



Welcoming the new Executive Director

Britney Bursch (center) has been hired as the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce's Executive Director, taking over for Barb Cline who resigned due to illness. Bursch is pictured with Steve Gertken (left), Chamber President; and Megan Haber, Chamber board member. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

June 7 is Chocolate Ice Cream Day, dedicated to the tasty and popular confection. Chocolate is the second most popular ice cream flavor after vanilla, although its creation predates its more popular cousin. The first recipes of chocolate ice cream were published in 1693 in Naples, Italy, in which hot chocolate was the ingredient. Chocolate ice cream was first introduced to the United States in the late 18th century. The first advertisement for chocolate ice cream in the United States appeared in New York City on May 12, 1777. Thomas Jefferson took a liking to ice cream when he was living in France during his time as an ambassador in the 1780's, and there is some belief he helped bring its popularity to the United States after his return.

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Britney Bursch to lead Staples Motley Chamber

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

Britney Bursch is excited to have been hired as Executive Director of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce (SMACC).

She hopes to make a difference, Bursch said, adding that she is wanting to make the Staples-Motley area a destination place...to building it up to what she knows it can be. "I would really like to see the towns (Staples and Motley) brought together and work as one," she said.

A native of Rockford, Bursch first moved to the Staples area in 2002, when she was attending Central Lakes College. She went on to earn her undergraduate degree at St. Scholastica in Duluth and later her MBA (Master of Business Administration) with an emphasis in marketing, but eventually settled back in the Staples area. "This is home," she said.

Britney and her husband Josh Bursch have two children: Brandon, 12; and Ahna, eight.

Her job with the SMACC is part-time, approximately 20 hours a week. Of course that varies, especially during busy chamber-sponsored events such as the Motley June Fest and Railroad Days in Staples.

Britney also has her own company, Innovation Consulting, LLC; and does a lot of volunteer work. She went on to mention volunteering with the Jaycees, Girl Scouts, Awana, Sunday School and the Trails and a few City of Staples committees. Being a part of these committees, such as the Trails and Parks Committee, sparked her interest in pursuing a job with the chamber of commerce.

In addition to her work, Britney said she enjoys fishing and camping with her family.

Britney is looking forward to her new role as Executive Director and working alongside her fellow chamber members. She recently attended a planning committee meeting for the upcoming June Fest event in Motley and is excited to be a part of that festival.

Steve Gertken, chamber president, noted that Bursch would be taking over for Barb Cline, who resigned her position as Executive Director due to illness.

"I want to thank Barb for everything she's done for the Chamber during the past four years," Gertken said, mentioning Cline's dedication to all that the job entailed. "She put us in a good position to continue moving the chamber forward and now we're excited to have Britney here as we start a new chapter."

Todd County sees more needs in human services

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd county Commissioners heard a report from Jackie Och, at their May 15, work session.

According to Todd County Health and Human Services Director Jackie Och, more help is needed in the form of a child services supervisor because of the general increase in child protection services.

Currently, the child protection branch has 13 employees including: six social worker case managers, one licensing, one intake, one relative search, one case aid, one adoption and two assessment. Only two of the social workers have more than two years of experience.

Since 2011, the number of child protection intakes has increased steadily with the exception of one year

(2013) when the number went down slightly.

In 2017, the number screened for services reached 537. As of April 30 of this year, that number was already at 210 with an anticipated year end number of 630.

What does that mean? It means the department needs more help.

Todd Weyer, who's the child protection division supervisor, averages more than 100 hours per pay period.

"I can't walk away. This is a 24-7 job," said Weyer.

"The risk is burnout. New staff need more of Todd's time than the seasoned employees," said Och.

"You do what you do because you have to. I have to take weekend calls because the state requires

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Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer job attracts five candidates

The filing period for county, state and national offices ended June 5, with a couple of local races having multiple candidates. The race will be narrowed down at the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 14, to determine which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election.

The filing period for city council and school board will open Tuesday, July 31 and close Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Both local primaries will be for the auditor/treasurer position in Wadena County and also in Morrison County. In Wadena County, Auditor Treasurer Judy Taves has filed to run for her position again, but four others have also filed for the seat: Brian Hagen, Curtis Kreklau, Heather Olson and Stacy Smagacz.

Morrison County also has challengers to the incumbent. Current Auditor/Treasurer Deb Lowe has filed, but is joined by three challengers, Tammy (Virnig) Giuliani, Chelsey Robinson and Ross Wamre.

The following is a list of candidates who've filed for local elections as of Tuesday afternoon, June 5, the last day of filing.

State offices
State Representative District 9A
John M. Poston (R)
Alex Hering (DFL)

State Representative District 9B
Ron Kresha (R)
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Todd County County Commissioner District 2
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County Recorder
Linda Daoust
County Sheriff
Steve Och
County Attorney
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Soil and Water Supervisor District 1
Barbara James
Dan Whitney
Soil and Water Supervisor District 3
Dale Katterhagen
Nonpartisan
Soil and Water Supervisor District 5
Tom Williamson

Wadena County County Commissioner District 1
Sheldon Monson
County Commissioner District 3
Bill Stearns
County Commissioner District 5
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Curtis Ronneberg

Randy Wenthold
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Brian Hagen
Curtis Kreklau Jr.
Heather R. Olson
Stacy Smagacz
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County Attorney
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Soil and Water Supervisor District 1
Kenneth Berg
Soil and Water Supervisor District 2
Brett Dailey
Soil and Water Supervisor District 3
Nancy L. Benson

Morrison County County Commissioner District 4
Mike Wilson
County Commissioner District 5
Greg Blaine
County Auditor/Treasurer
Tammy (Virnig) Giuliani
Deb Lowe
Chelsey Robinson
Ross R Wamre
County Recorder
Eileen Holtberg
County Sheriff
Shawn D. Larsen
County Attorney
Brian Middendorf

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Refurbished bandshell ready for summer



Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Bruce Nelsen, Rick Anderson, Don Dravis and Joe Haselberg, all of Staples, the 50-year-old bandshell used for the annual Music in the Park summer events in Staples has been refurbished and is ready for the upcoming concerts. Nelsen spearheaded the project, which included raising over \$4,000 to strip down the bandshell and rebuild it with new material. On May 30, the bandshell was moved from Nelsen's place back to its

permanent home at Northern Pacific Park in Staples, with Anderson hauling it behind his truck. In center photo, from left, are Anderson, Nelsen and Dravis. Below, from left, are Autumn Nelsen (Bruce's granddaughter), Dravis, Anderson, Bruce Nelsen and his son, Dean Nelsen. The Music in the Park series begins Sunday, July 8, with bluegrass band The WoodPicks. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Thank you for subscribing!

German couple takes lunch break in Staples while biking across the U.S.A.



German bicyclists stop in Staples

Rainer Erlwein (left) and Conny Soeffge of Germany stopped by the Staples Public Library June 4 for a short rest prior to continuing on their bicycling journey. The two have been traveling since last August, biking across parts of four countries including Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States. After their pit stop in Staples, Erlwein and Soeffge were headed to the Crow Wing State Park by way of the Paul Bunyan Bike Trail. Their return flight to Germany is scheduled for July 24 out of Toronto, Canada. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Although Staples doesn't advertize serving bratwurst or schnitzel at the local diner, it seemed a good enough lunch stop for German bicyclists Rainer Erlwein and Conny Soeffge. With sunny skies and temperatures in the 70's June 4, the two had enjoyed a pleasant ride from Perham that morning, but

were ready for a break around noon. They found a comfortable, shaded bench by the Staples Public Library and enjoyed a picnic lunch as well as conversations with several passersby interested in their story. Rainer, 51; and Conny, 47, are on the final leg of their year-long journey by way of bicycle. Their adventure, which entails traveling portions of four countries, began last August and

will conclude on July 24. To date, they have logged 10,190 miles. Both Rainer and Conny are social workers in their native Germany, hailing from the City of Bielefeld. They decided to take a year off from their jobs, dipping into savings, to take the bike trip of a lifetime. Conny said she wanted to do something like this while she was still physically able, and not wait until retirement.

They flew from Germany to Vancouver, British Columbia, last Aug. 7. They brought along their bikes from home. Conny noted that they are special 14-speed Rohloff Speed-hub bikes, lightweight and made for long-distance traveling. The first part of their journey took place in Canada, traveling throughout British Columbia. From there they flew to Australia, biking along the southeast coast; and then on to New Zealand for a while before flying back to Vancouver this past spring. After that, they dropped down into the United States, biking through Yellowstone National Park and continuing east toward Michigan, where they have plans to visit friends. They average about 50 miles a day, Rainer said. Sometimes more, depending on the wind, Conny added. She went on to note that they were able to travel 151 miles from Steele, N.D. to Fargo because of the tailwind. "It was amazing, we just flew." Occasionally they will splurge for a motel room, but most often Rainer and Conny rest for the night at a campsite. Every evening they plan their route for the next day. There are websites that provide trail routes for bicyclists, Conny noted, such as www.adventurecycling.org, a non-profit organization out of Missoula, Mt. It's been an exciting journey so far, but one



Practicing his German

Alex Brings of Staples (right) had the opportunity to have a conversation in German with two bicyclists (Rainer Erlwein, left; and Conny Soeffge) who happened to stop for lunch in Staples June 4. Alex initially learned the language from his father, Kai Brings, who is from Germany. The Brings family travels to Germany on occasion to visit relatives and while there, they speak mainly German. Alex enjoyed chatting about his favorite German sports teams with Rainer and Conny, including the Arminia Bielefeld soccer team of which "he knows a lot," Conny noted. that's had it's share of difficult situations both physically and emotionally. Rainer and Conny mentioned that they didn't expect to encounter snow on bike trails in April. "We were here (United States) too early," Conny said, adding that some of the trails were still closed so they resorted to biking along the highway. Highlights of their trip have included biking the Kettle Valley Rail Trail in Canada, witnessing Mammoth Falls in Yellowstone National Park; and meet-

ing some wonderful people along the way, including high school student Alex Brings, whom they met during their rest stop in Staples. They've even been invited to someone's home for dinner a time or two, Conny said. After visiting their friends in Michigan, Rainer and Conny will bike back into Canada, flying home to Germany from Toronto on July 24. Lunch the next day just may include bratwurst or schnitzel.



Retiring from school district

Four Staples-Motley School District staff were honored on the last day of school as they retire. From left are Molly Skeesick, 28 years; Char Binek, 28 years; Donalee Butler, 26 years; and Kathy Iverson, 30 years. High School Principal Mike Schmidt said, "On graduation Friday, I take the graduating class on a building tour. The chatter of memories during elementary and middle school along with the teachers and staff from their past, begin as soon as we pull up. There were no exceptions this year...as they recalled the elementary songs. reading lessons, playgrounds, middle school dances and Special Olympics. This year, we say goodbye to Molly Skeesick, Char Binek, Donalee Butler and Kathy Iverson. Congratulations! You've played an incredible role in children's lives. May your retirements be as blessed, as our students have been for having each of you throughout their ISD 2170 years!" (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

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Accelerated reading program

Top readers for the fourth quarter at Staples-Motley High School were, in front, from left, Abbigail DiGiovanni, Elizabeth Dukowitz and Macy Judd; back, from left, Torii Nienow, Jeremy Stultz and Andria Dolezal. Abigail Halvorson and Robin Bourne were unavailable for the photo. Jeremy Stultz, back center, was the top reader for the 2017-2018 school year. He read and tested on 60 books, earning 778.9 points, scoring 91.3 percent accuracy. (Submitted photo)

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These 2018 graduates plan to pursue careers in healthcare.

