

Sign installed at Ernie Converse Park

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

There's a new granite sign at Ernie Converse Park in Motley, thanks in part to a grant from the Staples-Motley Area Community Foundation, as well as donations and volunteer services of several others in the community.

"This sign project has been a long time coming," said Motley's Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton, going on to mention that a storm had taken down the park's original wooden sign some years back. In 2014, Tad Carlson of Motley (a relative of the Converse family) came up with a ballfield design which could be etched into a granite slab and Brichacek Stone of Motley committed to donating that slab. Members of the town's Parks Committee worked on designs for the sign base that would not only last for



Remembering a Motley icon

The family of the late Ernie Converse, along with representatives of the City of Motley and others, gathered recently at the Motley park named in his honor to celebrate the completion of the newly constructed granite sign. Pictured front row from left: Morgan Converse, Riley Myrum, Payton Converse, Brooke Converse. Seated in front of sign: Jodi Backberg, Judy (Converse) Marsh, Ernie's daughter; Debby Converse, Ernie's daughter-in-law; Larry Converse, Ernie's son. Standing to right of sign: Miranda Converse, Lowell Converse (in back), Skyla Tepley, Remington Converse, Amyah Converse, Dee Carlson. Standing behind sign: Gram Bentz, Tad Carlson, L.J. Converse, Junior Converse. Standing to left of sign: Mayor Al Yoder, council members Pat O'Regan and Steve Johnson, Kyle

Tepley, Bryan Stevens, maintenance assistant; Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; Dave Greig, Glen Torgerson, Julie Torgerson. The project was funded in part by the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, a partner fund of the Initiative Foundation. Dave Greig and Gram Bentz with Brichacek Stone donated the granite slab; Tad Carlson with River Rock Blasting came up with the ballfield design and etched it into the granite. Others who donated all or a portion of their services and materials included Brichacek Electric and Brichacek Masonry. Brotherton expressed his thanks to all who have made this project a reality. In particular, he thanked the Converse family "for giving their continued support to improvements of the park that Ernie envisioned." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

a very long time, but also help to improve the park that the late Ernie Converse (for whom the park is named) had worked so hard to create.

Now, after years of planning, budgeting and seeking grants, it has all come together this year, Brotherton said of the new sign.

Ernie Converse died in 2005 at the age of 89. He left behind a legacy in the City of Motley due in large part to the many years he served as volunteer coach for the town's little league and American baseball teams.

"He was a super guy, period," said Motley native Larry Holub who played summer baseball under Ernie's leadership in the 1950s and '60s.

Holub remembers playing ball with other neighborhood boys before there was an official baseball team in town. Ernie Converse stepped up to the plate and offered to be their coach. "He got it going and kept it going," Holub said of the little league team.

They were a great team, Holub reminisced. He recalled that they "whipped" a lot of the area towns, including Staples, Pine River and

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Hello, Readers,

We all have opportunities every day to change the world, whether we're adopting a highway to patrol for litter or volunteering at a local shelter to help the homeless. It's amazing what just a small effort by an individual or group of individuals can do to change the world, or at least their local neighborhood. Make a Difference Day, Oct. 27, was established to help encourage us to take one day a year to try to make a difference in the world. Since its creation Make a Difference Day has helped to encourage thousands of people across the nation to start making an actual difference in the world. Contributions to making the world a better place have ranged from gathering stuffed bears for firefighters to give to injured and frightened children, to organizing relief efforts for victims of natural catastrophes. Overall Make a Difference Day has spurred people to make a difference in themselves, and the world.

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Staples trail expansion on list of Region Five Vital Projects

Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) selected ten projects to include as Vital Projects in their Comprehensive Regional Economic Development Strategy (CREDS). Included on the list is expanding the Legacy Trail from Staples to Motley to Pillager.

The projects were prioritized by a group of diverse regional leaders from the private, public and non-profit sectors. The committee chose projects with regional significance that create economic vitality, environmental stewardship and quality of life.

Vital Projects listed in the CREDS document allows access to U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding as well as other federal grant programs. Being listed in this document shows alignment to a regional plan which is favorable

to most Federal, State or Local funding agencies. Projects will be shared with multiple funding agencies to encourage these partners to invest in projects meeting regional goals.

2018 Vital Projects are:

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School board considers closing Motley building

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Preliminary estimates indicate that nearly half a million dollars could be saved for the 2019-20 school year if the Staples-Motley School District closes the building in Motley.

The school board discussed the possibility at their Oct. 22 meeting. They requested that more information be presented at their Nov. 5 work session, with the goal of making a decision at their regular meeting Nov. 19.

The current plan is based on having grades K-4 at the Staples-Motley Elementary building and grades 5-12 at the Staples-Motley High School building. The location of Pre-K programs is yet to be determined.

Transportation savings could be about \$88,750 because all students would be brought in to Staples. None would then have to be taken to Motley. Another \$6,000 could be realized because the need for various student shuttles would be eliminated.

About \$7,000 could be saved because shared staff would not be billing for travel between the towns. Those shared staff include special education, nurse, buildings and grounds, fine arts, physical education, district staff, technology and administration.

The total transportation savings could be over

\$101,750.

About \$400,000 could be saved in costs to operate the Motley building. Those items include general maintenance and upkeep, utilities, supplies and buildings and grounds efficiencies. This doesn't include any deferred maintenance costs or capital expenses.

"We will still have some maintenance cost while we own the building," noted Bryan Winkels.

High School Principal Mike Schmidt noted that these savings did not include any staff cuts. They would all be reassigned.

"No staff reductions are considered in these numbers," Schmidt said, adding that some additional savings might be possible through attrition and retirements.

The educational gains were also listed including:

- 4.5 hour increase daily in fine arts;
- 1.5 hours increase daily in special education and physical education;
- Increased time within support systems such as Freshwater Education and Northern Pines;
- Full time nurse in each building;
- District travel time reduced overall;
- Title 1 services centralized.

Brad Anderson asked about the logistical obstacles, saying "We need to hear them."

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Spooks on Shamineau

An elaborate Halloween display can be seen every year at the Kmetz family lake house on Lake Shamineau in Motley, just off Aztec Rd. The display, a collection of decorations accumulated over the years, is put together every year by Emily Kmetz and her son Nathan Kmetz. It takes Nathan a couple of weeks to set up, but he says it's all worthwhile to help create memories for children on Halloween. There's always that one house on the block that young people remember, Nathan said. Perhaps it was the scariest one in town or the one where full size candy bars were always handed out. "We want to do our small part to pass on the Halloween traditions the way we remember them to be," he said. Every year there are a few more ghosts and goblins to enjoy at the Kmetz home. (Submitted photos)



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And that’s a wrap, folks

Fans of the Staples Area Farmers Market had a final opportunity to shop at the Lakewood Health System market location in Staples Oct. 18. Temperatures were in the 60s that day, which was vastly different from the market’s closing in 2017. “Last year it was cold and there was sleet,” Britney Bursch, SAFM Market Manager, recalled of the final market in October. In addition to the lovely weather for the final farmers market of 2018, Bursch said that the entire season had gone well. Other vendors agreed that it had been a good summer. Russell Kleinschmidt of Staples said

the growing season had started slow, but eventually everything caught up to yield a great harvest. Deb Erickson of Verndale said she had experienced a good harvest as well, but along the way had to contend with a powdery mildew because of the wet conditions this past summer. Pictured above from left are vendors Burt Scripture and Lois Detloff; and customers Norma Elvine, her granddaughter Lylah Knosalla and daughter-in-law Marcy Knosalla. Pictured below, from left, are vendors Deb Erickson and Russell Kleinschmidt. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Decision must be made soon to adequately plan

Director LeRoy Peterson said if Little Cardinals Academy stayed in the building they couldn’t let the whole building go cold. There would be boiler costs to maintaining a certain temperature even in the parts of the building that were closed and not being used.

Part of it has to do with the sprinkler system. Peterson said he didn’t think the fire marshal would allow him to zone the building.

Bruce Lund asked if the high school building had room for grades 5-12.

Schmidt replied that they did have the room, but some details would need to be worked out, like playground space for the middle school and how they’d configure the lunch times.

