

Todd County arts leaders to receive awards at regional arts celebration

The Five Wings Arts Council (FWAC) has selected four Todd County leaders to be honored at the region-wide Celebration of the Arts on Wednesday, May 1, at Great River Arts in Little Falls.

Sue Gens, executive director of the Minnesota State Arts Board, will present the Outstanding Community Arts Leadership Awards for Todd County to Mary Dye Moen, Staples/Wadena; and James Ruiz Long Prairie. Sheila Smith, the Executive Director of



Mary Dye Moen



Lisa Kajer



Mary Noska

the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, St Paul, will present the Outstanding Arts Advocate/Leader Award to the leaders of the Central Minnesota Barn Quilt Project, Lisa Kajer, Staples; and Mary Noska, Browerville.

Mary Dye Moen

Mary Dye Moen has dedicated her life to bringing music to children as a music educator in the Staples-Motley Elementary School for 25 years. Raised the youngest of three children in St. Paul and as the child of two educators, Mary inherited many of her teaching skills from her parents. Even though her family was not overtly musical, she

excelled in voice and flute throughout her childhood and teen years thanks to her music teachers along the way. Mary graduated from Bemidji State University, majoring in K-12 choral music and in flute performance. After marrying Del Moen, a Lutheran pastor, she taught part-time in International Falls and Argyle, later moving to Wadena, where she got involved in music and service organizations. Mary has done graduate work at the University of North Dakota, where she was a graduate assistant and the University of St. Thomas, where she studied Kodaly technique.

In 2000, the Central Minnesota Boys Choir was founded with Mary as the artistic director. The choir has grown into two performing groups under her care; and with the help of many dedicated volunteers and staff members, over 300 boys have been a part of the organization. Two years ago she took on the role of Artistic Director for Colla Voce Girls Choir as well. Both organizations are based in Staples but serve youth from throughout the region.

In addition to teaching and choral directing, Mary continues to play flute with the Wadena and

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Boston finisher

Wade Bendson, of Staples, poses with his finisher's medal after running in the Boston Marathon on April 15. "It was a great experience but the course was way tougher than I thought it would be," said Bendson. And it wasn't just the famously steep "Heartbreak Hill" at mile 20. "The whole 26 miles, there was hardly a spot where there wasn't an uphill or downhill," said Bendson. By the end, "going downhill was just as hard as going uphill, it hurt my legs the most," he said. It was Bendson's third marathon. He ran one in Fargo to see what it would be like, then ran it again to try and qualify for Boston, which limits entrants to 30,000 runners. Bendson said this was his slowest marathon, but he placed in the top 1,594 for his division and 12,844 overall, finishing in three hours 43 minutes.

Weather

This Week's Forecast

High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 24 70°	42°	Cloudy
Apr. 25 63	36	Sunny
Apr. 26 55	38	Cloudy
Apr. 27 43	33	Showers
Apr. 28 46	34	Cloudy
Apr. 29 47	33	Showers
Apr. 30 54	37	Showers

Last Year, 2018

High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 24 55°	36°	Cloudy
Apr. 25 62	37	Sunny
Apr. 26 64	38	Sunny
Apr. 27 55	35	Cloudy
Apr. 28 71	30	Sunny
Apr. 29 67	35	Sunny
Apr. 30 57	52	Rain

Average Temp.:
H = 56° Low = 37°

Snow total - 78"
Rain: Apr. 17 - .35"
Total (2019) - 1.90"

Cool weather coming again

Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher

Local barn quilt trail featured statewide

Barn quilts made by Central Minnesota residents and viewed along the scenic highways and roads in Wadena, Todd, Morrison and Cass counties will be featured in a Minnesota State Art Board exhibition showcasing artwork supported by the state's arts and cultural heritage fund.

A Creative Investment exhibition, celebrating ten years of Legacy art and impact, opens on April 26, at the Minnesota State Arts Board in St. Paul, and will be on display through the fall. The exhibition highlights the breadth of

art engagement throughout the state and features work by all ages—kindergartners to older adults—and all abilities. Its theme is that all Minnesotans are creative, and all benefit from the arts.

Barn quilts, quilt blocks painted on wood squares, have a rich history as an artistic expression in rural areas throughout the United States. Each handmade quilt tells a story of the quilter and point in time. Staples resident Lisa Kajer started the Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota, teaming up with

friends and local residents in 2016, with funding provided by the Five Wings Art Council. What began in 2016 with seven barn quilts featured on local barns and businesses has grown to encompass 92 barn quilts.

In 2008, Minnesota voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment to the state's constitution. For a period of 25 years, the amendment will dedicate a pool of funds for clean water, parks and trails, outdoor habitat, and arts and cultural heritage. The Arts Board and the

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Finally, outdoor play time

Sam Norris and Charlotte Goff took advantage of 60 degree weather on April 16, and got outside to kick some soccer balls around. After a long winter, kids

and adults have been spotted outdoors all over Staples this past week. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Famous finish line

While picking up his race number, Bendson took time to visit the famous Boston Marathon finish line. The experience led Bendson to say "It was definitely worth it, we met tons of nice people, just super cool."

Hoting Mrazek earns Excellence in Teaching

Central Lakes College American Sign Language instructor Tanya Hoting Mrazek was awarded the 2019 Board of Trustees Award for Excellence in Teaching on Wednesday.

Hoting Mrazek was one of only six educators this year throughout the Minnesota State system to receive the high honor, which is awarded by the system's Board of Trustees.

These awards are bestowed upon faculty to acknowledge and reward exceptional professional accomplishment, and to encourage ongoing excellence in teaching. The award proclaims, on behalf of the entire Minnesota State system, the Board of Trustees' pride in the dedication and accom-



Tanya Hoting Mrazek

plishment of its faculty who provide instruction that prepares Minnesota college and university students for their professional, scholarly and civic lives.

"I am so honored to be chosen for this presti-

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Kim Gibbs is Pillager's 2019 Citizen of the Year



With her award

Kim Gibbs was recently named the 2019 Pillager Citizen of the Year, an honor bestowed on her by the Pillager Fair Board. She received her award at the Pillager Fiddler's Contest April 13. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Kim Gibbs was shocked when she heard her name announced as the 2019 Pillager Citizen of the Year. "I had no clue," she said recently, holding on to the trophy that bears her name and the title she will hold for a year. "I really appreciate this."

The announcement was made at the Fiddler's Contest April 13, the annual event sponsored by the Pillager Fair Board, of which Gibbs is a member.

Fellow fair board member Jennifer Paananen described Gibbs as being a positive light in the community. She went on to say in her introductory speech that Gibbs is known for her generosity in so many areas, including giving of her time and money.

The owner of KC's Saloon in Pillager, Gibbs makes sure everyone feels at home, Paananen said, and that they have a place to celebrate holidays if they are alone. "Kim knows it takes all kinds to make a community," she added.

She's called Pillager 'home' for the past 16 years, Gibbs said, adding that she moved to this area from Blaine after purchasing the bar.

Early on, she didn't

know a soul, but that soon changed. "I met a lot of people through my work, as well as being on the fair board," Gibbs said, going on to note that she joined the Pillager Fair Board soon after moving to Pillager.

Gibbs has enjoyed being a part of the community and it makes her feel good

to know she is able to help out when needed.

In 2014, the Pillager Lions nominated her for their business appreciation award; and a few years ago the Bloody Mary drink at KC's Saloon won second place in a Brainerd Lakes Area contest. It has felt good to be appreciated, Gibbs said.

In the 16 years since she's moved to Pillager, Gibbs said she has met some incredible people... people that have always been welcoming to her and her 15-year-old daughter, Laci. To have these same people present her with the 'Pillager Citizen of the Year' award, "means a lot," Gibbs said.



Pillager Fair Board honored

The Pillager Lions presented a Helen Keller plaque to the Cass County Ag Society (also known as the Pillager Fair Board) at the recent fiddler's contest in recognition of their community involvement and their hard work at both the Pillager Fair and the Pillager Fiddler's Contest. It was noted that this was

the 35th year the CCAS has hosted the annual contest. Pictured, from left, are fair board members Ron Hines, Shane Peterson, Butch Collette, Paula Braun, Lisa Fletcher, Anne Ness, Kim Gibbs, Jennifer Paananen; and Lion Doug Allen. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Winning fiddlers

A variety of fiddlers showcased their talents at the Fiddler's Contest in Pillager April 13. Pictured above, from left, are Nikole Thorson of Brainerd accompanied by Arnie Anderson on accordion. Thorson took first place in her age group. At right is Sara Smith of Fargo, N.D., who took first in her age group as well as 'Fiddler of the Year.' Below, from left, are Lloyd LaPlant of Grand Rapids; Gilmore Lee of Maple Plain, first in his age group; and Harold Hines of Pillager. In addition to providing guitar accompaniment, Hines also competed on fiddle, placing 3rd in his age group. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Variety of tunes heard at 35th Annual Pillager Fiddler's Contest

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Thirteen fiddlers took the stage at Pillager High School April 13, competing for cash prizes at the 35th Annual Fiddler's Contest. For the second year in a row, Sara Smith of Fargo was named 'Fiddler of the Year.'

Sponsored each year by the Pillager Fair Board, the event is a fundraiser for the fairgrounds. In addition to hearing great music, attendees have the opportunity to win a number of generous prizes during the in-house raffle.

Fiddlers at the recent contest ranged in age from 11 to 83 and hailed from towns across Minnesota and North Dakota. They played a variety of tunes, including, "Ashokan Farewell," "Ragtime Annie," "Jerusalem Ridge" and "Tennessee Waltz."

The Oak Street Chapel Praise Band from Brainerd provided entertainment prior to the contest; and fair board member Jennifer Paananen served as emcee for the evening.

Paananen noted that the event is currently held in the high school gymnasium, which has limited

acoustics. She asked the audience to imagine what it would be like to hear these fiddlers in an auditorium. Would the experience be more enjoyable? she wondered.

According to information available at the fiddler's contest, Pillager School hopes to make significant improvements to its facilities by passing a referendum on May 14. The ballot contains two questions, with the second requesting funding for an auditorium, which would be used for school events, as well as community events such as the fiddler's contest. More information about this, as well as the tax impact of the referendum, is available at the school's website, www.isd116.org/future.

There were a few technical difficulties at the recent fiddler's event, which caused a few heads to nod affirmatively when asked if they might enjoy a concert in an auditorium. But, in spite of some minor sound hiccups, the fiddlers delivered a first-rate show.

Winners in each age category are listed below:

• Ages 7 - 13: Nikole Thorson, Brainerd, 1st; Sam Smith, Fargo N.D.,

2nd; Abigail Carey, Farmington, 3rd.