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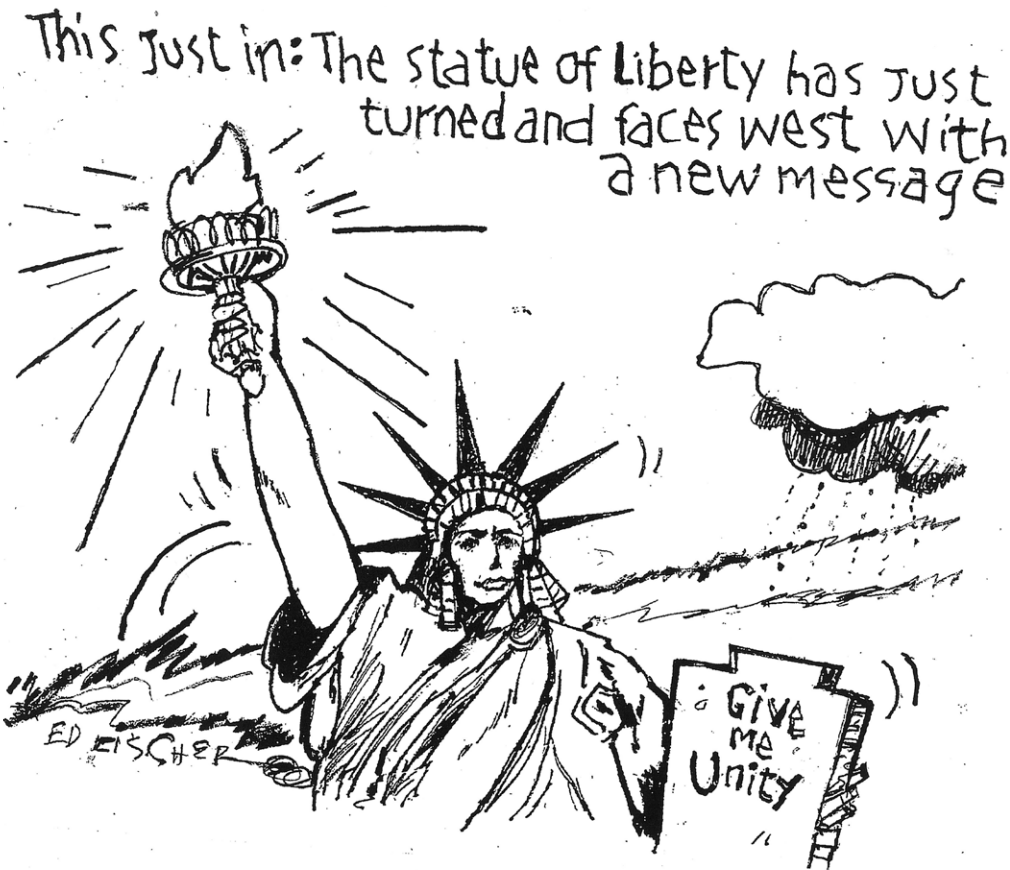
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American workers are losing in the modern economy: Here’s why

By Robert Goldschmidt,
Patriotic Millionaire,
Computer Scientist and
Economist

Working families are the backbone of our economy and our democracy. But for the last 50 years they’ve fallen farther and farther behind, yet no one seems to have even noticed except for the working families themselves. We see that growth is slowing and our politics becoming ever more polarized, but no one has made the connection to the shrinkage of working family purchasing power.

For most American families, headlines and news bulletins detailing the day’s economic news feel almost completely removed from their day-to-day reality. They don’t spend the value of the stock market or the unemployment rate, nor do the prices they pay have any relationship to those indicators.

What actually determines a working family’s ability to live The American Dream (i.e. affordable housing, food, health, transportation, education and retirement) are their wages and the cost of goods and services. That’s why news of a booming economy rings so hollow to working families - we’ve been paying attention to the wrong measurements.

What we should be looking at, what actually matters to the lives and wellbeing of the vast majority of the American people and ultimately determines our fate as a nation, is the size of our workers’ slice of the economic pie.

The American Affordability Index is very simple. It’s just a measure of the average working family’s ability to purchase the fruits of their labor. Taken nationally, that’s the total amount paid out in the form of wages as a percent

age of the total value workers add to the economy as measured by our GDP.

For a quarter century from 1948 to 1973, the American Affordability Index hovered around 50 percent. During that period, we had a win-win economy for workers and business owners as well as a stable democracy with a large political center. This proved that the economy is not a zero-sum game where workers can only improve their lives at the expense of business owners. In the decades since, the Index has fallen to 43 percent and we’ve seen working families increasingly radicalized as they have lost hope of ever living The American Dream.

This seven percent drop in the Index may seem like a minor change, but it represents over \$1.3 trillion a year that’s no longer going to working families and can no longer be spent to drive economic growth. In order for us to restore working families’ share of the economy to the same level as 1973, we would need to raise wages by about \$1,000 a month for every full-time worker.

The fall in the American Affordability Index is an indicator of the single biggest problem with our modern economy - that \$1.3 trillion a year taken from our workers and sucked out of demand for goods and services has now become excess profits flowing into the pockets of monopolies who use it to buy more businesses, political influence and their own stock.

We’ve allowed monopolies to form in virtually every sector, stifling the critical competitive component of capitalism that ensures strong purchasing power for working families and we’re now rapidly transitioning to a lose-lose economy. These monopolies

lies have not only refused to reduce prices to reflect lower labor costs due to automation, many have even gouged consumers by raising prices arbitrarily. It may not be politically convenient to say it, but monopolies in health care insurance, pharmaceuticals, fuel, electric power and communications are playing a leading role in destroying The American Dream and our democracy.

If we want to return to a win-win economy and a stable democracy, where workers once again drive economic growth, we need reforms that increase working family purchasing power by breaking up dangerous monopolies.

Our democracy and economy will shine when the federal government once again serves to “... promote the general Welfare” by ensuring competition, health and safety for all our citizens. In fact, the federal government should take every opportunity to give workers more purchasing power, including reversing the Trump Tax Cut flim-flam, passing Medicare for all, raising the minimum wage and negotiating for drug prices while investing in research and development, retraining, renewable energy and infrastructure.

Members of the Patriotic Millionaires are high-net worth Americans, business leaders, and investors who are united in their concern about the destabilizing concentration of wealth and power in America. Their mission is to build a more stable, prosperous and inclusive nation by promoting public policies based on the “first principles” of equal political representation, a guaranteed living wage for all working citizens, and a fair tax system. You can find out more at <http://patrioticmillionaires.org/about/>

D-Day still touches a nerve with Americans

By Tom Emery

Sitting in the choppy waters of the English Channel the day before D-Day, nineteen-year-old Private James R. Lambeth wondered what would happen on the beaches of Normandy.

“We had no idea what we were getting into,” recalled Lambeth. “I’d never seen combat before, and had no idea what it would be like.”

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 marked the anniversary of the massive D-Day invasion and Lambeth, a member of the 37th Amphibious Combat Engineers, was one of 156,000 men on Omaha Beach at Normandy on that day in 1944. Over seventy years later, the action still touches a nerve with many Americans.

A retired farmer from Plainview, Ill., Lambeth, 94, has vivid memories of those fateful hours.

“I don’t know how to explain it, but we really didn’t have time to get scared,” he remarked. “When the guns opened on us, we just had to find cover somewhere. When you saw your buddies start dropping all around you, you knew you’d better do something to make it through.”

The invasion was part of Operation Overlord, a massive offensive spearheaded by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to land enormous Allied forces in western Europe. An estimated 50,000 vehicles, 13,000 planes and 5,000 ships and landing craft were involved.

One of five beaches along Normandy that saw action, Omaha was the deadliest on D-Day, mainly because of the imposing German defense. Some 3,000 barricades were placed along the beach, while mines and mortars presented other hazards. Well-positioned machine gun nests instantly opened fire as the Allies stepped off their Higgins boats and other transports.

By nightfall, some 100,000 troops had made it ashore. Within five days, over 326,000 soldiers and 100,000 tons of equipment had landed as the beachhead became a key drop-off point for Allied supplies. The offensive ultimately proved successful, and eleven months later, the war in the European Theater was over.

Bill Thien, a past national Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, credits veterans of World War II, including



Transports

The view inside a landing craft in the English Channel, approaching Normandy on the D-Day invasion. Note the crowded masses of men, vehicles, and equipment. Photo courtesy of James R. Lambeth, Plainview, Ill.

those at Normandy, with changing the world. “Certainly, they influenced the world we know,” remarked Thien. “It all would have come out much differently if it wasn’t for what they did.”

The term D-Day had practical meaning. The ‘D’ stands for day, as the planned invasion date was unknown, and dependent on the weather. It was originally thought the landing would take place on June 5, but a storm stranded the troops in the turbulent waters of the English Channel, leaving them soaked and seaskick.

Lambeth suffered five severe shrapnel wounds at Omaha Beach, leading to a three-month stay in a military hospital in England. One injury caused nerve damage in his right arm, affecting his ability to farm his land after the war.

“A lot of us wouldn’t talk about Omaha, or the war on the whole, for years afterward,” commented Lambeth. “It was a memory that wasn’t too pleasant, and we didn’t want to think about it.”

The number of surviv-

ing veterans of D-Day is dwindling rapidly, as are numbers of World War II participants on the whole. According to the National World War II Museum, an average of 372 World War II veterans die each day in the United States.

“Calling them the “greatest generation” is something that holds up well,” remarked Thien, who had several relatives who fought and died in World War II. “They went from the Depression to World War II, then they came home, went to work and raised their families. Very few of them ever complained. It’s just a different group, one that is really special.”

More than seven decades later, Lambeth reflects on his experience on D-Day with great pride. “It means a lot to me,” he said. “I did the best that I could do, and I feel I did my share to preserve the life and freedoms we have today in this country.”

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Letter to the Editor

Beware pesticides

The mosquitoes are here and once again the city will be doing unannounced mosquito spraying. No advance notice to prepare

your family and pets to be sprayed with a dangerous pesticide that will not only kill many insects, but also beneficial bees and aquatic life.

If you happen to be outside and are caught in the spray, please don’t breathe the spray mist while you grab your family and race for your house. Next, shower and change your clothes.

Did you forget your pets and animals outside? Their food and water are supposed to be covered before pesticide application.

Oh, don’t forget to launder all those contaminated clothes separately from the rest of your laundry.

What if you didn’t hear or see the mosquito spray rig drive through town? You just came out of a business place and breathed in the spray mist and contaminated your clothing. You will be wearing the pesticide for awhile, I’m afraid, unaware of what you were exposed to.

Although this pesticide is cleared to be used on some fruits and vegetables, it is not to be sprayed on leafy brassicas, for example, kale.

Does the city tell you this in their newsletter? Is this information posted anywhere for the public to read?

One short sentence on the pesticide label says it all. “Human Flagg is Prohibited.” If one person on the ground, stepping off distance for aerial spray application is totally prohibited, then why is it permitted to be sprayed on people, adults and kids, on the ground, unaware of the dangers of this product, given no advance notice of spray application or any information about procedures to follow when contaminated with this pesticide?

Cheryl Blasing
Motley, Minn.

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Rotary planting trees for the future

Ian H.S. Riseley, president of Rotary International, issued a challenge when he took office on July 1, 2017. He wanted Rotarians to plant 1.2 million trees - one for every Rotarian in the world. "There's something about planting a tree that speaks to people in a very primal way. It shows a long-term commitment to the community," Riseley said. As of the beginning of June, Rotary International announced that they had far surpassed that goal and are now waiting for a final count. Members of the Staples Rotary Club hold just a few of the seedlings they were planting in the area. From left, Ed Perry, Al Kolling, Marv Rothstein, Jim Vogel and Chuck Mayer. For more information see www.rotary.org or the Environment Sustainability Rotarian Action Group at esrag.org. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Author Alison McGhee to speak

Alison McGhee, Book Ends guest author for June, writes for all ages in all forms, from novels to poems, picture books to memoir.

She has won four Minnesota Book Awards, and her debut novel "Shadow Baby" was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. She has won several other awards, fellowships, and residencies and teaches writing workshops at The Loft Learning Center in Minneapolis.

Her most recent novels are "Never Coming Back," published last fall, and "What I Leave Behind," published in May 2018. "Never Coming Back" picks up the story of mother Tamar and daughter Claire of "Shadow Baby" twenty years later.



Alison McGhee

Book Ends is a monthly meet-the-author event on second Saturdays at The Uptown in Wadena, beginning at 11 a.m. and concluding with lunch.

Authors discuss their books and writing styles and habits. Audience members, both readers and

writers, may question the author or comment on the written work or writing style. Book sales and autographs follow the presentation.

"Alison pushes the limits of novel format, much like her May predecessor at Book Ends and writing friend Julie Schumacher," says moderator Jerry Mevissen. "It's an indication of competence and supreme confidence. Her books are a joy to read."

Book Ends is hosted by An Open Book of Wadena, where Alison McGhee's books are stocked. The public is invited to The Uptown Saturday, June 9, at 11 a.m. There is no charge for the event. Attendees are encouraged to stay for lunch and chat with the author.

Ben Welter to share state history

A program featuring author Ben Welter will be held Sunday, June 17, at 2 p.m. at the Robertson Theatre, Wadena.

Welter is the former news copy chief at the Star Tribune and his book, "Minnesota Moxie: True Tales of Courage, Muscle & Grit in the Land of Ten Thousand Lakes" is a collection of fascinating and inspiring stories culled from Star Tribune newspaper archives.

Minnesotans are a tough lot. In 1921, young Phoebe Fairgrave set a parachute record, stepping

off the wing of a biplane 15,200 feet above the Twin Cities. In 1962, the last powerhouse Gophers football team brought home the Rose Bowl trophy. A year later, thirteen-year-old Jean Webb of Minneapolis risked arrest and refused to leave a segregated restaurant. In 1979, Gerry Spiess crossed the Atlantic alone in a 10-foot sailboat he built in his White Bear Lake garage.

These and other stories are presented in their original form by Welter along with in-depth background, fresh interviews and his-

toric photos in his newest book published by Arcadia Publishing & The History Press.

This is the final program in this year's Spring Legacy Series. It is presented by the Wadena County Historical Society in collaboration with the Wadena Library and funded by a grant from Kitchigami Library System. A Fall Legacy Series is being planned.

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

Dairy Month coloring contest open

The Todd County American Dairy Association is accepting entries for their coloring contest in observance of June as Dairy Month.