Overall, he felt the gains were worth it.

Another obstacle noted by Middle School Principal John Regan was the “massive amount of time” the planning would take.

Superintendent Ron Bratlie echoed that saying, “We want to do this as right as we can.”

Greg Frisk agreed that this was an option the district needed to pursue but added that some people might criticize the move

saying, “if we can get along with two buildings, why do you need a new building?”

Frisk was referring to the proposal to add high school and middle school space to the elementary school, known as BUILD 2170.

It was noted that educational adequacy will suffer, but a new building could take care of that.

One key component, Bratlie said, was “what will you do with the Motley buildings. If we don’t shut it, you’ll lose some savings.”

That’s a conversation they needed to have, agreed Winkels, saying perhaps they could lease back space, such as for Little Cardinals Academy.

“If the city (of Motley) has no interest, then what do we do with it?” Winkels asked. “Sell it, demo it?”

Several unknown factors were listed in the presentation, including:

- Final academic configurations,
- Location of early childhood programming,
- Remodeling/renovation costs - short term vs. long term,
- Future of Motley site,
- Timeline of the reconstructions,
- Timeline of BUILD 2170 and the superintendent’s search.

dents search.

• Other time sensitive items for next fall.

“I’d like to see more about educational gains and the logistical barriers,” Winkels said.

The administration will keep working on the plan and present something at the Nov. 5 work session.

In other business the board:

• Approved the 2017-19 contract for the professional group with three percent increases for each of the two years.

• Accepted the offer from Midwest Bus Parts, Inc., for credit for bus parts for \$2,100 per bus for four buses that were for sale, but the reserves were not met.

• Accepted the highest bids for a 2007 Chevrolet Malibu for \$400 from Bryan Pogreba; for a 2007 Chevrolet Impala for \$565 from Chris Dobson and for a mini bus with a lift for \$501 from Jeff Sterriker.

• Approved Brian Smith as the interim girls basketball head coach, along with other winter extra-curricular coaching and advisor positions.

• Approved a contract for Anna Dahlvang as an elementary paraprofessional.

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Various projects considered important in region

• Expanding the Legacy Trail (City of Staples) to eventually join with the Camp Ripley/Veterans State Trail that will link the Central Lakes, Lake Wobegon, SOO Line, Paul Bunyan, Heartland and Mi-Gi-Zi Trails into one continuous recreational route. It will be a true multi-use trail and will accommodate motorized and non-motorized users.

• Integrating Site-based Solar Energy Systems into STEAM Curriculum (Rural Renewable Energy Alliance)-Installing 1.493 megawatts of DC solar capacity for several schools in the region and providing educational opportunities for students to experience renewable energy in their communities and gain valuable knowledge about solar energy.

• Talent Advantage Series (Rural MN CEP, Initiative Foundation and DEED)-Collaboration of organizations which seeks to elevate the demographic and economic causes of Central Minnesota’s workforce shortages, highlight effective strategies to attract, develop, and retain a skilled workforce and otherwise elevate the option of “hidden talent” (veterans, disabled, minorities, new Americans, retired workers.)

• Ag Vet Program (R5DC)-Designed to better meet the needs of our Minnesota veterans and to ensure that Minnesota’s agricultural economy thrives in the years to come.

• Regional Broadband Expansion Projects (CTC and WCTA)-Providing electric cooperative members broadband access through fiber to the home in rural areas.

• Innovations Academy, Bertha-Hewitt School District

• The Good Life...for ALL! (R5DC) will provide a platform for equity and inclusion through learning and knowledge-sharing with regional stakeholders or subject matter experts, and capacity-building of trained coaches that assist with deployment of strategies. It is a framework for rural communities to learn inclusive practices, tools for navigating a changing rural identity and foster inclusive efforts across the region in ways that improve livelihoods and ownership of the process and the outcomes.

• Region 5+ Comprehensive Re-entry Project (Crow Wing County)-When a person with mental illness is picked up by law enforcement, officers have few options, basically the emergency room, detox or

jail. By offering this innovative model, the social worker or mobile crisis team member will work with law enforcement to offer additional options.

• River to Rail (City of Brainerd, Brainerd Lakes Area Economic Development Corporation)-Quality of place initiative with community and regional characteristics that will make it a distinctive and attractive quality of place unlike any other place in the region

• Toward Zero Deaths (Sourcewell)-Community culture change for traffic safety, supporting local entities in providing guidance and funding in places that would be a gap.

To learn more about the 2016-2021 CREDS, visit www.eda.gov/ceds or www.regionfive.org. You may also contact Dawn Espe at 218-894-3233 or email at despe@regionfive.org.



Decorating a pumpkin

Jordan Tanjeman of Motley had a good time helping to decorate a pumpkin during the Harvest Festival at Motley Free Methodist Church Oct. 6. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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The things we can make

Ronn Redemske, right, shows prospective students and their parents some of the items made by CLC students in the machine tool technology program. Redemske said the shop can build nearly any object. “The only limitations are the size of the equipment and our imaginations,” he said. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

CLC shows students high wage programs

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

On Oct. 19, four high school students and their parents toured Central Lakes College in Staples, as 14 other students had done earlier in the week. CLC recruiter Ryan Wright told students that wages are up in many trades and manufacturing is expanding with an increasing need for people who know how to build things and operate machines. Wright said manufacturing is very different today than it was in the past, as most shops are now clean. Wright said most graduates can choose where to move after CLC training to get a job in their field. When the group came to the machine tool technol-

ogy shop, instructor Ronn Redemske confirmed what Wright had started. “If we can design it, we can produce it,” said Redemske about the program. He said although students learn the basics of machining, most of the work is now done on CNC (computer numerical control) machines. The process starts by designing the object on a computer, then figuring out the process of how to get the machine to cut the base material down to the finished part. “It’s faster, cheaper and more accurate,” said Redemske about the new machines, which can accurately cut to within two thousandths of an inch. The program also teaches students how to do injection molding, a process to produce plastic and

rubber parts. Redemske said the next advancement in machine trades is going to be laser cutting. “It is ever evolving,” he said. “It is kind of the hidden trade, but everything that is made starts here.” One of the biggest changes in the industry is safety. “People don’t get hurt anymore,” said Redemske. Quite often, graduates of the machine tool technology program head back to shops near their home town. Redemske said within a 10 mile radius of Staples, there are at least 23 machine shops, and many of them need workers. “We have 100 percent placement” of graduates into jobs, said Redemske, with many jobs starting at \$18 to \$20 per hour.

Heating assistance now available through county Cold Weather Rule in effect

Winter is approaching and the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission want Minnesotans to know about two important options if their home heating costs are unaffordable. The Energy Assistance Program helps eligible Minnesota homeowners and renters pay for home heating costs. The Cold Weather Rule protects residential utility customers from having their heat shut off during the winter months. “If you or someone you know is struggling to keep the heat on, help is available from the Minnesota Energy Assistance Program,” said Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Jessica Looman, whose agency includes the State Energy Office. “We encourage households and families with children, seniors, disabled persons and veterans to apply now.” “The Cold Weather Rule is a safeguard for the most vulnerable Minnesotans during our challenging winters,” said PUC Chair Nancy Lange. “It ensures that households in need are safe, warm and healthy. By working out a payment plan with their utility, Minnesota families with financial challenges can still keep their heat on.”

