. Type of story: ___ fi

35. Covering on birds' beaks

37. Small freshwater fish

40. Confederate soldier

42. Female sibling

43. Belgian city

47. An electrically charged atom

49. A way to entertain

50. Regenerate

52. Highly flammable liquid

53. Mark

55. Not good

56. Eloquent Roman orator

57. Absence of difficulty

58. Kazakhstan district

59. Plateau

61. Midway between northeast and east

65. Military policeman

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Family continues 40 year tradition

the Florida swamps and the temperature is often in the 90s. That's just too hot for hunting, says George, who moved from Florida to Minnesota a number of years ago.

Cooler weather is best for hunting, the group agrees. If it snows, that's even better, Arney says.

The Cards have been hunting in this area since 1978, when Arney bought the property where his family built their home. As land has come up for sale, he and his relatives have purchased it along the way. Currently, they have about 1,000 acres amongst them to hunt on.

Before setting up shop in Becker Township, the Cards used to hunt in the Blackberry area north of Grand Rapids. A mount

of a buck their grandpa David shot in 1919 in that area now hangs on the wall at the Ora Card Hunting Shack.

Those were tough conditions, G.O. remembered of the old Blackberry hunting days. There was nothing but swampland there and you had to walk for miles to get to your stand, which usually was just a branch in a tree. Nothing like the comfortable stands they've built at their current location. His stand has carpet and a comfortable swivel chair which makes it easier to watch for deer, George shared.

There were no swivel chairs at the Blackberry deer stands, G.O. says. Nothing was easy at Blackberry. G.O. remembers when he was about 14,

having to drag the deer through the swamp back to his Uncle Arney's truck. Later on, Arney bought a pony (outfitted with an orange vest and an Amish-made harness) that would do the dragging for the group. Arney was at the reins and, "People thought I looked like Friar Tuck," he laughed.

They have fond memories of those earlier days, but they are glad to be hunting at their current location. Seven of the Card brothers, Ron, Norm, Larry, Arney, Keith, Dan and Dale, all hunt together in rural Staples. Their older brothers, Art and Bob, have passed away.

With so many individuals a part of their group, they've established guidelines to ensure everything runs smoothly at Ora Card Hunting Club.

They pay membership dues and have strict rules in their club to ensure safety, Arney said. These include no alcohol during daylight hours and no climbing in or out of a stand with a loaded weapon.

The last week of April each year, the club meets together to cut wood for the shack and "find out what winter did to our stands," George said.

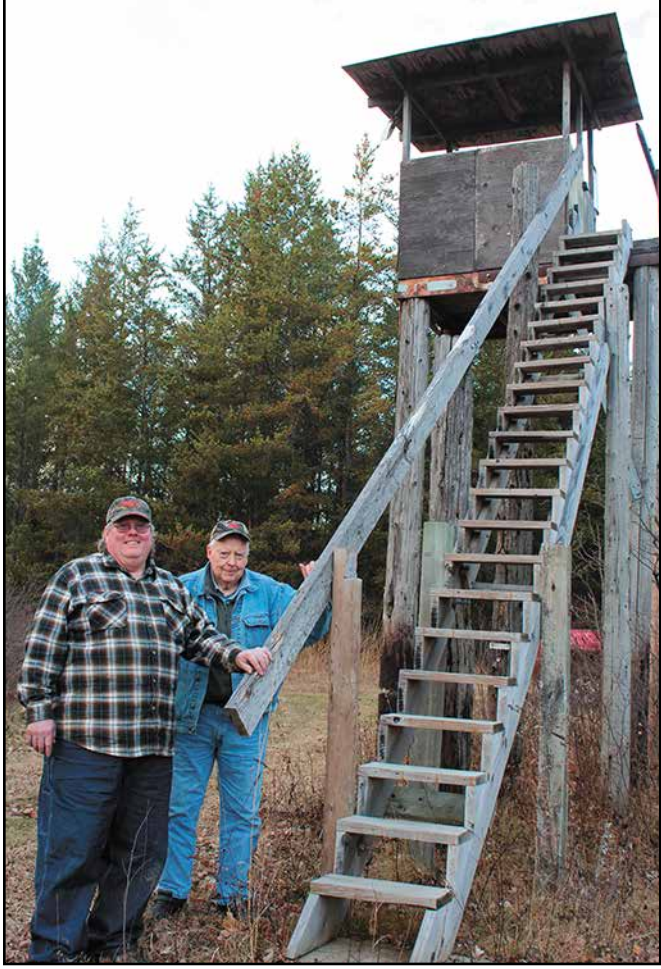
Their brother Dan's stand had some damage this past year, Arney said, but they've pitched in to help and he should be good to go before this weekend's opener.