Children ages 0-12 years can pick up a coloring page until June 30, from participating businesses. They're encouraged to be creative

in their coloring and to return their entry to the Staples Dairy Queen. Just for entering the coloring contest, children receive a free DQ treat. The entries will be judged by Todd County Dairy Ambassadors, and be sure to include your name and age on the entry. The selected will have the opportunity to win a medium sized DQ cake.

Age categories are: 0-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-12 years. One entry per child

will be accepted.

Participating Staples businesses include: Staples Ace Hardware, New Tech Computers, Staples Auto Sales, First International Bank and Trust, Jon's Family Foods, Staples Veterinary Clinic, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Olson Custom Farm Services, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., Staples World.

Historic Carnival set for June 15

The 4th annual Historic Carnival will be held Friday, June 15, from 1-4 p.m. at the Wadena County Museum grounds during Wadena's June Jubilee.

This free event features fun for all ages; horse and carriage rides, a stiltwalker, historic impersonators, Marie the cook on the Ox Cart Trail, delicious frybread and live music by The Tubador.

In addition, Sundae and

Mr. Goessl, will hold a free preview performance from 3-4 p.m. of their concert of historic jazz to be held later that evening in New York Mills.

The Historic Carnival is sponsored by the friends and members of the Wadena County Historical Society and by a donation from Arvig. For more information call 218-631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net.

Mark Your Calendar

June 18 - 22

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH Monday, June 18 - Friday, June 22, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Theme is 'Shipwrecked, Rescued by Jesus.' For info., or to register, call 218-296-2441. Online info. at www.motleyfreemethodist-church.com/vbs.html.

June 19, 20

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK In sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., June 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., June 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., June 20, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.

'Reading Takes You Everywhere' this summer

Rachael Kroog's KidPower kicks off summer reading program at Staples Public Library

Rachael Kroog is bringing her interactive music and educational animal show, "KidPower-It's Cool to be Kind" to the Staples Public Library Monday, June 11, to kick off the summer reading program "Reading Takes You Everywhere."

The show will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and is a family event open to all ages.

From Australia to Peru, dinosaurs to dragons, Kidpower with Rachael Kroog uses music, humor, life-size ventriloquist puppets and educational live animals to accompany us on our adventurous journey remembering to be kind to all we meet along the way.

Kroog has been wowing audiences with her unique blend of interactive guitar music, comedy, cartoon impressions and juggling. Her high energy and fast paced shows also draw upon her captivating storytelling and theatrical techniques.

Children of all ages are invited to read books and win great prizes this summer with the Staples Public Library's summer reading program until Saturday, Aug. 11.

The theme of this year's program, "Reading Takes You Everywhere," focuses on the excitement and new discoveries found in books, libraries, our communities and beyond.

The purpose of the Summer Reading Program (SRP) is to defeat the summer slide - the tendency for students to lose their academic footing during the break from the classroom. Studies show that the summer slide disproportionately affects children from lower income families, leaving them even further behind their peers in the fall.

The benefits of summer reading are undeniable. Research by the National Summer Learning Association (NSLA) finds that students who participate in public library summer reading programs scored higher on reading achievement tests at the beginning of the next school year than those who did not participate - in some cases, significantly higher.

The SRP begins on Monday, June 11, be sure to sign up at the library. Children and teens ages 0-18 will receive a reading record to track their activities. These reading records must be completed and returned to the library by the end of the program in order to be eligible for prize drawings.

Other programs offered at the Staples Public Library include:

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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

D.I.Y. fun activity - 'Summer reading'

Weekly guessing games - "Where are we going" for preschoolers; "Fictional Signpost" for school age and "Minnesota Attractions" for teens. Stop in



KidPower

Rachel Kroog's show will be Monday, June 11, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Staples Public Library. This family event is open to all ages. (Submitted photo)

the library for details and to play. Each week a prize winner in each of the categories will be selected. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Ongoing through June, July and August during library open hours.

'Page Turners' tween/teen book club - June 12

Join us for games, book discussion, crafts and other fun activities. Ages eight to 18. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Tuesday, June 12 from 4-5 p.m.

Reading Roundhouse - June 13

Join us for a fun storytime and activities; 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 13. Ages Pre K to second grade. Registration is required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the library.

Imagination Camp - June 20

Join us for fun crafts and games. For ages eight

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, June 12, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider resolution supporting application to Minnesota Housing for Central Minnesota Housing Partnership Townhome project.
- Consider first reading of Ordinance 519-amending Staples City Code Section 5.04, Subd f. Variances.
- Consider resolution appointing election judges.
- Hear committee reports from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Staples Economic Development Authority and Marketing Tourism Board.
- City Administrator's report
- Open forum.

to 12. Registration required. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. Wednesday, June 20, 10-11 a.m.

For more information on any of the activities contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. Hours: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

School board work session and special meeting

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet in a work session Monday, June 11, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center to receive an update on facilities and to review the 2018-19 preliminary budget.

Immediately following the work session, the board will hold a special meeting to accept the resignation of Jaime Boesen, business manager, effective June 30; to approve a contract for Lynette Vavreck, special education teacher; and to approve the dissolution of the cooperative program for girls gymnastics with Brainerd, Crosby and Pequot Lakes due to lack of participants from Staples-Motley schools.

Bike blessing in Motley

All motorcyclists are invited to a Bike Blessing event Saturday, June 9, at the Motley Fairgrounds, 196 Morrison St. W., Motley.

Registration begins at 10 a.m., followed by a message at 10:30 a.m. Lunch (burgers, brats, hotdogs and other goodies) will be served at 11 a.m. Free will donation. The ride begins at noon.

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Obituaries



David Johnstone

David G. Johnstone, 65 of Browerville, passed away May 23, 2018, surrounded by his family

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 9, at 11 a.m., at the Assembly of God Church in Long Prairie, with Pastor John Serrano officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, June 8, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Assembly of God Church in Long Prairie and one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home of Browerville.

David was born September 5, 1952 to Sheldon G. and Evelyn M. (Vanderhoef) Johnstone. He graduated from Staples High School in 1970. David was employed by Burlington Northern Railroad in Staples and Edgemont, South Dakota as a conductor and engineer. David married Diane M. Cline of Browerville on July 13, 1975. In 1979 they bought the family dairy farm and he also drove truck. He went to work for Union Pacific Railroad in August 8, 1998 and was promoted to engineer in 2000 where he worked until his passing. He was the local chairman of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineer and Trainmen Division 333 and was also the Northern Region 3rd Vice Chairman. He was a crop farmer, enjoyed welding, plumbing, electric wiring and working on machinery, spending time with his family, friends, fishing, hunting, church and many road trips. He especially enjoyed attending and watching his children and grandchildren in their events.

Dave is survived by his wife; three sons, Christopher (Sara), Michael (Joni) and Joshua; seven grandchildren; three sisters, Alice Harris, Linda Miller, Donna (Terry) Zimmer; step-siblings, Dave (Karen) Cowell, Mike Danielson and Coleen (Jerry) Bitker; many nieces and nephews and his dog, Hope.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents; step mom. Agnes Johnstone; granddaughter, Kristin Johnstone; step-sister, Patty Danielson; father-in-law, Clifton J. Cline; brothers-in-law Chuck Cline and Willie Harris.

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Mary Stangle-Hess

Mary Catherine Stangle-Hess, 57, of Staples passed away May 30, 2018, at her home following a courageous battle with ocular melanoma.

A Celebration of Mary's Life will be held on Sunday June 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Landmark Inn, 631 3rd Ave., Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday June 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Staples with Father Joseph Korf officiating.

Interment will follow at the family plot at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples with a gathering of fellowship at the church following.

Mary was born December 14, 1961, in Minneapolis to James and Joyce Mohler.

Mary's greatest love was her family, followed by her love of being in the woods. She was an avid hunter, passionate gardener and found joy and peace with nature. She was a business woman, crusader, fighter for the underdog and offered a trusting, helping hand. Her many talents and interests made her short life a kaleidoscope of memories. One of her greatest career accomplishments was receiving her nursing degree and working as a hospice nurse.

Mary is survived by her parents; four children, Scott Stangle (Shannon Middendorf), Sauk Center, Alyssa Stangle, Staples, Hannah (Jacob) Krebs, Duluth and Joseph Hess, Fargo; six grandchildren, Jakob, Jaden, Timothy and Kyra Stangle, Josiah and Jaxton Critten; three sisters, Ann Ohmann, St. Cloud, Jennifer Braun, Brainerd, Kate Mohler, Chandler, AZ and one brother, Craig Mohler, Des Moines, IA; two nieces, Shanna Wahlstrand and Maria Ohmann; one nephew, James C. Mohler and her dog, Loki.

Mary was preceded in death by grandparents, Clarence and Lotus Mohler, Leo and Elizabeth Wettstein; one nephew, Matthew Wahlstrand and brother-in-law, James Braun.

Those desiring may make memorial donations towards the planting of a tree in Mary's honor at the Northern Pacific Park, Staples or to Staples Motley Dollars for Scholars.

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Frederick Becker

Frederick (Fred) Miles Becker, 90, of Browerville, passed away May 31, 2018, at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa.

Funeral services were held June 6, 2018 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville with Fr. Tom Becker and Fr. Mitchell Bechtold con-celebrants.

Interment was at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery, Browerville.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

Fred was born to Louis and Anna (Host) Becker March 21, 1928 on a farm east of Browerville. He attended country school through the eighth grade. After school he worked with his father as a carpenter. He married Dorothy Polak on June 15, 1949 at St Peter's Catholic Church in Browerville. In 1961, Fred started Becker Construction Co., building houses, churches and other buildings including the clubhouse and some of the homes at Sylvan Shores.

Fred served as a trustee and other positions at his church and was a member of the Browerville KC's. He enjoyed hunting, fishing in the area and especially in Montana and traveling throughout the United States, Venezuela and Can-



ada.

Fred is survived by four daughters, Bonnie (Richard) Edelbrock, Debbie (Loren) Eich, Lori (Randy) Alsleben and Jackie (Tom) Berg; seven sons, Father Tom Becker, Dan (Barb) Becker, Dale (Connie) Becker, Randy (Peggy) Becker, Russell (Maria) Becker, Duane (Karen) Becker and Jim (Janet) Becker; 47 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; one brother, Ken (Marylee) Becker; two sisters, Margie Zins and Clara Johnson and one sister-in-law, Mary Becker and brother-in-law Edward (Bernice) Polak..

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; five sisters, Helen Biermaier, Mildred Becker, Lucille Hoelscher, Rita Jubert and Barb Holmquist and one brother, Dick Becker.

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Lee Denny

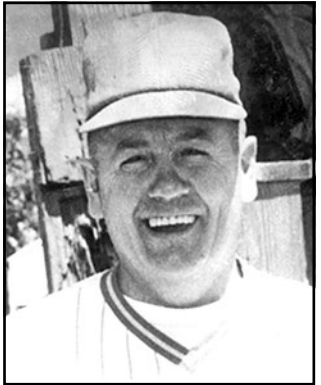
Lee Edwin Denny, 90, of Staples, formerly of Verndale, passed away May 29, 2018 at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples after a courageous 16-year battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Thursday, June 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Verndale Alliance Church. A "Time of Sharing" will begin at 6:00 p.m. Military honors provided by Elmer Goche post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena.

Private burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena.

Lee was born on July 9, 1927 to Paul and Daphne (Snow) Denny in Wadena. Lee attended Verndale Public Schools until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1944. Stationed in Washington state, Lee found a passion for the game of baseball and after his discharge in 1947, he continued his baseball career playing for the Verndale Bison. He married Donna Coleman on March 30, 1951. Throughout his career as a third baseman, he was fortunate enough to play alongside his four sons. Lee had the privilege of being inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame



in 1976

Lee was employed as a Holsum Bread Truck driver for 33 years and worked for Ernie's Foods in his retirement. He was a member of the Verndale Christian Missionary Alliance. Lee enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, shaking dice with his buddies and watching the Minnesota Twins and Vikings.

Lee is survived by his wife of 67 years; four sons Rick (Brenda) Denny of Colorado Springs, CO, Ronnie (Robin) Denny of St. Cloud, Roger (Candy) Denny of Crystal and Randy (Juli) Denny of Shoreview; one daughter, Shari (Brad) Schmidt of Fort Worth, TX; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and many relatives and friends.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents; sister and brother-in-law, Ruth and Bently Conn.

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James Tepley, Sr.

James "Jim" Tepley, Sr., 86, of Staples, passed away May 31, 2018, at Lakewood Pines in Staples.

Funeral services were held on June 6 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Fr. Joe Korfe officiating.