Energy Assistance Program

Minnesota’s Energy Assistance Program helps homeowners and renters

earning at or below 50 percent of the state’s median income, \$49,698 for a family of four, pay their heating bills. The average annual payment per household last year was about \$545. Households with seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and children are especially encouraged to apply. Minnesotans who use gas, electric or delivered fuels to heat their homes are eligible for the Energy Assistance Program. Applications were recently sent to households that qualified for energy assistance last year. Others who may qualify are encouraged to apply by contacting the local service provider in their county by calling 800-657-3710. Households can find their local Energy Assistance Program service provider, listed by county, at the Commerce Department’s Energy Assistance Program webpage. The Minnesota Commerce Department administers the Energy Assistance Program in partnership with 29 local service providers throughout the state. It is federally funded through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Commerce Department also administers the Weatherization Assistance Program, which provides energy efficiency improvements to reduce energy costs for households that meet income eligibility guidelines. Both homeowners and renters may apply for weatherization assistance. Other forms of assistance may be available through county social service programs, community-based organizations and nonprofit agencies.

ure to pay their bill. This is called the Cold Weather Rule and it is in effect from October 15 through April 15. All electric and natural gas companies are required to offer this protection. Under the Cold Weather Rule, customers who have a combined household income at or below 50 percent of the state median income are not required to pay more than 10 percent of their household income toward current and past heating bills. Others are also eligible to arrange a Cold Weather Rule payment plan. To prevent heating disconnection under the Cold Weather Rule, customers must first contact their utility to establish and maintain a monthly payment plan. Minnesotans who need to re-connect their service for the winter should contact their utility now to take advantage of the payment options. The Cold Weather Rule does not apply to delivered fuels such as fuel oil, propane or wood. However, Minnesotans who use these fuels are encouraged to contact the companies serving them to discuss payment options if they are concerned about their ability to pay this winter. For example, a state law requires that propane distributors offer all customers a budget plan. The Cold Weather Rule is administered by the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). More information on the rule is available at the PUC website or by calling 800-657-3782.



College opportunities in Staples

Students looking at Central Lakes College toured the robotics shop with their parents. CLC recruiter Ryan Wright, right, led them around the Staples campus. Wright said robotics graduates are in great demand and could find a job nearly anyplace they would want to live, including in other countries. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Recent reports taken by Staples Police

From the Staples Police report:
Oct. 15; Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 6th St NE for a report of individuals discharging a pellet gun. Police spoke to a group of individuals at the residence, where one subject admitted to shooting at a squirrel, that he intended

to eat. Police advised the subject on the city ordinance about discharging a pellet gun in city limits, and issued a verbal warning.
Oct. 15; Staples Police received a report of a suspicious person trying to enter a residence in the 200 block of 6th St NE.

Oct. 18; Staples Police received a report of damage to property regarding street lights being shot out on 3rd St SE and 4th St SW.
Oct. 20; Staples Police received a report of a domestic taking place in a vehicle on Pleasant Ave. NE and 4th St NE. Police spoke

with the victim and complainant but was unable to locate the subject. Upon investigation, the individual was identified as Bobby Berry Jr., of St. Paul. Berry will be charged with domestic assault and disorderly conduct.



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October is Women’s Small Business Month

By Kim Preston, Director, Women’s Business Center Center for Rural Affairs

October is Women’s Small Business Month, making now a perfect time to highlight accomplishments of women entrepreneurs and small business owners across the nation.

Approximately 150 Women’s Business Centers across the nation are designed to assist women in starting and growing small businesses. They provide training, mentoring, counseling and access to capital for one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy, women business owners.

In 2017, centers reached more than 145,000 clients and conducted over 93,000 hours of counseling and more than 15,000 training sessions. In 2015, Women’s Business Centers created 23,471 new jobs.

Why are centers focused specifically on women important? Today, women own more than 35 percent of all businesses and are starting new ventures at four times the rate of men. The most recent data indicates there are more than 11 million women-owned businesses employing nine million Americans and generating \$1.6 trillion in receipts.

It takes courage, ambition and ingenuity to start your own business, and all the women entrepreneurs out there possess these qualities. Women’s Business Centers have helped many of these talented entrepreneurs turn their dreams of starting a business into reality.

Small businesses are the engines that drive America’s growth and women are just beginning to leave their footprint in this sector of the economy. With the continued support of Women’s Business Centers across the country, their impact will surely grow.

Letter to the Editor

Exceptional service

Congratulations to the team of Staples Eye Clinic on the opening of your beautiful new building and location.

I was fortunate to be the first customer and patient before the clinic was opened to the public. I was first, not because I was first on the list of appointments. Rather I was first because I developed a growing eye infection on Friday, Oct. 12, the day the clinic was closed to allow the staff to move in and set up the equipment in the new building.

Dr. Seth Dokken and his team demon-

strated sincere concern and patient care by taking my call and agreeing to see me and my condition in the new office within minutes of my call. This is an example of the exceptional health related services we have in our community.

This is also an example of community pride that makes us all proud to live here.

Thank you, Dr. Seth Dokken and Gina Schafer, for always caring, far above the bar of expectation.

Mike and Jeannie Hajek
Staples, Minn.

Lesser-known broadband policy leaves rural areas out

By Johnathan Hladik, Policy director, Center for Rural Affairs, johnathanh@cfra.org

Connectivity is the defining aspect of our 21st century economy. Access to broadband internet offers the best in education, health care and economic development. Unfortunately for many, the best isn’t available.

More than 24 million Americans lack broadband access. This includes 31 percent of households in rural areas, but only 2 percent in urban. Old fashioned data collection guar-

antees this will continue.

The Federal Communications Commission collects data on broadband service at the Census block level. In rural areas, these blocks can stretch for hundreds of square miles. Nationwide, 3,200 Census blocks are larger than the District of Columbia.

In a Census block, if one household has access, the entire block is reported as “served.” Providers may report an area as “served” if they could provide access without “an extraordinary commitment of resources.”

This means the number of “served” areas is fre-

quently overstated. States are unable to accurately invest resources in broadband development because they are relying on erroneous data. Improving this process is the most important step we can take to improve availability in rural areas.

We are in the midst of a digital revolution and millions of rural Americans are being left behind. A closer look shows the problem isn’t always money, it comes back to policy. Now is the time for lawmakers to think innovatively and act swiftly to ensure rural America isn’t left out.

Too many lives hinge on drug prices and it’s time for a change

By Gail deVore

The angry protests around the 2016 Mylan EpiPen scandal brought into sharp focus the perils for patients when the price of a life-saving drug spikes precipitously, with little or no forewarning, and no ready alternative.

As a Type 1 diabetic who has been dealing with escalating insulin prices my whole life, I was heartened to see the public outcry over our country’s anemic attitude toward setting affordable drug pricing policies. My concern now is that, without additional crises to capture the public’s attention, the issue will recede in significance. Rest assured, the realities for patients living under the price-spiral sword have not receded, our lives continue to be threatened daily.

Diabetics like me are required to inject daily doses of insulin to sustain our lives. Insulin is a simple hormone that now costs about \$350 a bottle. When I was a newly diagnosed child in the 70s, insulin cost \$1.49 a bottle. The price rose slowly over the years: \$20 in the 90s, \$75 in the 2000s. Suddenly, very recently, the price skyrocketed. Almost 50 percent of my cost of insulin has been incurred in the last four years. For some diabetics, the price is so high that they simply cannot afford to buy it. They die. If they choose to ration their insulin to make it last longer, they also will likely die, just more slowly.

In fact, prices have become so steep that within diabetic communities we distribute extra insulin to those in need at no cost. I

also know diabetics who get their insulin in Canada or other countries at incredible savings without a prescription. But these work-arounds cannot save every diabetic who cannot afford insulin. Any death from lack of insulin is unacceptable.

It simply isn’t right that in the United States, a country that is supposed to be setting the standards for advanced medical care, patients have to split pills, cross borders or crowd-source vital medication. In no country should a life-saving and life-sustaining medication cost more than your mortgage.

I have been fortunate to always have insurance so I can afford my insulin and other medical necessities, however, even having insurance doesn’t make it affordable for everyone. High deductible plans force many of us to still pay a lot for our drugs.

This situation is not limited to diabetics. It might be your neighbor who has cancer or your grandparent with heart disease or your child’s classmate with asthma. It might be you. Seventy percent of all Americans take prescription drugs for a chronic condition, according to the Mayo Clinic, and more than half take two. One-fifth of Americans take five prescription drugs. It’s highly likely far more Americans would be among that group if they could afford it.

We all have skin in this game.

According to a recent survey by the West Health Institute and NORC at the University of Chicago, 75 percent of Americans consider the prices of

prescription drugs to be unreasonable and despite promises from the president and members of Congress to rein in prices, very few approve of either’s handling of the issue.