Friday night everyone



Trophies on display

'Tis the season for deer hunters to swap stories of the biggest buck or doe they ever shot. Members of the Card family have been hunting together on their land in Becker Township, Cass County, for close to 40 years. During that time they've collected dozens of antler racks which now hang on the walls and ceiling rafters at their hunting shack. They hope to add to the collection during the next couple of weeks. In lower photo, Arney Card stands near photos from earlier hunting days as well as an antler rack from the last buck his dad, the late Ora Card, ever shot. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Getting the stand ready

George Call (right) of Staples makes sure his deer stand is in order prior to the hunting opener Nov. 3. Also pictured is George's son, G.O. Call of Hobe Sound, Fla., who travels to Minnesota every fall to hunt with his relatives, members of the Ora Card Hunting Club. G.O. Call also has a stand on the family property which encompasses 1,000 acres in Becker Township. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Police report: electric meter tampering

On Oct. 22, a City of Staples electric worker notified Staples Police that a resident had tampered with the electric meter.

On Oct. 23, Staples Police responded to a vehicle fire near Ravilla Ave. NE. Upon arrival, the vehicle was fully engulfed. A short time later the Staples Fire Dept. arrived and extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported.

On Oct. 24, Staples Police received a call of a raccoon trapped in a window well.

The raccoon was captured and transported out of the city, where it was released.

On Oct. 25, Staples Police took a report of stolen prescription medication at a residence on Roosevelt St. SW.

On Oct. 25, Staples Police assisted the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with a vehicle off the road on Cty Road 30, near the golf course. As a result, Benjamin Lambert, 23, of Becker, was arrested for 2nd degree DWI.

On Oct. 26, Staples Police responded to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 10 and 12th St. NE. As a result, one person was transported to Lakewood Health Systems emergency room for minor injuries.

On Oct. 17, Staples Police responded to a residence on 5th St. NE for a report of a domestic disturbance. Police determined that a physical assault had not occurred. Police advised all individuals involved.

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'Shovel ready' community

campus.

• Radermacher said she is working towards getting Staples designated a "shovel ready" community by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). The designation tells businesses that the city has land available and infrastructure in place to be able to build new right away.

• SEDA approved \$1,000 sponsorship of the Initiative Foundation, and accepted a grant from the Initiative Foundation for a study on the Legacy Trail.

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Winning in the rain

Kyanna Burton (353), Addison Lorber (356) and Ashley Robben (357) take off in the rain as the Staples-Motley girls team sets out to win the section title. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cross country teams qualify for state meet

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls and boys cross country teams both qualified for the state meet with the girls team winning the Section 6A race on Oct. 25 and the boys coming in second. The Cardinals also had the individual champion in each race, Kira Sweeney for the girls and Emmet Anderson for the boys, the second straight section title for both of them. The Cardinals will run the state meet on Saturday, Nov. 3, at St. Olaf College in Northfield, with the boys race at 1 p.m. and the girls at 2 p.m. “We knew our girls team would be challenging for the section title and they did just that,” said Coach Bruce Fuhrman. The girls race started with Sweeney out front and teammate Kyanna Burton not far behind. A chase pack was right behind Burton. With one mile to go in the 3.1 mile race, the chasing pack started gaining