Interment was at St. Isidore's Catholic Cemetery, Moran Township.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

James was born August 3, 1931 in Fawn Lake Township, Todd County, to Benjamin and Blanch (Dvorak) Tepley. He married Darlene Palava on June 28, 1952. James hauled milk for the Clarissa Creamery and worked for Land 'O Lakes for 30 years. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, working in the vegetable and flower gardens, feeding the birds and mowing lawn. He was a member of St. Isidore's Catholic Church where he served as a trustee and was a member of the parish council. He was the groundskeeper for the church grounds and the cemetery for many

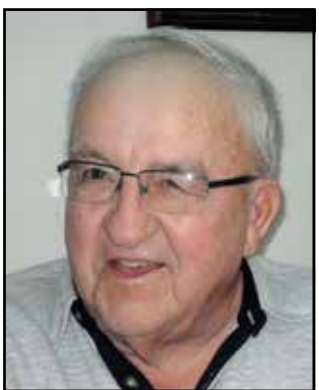


years. He enjoyed dancing with his wife; was active in teaching his children how to hunt, fish, roller skate, swim and was their driving instructor.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Cindy Kaye, Susan Tepley and Nancy (Bill Witt) Mertens and one son, Jim (Linda) Tepley; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Frank (Cheryl) Tepley and one sister, Shirley (Alan) Judd.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Caroline; one brother, Ben and grandson, Travis Tepley.

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Dean Fearing

Dean Fearing, 92, of Staples, died June 2, 2018, at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at held Thursday, June 7, 2018, at noon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Father Joe Korf officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, with Military Honors provided by the Wadena VFW Post #3922.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Dean was born May 1, 1926 in Eagle Bend to Floyd and Doris (Weber) Fearing. He was raised and attended school in Eagle Bend. At age 16, he moved to Staples where he started working at Scharf Chevrolet and continued his career there as a car salesman, after it became Nyhus Chevrolet, retiring at age 86. Dean served in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was on an attack transport that carried 1,800 U.S. Marines in the first wave at Iwo Jima and Okinawa, where he served as a cook for the Chiefs Quarters. Dean married Lorraine Carlson on April 25, 1946 in Staples. Lorraine died November 22, 1977. He married Mary Citrowski on May 22, 1982 in Browerville. She died November 25, 2009. Dean loved to go fishing and fry fish and continued doing so until he was 86. He enjoyed bingo with Henry, Joann and Frank, telling jokes, playing Farkle, cribbage, puzzles and going to the casino with Orv and Marge. He was a Staples Volunteer Fireman for 21 years. Dean was a master at remembering names and knew generations of families. Dean's lawn was always impeccable as was his apartment, "Fearing Clean", in true Fearing fashion.

Dean is survived by children, Lori (Blayne) Kern of Bessemer, MI, Patti (Brian) Baustian of Alexandria, Scott (Lori) Fearing of Staples, Kristi (Chris) Lessin of Cohasset, Kelly (Todd) Swenson of San Antonio, TX, Jim (Cindy) Citrowski of Cloquet, Diane Salverson of Verndale, Richard Citrowski of Florida, Marilyn (Rick) Brichacek of Browerville, David (Virg) Citrowski of Richfield; 28 grandchildren; many great and great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; one brother, Bruce Fearing; his son Terry's significant other, Judy Goodman of Grand Rapids, MI.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two wives; one son, Terry; six sisters, Connie, Margie, Bonnie, Deanna, Corrine, Annette; three brothers, Norton, Joseph and Leroy (Swede).

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Leona Ziehl

Leona J. Ziehl, 77, of Bloomington, passed away June 4, 2018.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 7 at 11 a.m. at Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 11000 France Ave. South, Bloomington. Visitation is one hour prior to services at the church. Reception to follow.

Interment will be at Bloomington Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Gill Brothers Funeral Home, Bloomington.

Leona was born to Albert E. and Jenna S. Smith at home in Lincoln, Minnesota on June 16, 1940. She attended Lincoln school in Staples for grades 1-6 and public school for grades 7-12 in Staples graduating in 1958. She entered Mankato State College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics and Biology in 1961. In 1987 she received her master's degree.

On September 12, 1959 she married Melvin A. Ziehl in Lincoln at the Lincoln Community Church. Following graduation from college, she taught one year in Lake Crystal; two years in Japan and three years in Bermuda. Moving back to Lakeville, she returned to teaching in 1977 in Farmington. With a leave of absence, she went to Germany where she taught at Bitburg High School for three years. She retired from teaching in 1990 and moved to Prior Lake enjoying her retirement years gardening, quilting, traveling, volunteering at church and most of all her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Erich August Ziehl in 2002; three brothers, Roland, Rodney and Keith and one sister, Amy.

She is survived by one daughter Gretchen (David); granddaughter, Abby; grandson, Nathan; daughter-in-law, Erin; grandson, Joshua; granddaughter, Morgan; brother, Allen and their spouses and children's families.

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Russell Petree

Russell Jerome Petree, 68, of Baxter passed away May 27, 2018 at his home.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, June 11, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter, with visitation one hour prior to the services.

Interment will be in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Baxter.

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Much Appreciated

Poppies help support veterans

The American Legion Auxiliary of Staples would like to thank all the businesses for all their donations for our Poppy Cards and our regular Poppy Drive held May 11. These funds are for our veterans.

On May 26, the veterans at Lakewood Health System Care Center and staff were presented poppies to wear.

God Bless our veterans at home and abroad.

Shirley Morrison,
Poppy chairperson

Thank You

to all who came to visit me in the hospital and my home, who called to wish me well, and to those who remembered me in their prayers during my recent health issues. Your prayers worked and I am on my way to a full recovery! It certainly helped me come to the realization of how much I took for granted in my ability to function on my own. Life is very fragile, and our bodies are a precious gift from our Maker. Take care of your own!

Best regards,
Mark Bounds

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In Case you forgot!

DEADLINES

For all classified ads, including garage sales, is 5p.m. Monday to be published in Thursday's Staples World.

For publication in Saturday's Staples Square Shooter the deadline is 5p.m. Wednesday

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Obituaries

Jeanette Etzler



Eva “Jeanette” Etzler, 85, of Staples, died June 3, 2018, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, June 8 at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Fr. Lauren Germann officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church. Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples. Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples. Jeanette was born December 24, 1932 in Staples, to Frank and Lila (Marsh) Kowalski. She was raised in Staples and attended country school in Fawn Lake Township. On April 27, 1948 she married Martin Etzler at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Motley. They lived in Villard Township in Staples. Jeanette worked at Morey’s in Motley and at the Mary Rondorf Home in Staples for 25 years. She enjoyed baking pies, making homemade bread, cooking and gardening. Jeanette is survived by three sons, Martin (Margie) Etzler of Staples, Ken Etzler of Corcoran and Melvin (Cathie) Etzler of Hazen, ND; two daughters, Sherry (Timothy) Godby of Pfafftown, NC and Doreen (Devon) Shafer of Hackensack; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; seven great great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lucille Etzler of Lake City, Agnes (Ron) Carry of Cushing and Joan (Rudy) Bjerga of Motley; one brother, Frank (Shirley) Kowalski of Staples. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband and daughter-in-law, Cathy Etzler.

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Cyril Beach



Cyril Fredrick Beach, 74, of Quartzsite, AZ, formerly of the Pillager and Staples areas, passed away April 14, 2018 in Lake Havasu City, AZ. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, June 23, 2018, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Lions Community Center in Verndale. Arrangements are with Thurston-Lindberg Funeral Home, Anoka. Cyril was born October 26, 1943 in Richfield. He worked at many things

during his life from heavy equipment, building homes, plumbing and heating, ironwork, truck driving and concrete work. He married Sharon Meech, his wife of 55 years. One of his passions was singing and playing guitar. He made two CDs as well. He enjoyed water skiing, 4-wheeling, flying an airplane and being a Mr. Fix-it of most anything. He is survived by his wife; one son, Douglas (Ardis) Beach; three daughters, Kelly (Randy) Eisenbraun, Tamela Beach and Debra Beach; seven grandchildren, Amanda Beach, Tyler Kopp, Sami Jo Carry, Derek Clark, Shannon Clark, Paula Eisenbraun, and Amber (Blake) Harris; six great-grandchildren; two brothers; nieces and nephews; Sharon’s family; many friends and special friends, Ralph and Kris Judd.

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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:
Born to Andrea and Josh Wickstrom of Pierz, a baby boy, Hunter Eugen weighing six pounds, 14.6 ounces on May 25, 2018.
Born to Montie and Raymond Horton of Aitkin, a baby girl, Josephine Betty Marie weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on May 25, 2018.
Born to Tamara and Eric Rzab of Akeley, a baby girl, Grace Angel weighing five pounds, 12 ounces on May 29, 2018.
Born to Alicia and Co-

rey Treb of Brainerd, a baby boy, Roman John weighing seven pounds, five ounces on May 30, 2018.
Born to Vanessa and Dale Haverinen of Menahga, a baby girl, Alina Esther weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on May 30, 2018.
Born to Kara and Ryan Kloss of Royalton, a baby girl, Cambria Lee weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on May 30, 2018.
Born to Hallie and Tim Bergeson of Staples, a baby boy, Leo Ward weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on May 30, 2018.

Care Center

Fri., June 8, 9:30 a.m. Faith Lutheran Church; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday w/ Faith Lutheran
Sat., June 9, 10 a.m. Bingo
Sun., June 10, 1:15 p.m. Word game; 2:15 Social time
Mon., June 11, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church
Tues., June 12, 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Church of Christ; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/ Marge; 7 p.m. Round dancers
Weds., June 13, 2 p.m. Bingo
Fri., June 15, 2 p.m. Dairy Princesses; 2 p.m. Father’s Day party
Sat., June 16, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge
Sun., June 17, 2 p.m. Assembly of God singers; 7 p.m. Square dancers
Tues., June 19, 2:15 p.m. Church - St. John’s Luther-

an; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge; 7 p.m. Round dancers
Weds., June 20, 2 p.m. Bingo/ Hosted by Poplar Birthday Group
Thurs., June 21, 10 a.m. Bible Study - Daryl Jacobson; 1 p.m. Dollar Store trip; 4 p.m. Cheers
Sat., June 23, 10 a.m. Bingo/ Marge
Mon, June 25, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church
Tues., June 26 “Wild, Wild West Day” (special activities); 2:15 p.m. Church-Motley Free Methodist; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/ Marge; 7 p.m. Round dancers
Weds., June 27 “Wild, Wild West Day” (special activities); 2 p.m. Bingo/ Marge
Thurs., June 28 “Wild, Wild West Day” (special activities); 4 p.m. Cheers
Sat., June 30, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge



Local dancers to compete at nationals

For the first time ever, the Music General Staples Studio dance line will be going to the Legacy National Dance Competition June 18-22, in Wisconsin Dells. The girls will perform on Tuesday June 19, at 5:30 p.m. with their tap routine, to the song “Legend” . They’ve been working hard at raising funds for the competition, holding a recent fundraiser, where they were amazed by the generosity of community members and busi-

ness owners including: Ace Hardware, Jon’s Family Foods, Ernie’s, Ted & Gen’s BBQ, Staples True Value, Super America and Nyhus Chevrolet. Pictured above, from left: Brookelyn Huisenga, Brianna Owen, Mackenzie Wilds, Ashley Robben, Instructor Kristin Goddard, Georgia Kruchten, Shelby Brusewitz and Madeline Rutherford. (Submitted photo)

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.
Aldrich
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.
Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:30 p.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group.....5:30-7:30 p.m.
St. John’s Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday.....7:00 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Haffert
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.
Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes.....9:00 a.m.
Prayer.....9:20 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Meal
6:30 p.m.....Groups
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone.....218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

The Value of Daily Quiet Time with God

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

A spiritual leader in our church family has a penetrating phrase: “We all do what is important to us.” We can get a long way down the road of the difficult process of inner change if we initially own up to the responsibility (and accountability) of that living truth in our lives. Let’s unpack our phrase above. Bad habits at best and addictions at worse are all too often dismissed or considered hopeless when we resign ourselves to “I just can’t help it” or “I’m this way because of circumstances or because of someone else’s actions toward me.” Now, there may be some “outside” issues connected to what we are struggling with that need to be identified. But, that isn’t the main issue when it comes to change. When I eat too much, I may have stresses in my life, but the main issue is that I am doing what I am considering most important in my life at that time. If I have wayward thoughts and desires, other things may be going on but I need to major on the majors rather than minoring on the minors.

Another mentor author reminded some of us in a seminar that “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” I think much of the things we ponder and struggle with are deeply addressed in having regular (daily, preferably) times with the Lord that are protected and uninterrupted. It’s almost incomprehensible, but God-the-Son had these times regularly (virtually always) with His God-the-Father. In His self-imposed human limitations, His need for the Father was insatiable. My need is exponentially more. Quiet times with the Lord in reflection, Scripture meditation and prayer sorts through the “noise” and “distractions” of life. But, be so aware of how Satan knows that also and as a result, is poised to help us rationalize away (and replace) these life-giving times alone with the One Who made us and died for us. Consider Mark 1:35 after Jesus’ had had a very busy, long previous day.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

Longbella Drug Store
“The Prescription Store”
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Ernie’s Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
“Complete Animal Care”
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Central Building Supply
Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Staples World
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224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value “Just Ask Rental”
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APRIL 3, 2018

MINUTES

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 3rd day of April, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Erickson was absent.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented with the removal of item 5.6 Recruit Deputy Auditor/Treasurer and 11.1 Approve the County Coordinator Job Description Changes until the full board is present.