This isn’t surprising given the survey found no public policy issue is more important to Americans than the high cost of healthcare and the rising price of prescription drugs, more so than jobs and the economy, immigration, national security and the environment.

We also know that only large-scale policy changes, not informal networks and trips to Canada, can fix this. Fully 88 percent of Americans say medication costs should be a priority for congressional candidates this year. Eight in 10 support proposals to allow Medicare to negotiate directly with drug manufacturers and allow generics to compete with brand-name medications.

Imagine the impact if we all spoke up about it, not just when a particularly egregious story like the EpiPen debacle captures the public’s attention.

I encourage all Americans to reach out to their representatives and candidates running for office and tell them to make this issue a priority. Our lives are in the balance and it is time to take action.

Gail deVore has had Type 1 Diabetes for over 46 years, diagnosed as a young child. She lives a full life in Denver, Colorado with her husband and their family.

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The regular deadline for letters to the editor, advertisements and news releases in the Staples World is 5 p.m. Mondays. The deadline for advertisements in the Square Shooter is 5 p.m. Wednesdays.

For the general election, the Staples World will not accept any letters or advertisements raising new issues after Monday, Oct. 29.



Donations sought for book sale

The Friends of the Staples Public Library is seeking donations for their annual used book sale. The sale will be Friday, Nov. 16, from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the library building in the city council chambers.

Because of space limitations, donations cannot be accepted before Nov. 9. All donations need to be taken to the circulation desk during regular library hours. Please do not leave books in the atrium or put them in the book drop.

Clean, gently used paperback and hardcover books will be accepted. The Friends cannot accept old, musty, torn or yellowing books. Dictionaries, encyclopedias, school text books and religion books also cannot be accepted.

Over 200 large print books in pristine condition have already been donated.

Volunteers are also needed to assist during the sale hours, prior to the sale to help set up and immediately following the sale to box the remaining books. Anyone interested can sign up at the library's circulation desk.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St NE, Staples. The library hours are 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.; and Sat., 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale are used to support library activities and reading programs for children, teens and adults. The funds also may be used to purchase furniture and equipment needed by the library staff.



Welcome to V.I.L.E - Villain School

Trickery, selfishness, greed and power are the four core virtues of V.I.L.E. – Villain Institute for Learning Evil – and school is in session. Staples-Motley High School Fall Play presents “Villain School.” Come see the school turn into a dark castle filled with monsters, convicts, geniuses, witches and misfits on Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 1, 2, and 3, at

7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 4, at 1 p.m. at the Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Among the cast, above, are Keegan Bestland, Jaydan Friedel, Jadyn Kincaid, Alex Morlock and Trinity Seamann. Justin Edin is the director and Tamber Edin is the assistant director. As the conniving professors would say ... have a terrible day! (Submitted photo)

Area youth to ‘Trick or Treat’ for food shelf

Area youth will “Trick or Treat” for the Staples Area Food Shelf on Sunday, Oct. 28, collecting non-perishable food items from 4-7 p.m.

All youth in grades six - 12 are invited to participate in this event that includes prayer, a hayride and supper. Meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples, at 4 p.m.

Residents in the community are asked to watch for youth on hay racks or in cars that day, as they travel door to door picking up food items.

After collecting the food, participants will return to the church where a supper will be provided. For more information call 218-894-1546.

Sourcewell to sponsor Young Authors Conf.

Young and aspiring authors have an opportunity to learn from esteemed writers and let their creativity soar at the 2018 Young Authors Conference Nov. 13 at Central Lakes College Staples campus.

This event, sponsored by Sourcewell, is open to students in fourth through sixth grade who have an interest in writing and are ready to explore on a deeper level.

This conference provides the opportunity to learn from professional writers, including keynote speaker Geoff Herbach.

Students will participate in interactive writing sessions led by fiction and non-fiction writers, poets, songwriters, playwrights, actors, illustrators and more, traveling through sessions and discovering the many different paths that can be taken through writing.

Student Academics Coordinator Katie Embree said this event is a great opportunity for students with an interest in writing to further explore and let their imaginations take flight. This year's event is themed Adventure Island.

“We love offering this to our regional students as a way to further explore writing and be able to interact with others who have a similar interest,” Embree said. “We have several amazing writers who will also participate in this conference to help influence and assist our budding authors.”

Embree said registration for the 2018 Young Authors Conference is open and is intended, but not limited to, classes and/or schools to attend together. For more information, visit sourcewell.co/youngauthors.

Farm and rural helpline available

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) reminds farmers and their families that the Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The service is free and confidential. The toll free number is 833-600-2670.

“These are challenging times for growers who are facing a number of economic headwinds on the farm. And during harvest, that stress builds for a lot of farmers spending long hours in the combine,” said Minnesota Corn Growers Association President Brian Thalmann, who farms near Plato. “All farmers should know this number is available when outside help is needed.”

Farmers and rural communities face unique stresses and emotional situations, including financial challenges, unpredict-

able weather and physically demanding work. Stress, anxiety, depression, financial burdens and other mental and emotional challenges are common.

The Minnesota Farm & Rural Helpline connects callers to financial help, mental health counselors, legal assistance and more. Calls are confidential, but counselors may ask for a first name and phone number in case of a dropped call. Translation services are available in all languages.

The Helpline is also available to people who are worried about family or friends and aren't sure how to help.

Farmers and rural Minnesotans can call the toll free number as often as needed at 833-600-2670 or visit the MDA's website for additional resources on farming and stress.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERNDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

‘ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS’ SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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GIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m., Maslowski Wellness and Research Center, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5288.

MOTLEY AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

‘PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD’ SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County

Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE MTG third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebek. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCoChair@yahoo.com.

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info., 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

October 27

FREE COMMUNITY BREAKFAST SAT. Oct. 27, 8 - 10 a.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley. For info., 218-352-6466.

October 31

TRICK OR TREATING AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM, STAPLES Weds., Oct. 31, 4 - 5 p.m., LHS care center; 5 - 6 p.m., Lakewood Pines; and 6 - 7 p.m., Lakewood Manor. Enter through Door A at the care center.

Need a ride to the polls to vote Nov.6

If you, or someone you know in Todd County, needs a ride to vote on Nov. 6, call John at 612-419-4033. It's completely non-partisan, with no discussion of candidates or positions before, during or after the drive.

If there's no answer, leave your name, address and approximate time you would like to go to vote.

If you're interested in being a driver to the polls and are willing to be non-partisan, call the above number for your name to be added to list of drivers, which community you're willing to cover, what times you're available along with your contact information.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Sarah Mertens and Kyle Jensen of Staples, a baby boy, Cameron William weighing six pounds on October 12, 2018.

Born to Amber and Miranda Frame of Staples, a baby boy, Ryker Steven Duane weighing seven pounds, six ounces on October 13, 2018.

Born to Sadie Webber of Pine River, a baby boy, Bruce John Patrick weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on October 15, 2018.

Born to Kailee Gester and Brett Wolf of Clarissa, a baby boy, Koltyn Michael weighing seven pounds, six ounces on October 16, 2018.

Born to Samantha and Bo Lindula of Motley, a baby boy, Paul Ambrose weighing eight pounds, three ounces on October 16, 2018.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

A baby boy, Andre Joseph Alba was born on October 18, 2018, to Jose and Katie Alba of Wadena weighing eight pounds, five ounces at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena. He was welcomed home by big sister, Mia; grandparents are Joe and Karen Zetah of Motley, Yolanda Calix and Jesus Alba.

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Keeping kids warm this winter

Volunteers at the Great Coat Give-away gathered around one of the coat racks during the event on Oct. 18. They started with more than 230 kids coats and gave away at least half of them. The remaining coats will be given away with the Christmas for Kids program, at the food shelf, or donated to local

thrift stores. Volunteers include, from left, Emma Drone, Frank Tepley, Cheryl Tepley, Norman Drone, Janet Anderson, Sue Flaten, Jeannie Hajek and Bonnie Dallmann. The event was sponsored by CARE Ministries. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Donations welcome for resident's auction

The Activities Department at Lakewood Care Center is hosting the annual resident's auction on Weds., Nov. 7. If anyone is interested in donating to this activity the staff asks that items be dropped off no later than Fri., Nov. 2. Items could include: pop, knick-knacks, jewelry, pillows, bird seed, etc... use your imagination.