ground. “The last mile was my best mile,” Sweeney said about picking her pace back up and pulling away from the field. Burton also had a strong last mile but was passed by one runner late in the race. Ashley Robben was hanging right with the chase pack for most of the race and she busted them up in the last mile to finish sixth. Addison Lorber did not run her fastest race but was good enough to place 17th. Addisyn Cichos ran a great race to be the fifth scorer. “Kyanna and Ashley stepped up their races,” said Fuhrman. “Each of our girls ran strong to hold off a tapered West Central team.” Although she ran her fastest race this year at the section, Sweeney thinks she still has more left to improve. “My time goal is to break 19 minutes at state,” she said. “I expect our girls to com-

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Section champs

Kira Sweeney and Emmet Anderson race to the section title. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals start well but end up with playoff loss

The Staples-Motley volleyball team entered the Section 8AA playoffs the way they wanted to play against Detroit Lakes. “We knew in order to compete we needed to attack at them and keep them out of system, as they have a couple of strong attackers,” said Coach Gretchen Bestland. “We did this in the first set but unfortunately could not close out the set after leading for most of it.” The Cardinals lost 21-25, then went on to drop the next two sets.

“The second and third sets we could not get our attack going, which made it difficult to get them off their game,” said Bestland. **Team results** Mackenna Bjerga: digs-4, assists-13, blocks-1 Heidi Lombard: digs-7, Ace-1 Alix Peterson: digs-12 Kiera Dumpprope: digs-1, kills-5 Aubrey Brandt: Ace-1, digs-9, kills-3 Tabettha Allen: digs-9, kills-6, block-1 Bella Martin: Ace-1, digs-10

Cardinals improve, but fall in playoff game

The Staples-Motley football team played excellent defense, but the offense was bottled up in a 26-6 loss to Pillager in the Section 6AA playoffs on Oct. 23. After giving up 44 points in the first game between these two teams, the Cardinals allowed just one touchdown in each quarter in the playoff game. The offense lacked the

big plays they had in the first game, so they didn’t score until the fourth quarter. The team only converted one of eleven third down plays to get a first down. **Team results** **Section 6AA playoffs** **Staples-Motley 6, Pillager 26** Rushing: Cade Schmidt

17-45 Passing: Josh Lombard 5/11, 47 yards, 1 TD, 1 int.; Max Strickland 5/11, 19 yards, 1 int. Receiving: Jordon Carlson 2-28, Schmidt 4-10, Lombard 2-6 Tackling leaders: Scout Strickland 10, Logen Weite 8, Garrett Carlson 7, Ryan Wick 4,

Schneider earns two conference medals

Lily Schneider swam her best time in the 200 freestyle and nearly reached her top time in the 100 breaststroke to earn two medals at the Mid State Conference swim meet on Oct. 26. “Just like that, the regular season is done and what a season it’s been,” said Coach Amanda Toft. “We have had so much growth and change happen as the season has moved along, these girls are such a treat to be around and I’m so proud of them.” The Section 6A swim meet is Thursday, Nov. 8, at Sartell. “I’m excited for what it brings for our section swimmers,” said Toft. Conference meet top 12 finishers and other highlights: • The Medley Relay of Leah Crider, Lili Schneider, Malaya Reem, and Joelle Bounds had a near best time again to start out the meet. • Schneider had a best time in the 200 freestyle of 2:11, earning her a Mid State Conference Honorable Mention in 3rd place. • After Robinson took 10th in the 200 IM with a new best time, Evelyn Gonzalez, Mandy Carter, and Leah Crider all had best times as well. • Bounds had a near best time to earn 8th place, and Brooke Ferdon did the same to get 11th. • Reem had a near best time in the 100 butterfly earning 8th place. Leah Crider swam a best time. • Bounds earned 8th place in the 100 freestyle, and Ferdon swam a best time for 11th place. • The 200 free relay of Bounds, Robinson, Reem, and Schneider swam a strong race to take 5th. • Gonzalez swam a near best in the 100 backstroke to get 10th place. • Schneider swam a near best in the 100



Podium pose

Lily Schneider, right, with other conference medal winners. (Submitted photo)

breaststroke to earn another third place and All-Conference Honorable Mention. Robinson took 12th place. The 400 free relay of Robinson, Gonzalez, Mandy Carter, and Reem finished with one of their best times of the season for 5th place. The Cardinals took 4th as a team against Detroit Lakes, Park Rapids, and Perham.