Consent Agenda

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

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

GAMBLING PERMIT - LITTLE BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Association to hold a raffle at the Diamond Point Supper Club in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on September 15,

2018.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the March 2018 Auditor Warrants number (ACH) 9000003 in the amount of \$5,600 and (Regular) 231450 through 231594 in the amount of \$1,660,522.02 for a total of \$1,666,122.02.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 48533 through 48626 in the amount of \$34,697.20.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 513689 through 513713 in the amount of \$24,302.83 and warrants number 702373 through 702549 in the amount of \$75,986.92.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve acknowledgement of Benson Air Ag, Inc. of Benson, MN for spraying of tent worms in Todd County in the Calendar year 2018 along with the Public shall be notified within 48 hours prior to spraying.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO TODD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUND

WHEREAS, The 2018 Budget for Todd County's support to Todd County Development Corporation has been approved at \$65,200; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received from the Todd County Development Corporation requesting for the allocation of funds from the General Fund to be provided;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$65,200 from the General Fund to the Todd County Development Corporation Fund.

Hands of Hope Resource Center

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

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

APRIL 8-14, 2018

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals, and communities;

WHEREAS, years of investment in crime victims' rights and services have developed a system of victim response that can help victims recover from crime;

WHEREAS, reaching and serving all victims of crime is essential to supporting thriving communities, because those who receive holistic services and support are more likely to remain invested in their communities;

WHEREAS, dedicated victim service providers are working every day to meet the needs of crime victims, yet there are still too many victims without meaningful access to rights and services;

WHEREAS, many victims face barriers - such as isolation, distrust of authorities, language limitations, lack of transportation, or cultural barriers - that keep them from accessing the services and criminal justice systems that can help them recover from crime;

WHEREAS, we must make a dedicated effort to expand the circle of those prepared to respond to victims and link the to the resources that can help them recover;

WHEREAS, engaging a broader array of health care providers, community

leaders, faith organizations, educators, and businesses can provide new links between victims and services that improve their safety, healing, and access to justice;

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime - especially those who are challenging to reach or serve - are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

WHEREAS, Hands of Hope Resource Center is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities, and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of April 8-14, 2018 as Crime Victims' Rights Week

And reaffirm Todd County's commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

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

2018 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the board of commissioners and Hands of Hope resource Center work jointly towards making every home and community in Todd County safe, and;

WHEREAS, the voices of those who have been victimized by sexual assault must be heard through public awareness and education activities, and;

WHEREAS, in 2017, Hands of Hope Resource Center served 90 new victims of sexual assault, 29 of those victims were children, more than double the number of children served in 2016, 29 were adult victims, and the remaining 32 were secondary victims, moms, dads, siblings, friends and extended family members, which is also double 2016 numbers. The bulk of these 90 victims are constituents of this county board. One other frightening factor we need to remember, is that over 60 percent of sexual assaults are never reported, and;

WHEREAS, over three fourths of these assaults are committed by someone that is known to the victim, and often times takes place either in the victim's home or within a mile of that home, and nearly half of all sexual assaults are happening to our children under 18 years of age, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners join Hands of Hope Resource Center in encouraging all Todd County residents to become a part of the solution to eliminate sexual violence in our county, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and urge folks to speak out if they see or hear something going on, call law enforcement, reach out to victims, learn more about this crime, and join those who are already speaking out. Working together, we can support victims and make a difference. We never know when the next victim will be our child, grandchild or brother or sister.

Emergency Management

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker,

the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To close the Justice Center for training on August 8, 2018 for the hours of 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to the public.

Public Works

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2018 BITUMINOUS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 21, 2018 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-609-009, SAP 077-614-019, CP 18:76, CP 18:77, and CP 77-18-01, said projects for bituminous highway construction work at various locations in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Tri-City Paving, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$3,607,639.32

Mark Sand & Gravel, Fergus Falls, Minnesota: \$3,747,677.85

Anderson Brothers Construction, Brainerd, Minnesota: \$3,878,657.52

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$3,886,499.03

Knife River Corporation, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota: \$4,327,602.35

Duininck Construction, Prinsburg, Minnesota: \$5,020,712.30

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Tri-City Paving of Little Falls, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$3,607,639.32.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2018 GRAVEL SURFACING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 27, 2018 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 18:80, said project for gravel surfacing construction work on County Road 80 in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Braaten Aggregate, Bertha, Minnesota: \$58,291.

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$59,924.

Hard Rock Screening, LLC, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$62,764.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Braaten Aggregate of Bertha, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$58,291.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2018 DUST CONTROL PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 27, 2018 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 77-18-08, said project for dust control on various Todd County Highways, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Northern Salt, Inc. Forest Lake, Minnesota: \$110,811.82

Tri City Paving, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$113,345.98

EnviroTech Services, Greeley, Colorado: \$118,529.48

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 Northern Salt, Inc. of Forest Lake, Minnesota

based on their low bid of \$110,811.82.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2018 PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 27, 2018 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 77-18-03, said project for pavement markings on various Todd County highways, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Traffic Marking Service, Inc., Maple Lake, Minnesota: \$44,839.50

AAA Striping Service Co., Saint Michael, Minnesota: \$45,882.28

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 Traffic Marking Service, Inc. of Maple Lake, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$44,839.50.

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

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2018 HSIP PAVEMENT STRIPING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 27th, 2018 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SP 077-070-009 and SP 077-070-010, said projects for 6" wide latex edge lines and 6" wide ground-in wet reflective epoxy edge lines located on various highways in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Traffic Marking Services, Inc., Maple Lake, Minnesota: \$359,571.86

AAA Striping Service Co., Saint Michael, Minnesota: \$388,336.37

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. of Maple Lake, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$359,571.86.

Great River Regional Library

Karen Pundsack, Cathy Perish and Jennifer Shattuck provided the County Board with a presentation of the 2017 Great River Regional Library activities.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: Write off a total amount of \$1,394.88 for uncollectable debts for years 2010 - 2017.

MIS Dept

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the rebranded logo for Todd County as presented.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on current projects including CLA audit progression, 2018 Tax Statement release, and Finance Committee report.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including current recruitments, solid waste transition, and training opportunity via extension dept.

Recess

Commissioner Neumann recessed the meeting until April 17, 2018.

AUDITORS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CITY OF	
EAGLE BEND.....	\$7,726.12
CITY OF	

See **TCC** on page 9a

Public Notices

NOTICE WADENA COUNTY FRIENDLY RIDER TRANSIT

229 Harry Rich Dr.
Wadena, MN 56482
218-631-5730

Notice is hereby given that on Sunday, July 1, 2018 Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit will end the New Service Expansion Route from Wadena, MN to Brainerd, MN.

Randy Jahnke
Wadena County Transit
Director
23-26pnc

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, June 11, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., at the Todd County Courthouse, 221 First Avenue South, Suite 200, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

Curtis Bryniarski
Administrative Assistant
23pnc

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF REGION FIVE

PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a public hearing held Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at SourceWell (formerly known as National Joint Powers Alliance), 202 12th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Public comment and review of FISCAL YEAR 2019 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET.

23pnc

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

NOTICE the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will conduct a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 18, 2018 at the Staples City Hall located at 122 6th Street NE to receive public input regarding the 2018 Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the plan is available on the City website at staples.govoffice.com or contact Melissa Radermacher at 218-514-5003.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard on this important matter or submit written comments to the City Clerk prior to the hearing.

Dated: June 7, 2018

Diane Archer, City Clerk
23pnc

NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES

PRIMARY ELECTION

These procedures shall be applicable to the Primary Election to be held in Todd County on August 14, 2018.

The election will be conducted by mail in the following precinct:

City of Swanville

All voters in this precinct who are registered by the 21st day before the election (July 24, 2018) will be mailed a ballot.

The County Auditor of Todd County no earlier than forty-six (46) days and no later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the election will mail the ballots. The ballot will be addressed to the voter at the voter's residence as shown on the registration file unless the voter requests, in writing, an absentee ballot that will be mailed to the voter at a different address.

A voter who is not registered to vote in the district on the 21st day before the election may submit, by mail or in person, an application for absentee ballot to the County Auditor of Todd County and receive voter registration forms and an absentee ballot for the election.

Mail or absentee ballots must be received by the County Auditor of Todd County by mail or in person no later than 8:00 p.m. on August 14. The ballot must be returned in the ballot secrecy envelope and return envelope provided by the County Auditor. The voter and the voter's witness must complete the mail voter's certificate on the return envelope. The voter may bring his/her blank ballot and envelopes to the Auditor's Office to have a staff member serve as a witness if they do not have a witness.

An assistive voting device will be available at the Todd County Auditor's Office to permit persons with disabilities to bring their blank ballot to the courthouse to vote privately and independently. This system will be available for public demonstration in the Auditor's Office beginning June 29. The Auditor's Office is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse on the day of the election. The ballots will be counted at the Todd County Main Street Government Center in Long Prairie, Minnesota, after 8:00 p.m.

Additional information concerning this election may be received from the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 215 1st Ave. S #201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347, by telephone at 320-732-4414, or by e-mail at elections@co.todd.mn.us.

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Construction continues

Crews were working May 31, putting in the underground fuel storage tanks for the new Casey's General Store at Hwy 10 and 7th St. NE, Staples. The target opening is Sept. 27. The Tradesmen Construction, Inc., of Alexandria is the general contractor. Pictured in lower left is Construction Supervisor Doug

Crumrine, Nebraska. The tanks each hold 30,000 gallons and weigh about 12,000 pounds empty. To prepare for the tanks, crews had to dig a 14 ft. deep hole measuring 30 ft. x 60 ft. Subcontractors were there that day as well, putting in plumbing and electricity. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Staples Police respond to variety of complaints

The following were reported to the Staples Police recently:

May 14, Staples Police received a report of a school bus stop arm violation on the 1000 block of 2nd Ave NE. Dalton Holmberg, 18, was cited.

May 16, Staples Police responded to a property damage accident at the intersection of 12th St NE and Hwy 10 W. Richard Melhorn of Cushing turned into the westbound lane of Hwy 10, attempting to go east. He struck Derek Larson of Hugo, who was traveling west. There was moderate damage to both vehicles.

May 16, Staples Police received a report of a school bus stop arm violation on the 500 block of Warner Rd. Samantha Pruitt, 29, was cited.

May 17, Staples Police assisted Verndale Police Dept. in stopping a vehicle traveling on Hwy 10, that was involved in a hit and run accident in the City of Verndale.

May 19, Staples Police were notified of an intoxicated individual in a parking lot of the 200 block of 4th St. NE. Police attempted to wake the individual up, but he was unresponsive, he was transported to LHS Hospital by ambulance.

May 20, Staples Police received a report of a domestic that had taken place in the early morning hours. After speaking with the reporting party, police gathered enough evidence to make an arrest, but was

unable to locate the suspect.

May 21, Staples Police assisted Wadena County in locating an intoxicated suicidal male walking on Cty Rd 30.

May 21, Staples Police responded to a report of a student feeling suicidal.

May 22, Staples Police received a driving complaint which occurred at the 4th St. NE and Hwy 10 intersection. The report stated that an individual had pulled onto Hwy 10, and had failed to yield to the traffic on Hwy 10. The complainant stated they came very close to hitting the driver who failed to yield. The incident is under investigation.

May 22, Staples Police observed an individual walking down Hwy 10 and cited the individual for possession of drug paraphernalia.

May 24, Staples Police assisted with a stow-away subject getting off the Amtrak train.

May 24, Staples Police responded to a residence where a male was threatening suicide. Police transported the individual to LHS emergency room for a mental health evaluation.

May 25, Staples Police responded to Staples Elementary school for a juvenile ran away who refused to come back. Police located the juvenile and brought him back to school.

May 25, Staples Police received a report of a phone scam where the reporting party was receiving text messages threatening to release pornographic videos they claimed to have if he didn't pay/send money. The reporting individual was advised it was a scam, not to respond to the messages and to block the number from his phone.

May 25, Staples Police received a report of high school students driving fast around the school. Police patrolled the area.

May 25, Staples Police received a call from an individual who was concerned about her ex husband and her new boyfriend not getting along at her daughter's high school graduation. Subject was advised there will be police at the school for the ceremony.

May 25, Staples Police investigated a report of a vulnerable adult crime.

May 25, Staples Police observed individuals walking on Cty Rd 83 away from a vehicle. Police made contact and learned one subject was just out for a walk trying to clear his head. Police advised the subjects it was not the safest place to walk late at night. They returned to their vehicle and left.

May 26, Staples Police respond to Twisted Sisters for an unwanted subject. Wayne Warzecha, 33, was

arrested for disorderly conduct and threats of violence.