• Ages 14 - 19: Sara Smith, Fargo, N.D., 1st and Fiddler of the Year; Natalie Thorson, Brainerd, 2nd; Mariangely Linder, Northfield, 3rd.

• Ages 36 - 63: MaryPat Kleven, Cannon Falls, 1st; Walter Sigtermans, Apple Valley, 2nd.

• Ages 64 - 74: Frances Mendenhall, Minneapolis, 1st; Cynthia Larsen, Akeley, 2nd; Harold Hines, Pillager, 3rd.

• Ages 75-plus: Gilmore Lee, Maple Plain, 1st; Lee Cowan, Oak Grove, 2nd.

Police reports, Motley area

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

April 12 - The MPD arrested Winston Deangelo Dickerson, 30, on a warrant and transported him to the Morrison County Jail. He was also cited for driving after revocation, failure to dim headlights within 1,000 feet and possession of over 1.4 grams of marijuana in a motor vehicle.

April 14 - The MCSO arrested Edward Alan Denio, 41, for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.


April 17 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive off in the amount of \$51.25 at Orton's in Motley.



Putting in pavers

Larry Holub of Motley, member of Tri-County American Legion Post #124, added two more pavers at Veterans Park in Motley April 9. Holub, a Navy veteran, said he has placed all of the pavers at the park except for one. He believes there are currently at least 400 pavers there. The two recent pavers are in honor of Harold G Thorn, WW II Air Force Veteran; and Shaun Leek, Marine Corps Veteran, Iraq - Afghanistan. After finishing his task (fortunately, before the snowstorm moved in) Holub packed up his supplies and headed home. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Wellebrate

Tri-County Health Care

You're invited to attend Tri-County Health Care's new community event! A combination of **Men's Night Out** and **Women's Day Out**, its purpose is to promote and celebrate wellness in local communities.

Featuring: **Lindsay Whalen**

Lindsay Whalen is a four-time Minnesota Lynx WNBA champion and two-time Olympic gold medalist. She is a five-time WNBA all-star and was the first player in WNBA history to achieve 5,000-plus points, 2,000-plus assists and 1,500-plus rebounds.

During Whalen's career as a Minnesota Gopher, she was a three-time Academic All-Big Ten First Team and led the Gophers to the NCAA tournament three straight years, including its first-ever Final Four appearance in 2004. She returned to the U of M in the fall of 2018 as the women's basketball head coach.

Monday, April 29 5-8 p.m.

WDC Middle/High School 600 Colfax Ave. SW, Wadena, MN

5-6 p.m. Meet & Greet | Educational Booths | Light Meal

6:15-8 p.m. Tri-County Talks | Keynote with Lindsay Whalen

No Pre-Registration Required

*In order to protect our student athletes and follow NCAA regulations, all high school student athletes and their families are restricted from receiving an autograph or having their picture taken with Whalen.

To request disability accommodation, email contact@tchc.org at least 14 days prior to the event.

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Barn Quilt trail becoming a state gem

state's regional arts councils receive appropriations from the arts and cultural heritage fund. In the first ten years, the Arts Board and regional arts councils have awarded 13,894 legacy supported grants.

"Since the passage of the Legacy amendment, more Minnesotans have access to and are able to participate in the arts, and the funding has put the arts to work in new ways to help achieve important public goals," says Sue Gens, executive director of the Minnesota State Arts Board. "In addition to supporting arts programming in traditional

settings like theaters and concert halls, legacy funds are helping bring the arts into community settings. Collaborative arts projects are bringing neighbors together, traditional artists are helping to foster cultural understanding, arts activities are promoting health and well-being for older adults, young people are developing their talents and skills through community arts education, and artists and arts organizations are being recognized as important tools in economic and community development."

The Minnesota State

Arts Board is a state agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. It serves as fiscal agent for a network of eleven regional arts councils. Together, the Arts Board and regional arts council system serves all 87 counties, distributing arts funding to individuals and organizations through competitive grant programs and providing services around the state.

More information about the exhibition and the artwork can be found on Arts Board Web site: www.arts.state.mn.us.

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Arts celebration May 1

Staples Community Bands, plays in the pit orchestra for locally produced musicals, as well as churches throughout the area.

Lisa Kajer and Mary Noska

Lisa Kajer, Staples, and Mary Noska, Browerville, have been chosen to receive the Outstanding Regional Arts Advocate/Leader Award in recognition of their work to create and promote the Central Minnesota Barn Quilt Trail. Given every three years to an individual or organization who has served over and above the call of duty to promote the arts as a way to improve the economy and well being of the region, this award heralds the actions and words that have led to the creation of a new attraction and means of creative engagement in our region; the Central MN Barn Quilt Trail.

James Ruiz

James Ruiz has called Long Prairie home for

most of his life, having moved there from Ventura, Calif. at the age of three. He found art, particularly animation, was a means to process the world around him and to express his ideas. He attended Rasmussen College, where he studied animation. However, wanting to remain in Long Prairie and realizing that a career in animation would not be possible there, he pursued other career options. His inclination to make art continued and he paints and draws whenever he can carve out time. He was recently commissioned by Sprout MN to create a painting that now resides in their facility. He also played a role in painting the murals found in the Long Prairie Public Library as well as the high school library. He is a participant in the Blandin Leadership program, former city council member and member of the Long Prairie Fire Department.

The FWAC will present addition Outstanding Community Arts Leadership Awards for the other four counties of Region Five (its service area) as well.

The public is invited to attend the Celebration of the Arts event and can make reservations by calling at 877-654-2166 or emailing vicki.fwac@arvig.net. Tickets are available online through the Five Wings Arts Council Facebook page.

As one of 11 regional arts councils in Minnesota, the Five Wings Arts Council encourages and promotes arts creation, appreciation, and education through grant programs and technical assistance to enhance the quality of life for Minnesota residents in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena Counties. For further information, visit www.fwac.org, email vicki.fwac@arvig.net or call 1-877-654-2166.

Hiring freeze rejected

By Karin L. Nauber
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The Todd County Board of Commissioners discussed and then did not approve a hard hiring freeze that had been suggested by Commissioner Randy Neumann.

Neumann said that since the property valuations have come out, many in his district saw property value increases ranging from \$20,000 to \$105,000. He's been getting a steady stream of calls from constituents who've been telling him they can no longer "afford to live in Todd County."

He felt the county was taxing people right out of the county and felt that implementing a hard hiring freeze through 2020, could provide an answer.

Commissioner Rod Erickson asked what was different about what Neumann was suggesting and what the county already did?

Neumann said that this would tell the department heads there'd be "no new positions."

"It tells the taxpayers, 'We hear you,'" said Neumann.

Erickson said he thought having such a strict guideline would limit them if a situation came up and the need for a position arose.

"We already have the option to deny," said Erickson.

Commissioner David Kircher said they already have a form that the department heads have to fill out to justify a hire and where the money will come from before it goes to the finance committee.

"I agree with Rod, we have a process for handling this," said Kircher.

Neumann said he still felt they needed the hard hiring freeze and needed to do more with less.

Commissioner Barb Becker stated that this was another layer of them being asked to ask "Do we really need this employee? Do we really want to go down this road?"

Kircher talked about the underlying issue that Todd County citizens had received their valuations in the mail and the county had little control over this as it was based on sales of property.

He said he's upset with what the state forces them to do with raising the valuations.

Neumann agreed, that's true, but that he'd never seen a jump in valuations this severe. He said that some farmers had been hit with a \$150,000 jump in their property value.

"Crop and milk prices are in the tank and they're supposed to pay more taxes?" questioned Neumann.

Later, during the work session, Todd County Assessor Chris Odden attempted to explain how the valuations were derived based on the previous year's sales and what he's to look at as far as setting the valuations.

In other business, the board

- Approved a gambling permit for the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church to hold a raffle.

- Approved repurchase of tax forfeited parcels for Edward C. Davids.

- Approved a transfer of funds for the American's with Disabilities Act Transition Plan for the county's Industrial Park project. The expenses have now been finalized for the Industrial Park project and the amount of funds remaining equals \$14,295.80. Later, the board adopted the Todd County ADA Transition Plan as presented.

- Proclaimed April 7-13 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Todd County. Hands of Hope General Crime Services Coordinator Barb Dinkel Goodrich said that this year's theme is Honoring Our Past, Creating Hope for the Future.

- Proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Todd County. In 2018, the Hands of Hope Resource Center served 53 victims of sexual assault, 24 of those victims were children under age 18.

According to HOH Sexual Assault Program Advocate Connie Nelson, "These numbers may not seem so staggering, except for the fact that over 70 percent of sexual assaults are never reported to anyone." She shared that many sexual assaults happen within one mile of the victim's home and 80-90 percent of these assaults are committed by someone the victim knows, such as a classmate, friend or relative.

She encouraged citizens to speak up. "If you see something, say something, or call law enforcement. Don't let this crime continue in our county. One never knows when they, a family member or friend could become the next victim."

- Approved the bid from Traffic Marking Services for \$229,172.27 for the work of 6" wide ground-in wet reflective epoxy edge lines located on various highways in Todd County. This will cover 38.5 miles. County

Engineer Loren Fellbaum said that federal funds pay 90 percent of this with a 10 percent county match.

- Approved the low bid from AAA Striping Service Co. for \$63,657.90 for the project of pavement markings located on various highways in Todd County, covering 171.08 miles.

Commissioner David Kircher asked about the value.

Fellbaum said these regular epoxy painting on tar jobs last from two to three years while the ground-in ones have been lasting seven to eight years.

He said they're showing some signs of fading now.

- Awarded the contract for dust control on 31.7 miles of county roads to Knife River Corporation for their low bid of \$93,820.86.

- Approved the request to construct an office space in the Planning and Zoning area and accepted the bid of \$14,372 from Kuhl Construction. This will be between Planning and Zoning and Todd Soil and Water Conservation District.

- Granted subdivision request to create a six lot subdivision named Leevilla Townsite, First Addition on Little Swan Lake with conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

- Approved Sheriff Steve Och as the alternate representative to the Central Minnesota Next Generation 911 committee. Dispatch Supervisor Sarah Booker will remain the primary delegate.

- Approved to hire Nicholas Miller as a full-time jailor effective as of April at a Grade 6, Step 1.

- Sheriff Steve Och has applied for and received a Federal Boating Safety Supplemental Equipment Grant. This grant is in the amount of \$27,513 and will be used to purchase a 2019, 1775 Lund Impact Sport boat with a 115 hp Mercury motor, with Lowrance scan locator and two Onyx Insight auto inflate lifejackets.