Residents earn points by participating

in activities two weeks prior to the auction. The event provides residents a fun opportunity to purchase items with their points for gift giving or themselves.

"The activity staff needs your help to make this event a success," said Traci Neissess, Activities Coordinator. "You may drop off your donations at the Care Center by Nov. 2. Your help is appreciated."

National FFA candidate

Katie Benson, a 2017 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, is a finalist for a National FFA office. Of the 700,000 FFA members throught the United States, Katie is a candidate in the final 20. The 2018-19 National FFA Officer Team will be selected Sat., Oct. 27 during the 91st National FFA Convention & Expo, electing new FFA members to serve as the student leaders of the National FFA Organization. The convention is held in Indianapolis, Indiana. (Submitted photo)



Todd County Historical Society

The Todd County Historical Society met Oct. 1 at the museum. The meeting

was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. September minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

De's Museum Report:
•We served 231 people at the waffle breakfast.

•To accommodate our accession files, we had to switch to a larger safe deposit box which will now cost \$25.

The fire inspector completed his yearly check and we will have to:

-Move the moose head and one bird because of their proximity to the water sprinklers.

-In the storage room, two quilts need to move from the upper racks for the same reason.

-Move a display case in the farm room so the electrical boxes are more accessible.

Maintenance informed us we need to give them accessibility to our office because that's where the building's water pipes are

located and keep the closet door that houses them open in the winter.

The cost of siding and roofing at the fairgrounds building exceeded the estimate due to the rafters and wiring needing replacement, therefore, there is no money to finish the inside.

The trip to Litchfield was successful.

De has tickets to sell for the Autumn Dinner. Call the museum at 732-4426 Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The date for the Fireman's Appreciation Day needs to change as it is deer hunting.

Next meeting is Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the museum.

Gerry Ruda's program was taken from the November 7, 1879 Long Prairie Argus newspaper about the murder of two people by Black John Mead and his subsequent hanging here in Long Prairie.

-Submitted by Alice Siegle

Obituaries

Walter Gaugert

Walter Charles Gaugert, 74, of Eagan passed away October 9, at his home.

Walt was laid to rest at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples on Oct. 20 surrounded by family members. Pastor Carl Larson of Faith Lutheran Church, Staples was the officiant.

Walt graduated from Staples High School and moved to the Minneapolis area soon after (1961-62). He worked in a machine shop for two years followed by 28 years at Control Data in computer sales. After retirement he enjoyed many years of umpiring softball and spending time with his grandchildren. He enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, helping on the family farm, boating and playing on various softball teams.

He is survived by one daughter, Toni (Jeff) Rathman and one son, Chad Gaugert; three grandchil-



dren Cory, Kyle and Emma; two brothers and four sisters: Glenna Fuller, Myrna (Skip) Meinhardt, Arvid Gaugert, Linda (Steve) Babcock, Steve (Rita) Gaugert, Nancy (Chris) Matek; many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Eleanora Gaugert.

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Gary Greene

Gary Lennox Greene, 75, of Cushing, passed away at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples October 19.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m., Sat., Oct. 27 at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Interment will take place at the Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, Little Falls on Mon., Oct. 29, at 11 a.m.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel of Baxter.

Gary was born on September 28, 1943 in Minneapolis to Morris and Irene (Hansen) Greene. At age five, his family moved to Dalton where he graduated from Underwood High School in 1961. Gary enlisted in the US Air Force in 1964, proudly serving his country until 1968. After discharge from the Air Force, Gary returned to Minneapolis. On Nov. 28, 1968, Gary married Cathie Lawless in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. They made their home in the Twin Cities and Gary worked in many financial positions including as an owner and CFO. After retirement, they moved to their lake



home on Fish Trap Lake. Gary enjoyed spending time with family, boating, taking walks, reading/discussing books, playing games and wintering in Arizona. His hobby was golf.

Gary is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years; two sons, Jason of Wayzata and Trevor (Sarah) of Woodbury; four grandchildren, Noah, Ellen, Anton and Calvin; two brothers, Kirby (Alice) of Dalton and Barclay of Yorba Linda, CA; many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Morrison County Food Shelf.

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Care Center

OCTOBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Thurs., Oct. 30, 2:15 p.m. Church-Staples Church of Christ; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Fri., Oct. 31, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Lions '93; 4-5 p.m. Trick 'N Treaters

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Walter Weise, Pauline Page, Nov. 8; Dennis Eckert, Nov. 11; Margaret Bielefeld, Nov. 18; John Felts, Nov. 19

NOVEMBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Thurs., Nov. 1, 10 a.m. Bible study; 2 p.m. Birthday party hosted by Trinity Lutheran Ladies Guild;

Fri., Nov. 2, 10 a.m. Cappuccino;

Sat., Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist singers

Sun., Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., Nov. 5, Nominations for Care Center Pres.

Tues., Nov. 6, 2:15 p.m. Church-Paul Koehler; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 7, 1 p.m. Residents' Auction

Thurs., Nov. 8, Activity Meeting

Fri., Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m. Church-Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday

Sat., Nov. 10, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Nov. 11, 1:30 p.m. Word game; 2:15 p.m. Social time

Mon., Nov. 12, Care Center President announced; 1:15 p.m. Resident Council

Tues., Nov. 13, 2:15 p.m. Church-Motley Free Methodist; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge;

Weds., Nov. 14, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Nov 15, 10 a.m. Bible study/Pastor Brown

Fri., Nov. 16, 11 a.m. Resident Recognition party

Sat., Nov. 17, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Assembly of God singers; 7 p.m. Square dancers

Tues., Nov. 20, 2:15 p.m. Church-Faith Lutheran; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 21, 2 p.m. Thanksgiving Bingo

Sat., Nov. 24, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Nov. 25, 7 p.m. Living Waters Church singers

Tues., Nov. 27 2:15 p.m. Church-Evangelical Lutheran; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 28, 11 a.m. Burger King picnic; 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Nov. 29 1:15 p.m. Communion service; 2 p.m. Doug Sportz entertainment

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SAMPLE BALLOT

Sample Ballot

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	Court of Appeals	Judge 10 Vote for One
	Judge 2 Vote for One	☐ Matthew M. Quinn Incumbent

STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

SAMPLE BALLOT

To the County Clerk and voters of the County of Wadena
In the County of Wadena, State of Minnesota.
Notice is Hereby Given, That a General Election Voting will be held ALL the precincts in Wadena County
On Tuesday the Sixth (6th) day of November, 2018, at which the polls will be open from the hours of
7:00 o'clock AM (unless your municipality has published notice stating otherwise) to the hour of eight o'clock PM for the
purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

FEDERAL OFFICES
One United States Senator (Term expiring January 3, 2025)
One United States Senator (Special Election for term expiring January 3, 2021)
One Representative in the United States House of Representatives in Congressional District: 8

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One State Representative in the Minnesota House of Representatives in Legislative District: 9A
Governor and Lieutenant Governor
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COUNTY OFFICES
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Court of Appeals Judge 2
Court of Appeals Judge 4
Court of Appeals Judge 6
Court of Appeals Judge 7
Court of Appeals Judge 12
Court of Appeals Judge 14

SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT
District Court Judge 1 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 5 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 10 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 17 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 20 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 7 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 16 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 19 in the Seventh Judicial District
District Court Judge 29 in the Seventh Judicial District

City offices
City of Aldrich: Mayor, 1 Council Member, City Treasurer
City of Nimrod: Mayor, 1 Council Member, City Clerk
City of Menahga: Mayor, 3 Council Members, Liquor
Questions City of Verndale: Mayor, 2 Council Members
City of Sebeka: Mayor, 2 Council Members, Liquor Question
City of Staples: Mayor, 3 Council Members City
of Wadena: Mayor, 2 Council Members