May 27, Staples Police assisted Todd County with medical / domestic at a residence on 321st Ave. Nicole Twa, 29, was arrested for domestic assault.

May 28, Staples Police responded to the 300 block of Dakota Ave. SE for a reported sink hole in the street Police put up barricades, and will notify the city street department.

On May 29, Staples Police responded to a business for a report of a suspicious item found on the ground that appeared to have fallen out of a customer's pocket. Police collected the small bag containing methamphetamine, to be destroyed.

May 30, Staples Police received a report of a dead dog in the parking lot of an apartment building. Police arrived and found the animal to be a badger that had been stuffed by a taxidermist.

May 30, Staples Police responded to a residence on the 100 block of 7th St. NE for a report of a pet cat that attacked its owner. The owner was scratched and bitten and transported to LHS Hospital for medical treatment. The cat was caught and transported to the vet clinic.

May 31, Staples Police responded to a report of an assault on the 500 block of Long Prairie Rd SW. James Tepley, 61, was arrested in the incident, which is now under investigation.

June 1, Staples Police assisted the Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. with a suspicious subject at the Motley BP. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. also was on the scene The subject was transported by the Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

June 1, Staples Police received complaint on the 500 block of Roosevelt St SW where an ATV was traveling fast on the city streets. The complainant stated he spoke with the ATV rider and advised him of his actions.

June 2, Staples Police received a report of an intoxicated male walking in and out of traffic on the 300 block of 4th St NE. The individual was transported to St. Cloud detox.

June 3, Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with two children running on Hwy 10 east of Staples. The children were taken back to their parents residence a short distance away.

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1. Color
4. English prince
10. When you'll get there
11. Pivot
12. Actinium
14. Greek letter
15. Primordial matter
16. One of a Polynesian island
18. Most spacious
22. What you owe
23. Button-like ornament
24. Ancient city
26. Trauma center
27. CNN anchor Burnett
28. Enough (archaic)
30. Lebowski's nickname "The ___"
31. Printing speed measurement
34. Waterbirds
36. WWI airship
37. Sudden attack
39. Advice
40. Sacs where fungi develop
41. Where instinctive impulses are manifest
42. Schoolhouse implements
48. Brain parts
50. Borne by or suspended in a liquid
51. Of the desert
52. Starbucks size
53. Ancient Roman garment
54. In a way, set aflame
55. Samarium
56. Heavenly bodies
58. Water in the solid state
59. Exchanged
60. Int'l organization
CLUES DOWN
1. Regain
2. A colorless odorless gas used as fuel
3. Delicacies
4. Spanish be
5. Miami Heat great
6. More slick
7. Turn away
8. Made a second thrust
9. Where injured ball-players end up
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20. Slides without control
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29. Naturally occurring solid material
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33. Old Testament prophet
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Digital Daze tips

Taking control of technology

This digital tip is a continuation of the Digital Daze forum hosted by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty. The tips are provided by speaker Erin Walsh.

- **FACT:** The average 8-18 year old in this country spends about 53 hours a week with media outside of school and homework. That is more than a full time job! (Common Sense Media, 2015)
- **TIP:** Try limiting media by paying attention to these three spaces:
 - Screen free mealtimes
 - Set a digital curfew. Lights out, screens off!
 - Keep school work distraction free. If screens aren't related to the assignment, keep them off and away.

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Community members offer feedback to school board

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

Two members of the community, Nick Doll and Lisa Anderson, have been appointed to be part of the Staples-Motley School Board’s long term planning committee.

Others on the committee include Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie, Building and Grounds Director LeRoy Peterson, and school board members Brad Anderson and Mary Freeman.

The committee met for the first time on May 25, to look over the school district’s revenue and expenditures and to get feedback from Doll and Lisa Anderson, both of whom have children who attend, or will be attending, a school in the Staples-Motley School District.

Nick Doll, who owns and manages a Dairy Queen in Little Falls, is a boy’s basketball coach at Staples-Motley High School. He lives in Staples. Lisa Anderson lives south of Motley and works at Camp Shamaineau.

“We sought out people who had children whose future would be impacted by decisions made now...especially regarding facilities,” Freeman shared in a later email.

She went on to note that both Doll and Anderson have demonstrated a willingness to bring issues to the attention of the school administration in a respectful manner and have offered constructive suggestions and solutions to be considered.

“We hope that they can assist in our continuing efforts to communicate with our communities and unite us to move forward, focused on all the amazing things that students in our district can experience,” Freeman said.

At the start of the May 25 meeting, Brad Anderson stated that the committee would take a look at where the district is today (i.e. finances and enrollment) and where they hope to be in three years.

Bratlie noted that in 2007, there were 1,363 pupil units enrolled in the district. That number decreased to 1,095 in 2018. In the 2011 - 2012 school year, the school district lost approximately 100 students.

These losses are due to a number of variables, including class size. Bratlie noted that when a graduating class with a large number is followed by a much smaller class, there is a significant loss to the district’s total pupil units.

Freeman said that in the past, the Staples-Motley School District lost students to the Pillager School District because they had a pre-school and at that time SM did not. Although they lived in the SM School District, families who had children

attending pre-school in Pillager would often choose to have them open-enroll at Pillager upon entering elementary school.

Since implementing Little Cardinals Academy, the SM district has retained more students. Bratlie pointed out that in the 2016-2017 school year, the district gained eight students. However, that is not always the case and the school board is hoping to discover why.

Past questionnaires sent by the district to community members have indicated that people prefer to have a school building that houses students from pre-school through 12th grade. This is especially helpful for families who have children spanning several grades. With three school buildings in the SM district, it means a lot of driving for many parents.

Bratlie noted that enrollment is what drives the school district’s revenue. Other sources of revenue include the levy, state aid and federal funding. Regarding expenditures, 80 percent of the district’s revenue goes toward salaries, etc.; and 20 percent goes toward keeping the buildings maintained.

The district is currently exploring the possibility of closing at least one of its buildings and building something new. Peterson pointed out that there would be some cost savings in maintaining one building versus three.

One area of feedback the board is hoping to get from the community members, Brad Anderson said, is in regard to this issue. Knowing the district is in financial disarray, do you want to build? he asked Doll and Lisa Anderson.

Doll said that one of the things that differentiates Staples-Motley from school districts like Pillager and Browerville are its stellar programs in both music and sports. He wondered if the school would retain more students if it did not charge activity fees.

Lisa Anderson said that her guess is that the students who have already open-enrolled elsewhere will not be coming back. “What can we do to not lose any more?” she asked the committee.

She went on to note that the Pillager School District does a good job of highlighting the positive aspects of the school. The negatives seem to get highlighted at Staples-Motley. “Yes, there are things that the district needs to work on, but we need to focus on the good,” she said.

Nick Doll agreed, stating the need to mobilize the positive people in the district. He also suggested additional efforts be made in the area of marketing.

The long-term planning committee will meet again in late June or early July.



Eye health, eye help

The 37th Conference on Aging was held May 24 at Central Lakes College in Staples. Pictured, Dr. Seth Dokken, left, volunteers to clean eyeglasses for attendees. Dokken was one of the three main speakers at the event, speaking on eye health.

The keynote speaker was Amanda Mithun, Intensive Outpatient Program Coordinator at Lakewood Health System, who spoke about navigating relationships.

The other speaker was Edie Weinstein and Kathy Gilbride about building a dementia friendly community. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



New format, flow for Aging Conference

The Conference on Aging had a new format this year, with just three speakers and no breakout sessions, allowing attendees more time to visit with vendors. The only breakout rooms were one to receive a free coffee treat and another for rest and relaxation.

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Health and Human Services requests experienced supervisor position

a supervisor to do intakes,” said Weyer.

At this time he doesn’t have anyone for a backup because the other supervisors don’t have experience in the child protection arena.

“I’m constantly ‘putting out fires’ with ‘front line’ duties,” he said.

“I am overwhelmed on a good day. It would just be good to have someone there and it would be worth the effort to have another body to pick up the pieces that I can’t,” he added.

Och reviewed the potential costs for the position which, on the low side, would be \$78,309 with fringe benefits and \$96,823 on the high side. The anticipated cost to the county would be between \$35,407 and \$50,404.

This is because there is an average reimbursement of 19 percent of the salary from the Social Service Time Study. They would also use \$28,023 of the child protection grant which could be set aside for 2018 for the position.

There is also the potential to bring the child case management back to the county level which would give increased revenue and better case management, said Och.

Weyer said that the work they do in their office impacts the next office’s work and the next and the next.

“We’re all in this together. What we do makes work for the sheriff’s department and the attorney’s office,” said Weyer.

County Attorney Chuck Rasmussen shared the CHIPS (Child in Need of Protection Services) numbers.

He said that the numbers listed are for family units often with multiple children.

The numbers fluctuate annually for these cases. In 2016 there were 84 cases. In 2017 it was 55. So far as of May 9, 2018 there’ve been

37 cases.

The child protection referrals have risen sharply since 2013, when there were six to 2017 when there were 296, said Rasmussen.

So far as of May 7, 2018 there’ve been 118 cases.

With the added numbers of families going through the child protection services, Rasmussen said it causes flow issues in the office.

“It’s very expensive to remove a child,” said Rasmussen.

“The cases are getting more difficult, too,” said Och.

Approximately 85 percent of the children are placed out of home due to drugs, about five percent from alcohol issues and ten percent from “garbage houses.”

Weyer said that domestic violence often plays a part in all of these.

Och clarified that the numbers are just generalizations.

Weyer said that these issues are from one end of Todd County to the other and that these problems don’t just affect Todd County.

“It’s dangerous to go into possible meth houses. They’re pretty scary places. They’re sometimes put our new social workers into,” said Och.

Weyer said that if it was appropriate, he would like the commissioners to each come out with them on a home visit.

Despite the difficulties, Weyer said they’re getting their work done, no matter what.

“But with a high burn-out rate. That’s why we have such turnover,” added Och.

She said that they have frustrated social workers because they can’t always honor their recommendations. They also have no “down” time.

“This is not budgeted and we don’t have a plan to ask for this today. But we can’t continue to ‘kick the can down the road.’ We need help up there. We’re doing less with less and putting the county at risk,” said Och.

She said that they’ve done a good job with placements, but it’s tough to manage and stay on top of.

“That’s why we came to you with this need,” she said.

Och said they’re looking for someone with experience who can fill the supervisor role. She said they hope to have internal applicants.

“This would be a new position. It has to be a supervisor because there are so many things that a ‘lead’ person cannot do,” said Och. “If we do a promotion, then we will have to fill that opened position.”

Weyer said that he has a staff of very young social workers and that he has to keep doing what he’s doing and be there for those staff.

“Or they’ll be gone tomorrow,” he said.



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Rinde family to host Breakfast on the Farm

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

It may be a parents dream come true - having all your children come back and work on the family farm.

For the Roger and Bonnie Rinde family of Browerville, that dream has come true - their three children - Jeff, Justin and Kayla - along with their families have all come home to the farm and have developed an LLC under which they operate the farm.

This year, Todd County's Annual Breakfast on the Farm will be held at the Rinde Farm Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Todd County Breakfast on the Farm was created to help connect the public with agriculture.

This has been a passion for Jeff who has served on the Breakfast on the Farm committee for the last seven or eight years.

"The further people get away from the farms, the less they know about agriculture. This is important," said Jeff.

He said that the responses to previous Breakfast's on the Farm have been "overwhelmingly positive experiences. People want to learn, but they don't have the resources or opportunities to do so. This gives them an opportunity to see what we're all about."

The Rinde's crop farm 2,500 acres and milk 250 cows twice a day.

Their crops are corn, soybeans, alfalfa and wheat. Because of the late planting season this year, they have been "burning the midnight oil" to get all the crops in the field.

The LLC originally began as two separate ones with Jeff and his dad on

the cows and Justin and his dad on the crops.

That was in 2006 when Jeff came back to the farm after spending a couple of years at Fergus Falls Community College.

He met his wife Lindsey there, but the draw of the farm life couldn't be denied.

"When I came home, Dad was milking 36 cows. We've been growing steadily since then," said Jeff.

In 2009, the Rinde's daughter Kayla Asmus wanted to join the operation. Kayla had studied as a vet tech so her skills were a nice addition.

They formed the LLC with Dad, Jeff, Justin and Kayla in 2009. This brought the cows and crops all into "one basket."

Since the LLC has been formed, the Rinde's have added to their free stall cow barn more than doubling the size of it.

"It gives the cows more room and there's more room for the heifers in another barn," said Jeff.

There's also room for the dry cows in this larger barn and with straw pens where the cows are able to comfortably have their calves.

The barn is tunnel ventilated so there's a constant five mile per hour breeze keeping the barn cool for the cows.

The cows sleep in a very comfortable sand-bedded free stall.

They eat a mixture of silage, alfalfa bales, high moisture corn and a host of protein and minerals to keep in top shape.

They have two full-time employees during this busy time of the year and four part-time milkers.

They're currently installing a manure pit.

The Rinde's use technology to make sure their

cows are the best they can be.