It was approved to accept the grant and make the purchase. Och said this will include a trade in of one of the current boats the department has.

- Approved the hiring of Richard Mettler for Behavioral Health Supervisor in the Health Services Unit. Interviews were conducted, with the board approving to promote and hire an internal applicant.

- Employee #848 has been off work for medical reasons off and on since the beginning of October, 2018. This employee ran out of FMLA protected leave on Feb. 11. The required doctor's note has been provided and the union contract states that with board approval this employee can be on medically required leave for up to one year. The board approved a medical unpaid leave of absence for this employee for up to one year.

- The supervisor of Employee #883 requested a one-time six (6) month extension of the employee's probation period to give the employee sufficient time to prove their ability to work effectively for the county. It was approved.

- During the last work session in March it was discussed to make three changes to the Board Protocol policy. These changes are being made for clarification and direction for future board meetings.

The first change is in Section 2, adding the Human Resources Manager as someone who shall be on the Personnel Committee.

The second change is in Section 8, subsection d, adding to the consent agenda, board action forms to approve the hiring of employees and the departure of employees.

The third change is in Section 9, the addition of subsection d. "When a motion is made to table a discussion, item, or topic, a later date shall be set to resume what was tabled and a vote is not required. If a motion is made to table the same discussion, item, or topic again, Robert's Rules of Order will be followed for this procedure. This motion can't interrupt a speaker who has the floor; it must be seconded, it can be debated, it is not amendable and requires a majority vote."

This was approved.

- Tabled action on recruiting and hiring a Planning and Zoning and Soil and Water Conservation District Division Director until it's known what the percentages were for the salary/work ratio.

- With the departure of the past Division Director, Loren Miller has been the interim Planning and Zoning Administrator. This has caused Miller to take on extra duties and responsibilities. The Personnel Committee has agreed that a temporary wage increase of three percent should be brought to the board. It was approved and the three percent increase will be backdated to the day Miller started as the interim Planning and Zoning Administrator, on Feb. 11.



Job fair for teaching students

Above, the three Staples-Motley school principals talk with prospective teachers and staff from neighboring districts at Sourcewell in Staples. They are Kathy Johnson (in background), John Regan (center) and Mike Schmidt (second from right).

Pictured below, prospective teachers mingle with school personnel from area schools. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Teacher recruitment efforts at Sourcewell

Sourcewell held the first annual Central Minnesota Education Job Fair on April 3 in Staples. The event was to help schools overcome a state-wide teacher shortage, which is especially apparent in Sourcewell's Region 5 area, where there are no teacher colleges in the five county area.

Sourcewell hosted 18 of the 25 Region 5 school districts, schools located in Todd, Wadena, Morrison, Crow Wing and Cass counties.

The 47 potential teacher candidates

came from: Bemidji State University, St. Cloud State University, Concordia College-Moorhead, Minnesota State University Moorhead, St. Scholastica, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University.

The actual job fair was from 5-7 p.m. However, many of the potential teacher candidates also attend professional development sessions earlier in the day, including Google Classroom; Virtual Reality in Education; Techniques for a Successful Job Interview; and ENVoY - a classroom management technique.

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Letters to the Editor

Children deserve quality education

I am a local contractor who is a proud graduate of SMHS and still currently live and operate my small business in Staples. My wife is a former teacher at the SM Elementary. She put her career on hold to stay at home and raise our three children.

I have personally worked on the SM High School, the SM Elementary and the MS Middle School. I have seen the condition of the structures and the heating/cooling and electrical

systems first hand. These buildings are out of date and very, very inefficient. It may cost some money on our property taxes to update and remodel the current buildings we have, however at least the money that they already take from our property taxes won't be thrown out the window because they are heating buildings with an outdated system that is very expensive to operate and maintain.

We, you, your children, grandchildren and my children need an efficient and safe place to go to school to become educated so that this community that we grew up in can still exist. It has nothing to do with

the teachers' salaries, the time off they get or anyone that works for School District 2170. It is all about the students, their education and everyone's future in this town.

I know times and money are tight for all of us, but something needs to be done to improve the quality of our schools. It may be difficult for many of us to try and budget the extra money needed for taxes, but our future and children deserve the opportunity to have a quality education in a safe and up to date facility.

Vote yes for 2170.

Zach Hanson
Staples, Minn



Hands free safe driving

Staples World editorial
By Jim Smoger
Wheaton, MN

texting, using e-mail, and browsing social media while driving.

"Many of the families who have been affected by distracted driving, and who have been tirelessly advocating for this law, are the reason we're here today," Governor Walz said while signing the bill last week. "Minnesotans deserve safe roads and this bipartisan bill helps prevent senseless accidents and improves our public safety."

Minnesota lawmakers took an important step this month toward improving public safety.

The state legislature approved the "hands-free" bill that bans the use of hand-held cell phones while driving and aims to prevent distracted driving accidents. Minnesota joins 16 other states and Washington, D.C. with similar laws. The change will be effective August 1, 2019.

The bill requires drivers to be "hands-free," but allows the use of voice-activated commands in a "hands-free mode" for calls and other functions like GPS navigation and music applications. The law does not apply to drivers in emergency situations. It expands on current Minnesota statutes that ban

for drivers to read or send texts, e-mails or access the web while the vehicle is in motion or a part of traffic. Texting and driving citations jumped 30 percent from 2017 to 2018 with 9,545 tickets written by law enforcement statewide, according to Minnesota court records. Since 2012, texting citations increased by 459 percent.

Even with the passage of the "hands free" law, drivers can do more. They should avoid eating and drinking while driving and make sure their GPS systems are set up before going into motion. It's also important to secure children in the back seat to avoid needing to look back at them while in motion.

Drivers, especially those with older cars, will need to make preparations for the new law by getting devices that can hold their phones. Better yet, put the phone in the back seat. The calls can wait.

Community Center is regional

I'm writing in response to recent comments related to the Community Center and the role that it plays in our area. Let's start with a little history of the Staples Community Center. The City and School District were partners in the construction of the Community Center, including the grant application, land donation, site-work and ultimate repayment of the bonds. Additionally, the School District has been a heavy user and rent paying tenant of the facility since 1974 for school related pro-

gramming.

The writer was correct that the City has been looking for ways to expand the Community Center. These efforts began in 1977. Since that time, there has been no fewer than seven different options considered to provide additional space and meet the demands of the users of the facility. These efforts included participation from the school district, Central Lakes College, Lakewood Health System, Sourcewell and others.

The taxpayers of the City of Staples currently fund the operations and improvements at the Community Center. Interestingly, only 34 percent of the current Community

Center members and 16 percent of the Lap Swim and Aquasize participants are city residents. In addition to members, school utilization, swim lessons and senior activities, there are, on average, well over 1,000 sign-ins per month. The building is heavily utilized by people throughout the region.

Perhaps not every resident of the School District will use the Staples-Motley Activity Center on a regular basis but we are certain that those who do will mirror the geographic area of the school district much closer than the City of Staples.

Chris Etzler, Mayor
Staples, Minn

Pay forward

I am asking for your support of our Staples-Motley School and community on May 14. I've lived my entire life in this fantastic community, and I've seen lots of changes. I've worked for the school for 50 years and loved every minute of it. The children and their families are very important to me as they have become part of my family. I went to school here as well as my

children and my grandchildren. Our community and schools have the greatest kids and families and we need to show them we care. I place value in supporting our Staples-Motley children's education and our Staples-Motley community's future.

The improvements to our school buildings will have a lasting impact on our youth and entire community. We need to work together to make our Staples-Motley community

stronger.

There is a cost to all this but when I consider the cost of not doing anything, I see an outcome that is far worse.

So, I am asking you to pay forward and vote yes and yes. Someone paid for our education and the education of our children and other family members. Now it's our turn.

Huck Holst
Staples, Minn

Be an informed voter

Our community(s) are facing a big test in about three weeks, we will be asked to vote on a referendum(s) to update, upgrade and bring our school into the 21st Century. Many of our neighboring schools have faced this very issue and have recently passed building referendums. They include Brainerd, Pillager, Vernadale, Sebeka, Perham and Menahga.

There has been and will

be information spreading around in the coming weeks, including some which may or may not be accurate. It is up to us to do our research in finding and determining what information is accurate. Any time something is done to a building or buildings it is expensive. However, in the long run it needs to be done with our school so these same buildings will be able to serve their purpose. Without a viable school, it is harder to attract families to our community, which makes it harder to grow and prosper.

I encourage you to become an informed and

educated voter. Some information that is shared is inaccurate. Go to the school website isd2170.k12.mn.us and check out the Build 2170 link. This link includes a tax calculator which will give you a good idea how much, if any, your taxes will increase with the passing of these referendums.

I hope you will give our students the opportunity to attend a school that is up to date, as many of our surrounding communities have done.

Bruce Lund
Staples, Minn

Learn the facts and vote

As a resident of the Staples Community for the past seven years and we near the referendum voting on May 14 there are a few things I feel unfortunately must be said. As a child, I was lucky enough to be instilled with many values from the adult figures in my life. They taught me to be polite, speak kind words, act with manners as well as give and show respect. I'm sad to say, I haven't been seeing a lot of this from many lately.

It's been said one of the greatest signs of maturity is the ability to disagree with a neighbor or fellow community member all while still being respectful. This community is being ripped apart and for whose gain? Is this truly the example we wish to set for the children of this community?

I understand the frustrations and concerns of other hard working tax payers like myself. I've done my due diligence and calcu-

lated what our increase will be. I am pleased to say that our increase will be \$20 more a month than we currently are paying. I highly encourage everyone to do their due diligence as well and not just relay on fear, rumor or word of mouth.

Being a parent to two children who attend this district is one of my greatest joys. I believe all children deserve safety, security, access to the tools they need and better learning opportunities. Right now, there are multiple safety and health concerns needing to be addressed. There are leaks, which I have both heard and physically seen on numerous occasions in the building. There is outdated ventilation, areas that have been closed off due to asbestos exposure, a known carcinogen.

As I am sure you are all aware, this country continues to see a rise in criminal violent threats in our school systems. Please don't be naive and think that this can't happen. We need to protect our future and most precious gifts, our children deserve to feel and be safe. We need to continue creating more impactful learning spaces for our children with special needs. We need to move into the 21st century and update our learning spaces to be ADA compliant, rights to all as federally mandated by law.

We continue to see Lakewood Health System and its providers support the health and wellness of those in the surrounding community by graciously being willing to pledge if both questions 1 and 2 pass \$1.5 Million for a Walking track that can be used by those in the surrounding communities as a part of the new proposed community center. With the construction of this community center, we have the potential to help those in our community to live well.