Hunter Klimek

Deer hunters, too, are asked to get the lead out

The sight could easily have been missed. We were leaving our duck hunting destination, heading home on a county road that leads away from a large national wildlife refuge. My hunting partner and I had spent several days watching our decoys bob and weave on its waters, hoping to attract passing ring-necks, redheads or bluebills. As I steered through a curve, my peripheral vision caught a shape that was out of place. A large bird of prey was perched by the carcass of a large, motionless mammal. I realized it was an eagle, mottled in immature stage plumage, perched atop or beside a whitetail deer. Mike Rahn



Mike Rahn

My companion had not seen it, but we speculated that the deer had either died of a collision with a passing vehicle, or had been wounded and lost by a bow hunter. The rifle season was still almost two weeks away at the time. But to the eagle, the cause of death was immaterial. It was “lunch time,” and an ample lunch it would be! Bald eagles are abundant on, and around, this particular National Wildlife Refuge. So abundant, in fact, that we’ve come to expect seeing them cruise the shorelines, or sail across a wide expanse of water while we’re in our duck blinds. We once had an eagle swoop down and take a duck we had shot and had not yet motored out to pick up. On another occasion, we watched an eagle in the distance hovering, then diving at what we assumed was a crippled duck. Each time, the duck dove and the eagle missed, until eventually the eagle timed it right and got its victim. Given their abundance here, it came as no surprise when we had seen a Refuge news release whose subject was bald eagles. It asked deer hunters, during the upcoming season, to consider switching from lead-bullet cartridges to the relatively new alternative of copper. Eagles often feed on the gut piles that are left in the woods when a harvested deer is field-dressed, as well as consuming deer that are shot and not recovered by a hunter. Bullets enter-

ing a deer sometimes fragment, and can leave tiny lead pieces to be consumed by scavengers, the bald eagle being only one of many. That’s an issue, because it takes only a small amount of lead consumption to cause paralysis, organ failure, blindness and death. Longtime duck and goose hunters will remember the required transition from lead to “nontoxic” shot, most commonly steel, that was phased-in beginning with the 1987-88 waterfowl season, and fully implemented in 1991. Waterfowl consume grains of sand and gravel to aid in grinding and digesting their food, but were also finding and ingesting lead pellets in shallow water, and dying as a result. Despite initial resistance from hunters and ammunition makers over the prospect of crippling birds with less effective substitutes for lead, the transition was successfully made. Not only is there concern today for eagles harmed by lead bullet fragments, but some deer hunters who regularly dine on venison are concerned, not wanting to risk exposing themselves and their families to potential lead poisoning. The belief that a bullet hitting a deer stays completely together and forms a perfect and lethal mushroom, like those shown in some ammunition advertisements, is not supported by the evidence. Deer carcass X-rays taken by the University of Minnesota Veterinary Medical Center have revealed small bullet fragments that are unlikely to be noticed by someone as they consume a juicy venison steak. Lead’s harmful effects are beyond argument. Humans who ingest lead from other sources, like lead-based paint or corroding lead pipes in old homes, can suffer serious developmental disabilities. That’s why lead is no longer used as an additive in paint, in gasoline, nor is it found in the pipes used in new plumbing. Copper does not poison as lead does. But is it as effective as lead in cleanly killing deer? It would be hard to justify using a nontoxic ammunition that was more likely to cripple game. Minnesota-based Federal Cartridge Co. has offered copper bullet cartridges for well over a decade. Some big game hunters have used them regularly for far longer than that, particularly in hunting “big game” larger than whitetail deer. All else being equal, copper bullets “hold together” better than lead, ex-