School Districts
Staples-Motley #2170 – 3 School Board Members
Wadena-Deer Creek #2155 – 3 School Board Members
Verndale #818 – 3 School Board Members
Sebeka #820 – 4 School Board Members
Menahga #821 – 3 School Board Members

DATED: October 10, 2018
Judy Taves, Wadena County Auditor/Treasurer
Wadena County Minnesota

Official Ballot
State General Election Ballot
Wadena County, Minnesota
November 6, 2018
Judge _____
Judge _____
Instructions to Voters:
To Vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this (●)

Federal Offices U.S. Senator For term expiring January 3, 2025 Vote for One ☐ Jim Newberger January 3, 2025 Republican ☐ Amy Klobuchar January 3, 2025 Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Dennis Schuller January 3, 2025 Legal Marijuana Now ☐ Paula M Overby January 3, 2025 Minnesota Green Party ☐ write-in, if any U.S. Senator Special Election for term expiring January 3, 2021 Vote for One ☐ Karin Housley January 3, 2021 Republican ☐ Tina Smith January 3, 2021 Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Sarah Wellington January 3, 2021 Legal Marijuana Now ☐ Jerry Trooien January 3, 2021 Unaffiliated ☐ write-in, if any U.S. Representative District 8 Vote for One ☐ Pete Stauber Republican ☐ Joe Radinovich Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Ray Skip Sandman Independence ☐ write-in, if any State Offices State Representative District 2B Vote for One ☐ Steve Green Republican ☐ Karen Branden Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ write-in, if any State Representative District 9A Vote for One ☐ John M. Poston Republican ☐ Alex Hering Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ write-in, if any Governor and Lieutenant Governor Vote for One Team ☐ Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom Republican ☐ Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Chris Wright and Judith Schwartzbacker Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis ☐ Josh Welter and Mary O'Connor Libertarian ☐ write-in, if any Secretary of State Vote for One ☐ John Howe Republican ☐ Steve Simon Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ William Denny Independence ☐ write-in, if any State Auditor Vote for One ☐ Pam Myhra Republican ☐ Julie Blaha Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Michael Ford Legal Marijuana Now ☐ Chris Dock Libertarian Party ☐ write-in, if any Attorney General Vote for One ☐ Doug Wardlow Republican ☐ Keith Ellison Democratic-Farmer-Labor ☐ Noah M. Johnson Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis ☐ write-in, if any County Offices County Commissioner District 1 Vote for One ☐ Sheldon Monson ☐ write-in, if any County Commissioner District 3 Vote for One ☐ Bill Stearns ☐ write-in, if any	County Commissioner District 5 Vote for One ☐ Jon Kangas ☐ Curtis Ronneberg ☐ write-in, if any County Auditor - Treasurer Vote for One ☐ Heather R Olson ☐ Brian Hagen ☐ write-in, if any County Recorder Vote for One ☐ Soledad Henriksen ☐ write-in, if any County Sheriff Vote for One ☐ Michael D. Carr (JR.) ☐ write-in, if any County Attorney Vote for One ☐ Kyra L. Ladd ☐ write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 1 Vote for One ☐ Kenneth Berg ☐ write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 2 Vote for One ☐ Brett Dailey ☐ write-in, if any Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 3 Vote for One ☐ Nancy L. Benson ☐ write-in, if any City Offices Mayor City of Aldrich Vote for One ☐ Scott Nundahl ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Menahga Vote for One ☐ Joan D Liimatta ☐ Nathan Carlson ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Nimrod Vote for One ☐ Keith Frame ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Sebeka Vote for One ☐ David A Anderson ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Staples Vote for One ☐ Chris Etzler ☐ write-in, if any Mayor City of Verndale Vote for One ☐ Raye Ludovissie ☐ write-in, if any Vote front and back of ballot	Mayor City of Wadena Vote for One ☐ George M Deiss ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Menahga Four Year Term Vote for Up to Two ☐ Arthur D. Huebner ☐ Robyn Keranen ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Nimrod Vote for One ☐ Hollie Eastlund ☐ Coleman Rydie ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Sebeka Vote for Up to Two ☐ Justin M. Ahrendt ☐ Michael Grewing ☐ Joshua Connor ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Staples Vote for Up to Three ☐ Thomas Toepper ☐ Roy J Miles ☐ Ron Murray ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Verndale Vote for Up to Two ☐ Ardith Carr ☐ Jim Runyan ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Wadena Vote for Up to Two ☐ Bruce A. Uselmann ☐ Mark J. Lunde ☐ write-in, if any Council Member City of Aldrich Vote for One ☐ _____ ☐ write-in, if any
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WADENA COUNTY AUDITOR

SAMPLE BALLOT

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

City Offices Special Election for Council Member City of Menahga To fill vacancy in term expiring January 7, 2021 Vote for One ☐ Larry M. Karjala ☐ write-in, if any City Clerk City of Nimrod Vote for One ☐ Karen J. Lepinski ☐ write-in, if any City Treasurer City of Aldrich Vote for One ☐ _____ ☐ write-in, if any City Questions City of Menahga To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. City Question 1 Sunday Liquor Shall the city council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays? ☐ Yes ☐ No City Question 2 Split Liquor The city currently owns and operates a municipal liquor store. Shall the city council be allowed to issue private on-sale licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor to hotels and restaurants, as well as to clubs? ☐ Yes ☐ No City Questions City of Sebeka To vote for a question, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. City Question Sunday On-Sale of Liquor Shall the city council be allowed to issue on-sale licenses to restaurants, clubs, and hotels for the sale of intoxicating liquor at retail on Sundays? ☐ Yes ☐ No School District Offices School Board Member Independent School District No. 818 (Verndale) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Scott Veronen ☐ Tony Stanley ☐ Bill Blaha ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any School Board Member Independent School District No. 820 (Sebeka) Vote for Up to Four ☐ JoAnn Olson ☐ Bryan Pederson ☐ Nate Erickson ☐ Russell Glen Johnson ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	School District Offices School Board Member Independent School District No. 821 (Menahga) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Durwin Tomperi ☐ Katie Howard ☐ Andrea Haverinen ☐ Bob Smith ☐ write-in, if any School Board Member Independent School District No. 2155 (Wadena-Deer Creek) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Peter Hayes ☐ Ann Pate ☐ Becca Grieger ☐ Melissa Seelhammer ☐ Kevin Klawitter ☐ Tammy Kircher ☐ Gail Vittetoe ☐ Ryan Damlo ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any School Board Member Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Robert L. Follis ☐ Mary Freeman ☐ Bruce F. Lund ☐ Brad Anderson ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any Special District Offices United Hospital District Board Member City of Staples Vote for One ☐ Mary Thure ☐ write-in, if any United Hospital District Board Member Town of Thomastown Vote for One ☐ E. Paul Wicht ☐ write-in, if any Judicial Offices Supreme Court Chief Justice Vote for One ☐ Lorie Skjerven Gildea Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Associate Justice 2 Vote for One ☐ Michelle MacDonald ☐ Margaret Chutich Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Associate Justice 1 Vote for One ☐ Barry Anderson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Associate Justice 5 Vote for One ☐ Anne McKeig Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any	Court of Appeals Judge 2 Vote for One ☐ Anthony L. Brown ☐ Lucinda Ellen Jesson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 4 Vote for One ☐ Tracy Smith Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 6 Vote for One ☐ _____ ☐ write-in, if any Judge 7 Vote for One ☐ Jill Flaskamp Halbrooks Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 12 Vote for One ☐ Diane Bratvold Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 14 Vote for One ☐ James B. Florey Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any 7th District Court Judge 1 Vote for One ☐ Kris H. Davick-Halfen Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 5 Vote for One ☐ Timothy M. Churchwell Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 6 Vote for One ☐ Gail T. Kulick Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 7 Vote for One ☐ Mary B. Mahler Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 10 Vote for One ☐ Matthew W. Quinn Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 16 Vote for One ☐ Gretchen D. Thilmony Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 17 Vote for One ☐ Sharon Grewell Benson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 19 Vote for One ☐ Barbara R. Hanson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 20 Vote for One ☐ William J. Cashman Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 29 Vote for One ☐ Shan C. Wang Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Vote front and back of ballot
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NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that that a General Election will be held in the Election Precincts of Todd County Including: Villard Township at the Township Hall in Philbrook, 31337 County 28, on Tuesday, the Sixth (6th) day of November, 2018 at which time the polls will be open from the hour of seven (7:00) o'clock a.m. to the hour of eight (8) o'clock p.m. Absentee Ballots can be acquired by calling the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office at 320-732-4471. On the ballot will also be the Villard Township Election of two (2) Town Supervisors, one Treasurer and one (1) Clerk for four (4) year terms. Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at

the Eastwood Inn in Motley, followed by the regular November Township Board meeting.