This new building will be more energy efficient, saving money and paying for itself in the long run. Tricia Jasmer, head of the Parks and Rec Department has done a fine job manag-

ing the community center with the funds she has.

Even working with what she is given, buildings that have issues, are aging and not energy efficient will not keep meeting the status quo. It would be a shame as Jerel Nelson has stated to see this resource for the community no longer become usable. The added benefit of increased parking at the high school will also benefit the school system and has been needed for some time.

I've heard a lot of comments in the community by some stating "Staples has really gone downhill", why is this? I am proud of the diligent, hardworking members we have here in the surrounding community. We have many fine service organizations and educators in our district who go to bat for this community every single day. I have witnessed this. I wish more people would try to contribute in a positive manner. If you are not happy, act. Run for City Council, Run for School Board, attend School Board meetings and information meetings alike. I don't think just because something is broken we should abandon it and throw it away or settle for "band-aids" because they just don't hold up overtime. We can fix it and make it better. Lets be positive and add value to Staples.

Some people may not agree with me and that's ok. Well, I can tell you this. I am proud to Vote Yes and support the upcoming referendum. I am willing to do just about anything to provide my kids with the best possible outcome that will lead to their increased safety and ability to learn more effectively with these updates, are you? Between now and May 14 when you vote, please beforehand do your due diligence, get all the facts and vote with your heart. I only ask that you take this seriously and responsibly so that you are prepared for the aftermath and how it will affect this community.

Paige Lenk
Staples, Minn

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Bates, Mrazek earn prestigious award

Two members of the Staples-Motley High School speech team have earned the National Speech & Debate Association's Academic All American Award. They are senior Andrew Bates and junior Samantha Mrazek.

According to a letter from J. Scott Wunn, Executive Director of the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) "this coveted award recognizes academic rigor, competitive speech and debate success and personal excellence."

Wunn went on to note that from more than 141,000 student members of the National Speech & Debate Association, few than 1,000 students earn the Academic All American award every year. "This tremendous accomplishment places your student among the top one-percent of all student members across the country," he wrote.

This distinguished award recognizes students who have completed at least five semesters of high school, earned the degree of Superior Distinction in the NSDA's honor society, achieved rigorous criteria for GPA and/or test score requirements; and demonstrated outstanding character and leadership.

Andrew is the son of Brian and Lori Bates of Staples; and Samantha is the daughter of Joe and Tanya Mrazek of Motley.



Received national award

Andrew Bates and Samantha Mrazek, right, members of the Staples-Motley High School speech team, both recently learned they had received the National Speech & Debate Association's Academic All American Award. They were awarded their certificates at the annual speech banquet April 15. (Submitted photo)

Lakewood Health System implements online provider ratings

In an effort to provide patients with as much information as possible when choosing a medical provider, Lakewood Health System, Staples, has implemented star ratings and patient comments to the online profiles of its medical providers.

Research shows over 60 percent of patients today turn to online reviews before making their decision to see a provider and nearly 82 percent of patients say reviews influence their decision to be treated by a provider. "Navigating healthcare today can be difficult and making the decision about who is going to care for you and your family is an important decision," says Tim Rice, Lakewood President and CEO. "We want to empower patients with as much information as we can to help them make informed decisions. That's why we've put online provider ratings on our website for patients to see."

More and more healthcare facilities across the country are implementing rating systems like the one now in place at Lakewood and it is a trend they expect to increase in today's healthcare environment. "Transparency is extremely important today," said Arden Beachy, Lakewood Family Medicine Physician. "With increasing medical costs, patients want to know exactly what they are getting for their money. We always strive to provide quality, high-

level care and are continually looking for ways to make the overall care experience the best it can be."

So how does the system work?

Patients treated by Lakewood providers are randomly invited to complete surveys to provide feedback about their experience. Results are shared with departments and individual providers to identify opportunities to improve care. To ensure Lakewood is holding itself to the highest standards, they have partnered with an independent patient satisfaction company, Press Ganey. For more than 25 years, Press Ganey has been the industry's recognized leader in healthcare patient satisfaction. Press Ganey works with more than 10,000 healthcare organizations nationwide, including 50 percent of all U.S. hospitals, to improve clinical and business outcomes.

What questions are asked in the survey?

Patients are invited to complete surveys based on their hospital stay or clinic visit with their provider. The surveys ask patients or parents to evaluate how well their provider communicated, listened and showed courtesy and respect towards them. Results are used to evaluate patients' overall perception of care and to identify areas for improvement.

What is done with the survey responses?

Survey ratings and patient comments are shared on Lakewood's website for the benefit of patients and providers. In order to provide an accurate sample size for each provider, ratings are posted on the site only after he/she has a minimum of 30 completed surveys. Providers are asked to continually monitor their patients' feedback and ratings. A star rating is calculated using an average of all survey responses to the following three questions:

- Friendliness/courtesy
- Confidence in your care provider
- Likelihood to recommend

Both positive and negative comments from the surveys are posted, however, comments that are libelous, slanderous, profane, irrelevant or otherwise inappropriate are not.

How is patient information protected?

Patient names are not displayed through the on-line ratings and commentary reviews. All personally identifiable information is removed prior to display.

To review provider star ratings at Lakewood, patients can visit lakewoodhealthsystem.com to review individual provider profiles.

Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow of the Minnesota State Patrol

DWI Questions

Question: My ex-husband was pulled over and charged with a DWI. He paid about \$1,000 in fines prior to his court date. In court he was fined another \$400, that's it. He was not ordered to place the "whiskey plates" on his truck. He had a suspended license for a measly 30 days.

My question for you is can this truly be all the regulations placed on a person who is arrested for drunk driving? This sort of thing makes my stomach turn. People are not being held accountable for their actions and are given a slap on the wrist for poor decision making skills. In this day and age, there is no excuse for driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Answer: In my career, I have investigated far too many crashes where someone was seriously injured or killed as a result of a driver's decision to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence.

In Minnesota, it's against the law for a person who is under the influence of alcohol, controlled, or hazardous substances to operate a motor vehicle. The severity of the offense increases depending on impairment level and past DWI convictions.

If convicted of impaired driving, the penalty for a first offense is up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

If the driver has prior DWI convictions, the penalties increase to 2-7 years in jail and/or fines of \$3,000-\$14,000.

Refusal to submit to a chemical test may also result in a fine and jail time.

Along with possible fines and jail time, a driver's license will be revoked from 3 months - 4 years. The offender may also lose their license plates and car and their insurance costs will increase.

For additional information go to dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/impaired-driving/Pages

Minnesota law enforcement officers are trained to identify drivers who are under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and we are committed to taking impaired drivers off the road before they injure or kill themselves and others. If a person chooses to operate a motor vehicle while impaired from alcohol or drugs, they will face consequences.

If a person feels the effects of anything that impairs their ability to operate a motor vehicle safely, they need to make the right choice and not get behind the wheel. They should ride with a sober driver, take a safe, alternative transportation option or stay at their location. The best thing to do is to plan ahead for a sober ride before going out to have a good time.

Questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota send to: Sgt. Jesse Grabow, MN State Patrol (jesse.grabow@state.mn.us)

Economic Alliance event for small town planners

The Economic Alliance will be holding their annual event, May 9 at the Sebeka Event Center. The theme for this year's event is "Growing Together: Making BIG Impacts in SMALL Towns." The event will begin with a social and networking hour at 4 p.m., presentation and keynote speaker at 5 p.m. All community members and leaders are invited to attend.

"This year's event is designed to ignite a spark in our communities," said Executive Director Katie Heppner. "There's no shortage of great ideas on how to improve our towns and grow our local economy. What we need are the tools and motivation to turn our ideas into outcomes," she continued. Heppner will lead the presentation and talk about the accomplishments and transformation of the Economic Alliance in the past year.

Amy S. Mondloch, Community Program Administrator at the University of Minnesota's Center for Small Towns will follow Heppner. She'll be discussing how to best leverage your resources in a small community, and how to stay motivated, organized

and on-track when everyone on your team "wears multiple hats." Mondloch has over twenty years experience as a community organizer, activist and educator in Minnesota and across the United States.

If you're interested in attending, RSVP to Katie Heppner at wceda@wcta.net or 218-837-5950 by May 3.

The Economic Alliance is a non-profit, which focuses on economic development in Wadena County and surrounding communities. To learn more, visit www.thealliancemn.com.

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April 25

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Thurs., March 28, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Brian Freed, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 320-760-6043.

2019 SMHS prom

The Staples-Motley High School prom is Saturday, April 27. Grand March will be held in the high school gymnasium at 5 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

The community is invited to enjoy this event. A small admission fee will be taken at the door.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

April

- **PROM** April 27
- **FFA STATE CONVENTION** April 28 - 30
- **BELL CHOIR CONCERT** April 29, 7 p.m. at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

May

- **DFS AWARDS NIGHT** May 8, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.
- **FINALE CONCERT** May 17, 7 p.m.
- **BACCALAUREATE** May 19, Staples Alliance Church, time to be announced
- **CONNECTIONS Sr. PROJECT SHOWCASE NIGHT** May 22, Sourcewell in Staples, 6:30 p.m.
- **COMMENCEMENT CONCERT** May 24, 7 p.m.
- **CORDS AND AWARDS** May 31, 10 a.m.
- **GRADUATION** May 31, 7:30 p.m.

All Staples-Motley Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.

SAMC STAPLES AREA Men's Chorus

Presents the (Mini) BIG SING

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- Jamestown Chorales, Jamestown, ND
- Grand Rapids Area Men's Chorus, Grand Rapids, MN
- Southwest Minnesota Men's Chorus, Marshall, MN

Saturday, April 27

Doors open 6:15 p.m. Concert **7 p.m.**
Wadena Memorial Auditorium
Wadena, MN

Tickets: \$15 Adult \$5 Student Under 5 Free
Available from SAMC members, Merickel Ace Hardware, Wadena; Kevin Nelson Insurance, Staples or online www.staplesmen.org

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Communication Skill Building for Parents and Others

Monday, April 29, 2019

FREE TRAINING! **3-5 p.m.** Professionals Working with Teens or Families with Teens **FREE TRAINING!**

5:30-8 p.m. for Parents/Grandparents of Teens

at **Sourcewell**
202 12th Street NE, Staples, MN

Are you a parent/ grandparent of a teen? Are you a professional working with teens/ families with teens?

This training is for YOU!

Learn how to communicate more effectively with the young people in your life! You'll acquire valuable tools from an expert: Russ Turner, MA, MS, Senior Training Manager at People Incorporated Training Institute, Minneapolis.