panding more slowly and generally not breaking down into fragments. One experienced big game hunter reports that a typical copper bullet will expand to about twice its original diameter, whereas lead generally expands more. As a result, copper sometimes passes completely through a deer-size animal and may not deliver all its energy inside the deer, where it’s wanted for the most immediate kills. That’s not to imply that copper bullets don’t kill deer effectively. Whether a copper bullet expands as much as a lead bullet and delivers all its energy inside the animal or not, is only one dimension. A bullet that “holds together” and does not fragment may more reliably penetrate the vital areas a hunter aims for. And if delivering energy were the whole story, then bow hunters would not be nearly as effective as they are, for arrows generally do not kill deer by delivering high energy, but by penetrating vital organs, and by blood loss. Copper bullets are more expensive than lead, a fact as inevitable as the price of the raw materials used in their manufacture. But , the longer they’ve been on the market, the less expensive they have become. The other issue is availability. If you have an old classic rifle in an obscure caliber, you may not find suitable cartridges with copper bullets. But just as price has come down, availability has gone up. Those who shoot popular calibers like the .30-06, .270, .308, .243, even the .30-30, as well as the most common magnums, have copper options. More and more hunters are using copper, some for their own health as consumers of the big game they harvest, some as good stewards to avoid scattering a toxin across the landscape and a few because they may have to. California is now requiring the use of lead-free bullets beginning July 1, 2019, and copper is the one candidate that seems to best meet the requirements of effectiveness and availability. Virtually every state has hunting regulations limiting the use of lead, not only for migratory waterfowl, a nationwide federal requirement, but for hunting non-migratory small game in some locales. But don’t be at all surprised if lead-free becomes the rule for big game hunting in more states in the future.

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Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov. 4



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CC teams have high expectations for state

pete well in the state meet,” said Fuhrman. “We are not simply happy to be making it as a team, but look to have a best showing of the season. These seven kids are young, get a bit nervous at times, but are able to focus on the task at hand during competition. We are very proud of them.

The boys race featured the second and third ranked teams in the state, with the Cardinals number three in the polls and West Central number two. “We remembered upsetting them last season but knew it would be different this year,” said Fuhrman.

Anderson took off fast, as did Hunter Klimek, and the top four runners separated from the pack early on.

“The first half felt good, the second half was extremely tiring,” said Anderson. But he had enough energy to take off with a half mile left to win going away. Klimek also had a strong race to place fourth.

West Central runners set the pace for the rest of the pack. “When a window of opportunity emerged at the 2.5 mile for us to take over the race, we were not in position to tighten things up and that is how it finished,” said Fuhrman.

Tanner Robben, Bentley Christensen and Jack Tyrrell all ran fast times to ensure a trip to state.

“We look forward to running against them again at the state meet,” said Fuhrman. “The boys have run well all season and have held high expectations for themselves. I expect they will have a great showing.

Anderson is ranked second in the state going into the race. “My goal is to compete for the top, I want to be up there and be in the race,” he said. He wants to break 16 minutes again at state.

Team results

Section 6A

Girls results:

Staples-Motley 54, West Central Area 56, Eden Valley-Watkins 86, Albany 113, Morris 201, Pierz 217, Sauk Centre 221, Paynesville 262, New London-Spicer 291, Breckenridge-Wahpeton 305, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 319, Ottertail Central 341, Minnewaska 348, Royalton 359, Osakis 360, Melrose 385, Pillager 386, Benson-KMS 392,

Litchfield 497, Brandon-Evansville 570, Border West 577

1. Kira Sweeney 19:16, 3. Kyanna Burton 19:30, 6. Ashley Robben 19:50, 17. Addison Lorber 20:27, 27. Addisyn Cichos 21:02, 94. Abby Brown 23:17, 102 Madysen Hull 23:38

Boys results:

West Central Area 54, Staples-Motley 90, Morris-Chokio-Alberta 130, Melrose 158, Holdingford 164, Breckenridge-Wahpeton 186, Osakis 212, Albany 220, Ottertail Central 224, Benson-KMS 234, Paynesville 250, Litchfield 258, Pierz 304, New London-Spicer 346, Royalton 354, St. John's Prep 501, Parkers Prairie 507, Sauk Centre 519, Brandon-Evansville 529, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 532, Minnewaska 613, Border West 655, Pillager 748