Notice that Villard Township Meetings on the following dates will be held at the Eastwood Inn in Motley: Tuesdays, November 13, 2018; December 11, 2018; January 8, 2019; February 12, 2019; March 12, 2019; April 9, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Trantina Koenig,
Clerk 42-ss43pnc

NOTICE
GENERAL ELECTION
MAY TOWNSHIP

The General Election polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the May Town Hall, Tuesday, November 6.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk 43pnc

NOTICE
LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

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

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NOTICE
LAKE SHORE
AERATION WARNING
LAKE SHAMINEAU

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

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Legal Aid at Communities Connect

Communities Connect took place on Oct. 18 at Timbers Restaurant in Staples. Visitors were invited to connect with local resources that offer help in the community, including Legal Aid of Central Minnesota, foreground, where people could get help signing up

for MNsure health care insurance programs. The event was sponsored by Staples Motley Beyond Poverty, Engage by Lakewood Health Systems and Todd County CAD. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Connecting with food

The food table at Communities Connect was a popular place to meet and greet guests and vendors. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Official Ballot

Sample Ballot

State General Election Ballot

Cass County, Minnesota

November 6, 2018

Judge _____

Judge _____

Instructions to Voters:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choices(s) like this (☐)

Sample ballots for each precinct are posted in polling places on election day, are available in

in advance of the election online at myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us, or upon request by calling 218-547-7260.

Sample Ballot

Sample Ballot

Sample Ballot

CASS COUNTY

NOTICE OF STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a State General Election will be held on November 6, 2018. The State General Election Ballot will include the offices of U.S. Senator (term ending 1/3/2025, U.S. Senator (term ending 1/3/2021); U.S. Representative District 8; State Representative Districts 5A, 5B, and 9A; Governor and Lieutenant Governor; Secretary of State; State Auditor; Attorney General; County Commissioner Districts 1 and 4; County Recorder; County Sheriff; County Attorney; Soil and Water District Supervisor Districts 1 and 5; Minnesota Supreme Court Chief Justice; Minnesota Supreme Court Associate Justice Seats 1, 2 and 5; Minnesota Court of Appeals Judges 2, 4, 6, 7, 12, and 14; Ninth Judicial District Judges Seats 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, and 24. The ballot will also include local elections for the following contests within respective jurisdictions:

CITY OFFICES

MAYOR

COUNCIL MEMBERS

COUNCIL MEMBER(S) Special Terms (2 Yr)

BALLOT QUESTIONS

CITY

Backus

Bena

Cass Lake

Chickamaw Beach

East Gull Lake

Federal Dam

Hackensack

Lake Shore

Longville

Motley

Pillager

Pine River

Remer

Walker

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

No. 113 Walker-Hackensack-Akeley

No. 115 Cass Lake-Bena

No. 116 Pillager

No. 118 Northland Community

No. 181 Brainerd

No. 186 Pequot Lakes

No. 317 Deer River

No. 820 Sebeka

No. 2170 Staples-Motley

No. 2174 Pine River Backus

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UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

1 – Becker Township

1 – Byron Township

TOWN OFFICES

SUPERVISOR SEAT(S)

CLERK OR TREASURER

SPECIAL TERM (2 Yr) OFFICES or QUESTIONS

Ansel

Barclay

Becker

Beulah

Birch Lake

Blind Lake

Boy Lake

Boy River

Bull Moose

Bungo

Byron

Crooked Lake

Deerfield

Fairview

Gould

Hiram

Homebrook

Inguadona

Leech Lake

Lima

Loon Lake

McKinley

Maple

May

Meadow Brook

Seats 1 and 2

Seat 1

Seats 1 and 3

Seat 2

Seats 2 and 3

Seat 2

Seat 3

Seats 1 and 2

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Seats 2 and 3

Seat 3

Seats 1,3, 5

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Treasurer

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Clerk

Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer

Supervisor Seat 3

Treasurer

Supervisor Seat 1

Clerk

SUPERVISOR SEAT(S)

CLERK OR TREASURER

SPECIAL TERM (2 Yr) OFFICES or QUESTIONS

Moose Lake

Otter Tail Peninsula

Pike Bay

Pine Lake

Pine River

Ponto Lake

Poplar

Powers

Remer

Rogers

Salem

Shingobee

Slater

Smoky Hollow

Sylvan

Thunder Lake

Torrey

Trelipe

Turtle Lake

Wabedo

Walden

Wilkinson

Wilson

Woodrow

Seat 1

Seat 2

Seats 2 and 3

Seat 3

Seat 1

Seat 3

Seat 2

Seat 2

Seats 1 and 2

Seat 2

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Seats 2, 4, 5

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Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer

Clerk

Treasurer

Supervisor Seat 1

Treasurer, Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer

Supervisor Seat 1

Polling place locations and hours of voting are as follows:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS	PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS
Townships					
Bungo	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Shingobee Precinct 2	Turtle Lake Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Crooked Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Sylvan	Sylvan Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fairview	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Trelipe	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Hiram	Hackensack Community Ctr	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Turtle Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Kego	Longville Fire Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Wabedo	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Leech Lake	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Wilkinson	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Maple	Town Hall	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Woodrow	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
May	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Cities		
McKinley	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Cass Lake	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Pike Bay	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	East Gull Lake	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Pine River	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Hackensack	Hackensack Community Ctr	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Ponto Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Lake Shore	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Powers	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Pillager	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Shingobee Precinct 1	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Pine River	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
			Walker	Walker Fire Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Bull Moose Township	Loon Lake Township	Salem Township
Backus	Byron Township	Meadow Brook Township	Slater Township
Barclay Township	Chickamaw Beach	Moose Lake Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Becker Township	Deerfield Township	Motley-part in Cass County only	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Bena	Federal Dam	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Thunder Lake Township
Birch Lake Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Poplar Township	Wahnena Unorg.
Blind Lake Township	Homebrook Township	Remer	Walden Township
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Remer Township	Willow River Unorg.
Boy River	Lima Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Wilson Township
Boy River Township	Longville	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.

At which places all qualified electors residing in their respective townships or cities may cast their ballots. All pre-registered voters in mail ballot precincts will receive ballots by mail. The polling place on election day for mail ballot precincts for voters not pre-registered is the office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer, Courthouse, Walker, Minnesota, and other designated locations. Election day hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Non-registered voters in mail ballot precincts may also apply for an absentee ballot in advance. For sample ballots and more information, visit www.co.cass.mn.us, or call 218-547-7260.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: August 25, 2011

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$143,798.00

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

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

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

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

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

Lot 3, Block 3, Wilson's First Addition to Staples, including the West Half of

vacated alley which abuts said Lot 3 on the East line thereof, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder.

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

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

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

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

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

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

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 38-0108703

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100049700011834971

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein

has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: October 5, 2018

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

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

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Todd County approves lease with hockey group

By Karin L. Nauber Todd County reporter

After contentious discussion at their Oct. 16 meeting, Todd County Commissioners voted three to two to approve the lease agreement on the Expo Building to the Long Prairie Hockey Association for one season.

Background

The lease agreement with the Long Prairie Hockey Association (LPHA) for 2016 through 2018 has expired and the association expressed interest in renewing the agreement.

On Sept. 18, commissioners discussed the renewal.

Chair Randy Neumann contacted the Runestone Community Center (RCC) and found the school district pays \$79,000 to rent the building for the hockey season.

He also called Sauk Centre and they have two contracts - one with the youth hockey program and one with the high school - for five years at approximately \$39,000 annually from each entity.

He said he didn't call Wadena.