- **Professional's Training:** 3-5 p.m. (2 CEU's available and free child care)
- **Parent's Training:** 5:30- 8 p.m. (including a light meal and free child care)

-- Email [Connie Burns](mailto:connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us) (connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us) to reserve your spot

-- Please indicate which training session you want to attend (parent or professionals)

-- Reserve your place by April 26

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Running as a team

Kiera Dumpprope carries the baton in the winning 4x800 meter relay, as her teammates and Coach Bruce Fuhrman check the split of her first lap. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Distance runners shine in two meets

The Staples-Motley track and field teams racked up a lot of high places in the distance events at the Park Rapids Invitational on April 16 and the Foley Invitational on April 18.

For the girls, Kyanna Burton won two of her three individual events at the two meets and the 4x800 relay of Addison Lorber, Kiera Dumpprope, Ashley Robben and Aften Robinson placed first at Foley.

The boys duo of Emmet Anderson and Hunter Klimek were first and second in the 3,200 at Park Rapids and teamed up with Matthew Fisher and Bentley Christensen to win the 4x800 relay at Foley.

The boys sprint team of Jordan Carlson, Cael Sams, Garrett Carlson and Chase Davis earned second place in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relays at Foley.

Both the boys and girls teams are working at filling out their field events as they move into the season, but Scout Strickland is standing out in the discus with a second and fourth place finish at the two meets.

Team results

Boys results
Park Rapids Invitational
 Staples-Motley 3rd out of 13 teams
 100 - 3. Jordon Carlson 11.84, 6. Chase Davis 12.04, 11. Cael Sams 12.24, 53. Chase Mikel 15.14
 200 - 12. Garrett Carlson 26.24, 27. Isaac Christoffersen 28.34, 39. Boston Smith 30.04, 45. Mikel 33.34
 400 - 19. Sam Jennissen 1:05, 24. Alex Suliga 1:07, 29. Alex Brings 1:28
 800 - 5. Bentley Christensen 2:14, 7. Matthew Fisher 2:17, 13. Christoffersen 2:26
 1,600 - 9. Jack Tyrrell 5:14, 10. Christoffersen 5:18
 3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 10:02, 2. Hunter Klimek 10:04, 5. Tanner Robben 11:04
 4x100 - 3. SM 47.14
 4x200 - 9. S-M 1:55
 4x400 - 5. S-M 4:08
 4x800 - 2. S-M 8:45

High jump - 7. Davis 5'6", 12. Robben 5'3", 24. Jacob Schmitz 4'9"

Long jump - 2. Davis 18'10", 8. Robben 17'10", 35. Suliga 12'10"

Triple jump - 20. Fisher 33'1", 24. Schmitz 30'9", 25. Evan Nanik 30'7"

Pole vault - 4. Jennissen 8'6", 6. Smith 7'6"

Discus - 2. Scout Strickland 115'7", 17. Isaac Kronenberg 75'3"

Shot put - 4. Strickland 36'11", 11. Kronenberg 33'9", 15. Nanik 28'3"

Foley Invitational
 100 - 20. G. Carlson 12.54, 25. Jennissen 13.22, 29. Smith 14.11

200 - 4. J. Carlson 24.63, 27. Smith 30.12
 400 - 10. Jeff Sundstrom 57.89, 11. Fisher 57.95
 800 - 4. Anderson 2:12, 23. Jennissen 2:41

1,600 - 3. Klimek 4:51, 10. Robben 5:11, 13. Christoffersen 5:13
 3,200 - 3. Robben 11:03, 11. Christoffersen 11:30
 4x100 - 2. SM 46.81
 4x200 - 2. SM 1:39
 4x400 - 9. SM 4:04
 4x800 - 1. SM 8:58

High jump - 4. Davis 5'6"
 Long jump - 18. Robben 16'9", 20. J. Carlson 16'7"

Triple jump - 18. Nanik 30'11", 19. Schmitz 30'7"
 Discus - 4. Strickland 123'2", 34. Kronenberg 75'7", 36. Nanik 64'7"

Shot put - 12. Strickland 39'1", 26. Kronenberg 34'0", 37. Nanik 28'0"

Girls results
Park Rapids Invitational
 Staples-Motley 4th out of 12 teams
 100 - 8. Brooke Ferdon 14.34, 10. Aubrey Brandt 14.54, 26. Malaya Reem 15.24

200 - 23. Aleeah Halverson 31.04, 32. Camden Anderson 32.64
 400 - 2. Aften Robinson 1:03, 8. Kira Sweeney 1:07, 25. Abby Dukowitz 1:21

800 - 5. Addison Lorber 2:41, 9. Alli Olander 2:44
 1,600 - 1. Kyanna Burton 5:20, 5. Ashley Robben 5:57, 8. Addisyn Cichos 6:20

100 hurdles - 11. Jayce Kobliska 21.14, 16. Abby Brown 23.04
 4x100 - 5. S-M 57.14
 4x200 - 6. S-M 2:12
 4x400 - 4. S-M 4:42
 4x800 - 3. S-M 10:37
 High jump - 5. Lorber 4'3",

16. Halverson 4'0"

Long jump - 9. Ferdon 13'3", 13. Reem 12'4", 21. Anderson 10'11"

Triple jump - 3. Kobliska 29'11"
 Discus - 5. Tabettha Allen 82'2", 6. Madysen Hull 80'10", 23. Ari Brings 48'4"

Shot put - 8. Allen 25'8", 19. Hull 22'4", 25. Brings 16'7"

Foley Invitational
 100 - 11. Ferdon 14.19, 18. Heidi Lombard 14.78, 25. Halverson 15.18

200 - 9. Robinson 28.62, 21. Dukowitz 30.12, 25. Sweeney 31.60
 400 - 7. Sweeney 1:07
 800 - 9. Lorber 2:44, 12. Dumpprope 2:45, 13. Olander 2:47

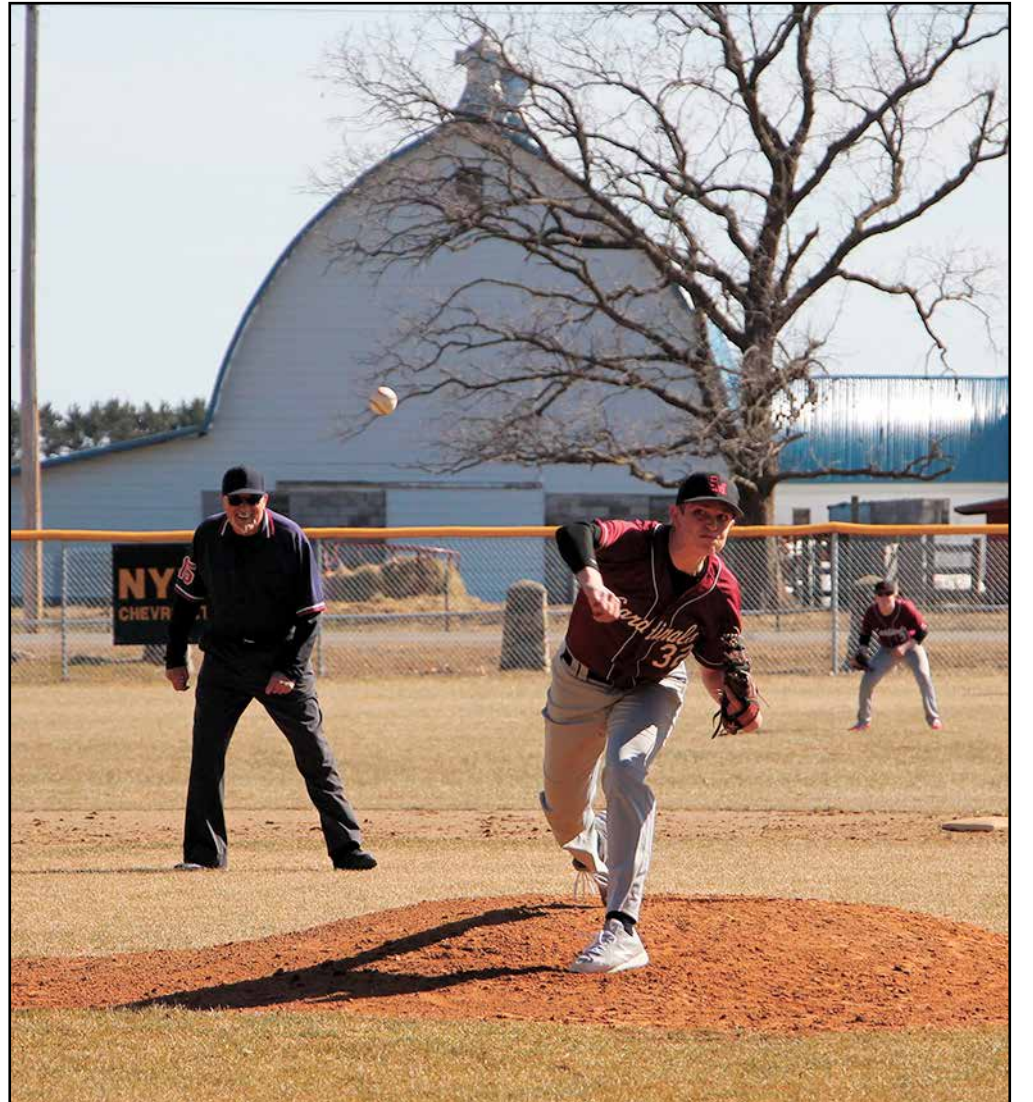
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 3,200 - 1. Burton 12:11, 3. Robben 12:41

100 hurdles - 26. Brown 27.57
 300 hurdles - 23. Brown 1:11
 4x100 - 8. SM 58.47
 4x200 - 10. SM 2:03
 4x400 - 8. SM 4:36
 4x800 - 1. SM 10:41

High jump - 20. Aubrey Brandt 4'2", 21. Halverson 4'2"
 Long jump - 20. Lombard 13'1", 24. Ferdon 12'2"

Triple Jump - 15. Kobliska 27'9"
 Discus - 13. Allen 77'1", 15. Hull 72'11", 27. Grace Jennissen 62'6"