1. Emmet Anderson 15:53, 4. Hunter Klimek 16:21, 21. Tanner Robben 17:25, 24. Bentley Christensen 17:27, 40. Jack Tyrrell 17:50, 46. Ben Bartczak 18:04, 48. Luke Brownell 18:13



Tanner Robben

By Jeff Weaver

It's that time of year for which many waterfowlers live for, and at the same time dread, knowing the season is ending too soon. Bitter cold fronts, northwest winds and wind wept snow fire up those die hard waterfowlers who know that this transition towards winter will set the annual migration, or fall flight into motion. When it happens on the calendar is anyone's guess, but there is a lot of folk lore which says that anytime between the third and fourth week of October is when the migrants will be on the move. Such was the scenario this year with the abnormally cold snowy weather we had mid-October. The cold snap which took place was enough to get the migration started, but the milder weather which followed has set up a good possibility that the remainder of the season will be exceptionally stellar.

The Minnesota DNR has split the State into three zones which all have a different season dates and staggered season ending dates, while all three zones continue to stay within the Federally determined 60-day season time frames. The reasoning behind this staggered structure is to allow for hunters in the southern part of the state to have a later season closing date than the northern tier, which more often than not may be com-

pletely locked in by ice and snow by the time its season closes. It also allows waterfowlers to follow the migration through the state ending up on what open water remains, which usually means moving water and the big rivers of southern Minnesota.

While I have never ventured into the southern zone in pursuit of waterfowl, I have spent most of my waterfowling seasons chasing late season migrants on the big waters of the northern zone and the big fat curly tail Mallards on the fields and rivers of the central zone. These are the migrant ducks who will hang on in Minnesota until the last drop of open water freezes over. On the big waters up-north, Goldeneyes, also known as whistlers, are one of the more common ducks of choice. These hearty but-terballs will bob and dive around in the open water like it's a warm summer day while your decoys will be sporting icicles hanging from the bills. Big spreads of diver decoys will attract Goldeneyes into shooting range only if you have a set-up which allows these speedy ducks an easy exit. Always play the wind to your back and always leave a landing zone between

your decoy strings.

Mallards on the field are a whole different challenge. If you are hunting fields near the moving water of the river during the freeze up, try and locate your field set up somewhere between the roost and the feeding field. Don't forget to have a spinning wing or two in your set-up. They work extremely well. I have also found that a set-up which includes some full body goose decoys always seems to make a positive difference. I am quite sure the much larger goose decoys are easy to pick out at a much greater distance. Field hunting late season greenheads is like no other duck hunting experience you will ever have. Having a flock of big orange legged migrant mallards hitting the brakes just feet off the ground is quite exhilarating.

The last flight ducks of the season are some of the wariest and toughest ducks to pattern. This is the time of the year when most hunters have resigned that the weather is to nasty and cold to pursue waterfowl. If you have the gumption and the passion, give it a try. Success is extremely rewarding for those who can tough it out.



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Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Oct. 24 - The MPD responded to a motor vehicle accident without injuries that occurred in the parking lot of Dairy Queen in Motley.

Oct. 23 - The MCSO received a call from a Motley resident reporting he found a gas jug full of gas and a siphon hose left in his vehicle tank. Complain-

ant believes someone got scared off and left these items behind. The responding deputy took photos of the items and possible suspect shoe prints.

Oct. 22 - The MPD responded to a report of suspicious activity at Little Cardinals Academy in Motley. Pictures taken at the playground area of the academy showed that someone, or a group of people, had vandalized the playground equipment the previous evening. This in-

cluded turning some of the equipment upside down, stacking items on top of each other and tying up the swing set chains. None of the equipment was damaged.