"They all wear trackers on their collars which can tell us when they're in heat, the best time to breed them, if they're eating and moving around enough by measuring their rumination," said Jeff.

Each cow also has a tag in her ear which lists the sire and mother and their ID number.

Jeff and Lindsey have three children - Hayden, Eli and Della.

Kayla and Adam (Asmus) have four children - Sam, Emma, Izzy and Jackson.

Justin and Leslie have one child - Henry with another on the way.

Roger and Bonnie (who has taught at the Browerville School for many years) live on the home farm, while Jeff and Lindsey live at the back of the farm in their own house.

Kayla and Adam live just across the road and Justin and Leslie live about a mile from the farm.

"Mom and dad enjoy all the grandkids being so close and having all three of us siblings back on the farm," said Jeff.

Those attending the Breakfast on the Farm should park at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School (510 9th St. NE, Long Prairie) and ride the shuttle buses.

There's a small cost for the meal per person which includes cheeseburgers, chips, pickles, milk and ice cream.

Activities this year include a tour of the farm, children's activities, educational booths, machinery hill, petting zoo and more.

The public is invited to meet some very friendly people, some cows and even an "office manager" named Hank.



All in the family

The Rinde Family will welcome visitors to their farm near Browerville for Breakfast on the Farm Saturday, June 30, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Above, from left, are Jackson being held by his dad Adam, Sam and Izzy and Emma being held by her mom Kayla Asmus; Roger and Bonnie Rinde; Hayden and Eli by their mom Lindsey, Jeff and Della; Leslie and Justin Rinde and their son Henry. Leslie and Justin expecting another baby.

Right, Jeff Rinde checks one of the monitors that is connected to the collar of the cow with a tracking device on it. This device can tell the herdsman when the cows are in heat, when is the best time to breed, if the animal is eating enough or not eating at all by measuring the rumination the cow does.

Bottom right, "Office Manager" Hank, the 11 year old cat, made himself very comfortable on the desk in the office at the Rinde Farm. (Photos by Karin Nauber)





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Showing their support for Lorree

Staff at Countryside Restaurant in Motley have committed to wearing special T-shirts on Fridays in support of waitress Lorree Shereck who is battling cancer once again. The backs of the shirts say, 'In our family, no one fights along.' Restaurant co-owner Kassie Myers said they will be wearing them each

time Shereck is having chemotherapy treatments, most likely every Friday until this fall. Pictured above, front row from left, Kassie Myers, Alisha Christensen. Back: Alexa Heidemann, Tasha Achermann, Mary Johnson, Ryan Miller, Hannah Anderson, Nicole Lahr. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



MAHS open house

The Motley Area Historical Society held an open house at Motley City Hall on Memorial Day, drawing visitors from the local area as well as out of state. Attendees were treated to pie and ice cream; and had the opportunity to look at historical displays having to do with the city as well as local families. Pictured above, from left, are David Kasper, 1966 Motley High School (MHS) graduate, now of Grand Forks, N.D.; Roxanne (Bartylla) Kasper, 1975 Staples High School (SHS) graduate, now of Grand Forks; Linda (Kowalski) Bartylla, 1969 SHS graduate, now of Motley. Below, from left, are veterans James Fahnlander, 1962 SHS graduate, now of Tacoma, Wash.; Greg Frisk, 1970 MHS graduate, now of Motley; Doug Fahnlander, Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



A day to be thankful

Sheri Johnson enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters, Clara Judd, eight; and Catherine Judd, three, at one of the Memorial Day programs in Motley May 28. In addition to being grateful for the freedoms we have in America, thanks to the service men and women in our country; Johnson's family is rejoicing that Catherine, who had been diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia shortly after her first birthday, is healthy today. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Correction

Due to incorrect information supplied to us, in last week's paper the Staples World listed Walter Wilson among the Motley American Legion members that died this past year, which is not the case. The Staples World regrets the error.

Police reports, Motley area

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

May 22 - The MPD received a report of a vehicle that had been hit by an unknown vehicle causing \$5,500 in damage. The vehicle had been parked on the street in front of the Dairy Queen in Motley.

May 25 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Tammy Bagley, 48.

May 24 - The MPD received a call from the owner of Integrity Motors in Motley who stated that he spoke with two juveniles that were opening the gas tanks of the cars in the lot. When they denied it, he showed them the video which shows them doing this.

May 28 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Michael Graves, 34.

May 27 - The MCSO received a call from someone who said that a white Chevy Suburban was parked on the street behind his house at Harrison St. W. and 3rd Ave. S. in Motley. He stated that he believes the driver was taking pictures of his children playing. A female was in the passenger seat. The caller attempted to speak to the driver but he took off.

May 26 - The MCSO received a report of a camper that had been burglarized at the 5000 block of Marble Dr., Cushing. Nothing was missing, but caller suspects someone may be staying there when he is not around.

May 26 - The MCSO received a call regarding a damaged mail box at the 29000 block of Bear Rd., Cushing. Caller witnessed someone backing into the mailbox while they were turning around in his driveway. Suspect vehicle was towing a larger boat. The responding deputy said he found very minor damage to the box. The paint was scuffed up a bit.

May 25 - The MCSO received a call regarding a hit and run incident at Lincoln Gas and Bait, Cushing.

May 25 - The MCSO received a call from Cass County requesting that the Motley Fire Department be paged in regard to a car accident in May Twp.

Motley June Fest

The third annual Motley June Fest, sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, June 16, in the City of Motley.

Music, food, competitions, square dancing and a parade are just a few of the items on this year's agenda, which includes something for all ages. Events take place on the west side of Hwy 10.

June Fest kicks off at 10 a.m. with a one-mile Kids Fun Run, which will follow the parade route along 3rd Ave. So., beginning at the Motley United Methodist Church. The parade follows at 11 a.m.

Back by popular demand is the Wings Competition, which will be held downtown beginning at 11:30 a.m. Stop by to taste a variety of wings recipes and vote for your favorites.

Be sure to check out the variety of vendors, crafts items for sale downtown; and a barn quilt demonstration from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., just west of the post office.

The all-day festival will conclude with a street dance and fireworks at dusk. Below is a list of activities, times and locations.

Music

The downtown stage will be home to a variety of musical entertainment throughout the day. The schedule is as follows:

- Motley Sings! competition begins at 1 p.m.

- The Iverson Family from Staples will offer folk, gospel and original tunes at 2 p.m. Expect to hear beautiful harmonies and instrumentations.

- Downtown Sound, a band fronted by Staples native Andrew Nelson, takes the stage from 4 - 7 p.m. Based out of Fargo, the cover band plays a variety of pop, rock and country, featuring music from the 1960s on up to today.
- King's Ransom will play during the

street dance, which begins at 8 p.m. Hailing from the Brainerd Lakes area, the band plays classic rock and country music.

Food

- Vendors will provide a variety of food items downtown, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Pulled pork sandwiches, offered by the Motley Fire Department, will be served following the parade.

- Wings Competition begins at 11:30 a.m. Winners will be announced at 3 p.m.

- Picnic lunch, catered by BRICKS, will be available for sale during the afternoon and evening music. Fundraiser for June Fest.

- Beer Garden will open following the parade.

Kids events

- Kids Fun Run at 10 a.m.

- Kids games will be held at Converse Park beginning at 12:15 p.m.

- Kiddie Tractor Pull begins at 12:15 p.m. in front of Converse Park.

- Skate board demonstrations and lessons will take place at the skate pad at Converse Park, featuring instructors from 3rd Lair Skate Park and Skate Shop in Golden Valley.

Other items on the agenda are a 'Water Wars' event hosted by the Motley Fire Department at Converse Park, 2:30 p.m.; and a bean bag tournament for adults, held downtown at 1:30 p.m.

New Motley Logo

A contest was held for a new logo for the City of Motley, with several artists submitting entries. Mayor Al Yoder will announce the winner at the downtown stage at approximately 1 p.m.

For more information about Motley June Fest, call the chamber office at 218-894-3974 or check them out on Facebook.



Planning committee hard at work

The June Fest planning committee met recently to go over final details for the upcoming event on June 16. The event is sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. Pictured above are committee members representing the chamber, Motley business owners, city employees and community volunteers. Front row, from left, Tami

Brotherton, Amy Brichacek, Paige Lenk, Barb Markus, Don DeLude. Back row: Bruce Brotherton, Sherry Miller Frisk, Pat O'Regan, Stephanie Jordahl, Steve Gertken (Chamber President), Britney Bursch (Chamber Executive Director), Greg Frisk, Melaine Swecker. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Fair runs June 15 - 17

The Morrison County Fair in Motley opens Friday, June 15 and runs through Sunday, June 17. 'Entry day' is Thursday, June 14. The fair is being held in conjunction with June Fest.

Highlights include a Bull Bash on Friday evening and a demo derby at on Saturday. Both events will be held at the grandstand beginning at 7 p.m. and a beer garden will be available both days.

The horse show will take place on Friday and expect to see a variety of poultry, rabbits, cattle, swine and

goats during the 4-H open class judging events both Friday and Saturday. Several displays will be set up in the commercial building.

A number of free activities will be available to children during the fair, including inflatable bounce games on Saturday and Sunday. 'The Amazing Roberto Magic Show' is back by popular demand, with Saturday performances scheduled at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Classic cars will be on display from 2 - 5 p.m. on Saturday; and antique tractors displayed on Sunday,

beginning at noon. Get your teams together to compete at the Farmers Olympics event Sunday, at 2 p.m.

Stop by the shelter to hear free music on Saturday evening; and senior citizens are invited to play bingo on Sunday afternoon, while enjoying free cookies and coffee. On the agenda for Sunday afternoon is a lawn mower pull at 1 p.m.

A variety of food items will be available at the fairgrounds and the Leader Lions Eatery, serving burgers, pie and other goodies, will be open each day.



MHS Class of 1968 makes donation

The Motley High School Class of 1968 recently made a \$500 donation to the Motley-Staples Middle School, for the purpose of going toward classroom expenses. School staff voted on which class they felt should receive the donation and on May 31, Principal John Regan announced that the fifth grade teachers were the recipients. Prior to announcing the winners, Regan read

a few quotes from staff members stating their appreciation for these teachers. Pictured, from left, are 5th grade teachers Dawn Weite, Lisa Przybilla, Alina Robinson; and 1968 MHS alumni Helen (Cronin) Helseth, Tampa, Fla.; and Carla (Swecker) Liddington, Kansas City, Mo. Their class has a reunion planned for June 29. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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NOTICES

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23p

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Two Cardinals qualify for skeet state championships

shooters on the team and improve the team averages. Two members of the team will participate in the Skeet Championships in Prior Lake on June 20. Earlier in May, the trap

team participated in the 2nd Annual Mid State Conference trap shoot in Detroit Lakes. Staples-Motley placed 5th overall with a score of 204/250. Owen Bjerga was named All

Conference with his 47/50 score and Ethan Lingenfelter was named All Conference Honorable Mention with his 44/50 score.



Beachy a multi-event star

Former Staples-Motley track star Jaelin Beachy finished her college career at North Dakota State with a 2nd place finish in the Summit League Championships heptathlon, finishing with a score of 5007.

The heptathlon is seven events, and Beachy set several of her personal records in the conference meet.

Beachy also competed in heptathlons earlier in the season, placing fourth at Riverside, Calif., and sixth at Azusa Pacific, Calif.

Jaelin Beachy college bests: Long jump - 5.27m (17' 3.5"); 200 meter dash -26.39; Shot put - 12.49m (40' 11.75"); 800 meter run - 2:25.61; Javelin - 38.49m (126' 3"); 100 hurdles - 14.29; High jump - 1.48m (4' 10.25"); Heptathlon (7 events) 5007; Pentathlon (5 events) 3262

GARAGE SALES

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LARGE 5-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: 511 SW Brown St., Verndale. Thurs, June 7, Fri., June 8, Sat., June 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Desk, entertainment center, futon, clothing: youth - adult, Misc. items too numerous to list.

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HUGE GARAGE SALE: Mon., June 4 - Sat., June 9: Mon.-Weds. 4-8 p.m. by appointment; Thurs.-Fri., 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat., June 9, 8 a.m.-noon \$1.00/bag. Housewares, clothes, books, toys, baby items, much misc. In alley: 426 7th St. NE, Staples. Deb Jordan.

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6TH ANNUAL GARAGE SALE FOR HAITI: Same huge multi-family sale, NEW LOCATION: 47502 Red Oak Road, 3 mi. South of Staples on Hwy. 210. Thurs, June 7, Fri., June 8, Sat., June 9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Window air conditioner, step ladder, plastic shelves, breast pump, couch, loveseat, high top table/4 chairs, wicker furniture set, sewing machine, mosquito trap, space heater, 12 piece China set, Willow and Precious Moments figurines, cross country skis. Clothing: sz. 6 girls - XL women, sz. 8 boys - XL men, all organized by size so you can easily find things. Most items, fifty cents! w23p

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MULTI-GENERATION GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 7 - Sat., June 9, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. 12430 43rd Avenue SW, Pillager.