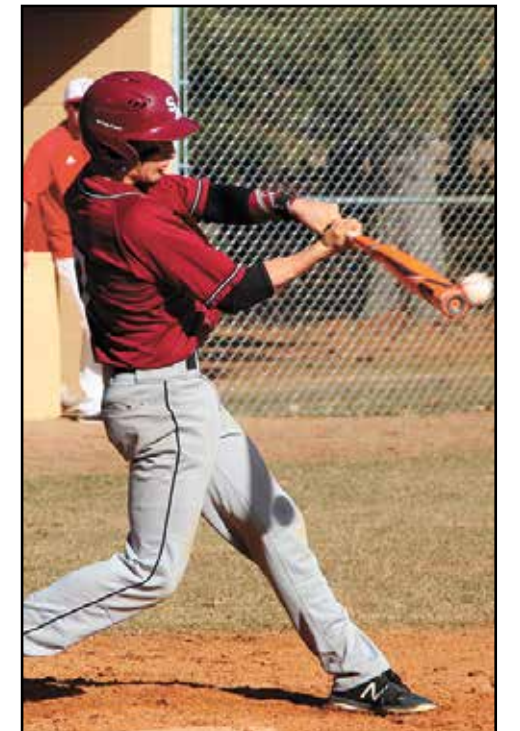
Shot put - 13. Allen 28'7", 20. Hull 26'2", 38. Ari Brings 16'5"



Barn-burners to start the season

The Staples-Motley baseball team had a win, a loss and one undecided game in their first week of competition. The Cardinals Beat Detroit Lakes 10-3 in their first game on April 16, behind the pitching of Ben Olander, pictured above at Pine Grove Park Field, where

they played because the varsity field was still too wet. The second game of the double-header was stopped due to darkness, with the Cardinals trailing 7-6. On April 18, the team lost 4-3 to Osakis. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Keeping eyes on the ball

Thomas Kossan, left, zeroes in on a high bouncing ball during the 10-3 win over Detroit Lakes while Josh Kossan,

right, belts out one of his four hits during the game. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Danculovich reels in seven-foot swordfish

By Dawn Timbs
 Staples World reporter

"What an experience," Tom Danculovich said of fishing off the coast of Cancun, Mexico, and catching a seven-foot swordfish.

The Staples man, 73, said his wife, Diane, encouraged him to take part in a fishing excursion while they were on a recent vacation. He vacillated about it for three hours, but in the end decided to take his wife's advice. "Diane said, 'you've got to do it,'" Danculovich said, adding that he knew it was something he'd probably never get to do again in his lifetime.

He and three other guys set out on the fishing charter at about 11 a.m., Danculovich said, adding that two were from Canada and one from Colorado.

The rollers on the ocean were over six ft. tall, Danculovich said of the waves that day. At the end of the first half hour "we had nothing," he shared, going on to note that two of the crew were on the deck and two were down below sick. "I felt really bad for them," he said.

Danculovich and the other top-side fisherman each had a fishing rod and after about two hours on deck, both of their rods started going crazy. "It seemed like we were fighting (the fish) forever," he said.

Finally, after an exhausting struggle, they both reeled in an enormous

swordfish. Danculovich's fish measured seven ft. in length; and the other guy's was seven ft. two inches.

He knew he wanted the fish to live, so he barely had time to have a photo snapped before throwing it back in the ocean. The captain couldn't believe it, Danculovich said of his decision not to keep his amazing catch. "He's out there swimming," he said of the fish.

The other guy (one of the Canadians) decided to have his fish mounted and shipped to his home, which ended up costing \$1,746. That's a lot of money, Danculovich said. "I got the picture...that's my trophy," he added.

Up until this recent adventure, his fishing excursions have mainly taken place on Midwestern lakes. "We've got a cabin by Alexandria and I do a lot of fishing there during the summer," Danculovich said, adding that in the winter months, he likes to ice fish on a certain lake in the Lincoln area (he's not giving the name, he laughed).

He's collected a number of fishing stories over the years, including that time 20 years ago when he took second place at a walleye contest on Rush Lake. "I won \$750," Danculovich said. Most likely, his story of catching the swordfish is one of those that will be told and re-told when out fishing with family and friends in years to come. It was quite an experience,



Catch of the day

Tom Danculovich of Staples caught this seven-foot swordfish while on vacation recently in Cancun, Mexico. "He's out there swimming," Danculovich said of the giant fish, which he opted to throw back in the water rather than having it mounted and shipped back home. (Submitted photo)

he says again, looking at the photo of the enormous swordfish that's out in the ocean today, recalling his tug-of-war with that stubborn fisherman from Staples, Minn.



Sand splashdown

Evan Nanik lands in the triple jump pit during the track meet at Foley. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Special Olympics basketball event held at Staples-Motley

Sixteen delegations participated at the Area 5 Special Olympics basketball event at Staples-Motley High School April 17. There were a total of 177 athletes, 95 coaches, 58 unified partners and 57 Cardinal volun-

teers who participated.

The delegations represented Aitkin, Brainerd Lakers, Brainerd Schools, Central Minnesota Adults, Crosby-Ironton, Menahga, Little Falls, New York Mills, Mille Lacs, Pillager, Pequot

Lakes, Independent All Stars (Royalton), Sebeka, Staples-Motley, Verndale and Wadena-Deer Creek.

There were three different competitions held throughout the day. These included individual skills,

unified skills and half court games.

Abby Dunn is the head of the Staples-Motley delegation and also serves as head coach.

"Today's basketball tournament was a joyful and

exciting event," Dunn said. "We have incredible athletes that give every event their all. Our unified partners are amazingly supportive and enthusiastic. Yet none of this would have been possible if it weren't

for the outstanding student volunteers and our administration that leads the way with integrity and compassion."



Area 5 Special Olympics basketball team

Staples-Motley School District hosted the Area 5 Special Olympics basketball tournament April 17. Pictured above are SM athletes and unified partners. Front row, from left, Max Strickland, Maykayla Lambert, Torii Nienow, Logan Paklonsky, Sam Olsen, Austin Heifort.

Back row: Conner Heifort, Ariana Imgrund, Mackenna Bjerga, Scout Strickland, Tyler Plattner, James Vold, Cole Greenwaldt, Rebecca Oberlander, Adam Oberlander, Sarah Nanik, Bryant Peterson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Shooting a basket

Staples-Motley athlete James Vold shows off his shooting skills at the recent Area 5 Special Olympics basketball event at Staples-Motley High School. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Head coach

Abby Dunn (right), head coach for the Staples-Motley Special Olympics team, visits with people at the Area 5 basketball competition April 17, at Staples-Motley High School. Dunn also serves as head of the Staples-Motley Special Olympics delegation. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Dribbling the ball

Maykayla Lambert, Staples-Motley athlete, kept control of the basketball while participating in the dribbling skills event at the recent Area 5 Special Olympics tournament in Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Chicken dance warm-up

Ariana Imgrund, right, Staples-Motley athlete, had fun doing the chicken dance prior to the Area 5 Special Olympics basketball event in Staples April 17. SMHS Principal Mike Schmidt served as emcee for the pre-tournament activities, which included a few dance numbers. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Minnesota fishing opener destinations

By Steve Carney

As we head into the waning days of April, our thoughts turn to the fishing opener just weeks away. The ice has left our lakes earlier than anticipated, meaning most of our deep, clear lakes of the north will be ice-free as will the western and southern, shallower lakes. Here are some thoughts on the 2019 Fishing Opener.

1.) Shallow lakes

I've always been a fan of the shallow, farm type lakes of western Minnesota on the fishing opener. These lakes tend to peak in May and usually are well ahead of the deep, northern lakes in water temperatures. The difference can be as big as

20 degrees which is a huge factor in early season walleye success. Lakes such as La Qui Parle, Traverse, Big Stone, Shields and Albert Lea Lake are some of the better choices. Walleye populations are good and the fishing pressure is minimal as compared to the well-known lakes up north.

2.) River systems

No doubt the St. Croix, Snake and Crow Rivers are good May choices but the high water is going to make these river systems pretty unstable. The current alone will make boat control a nightmare and I don't see the water receding anytime soon. This could be a wash out for the river systems at least until early summer. There's also

a ton of debris coming down the rivers which makes for a very dangerous scenario.

3.) Walleye limits

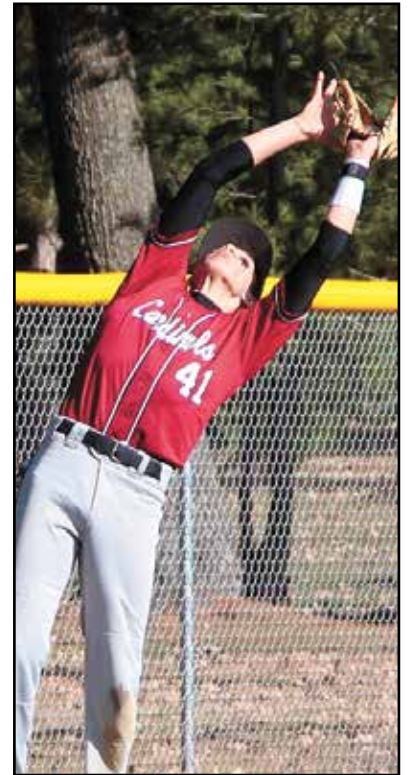
Some major walleye slot limit changes have been made throughout the state of Minnesota. Leech Lake has now been changed to four walleye under 20 inches. The same new slot is also in place on Lake Vermilion, four fish under 20 inches.

Red Lake also follows suit and Lake of the Woods has decreased the sauger limit by two. In my personal opinion, the previous 17 inch slot was very unfair and unrealistic on so many of our lakes. Four walleye is plenty and very fair.



Baseball action

Above, Brayden Christensen puts down a bunt to advance a runner. Right, Damon Halverson reaches up to snare a pop foul ball. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Top: Egg-citement about when the Easter Bunny hands out candy-filled eggs to the children. Center: Stella Bartylla with help from mom, find eggs to add to her Easter basket. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Looking back

75 YEARS AGO - 1944

April 27, 1944 - Jay R. Nims, vice president of the Staples State Bank, has served as the treasurer of the City of Staples for the past 35 years. Mr. Sims, although not one of the early pioneers of this city, can be classed as a pioneer, nevertheless. In the years of his residence here he has seen many changes in this city. He has seen it grow from an apparent "shanty-town" to the beautiful and modern city it is today.

April 27, 1944 - Twin

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Hanson, of Motley at the Staples Municipal hospital on Sunday, April 23. The babies were born at 10:23 and 10:45 p.m. and weighed 4 lbs. 9 1/4 ounces, and 3 lbs. 15 1/4 ounces, respectively, and have been named Jeanne and Janis. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have three other girls, Dona, 12; Darlene, 10, and Mildred, 6. They both hoped they would have a boy, but now they say that the girls will be just as helpful to them, and are pleased that they now have five girls in their home.

These are the first twins to be born in the Municipal hospital in three years, where both have lived.

April 27, 1944 - The first crow hunt, sponsored by the newly organized Sportsmen's Club of Staples, will take place Sunday, April 30, as announced in The World last week. Captains Jack Sperley and Elmer Gold are busy getting as many "shooters" as possible lined up for the affair, and hunters are urged to register at the Blessing Barber Shop on or before April 29. A 25 cent registration fee is being taken in order to defray the expenses incidental to the "feed and get-together" which will be held after the shoot on Sunday.