Oct. 22 - The MPD received a call of a motor vehicle accident that occurred at Sunny Pines Apartments in Motley. The complainant stated that a garbage truck had hit the front end of her vehicle causing minor damage.

Oct. 23 - The MCSO re-

ceived a call from Cass County regarding corn stubble on fire at the 9000 block of 84th St. SW in Staples. Motley Fire Department was paged.

Oct. 21 - The MCSO responded to a grass fire at the 30000 block of White Pine Cir. in Cushing and assisted where needed.

Clarification

In last week's article about Ernie Converse Park in Motley, the following family members were not included in the picture: Beverly Converse and Patricia Converse, Ernie Converse's daughters; Luke Converse, his grandson; and Landen Converse, his great-grandson.

Due to information not supplied to the Staples World, these people were not listed as missing from the photo.



Trunk or Treat in Motley

A number of costumed children collected bags of candy at the Trunk or Treat event in Motley Oct. 27. It was organized by volunteers representing local churches, the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce, individuals and the City of Motley. Pictured above, back row from left, are Caleb Burton, Samuel Tauber and Emma Burton. Front row: Kirra Burton and Leah Burton, all from Hewitt. Pictured below, from left, are Corinne Olson and Justin Olson of Motley. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Region Five offers Intercultural Development Inventory training

Three Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) staff and one partner, Arlene Jones, Executive Director of Sprout MN, recently completed training for administration and interpretation of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI).

Executive Director Cheryl Hills, along with Regional Development Planners Dawn Espe and Staci Headley received their IDI certification. Hills, Espe and Headley will facilitate training in the five-county region, based on a generous grant from the Blandin Foundation and Northwest Area Foundation. The funds will be used for implementation of "The Good Life...for All" Intercultural Development Training and Coaching initiative in rural Minnesota.

R5DC is currently seeking 10 communities in the five-county region to deliver IDI coaching and facilitate training. These sessions will assist communities in advancing their "The Good Life...for All" goals that seek to attract a qualified workforce, create social cohesion and improve livelihoods for all people in our region. "All people" refers to everyone,

including millennials, military veterans, previously incarcerated people and people affected by mental illness, along with diverse nationalities.

Hills believes this is critical to the success of the region and says, "As the baby boomers keep retiring, employers are finding it more difficult to fill open positions. Becoming a region that welcomes people from all walks of life will be key in attracting a qualified workforce". Elected officials of our townships, cities and counties have leadership roles, that alongside the private and non-profit sectors, can dramatically enhance our competitive advantage in the national "race for talent" qualified workforce attraction efforts.

If your local municipality is interested in learning more about how your community can participate in this initiative, please contact Dawn Espe at 218-892-3233 or email despe@regionfive.org.

For more information on the Intercultural Development Inventory, please visit: <https://idiinventory.com/products/the-intercultural-development-inventory-idi/>

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WEDNESDAY

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Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

I recently ran across this story in a publication called Exchange:

Three friends decided to go hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor and the other a preacher. As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot simultaneously. Immediately the buck dropped to the ground and all three rushed up to see how big it actually was. Upon reaching it they found that it was dead but had only one bullet hole. Thus a debate followed concerning whose buck it was.

Five minutes later a game warden came by and asked what the problem was. The doctor told him their reason for the debate. The warden told them he would take a look and tell them who shot it. Five seconds later he said he knew who shot the buck. He said with much confidence, "The pastor shot the buck!" They all wondered how he knew that so quickly. The warden said, "Easy. The bullet went in one ear and out the other."

This reminds me of Jeremiah 7:27, when the Lord said, "Therefore you shall speak all these words to them, but they will not obey you. You shall also call to them, but they will not answer you." (NKJV)

This must have been discouraging for Jeremiah. Are you discouraged when you try to tell others the Good News of Jesus and they ignore you? Or maybe your children ignore your godly advice and counsel? There is hope. Jesus says three times in Matthew and three times in Mark:

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Matthew 11:15 (NKJV)

More hope can be found in James 4:6-8:

"But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble'.

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (NKJV) Let's listen to the word of God and enjoy all of His benefits!

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