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GARAGE SALE: From Staples, Warner Rd. and Cty Rd. 106, first place north. Fri., June 8 - Sat., June 9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Many items. 218-640-7266.

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Section track action

Above, Chase Davis takes the final handoff in the 4x100 relay from Zac Carlson. Top right, Hunter Klimek kicks in the 1,600 run. Bottom right, Jack Tyrrell and Ben Bartczak get ready for the final lap of the 1,600. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Giza and Anderson earn berths to state track and field meet

Max Giza came within three inches of the Section 6A pole vault record, clearing 14 feet, 6 inches to win the event. The section record of 14'9" is held by Arden Beachy of Staples, set in 1989. It was Giza's highest pole vault ever.

Giza also qualified for state in both hurdle events, placing second in the 110 hurdles and running his fastest 300 hurdles of the year to place second in 39.87 seconds.

Section 6A meet was held May 31, at Minnewaska High School. The top two finishers in each event qualify for the state meet.

Emmett Anderson ran his fastest 3,200 meter race of the season taking second place at 10:08. Anderson set the pace for much of the race, and had enough kick left on the final lap to outrun all but one competitor.

Jordan Carlson was the other individual medal winner for the Cardinal boys, finishing fifth in the 100 meter dash. Both the preliminaries and finals were run into a strong headwind, so times were

slow across the board, but Carlson's 12.08 and 12.10 times put him on the awards podium.

The boys 4x100 relay team made a run at a state berth, but ended up six tenths of a second short in fourth place.

Kira Sweeney ran two excellent races for the girls team, falling just short of qualifying for state in both the 1,600 and 3,200. Sweeney ran her season best time in the 1,600, 5:34, and Addison Lorber equaled her best time, finishing eighth in 5:45.

Lorber, Aften Robinson, Kiera Dumpprope and Ashley Robben placed fourth in the 4x800 relay, earning a section medal.

The state meet will be held Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9, at Hamline University in St. Paul. Giza will run preliminary races for the 110 and 300 hurdles on Friday afternoon and the pole vault is also on Friday. Hurdle finals will be on Saturday. There is only one final race in the 3,200, and Anderson will run that on Friday af-

ternoon.

Team results

Section 6A Track and Field

Girls results

SM 10th place of 22 teams

1,600 - 5. Kira Sweeney 5:34, 8. Addison Lorber 5:45

3,200 - 3. Sweeney 12:24, 7. Ashley Robben 13:10

4x800 - Lorber, Aften Robinson, Kiera Dumpprope, Robben

Discus - 10. Tabetha Allen 95'2"

Shot put - 12. Allen 20'0.5"

Boys results

SM 5th place of 23 teams

100 - 5. J. Carlson 12.10, 12. Chase Davis 12.37

200 - 9. Max Giza 24.52, 10. J. Carlson 24.54

400 - 15. Sivert Klefsaas 57.04

800 - 12. Matthew Fisher 2:12

1,600 - 8. Hunter Klimek 4:54, 11. Jack Tyrrell 4:57, 13. Ben Bartczak 5:01

3,200 - 2. E. Anderson 10:08, 8. Klimek 10:47, 10. Tanner Robben 10:57

110 hurdles - 2. Giza 15.33

300 hurdles - 2. Giza 39.87

4x100 - 4. J. Carlson, Klefsaas, Zac Carlson, Davis 45.76

High jump - 8. Davis 5'7"

Pole vault - 1. Giza 14'6"

Discus - 11. Scout Strickland 125'5.5"

Peterson, Erholtz advance to state golf

Alix Peterson placed third in the Section 6AA girls golf meet and Beck Erholtz was section champion for the boys, and both players will advance to the state golf tournament.

The Staples-Motley girls team had an exciting second day of the tournament, as they challenged for the title, falling just short and landing in fourth place.

Other than Erholtz, the boys team did not have a stellar tournament, as they finished day one in seventh place and failed to advance to the second day.

Erholtz led the boys tournament by one stroke after the first day of competition, shooting two over par 74. He started out strong on day two with 37 on the first nine, but left an opening with a 41 on the back nine. But none of the competitors was able to take advantage, and Erholtz ended up winning the title by two strokes.

Peterson was in a three way tie for third place after

the first day. Her position was precarious, as only five individuals advance to state, plus the winning team. But on the second day she outplayed everyone on the course except the eventual winner. She shot a 40 on the front nine and 47 on the back nine, for an 87 total and claimed third place outright.

The other girls had up and down rounds, good enough to make it to the second day, but they were not consistent enough to win.

Bo Erholtz played great golf until her final nine holes, shooting 46 and 46 on the first day, and she started even better on the second day, with 44, but a 57 skewed her score and dropped her from state contention. Erholtz still finished in 10th place overall.

Adriana Dickey shot 98 and 101 in her two rounds, with nine hole scores of 46 and 48 offset by corresponding scores of 54 and

53 in the same rounds.

Ava Schneider dropped ten strokes from her day one score to shoot 95 on day two. That gave a huge boost to the team score when she came in on day two.

The Class AA state golf tournament will be Tuesday-Wednesday, June 12-13, at Sand Creek Golf Course in Jordan. Tee times had not been posted as of press time.

Team results

Section 6AA girls

Team scores: Osakis 754, Milaca 757, Albany 764, Staples-Motley 766 ... 7 teams did not advance to second day

3. Alix Peterson 45-42 - 87; 40-47 - 87 - Total: 174

10. Bo Erholtz 46-46 - 92; 44-57 - 101 - Total: 193

15. Adriana Dickey 52-46 - 98; 48-53 - 101 - Total: 199

17. Ava Schneider 56-49 - 105; 44-51 - 95 - Total: 200

Section 6AA boys

Champion: Beck Erholtz

38-36 - 74; 37-41 - 78 - Total: 152

Jack Benson 46-43 - 89

Finn Erholtz 46-45 - 91

Jack Adamietz 52-54 - 106

Alex Rosenthal 55-53 - 108

Alex Giza 55-57 - 112

Trap team is conference champion

The Staples-Motley High School trap and skeet teams have completed their 2018 spring season with excellent results. This year the trap team competed in Class 3A Conference 4, amassing 22,414.5 points during the five weeks of competition, narrowly taking first place over a strong Maple Grove team's 21,053 points.

With the leagues' true team scoring system, each of the 8 teams in the conference used the top 28 scores of their 34-35 shooters and accumulated team points based on their shooters' weekly scores.

Two team members, Dominick Carlson (averaging 24.2 clays/round) and Jack Benson (averaging 23.6 clays/round) took 2nd and 3rd place, respectively in the conference based on their scoring average for the five week season. These two individuals also made the top 100 shooters in the state, which qualifies them for the MSHSL State Individual shoot later in June.

The team had 7 boys in the top 25 for the conference, Dominick Carlson, Jack Benson, Keith Rollins, Evan Nanik, Ancher Nelsen, Owen Bjerga, and Ethan Lingenfelter. All three girls on the team



High performance shooters

Owen Bjerga, left, and Ethan Lingenfelter receive their All Conference awards after the Mid State skeet shooting competition. (Submitted photo)

placed in the top 25 for the conference, Autumn Nelsen, Abby DiGiovanni, and Hailey Owen.

The trap team will be competing in the Minnesota High School State Team Championships on June 13 at Alexandria Shooting Park. The team will have 27 shooters participating for a chance at qualifying a team to represent Staples-Motley at the MSHSL State team competition later in June. This year the top 40 team scores will qualify for the MSHSL State team championships at Prior

Lake.

The SMHS skeet team competed in Class 1A Conference 1 and finished in 3rd place in the conference, behind Forest Lake and Coon Rapids. The team has shown much improvement this year with Jack Benson finishing in 4th place in the conference with an average of 20.4 clays/round. All five team members have improved their averages over the course of the season. Next year we hope to increase the number of

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Turkeys reclaim lost place in Minnesota, and then some

If you live long enough in the same place, there's a fair chance you'll see changes in the natural world around you. It might be the terrain itself, where a woodland has been harvested and converted to cropland. Or just the opposite, where seedlings are beginning to reclaim an abandoned field or orchard, a site that may someday revert once again to forest. There may also be changes in the wild creatures that inhabit your corner of the world. Quite possibly it will be changes to both.

A remarkable change I've watched over the past decade is the explosion of the state's wild turkey population. Not just in the river bottom country of Southeast Minnesota, where less than three dozen birds obtained from Missouri were released in the 1970s, with hopes that they'd survive and eventually reclaim territory the species had lost completely decades before,

to "progress."

But this time around, wild turkeys proved themselves as adaptable as Minnesota's signature big game species, the whitetail deer. Both thrive not just in truly wild places, but in places as civilized as suburban neighborhoods, where both bird and beast are considered a mixed blessing; beautiful, graceful, even majestic, but sometimes both a nuisance and a hazard.

From the handful of birds released in that valley and bluff country some four decades ago, wild turkeys have expanded their range - with help from additional releases in a handful of counties by the Department of Natural Resources - to now include the entire southern half of the state, plus some enclaves even farther to the north.

Including where I live, in country that's a mix of deciduous and coniferous forest, lakes and farmland. For most of the four decades I've lived here, the ruffed grouse was the undisputed major upland game bird, with a small number of pheasants managing to eke out a living along the margins in places where crop fields and thick cattail marshes converge. Now wild turkeys seem to

be everywhere, and - given their habits - are far more visible.

Recently my wife and I, our Labrador retriever and visiting family members left our rural home in a steady rain, setting off on a mission to salvage the day by playing "tourist," the plan being to do what tourists do when bad weather keeps them off the golf course, the tennis court, the beach or the water. Like hitting the shops where tourists buy sweatshirts and hats that advertise where they visited, or bookstores for reading material to pass time while holed up in a cabin waiting for a break in the weather; maybe eventually securing a table in a guaranteed-to-be-crowded restaurant or brew-pub, all of which are tourist magnets on a rainy day.

We were barely a half mile from home, windshield wipers doing their best to keep up with the steady rain, passing a field where bright green sprigs of soybeans were emerging from rain-darkened soil. Having a passenger's freedom to look in any direction besides the road ahead, I spotted a cluster of dark shapes well out in the field off to the left.

Wildlife watchers know that often it's a creature's

silhouette that gives away its identity, or at least starts the process of elimination. Deer, a constant sight along this road, are a horizontal shape supported by thin vertical lines - legs - at both ends. Sandhill cranes, sometimes seen here too, are so thin and linear they can hardly be mistaken for anything else. The two best candidates for the shapes I was seeing were geese and turkeys. And geese, at this time of year - at least those with goslings - are typically not this far from water.

The odds-on bet was turkeys, and as the distance diminished that identity became clear; a small knot of turkeys were feeding, perhaps on insects of some kind, perhaps on greens. What was also apparent was the presence of another bird in the sloping ditch on the road's opposite side. This one was not feeding, but was standing straight and erect, chest thrust out, in a posture many of us would recognize from the etched image on the plates our grandmothers served Thanksgiving dinner on. From this bird's neck hung the trademark "beard," which is a modified feather that's not moulted like other turkey feathers. It continues to grow, and - like the spurs on its feet - is used to age a male, or "tom."

It was clearly that, an adult male, strutting his stuff in the manner seen during the birds' mating ritual.

In Minnesota wild turkeys generally mate in April or May. June 2, is not that far removed from the normal mating season, and - as is known by any Minnesota fisherman who waited anxiously for his favorite lake to become ice-free - this was a decidedly late spring. We were past all the turkeys - those feeding in the field, and the tom in the opposite ditch - in less time than it takes to tell about it. What transpired between them, if anything, we can only speculate about.

What is beyond speculation is the fact that in the several decades since those first Missouri turkeys launched the bird's resurgence in Minnesota, it has become the darling of many hunters. There are both fall and spring hunting seasons, numerous National Wild Turkey Federation chapters throughout the state - ala Ducks Unlimited, or Pheasants Forever - and turkey hunting has become a passionate pursuit for many.

The manner in which turkeys are hunted resembles big game hunting more than the hunting of pheasants, grouse or waterfowl. Hunters typically hide in a

"blind," use a call to lure a lovelorn tom seeking a hen, and are taken when on the ground, rather than in the air. Much like waterfowl hunting, an entire industry has grown up around this bird, including specialized clothing, decoys, hunting blinds, game calls, shotguns, and shotshell loadings. The most avid turkey hunters often pursue the bird not only in Minnesota, but in other states as well, one popular destination being South Dakota's Black Hills.

Not only has there been a resurgence of wild turkeys in Minnesota, but across the nation, as well. Wild turkeys were found in virtually every state when Europeans colonized North America, but habitat destruction and unregulated hunting decimated their numbers. Protection as a game species, and transplanting to replenish depleted populations, brought the five subspecies back from a low point of an estimated quarter million birds in the 1930s, to more than six million today. Minnesota's wild turkeys have grown from 29 transplants in the 1970s, to more than 70,000 today.

Definitely something worth celebrating; both in principle, and on your Thanksgiving menu.



Mike Rahn