50 YEARS AGO - 1969

April 24, 1969 - Two boys and a girl have earned the top scholastic honors of the graduating class of 1969 from Staples high school, according to information released this week by William Uhrich, high school principal. Heading the class of

1969 as valedictorian is Les Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Johnson. Johnson holds a 4.0 grad point average.

Ranking second in the class and who will be the co-salutatorians, are Roger Rengel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rengel, and Carolyn Jensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freebert Jensen.

April 24, 1969 - The membership of the Staples Jaycees chose Melvin Nefstead, instructor of related subjects in machine shop at the Staples Area Vocational-Technical school, to serve as president of their organization for the coming year.

Elected to the post of first vice president was Bruce Nelson, with Lee Jenkins as second vice president, Ken Klose as secretary and Ron Selvey as treasurer.

April 24, 1969 - The staples Jaycees recently welcomed to this community, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hajek and family. The new family moved to Staples from Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Hajek is employed as an optician with the Benson Optical Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hajek have four children, Diane, age 15; Mike 13, Steve 6 and Tim 5. Mr. Hajek enjoys hunting and fishing, and Marge lists her hobbies as sewing, knitting and reading. The Hajeks reported that they find Staples to be a very friendly, progressive city.

April 24, 1969 - Gone With the Wind, winner of ten Academy Awards, is being shown at the Cozy Theatre in Wadena April 23 - 29. Admission for adults is \$1.50; Students, \$1; and children 50 cents.

25 YEARS AGO - 1994

April 28, 1994 - Lisa M. Hanson of Staples captured first place in original oratory last weekend in the Minnesota State High School Speech Tournament. "I barely made it into the final round," she said Monday in recapping her performance Saturday at the Eagan Senior High School, where she presented her speech "Improving Education" three times before panels of judges.

"We told her just do the best she could, and that's what she did at state," said Don Sanda, one of the coaches for the speech program.

Lisa is the daughter of John and Cathy Hanson of Aldrich. She becomes the

sixth Staples High School student in the past 20 years to win first place at the state meet. Most recent was Nicole Godejohn, who won last year.

April 28, 1994 - Karen Holmberg is honored as Staples Teacher of the Year. A fifth grade teacher at North Elementary, Holmberg shows no sign of teacher burnout after 17 years. "I really enjoy what I'm doing. I can't really imagine doing anything else," she said. Someday, she may pursue her other love and try writing children's books she said.

April 28, 1994 - The Cardinal girls golf team enjoyed a successful week, winning on Monday in their Mid-Minn conference meet for this week and placing fifth last Friday at Bemidji. The girls continued to hold a firm grip on the Mid-Minn Conference golf standings with 196 score Monday at Park Rapids in a cold and breezy meet.

Leading the Cards and getting medalist honors was Heather Hasselberg, shooting a 39. No. 2 player Tricia Schornack had a 49, No. 6 Cory Henrikson came in with a 53 and Rachel Hofer, at No. 5, carded a 55. Christy Strassburg had a 56 and Stacia Sams a 60 to round out the Cardinal team.

10 YEARS AGO - 2009

April 23, 2009 - "Four Cardinal Speakers win state medals," read the headline. These included seniors Jacob Johnson and Casey Smithley in Duo Interpretation; Junior Emma Mottl in Original Oratory; and freshman Tera Weyer in Informative Speaking.

April 23, 2009 - The Staples Motley School District School to Work committee last week held their annual Outstanding Youth Worker Recognition breakfast and named winners of their Outstanding Youth Worker award. The 2009 Outstanding Youth Workers are Lance Flickinger, who works at Camp Shamaineau; and Joe Roline, who works at First International Bank and Trust. Honorable Mention youth worker awards went to Joe Gudgeon from Tower Pizza; Kenneth Robben from Ernie's; Andrew Rollins, May Township Transfer Site; and Mike Ziegler, Morey's Seafood International.

Mother's Day stories wanted

Do you have a favorite story about your mother you would like to share? What do you appreciate most about her? How has she influenced your life?

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CLC Staples hosts Easter egg hunt April 21

Central Lakes College, Staples campus held their Community Easter Egg Hunt April 21. Above: Emmitt Winter along with others hunts for eggs on the stage area with a Happy Easter message behind them. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Hiding eggs outside

CLC bunnies and helpers hide eggs on the campus grounds outside for the older age children's egg hunt.



Eggs hidden inside

Children waited for the final signal at 1 p.m. to begin the egg hunt.



Photo 'Op' with the Easter Bunny

CLC students took pictures of the children who were egg hunt participants (if they were willing) the photos will be posted on their facebook page. Above: Tia Mertens and Evan Haro get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny.

Lakewood Health System adds certified breast prosthetic fitter

Ruthie Hoyhtya, Home Medical Equipment Coordinator, was recently certified as Lakewood Health System's third certified breast prosthetic fitter. Hoyhtya joins Kristin Posner and Christy Janousek in completing the necessary training for mastectomy fitting from the Board for Certification Accreditation to be able to provide patients with an assessment, treatment plan, implementation and follow-up for those using external breast prostheses, bras and other post-mastectomy services.



Ruthie Hoyhtya

Certification is awarded when an individual has successfully completed extensive educational training and practical experience under supervision, passed a comprehensive examination and meets national-accepted standards of practice. Certified professionals are qualified to provide patient care and fit appropriately prescribed devices to individuals.

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Hoyhtya has been with Lakewood for five years.

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Cardinal Wrestling Team

Front: Jason Trantina, Dustyn Converse, Jack Carlson, Carson Johnson, Axel Mertens, Sklyar Self.
 Row two: Gaven Christensen (manager), Jayma Lawson, Blake Neelan, Wesley Parker, Issiah Tabatt, Caden Dobson, Isaak Ostrowski, Steven Petrich, Dylan Lawrence, Aiden Winter, Coach Mark Carlson. Row three: Abby Brown (manager), Maddy Hull (manager), Brittany Lisson (manager), Blayne Dumpprope, Gilberto Terrones, Payton Bjerga, Sam Jennissen, Dalton Wells, Owen Winter, Bronte Enyart (manager), Jack Adamietz (manager), Ryan Gerard (manager).
 Back: Coach Steve Jennissen, Amyah Converse, Curtis Miles, Jasiah Paskewitz, Caleb Mangas, Gordon Enyart, Shaine Guggenberger, Brayden Christensen, Spencer Miller, Owen Bjerga, Logen White, Connor Dobson, Coach Isaac Novak, Coach Drew Peterson, Coach Jim Miller.



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Cardinal Boy's Basketball Team

Jordon Carlson, Sivert Klefsaas, Adam Oberlander, Emmitt Winkels, Alex Giza, Izaiah Demars, Ike Christofferson, Ryan Wick, Cole Winkels, Ben Olander, Max Strickland, Issac Kronenberg.
 Not pictured: Josh Schimpp, Lyle Brownell, Isaiah Schultz, Preston Butler, Tanner Robben, Dom Gomez, Damon Halverson, Chandler Braith



Cardinal Girl's Basketball Team

Front: Allison Knosalla, Bella Martin
 Middle: Alix Peterson, Haley Cichos, Kaitlyn Smith, Addy Lorber, Jenna Dvorak.
 Back:
 Head Coach Brian Smith, Adriana Dickey, Aleeah Halverson, Klaire Storry, Tabetha Allen, Marlene Hinrichs, Amber Sullivan, Asst. coach Bryce Williams.
 Not pictured: Aften Robinson, Lauren Rutten



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Heartland Market deadline: 5 p.m. Wednesday. Reaching over 20,585 homes; DISTRIBUTED in these paid NEWSPAPERS: Staples World; Barnesville Record-Review; Battle Lake Review; Clay County Union of News; Northwoods Press, News; Eagle Bend/ Bertha/ Clarissa Independent News Herald; Hawley Herald; Henning Citizens Advocate; Long Prairie Leader; Parkers Prairie Independent; Sebeka/Menahga Review Messenger; Verndale Sun.

NOTICES

100 Events/Announcements
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE for Herman and Kathy Wiese. Help them celebrate at the Hewitt Community Center, Sunday, May 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 17p

101 Card of Thanks
I would like to thank everyone for coming to my 80th Birthday Party and for the cards and gifts. Also thanks to everyone that helped with the party. It's all very much appreciated.
Bob Mudek 17p

107 Notices
THE STAPLES ALL VETERANS PARK BOARD is seeking someone to fill a vacant director's position. Contact Bob Hamann if interested, 218-296-0677. 17c

SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

205 Help Wanted
PART-TIME CASHIER: 40-50 hrs. every two weeks. Must be 21-years-old. Don & Dave's Store, 218-894-2014. 15-17p

TREE SERVICE/LANDSCAPING; LOCAL CO.: Cutting firewood, miscellaneous. 2170-349-4461. 17-19p

TODD COUNTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: We are looking for reliable, service oriented individuals to serve the citizens of Todd County in the following areas:
•Equipment Operator
•Communications Intern
•Regional Nutrient Management Specialist
•Solid Waste Seasonal Help
•Environmental Health & Safety Intern. To learn more about these positions and how to apply visit the Todd County website at www.co.todd.mn.us or go directly to NEOGov

OFFICE MANAGER
STAPLES, MN

Big Stone Therapies, Inc. is seeking an Office Manager for our therapy clinic within the Lakewood Health System in Staples, MN. The ideal candidate would have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Health Administration, or other related field. Strong preference for 1+ years of supervisory experience. Experience in a medical office setting preferred. Extensive knowledge of Excel, Word, and Outlook required.

Desired skills to include: leadership, problem solving abilities, excellent time management, and organizational skills. Candidate must enjoy working in a fast-paced setting with the ability to coordinate people and procedures for quality and efficiency. Job duties consist of managing office staff including hiring and training, assisting the clinic managers, working with contract facilities and patients to build customer relationships.

This is a full-time position at 40 hours/week, Monday-Friday 8:00a - 4:30p

Position qualifies for an excellent benefits package.

Apply online at <https://www.bigstonetherapies.com/careers>
Resume, cover letter and references are required to apply.

Application deadline is Friday, April 26th, 2019.

BIG STONE Therapies, Inc. "Rock Solid Values"

CENTRAL TODD COUNTY **Central Todd County Care Center RN/LPN position available**

We are in search of someone who is looking for a rewarding job in the Nursing field. Full-time night/ evening shift nurse (including every other weekend and holiday).

SIGN ON BONUS: \$2,000 FOR FULL-TIME
Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families, and visitors.
CTCCC offers a wide variety of benefits and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Contact Amanda Rickbeil: arickbeil@ctcccinc.com or call 218-756-3636 ext. 12

Pick up an application in the Business Office during business hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Or after hours at the Nurse's Station.
CENTRAL TODD COUNTY CARE CENTER IS LOCATED IN CLARISSA, MN.

Staples World
DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Looking for a career where you can grow?

Visit Lakewood's website for a new career where you will flourish, at lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

Lakewood HEALTH SYSTEM

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cotoddmn> Questions may be directed to Administration at 320-732-6155. EOE 17-18c

PETERSON AERIAL SPRAYING OF Staples is looking to hire a ground support person to transport equipment and to mix and load materials into airplanes from June to end of August. Must be 18-yrs-old and have a driver's license. Pay negotiable based on experience. Call Ken, 218-820-3780. 17-19p

\$2,000 Sign On BONUS!

Seeking dependable, friendly caregiver who enjoys helping people with developmental disabilities in a group home setting.

Teach daily living skills in a fun, positive manner. Experience is helpful but not required as training is provided.

FULL TIME AWAKE OVERNIGHTS AND PART TIME AFTERNOON AND OVERNIGHT POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN WADENA.

All schedules include every other weekend. All positions require a clear background study and most require a valid MN driver's license. GIVE US A CALL TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EXCITING CHANGES:

218-756-2599
M-F, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or apply online at: www.orhvw.com EOE

CENTRAL TODD COUNTY **Central Todd County Care Center is seeking Certified Nursing Assistants**

We are in search of someone who is looking for a rewarding job in the Nursing field. Evening and Night shifts now available for CNAs. Must be a TEAM player and possess a special interest in working with Long Term Care residents, families, and visitors.
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Trident Seafoods, Motley, is hiring a Temporary Landscaping Laborer

This person will be responsible for maintaining the grounds areas including the parking lots and building exterior.

Duties include: Pruning, mowing, operating weed whip, edging, tree trimming, pulling weeds, raking, fertilizing and maintaining sprinkler system. Maintain lawn care equipment such as changing oil and sharpening blades. Will also perform some facility maintenance tasks. Must be at least 18-years-old

Apply online at: www.tridentseafoods.com
Pick Facility Maintenance job
For questions call 218-352-6600

Trident SEAFOODS

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208 Storage

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FARM FRESH EGGS:
Cage free chickens, \$2/ dozen. 20394 State Hwy. 210, Aldrich, MN 56434. 17-19p

302 Lawn/Garden
FALL RASPBERRY CANES: Caroline, Joan J, Polana, Autumn Britton, Himbo Top. 218-330-6741. 17-19x

209 Business Services
MONITOR/ MAINTENANCE of pools and spas. Licensed. 218-296-3337. 15-17p

Your major appliance parts source. Parts for all major brands. One day service, **Staples True Value**, Staples. 218-894-3263. 26tfc

303 Hay, Feed, Seed
ericsmachinerysales.com Roosmaster and Stanadyne injection pump repair (since 1979). Used farm equipment and tractor parts. Bluffton. 218-631-1930. cl17p

309 Miscellaneous
PLAT BOOKS AVAILABLE IN COLOR: Todd, Morrison, Crow Wing and Wadena counties, \$40 plus \$2.95 tax. Staples World Office. tfx

FOR SALE
301 Good Things To Eat

Genitol Frolics LIQUIDATION SALE
Weds., May 8, 12 noon to 7 p.m.
Thurs., Fri., Sat. May 9 - 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Franklin Arts Center upper gym, 1001 Kingwood, Brainerd
NO CREDIT CARD SALES. ONLY CASH AND CHECKS ACCEPTED. ALL PIECES PRICED TO SELL/ ALL SALES FINAL.

The **Genitol Frolics** has discontinued production of its show and will conduct a LIQUIDATION SALE to dispose of a huge inventory of clothing, accessories, costumes, fabric, equipment and hardware. Items include thousands of pieces of clothing.

- Men's formal wear: black and white tuxedos, bow ties, cummerbunds, shirts, studs and cuff links; non-formal wear includes many styles and sizes of shirts, pants, jackets and ties.
- Women's formal and semi-formal wear: gowns and dresses, as well as matching and color-coordinated 2 & 3-piece outfits, most of which were purchased new and worn less than three times. Informal wear includes over 1,000 pieces of varying styles and sizes including some vintage pieces.
- All clothing is clean and wearable.
- Accessories: jewelry, boas, scarfs, hats, gloves, etc.
- Costumes: several character and specialty costumes. (Halloween, etc.)
- Fabrics: remnants of bolts of fabric used in the construction of costumes. Fabric will not be sold by the yard.
- Equipment: 2 microphones, 2 speaker/amps, assorted cables, music stand w/light, foldable risers, sewing machines and supplies, miscellaneous office and housekeeping supplies.
- Hardware: small assortment of plywood remnants and other pieces of lumber used in set construction; hundreds of various sizes of wood screws and miscellaneous smaller pieces of hardware

Proceeds of the sale will go to establishing a perpetual scholarship for a local graduating senior going on to college.



Motley-Staples Middle School Math League team

MS Middle School Math League students, from left, top: Chase Blue, Gavin Cowles, Pam Lawrence, Carter Sarbaum, Adrian Gomez, Josie Jennissen, Avandre Brandt, Noah Larson, Daniel Zimmerman, Kylie Wenzel and Annie Schlosser; middle: Evan Schultz, Xander Moench, Chloe Trantina, Sophie Schlosser, Audrey Brownell, SkylaTepley, Justin Olson, Corben Berg, Bella Hines, Brook Bendson, Luke Bjerga; front: Thomas Johnson and Peyton Jares. Not pictured, Raina Mikhaeil.

Top math students in fourth and fifth grade have been meeting for Math League on Thursdays after school since the beginning of March. Math League gives students an opportunity to have fun, logical thinking while improving strategies and problem-solving skills in math. Students are placed in teams and compete in preparation for the National Math League Contest which will take place the end of April. The Math League coaches are Laurie Paskewitz and Brennen Larson. (Submitted photo)

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High honor awarded

gious award and am grateful to represent Central Lakes College,” Hoting Mrazek said. “I love teaching my students American Sign Language and promoting equity, but also helping them to become allies for the deaf community. I am so grateful to have the best job in the world!”

Hara Charlier, president of CLC, added, “While subject-matter expertise is a clear expectation of all faculty, Tanya’s includes both the fields of ASL and deaf culture. Her experiences as a voice interpreter, a performance interpreter, and extensive connections have earned her the respect of the deaf community. This work has transformed our region, making Brain-

erd a place known as a community that engages and values people who are deaf. This work has also transformed Central Lakes College. CLC’s Brainerd campus is now a place where seeing people sign in the hallways is common, and every commencement ceremony is interpreted to ensure accessibility by the deaf community. I feel very fortunate to work with Tanya. Her level of commitment to her college and her students inspires all of us to reach higher, do more, and change more lives.”

Other past winners from CLC include instructors Kari Frisch, Adam Marcotte, Darci Goeden and Betsy Picciano.



Easter coloring winners

Staples-Motley Elementary winners of the Staples Motley Area Women of Today’s Easter coloring contest were Ava Roline, kindergarten, Aubrey Lund, first grade, and Eva Weber, second grade. In back are Valerie Nanik of the Women of Today and Kristi Serich, school staff. (Submitted photo)



Easter coloring contest

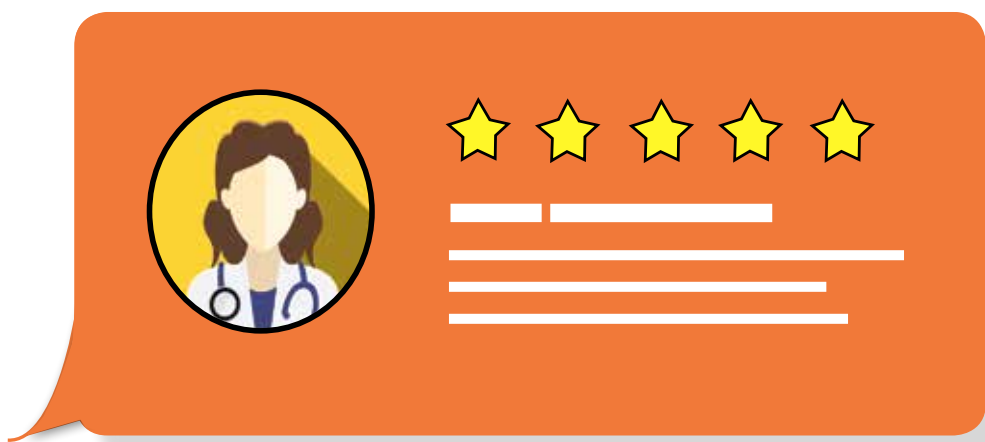
Staples Motley Area Women of Today held an Easter coloring contest. Pictured at Sacred Heart Area School are, from left, Brynn Stevens, kindergarten winner, Principal Charles Durham,

first grade winner Grace Doyle, second grade winner Emmitt Hageman and Valerie Nanik of the Women of Today. (Submitted photo)



Easter basket reward

Nova Huhn receives an Easter basket for being a winner of the Staples Motley Area Women of Today’s coloring contest. She is pictured with her mother, Kayla, left, and Valerie Nanik of the Women of Today. (Submitted photo)



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Free training on how to talk with teens

It doesn’t take a genius to figure out that you can’t make a teenager do what he or she doesn’t want to do. You can’t make them change. You dig your heels in, and they’ll dig theirs in further. Sound familiar?

If change is to be made with teens, it must come from them. They have the power to make their own decisions and as a result only they can decide to change.

As a parent, grandparent or professional working with teens, you can learn how to talk with your teens to help guide them to make healthy changes.

Todd County CAD invites parents, grandparents and professionals working with teens to a free training, Roll With Resistance, offered by Russ Turner, MS, Senior Training Manager at People Incorporated of Minneapolis.

Using a motivational

interviewing framework, Russ will share tools that you can use to address teen behavior and help teens navigate life in a supportive, respectful way. This is a return visit to Staples for Russ, who offers fun, dynamic trainings on motivational interviewing and other topics.

The training for professionals working with teens will be April 29 from 3-5 p.m., with 2 CEUs available. It will be followed by the parent/grandparent training from 5:30-8 p.m. The parent/grandparent training will include a free light meal and child care.

To register, contact Connie Burns, Health Education Coordinator, at Todd County Health and Human Services by April 25 at connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us or 320-732-2221. Indicate which training you’re interested in and whether or not you need child care.