"Three thousand dollars is not cutting it in Todd County," said Neumann.

That's the amount LPHA pays to rent the Expo Building.

President of the LPHA Dave Gould said he agreed it was minimal, but that they could not compare LPHA to the RCC or other entities.

"The RCC rental includes the zamboni, compressors, electricity and other costs," he said.

The LPHA provides all of those things.

Neumann said he wanted to see if the school districts paid.

Gould said the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle School District was supportive of the program as long as the LPHA provides the facility and financials.

"The lease agreement is minimal, but if it needs to be raised, we can talk about it. It has never been asked by the county," said Gould.

Neumann said that they were now in a situation where the county needed to fix the building. He said that if someone came in and shut the facility down because of the mold, it would be shut down.

Gould said that the hockey association had put in the bathrooms, the locker rooms, the milking parlor room, lights and cement into the building.

"A lot of it was done without the approval of this board," said Neumann.

Gould said the LPHA was probably willing to help with the repair of the building.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked if there was a possibility that the hockey

association could bond for the money to building their own facility.

"This building was never meant for this," she said.

The hockey association has full liability insurance while they use the facility and it was noted they've been using the facility without a lease signed.

Gould said it had never been requested before, but he could provide a schedule to the board.

"We're more than happy to do our fair share with the building. We have limited funds, but talk with us, work with us," he said. "We will try to work with you, but we can't if we don't know what you want."

It was suggested they hold a work session and talk about what is needed and wanted.

Becker suggested they charge the cost of \$7,451 for getting rid of the mold in the locker room back to the hockey association.

Commissioner Rod Erickson said the county approved it as a county expense.

The board action was approved for the one season lease for \$3,000.

In other business the board:

Approved the purchase of two 2019 Chevrolet Malibu Sedans for \$38,124.01 and one 2019 Chevrolet Cruze for \$16,540.30 from Ranger GM per bids received via the State Bid System for the county motor pool.

According to County Engineer Loren Fellbaum, a pavement project on County State Aid Highway 47 is scheduled in 2019. As part of the proposed work, it was determined that the culvert under CSAH 47 at the Fish Creek (aka Adley Creek) crossing needed replacement.

This proposed replacement requires environmental permitting by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Fellbaum said that during the initial discussion with the DNR, the area fisheries supervisor suggested an improvement to the existing metal culvert that would enhance fish passage from Big Birch Lake.

As part of preparing the attached required hydraulic analysis and risk assessment for this replacement, a cost estimate was included to calculate the increased cost of upsizing a replacement structure (round concrete pipe) to an enhanced structure (concrete box culvert).

The DNR prepared the Joint Powers Agreement for the Fish Creek culvert replacement, which authorizes a \$130,000 payment to Todd County. This payment is intended to cover the additional construction costs and engineering for this pipe project.

The board approved the

agreement.

Acting as the Todd County Ditch Authority, the board approved a Hold Harmless Agreement petition from Faye Arntson to replace a private crossing on County Ditch 22 in Burleene Township Section 24.

The board granted the request to establish Summer Shores Preliminary Plat with the conditions recommended by the Planning Commission.

The plat is a six lot subdivision located on Lake Osakis.

The two conditions are:

1) The site stay vegetated as the lots are marketed and sold.

2) Obtain Sauk River Watershed District soil erosion permits and storm water permits as each lot is developed.

Approved the appointment of Douglas K. Johnson as a full-time deputy county recorder at Grade 6, Step 7 - \$23 per hour - with a tentative start date of Oct. 22. Chair Randy Neumann was opposed and Commissioner Barb Becker abstained due to being related to the applicant.

Approved a one-time donation of \$6,400 to the Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

Several members of the board agreed that the kitchen needed to become self-sustaining.

Neumann expressed his concern that they were not using locally grown foods like many senior citizen centers do.

"I'm in favor of a one-time donation, but they requested it be a line item. It can't be a line item. Where will the funding come out of?" asked Neumann.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said it would come from the general fund.

Approved the purchase of a new Bobcat for the Solid Waste Department at a cost of \$20,110.80 after a trade-in (\$15,000) of a current one through Long Prairie Machinery.

South Country and Minnesota Association of County Health Plans have been working to strengthen support for county-based purchasing.

The board approved sending letters to the candidates for Minnesota governor sending a strong message of county support for county-based purchasing. The intent is that all 25 counties that participate in county-based purchasing will all be sending letters.

Approved a Memorandum of Agreement for child protection social workers who are required to be available to law enforcement after hours as needed to be compensated while they are on-call.

Closed the meeting for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with their labor attorney.

NOTICE OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT REGULAR ELECTION

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

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

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

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

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

Lana Hansen, District Clerk

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170
STAPLES MOTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held for Independent School District No. 2170, (Staples Motley School District), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the sixth (6th) day of November, 2018 for the purpose of electing three (3) school board members for four (4) year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170
(STAPLES-MOTLEY)
VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

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Bruce F. Lund

Brad Anderson

Mary Freeman

Robert L. Follis

"write-in, if any"

"write-in, if any"

"write-in, if any"

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 a.m. (unless your municipality has published notice stating otherwise) and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. Any unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Greg Frisk
School District Clerk

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Student Achievements



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students of the Month at Motley-Staples Middle School were, front row, left to right:
Luke Bjerga, Jack Carlson, Corinne Olson, Katriane Beach, Jade Storry, Estalla Bock, Owen Frisk.
Back row: Zack Wilhelmi, Richard Page, Benjamin Tyrrell, Gavin Cowles, Gaberial Koval,
Abbigail Dobson, Emali Jimenez-Kloeckl, Serenity Hangge.



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket List winners at SMES were,
front row, left to right: Landon Ziegler,
Berkley Nelson, Corben Marlowe, Alexis Odden
Back row: Rosalyn St. Martin, Amelia Current,
Lydia Roelofs, Logan Bendson, Eli Peterson



Sacred Heart Area School

Students of the Month at SHAS were,
front row, left to right:
Daniel Reese, Angelina Paklonsky,
Allison Hoppe, Mavis Haehnel.
Back row: Avery Japke, Ronnie Noska,
Alexa Dolezal.

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

Albie Electric LLC, Staples Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Staples BRICKS Travel Center, Motley Lake Country Insurance, Inc. Motley Staples Precision Metalcraft PHB Excavating, Motley Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc. Motley Dairy Queen Insurance Advisors, Scott Veronen Homestead Veterinary Clinic, Aldrich Staples Eye Clinic Orth Insurance Agency, Staples Sylvan Shores, Browerville	Staples True Value Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc. Ron's Auto Repair, Staples R. Bjerga Construction/Friendly Inn, Joan and Rudy Trident Seafoods Corp. Unity Bank, Staples Wilhelmson Associates, LLC Estate Planning & Life Insurance, Motley Sacred Heart Area School, Staples Shear Contact, Staples Burrows Auto Body, Staples Central Building Supply, Staples Busker Concrete, Staples Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc., Staples	R Salon & Spa, Staples Daniel Douts Insurance Agency State Farm, Staples Ernie's, Staples Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Staples James Soule Auto Sales, Staples Longbella Drug, Staples Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPA's, Staples Staples Ace Hardware Stern Rubber Company, Staples 3M, Staples Thrivent Financial/Bob Mueller, Staples Tower Pizza, Staples Staples World
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Vehicle fire in Staples

The Staples Police Department (SPD) and Staples Fire Department (SFD) responded to a vehicle fire at a residence on Ravilla Ave in Staples Oct. 23. The incident took place shortly after 8 a.m. According to their report, the vehicle was fully engulfed upon the SPD's

arrival. A short time later, the SFD arrived and extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported. Pictured in foreground are SPD officers Blake Petrich (left) and Jamie Pearson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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
Discipleship Class..... 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer..... 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program)..... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group..... 5:30 - 7:00 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. Gabriel Walz
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..... 10:30 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.
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.

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader..... 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader..... 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.

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

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. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday..... 8:30 a.m.
Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m.

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
Cty. 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
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)

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.

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:30 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 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self..... 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes..... 9:00 a.m.
Prayer..... 9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m....Meal..... 6:30 p.m. ...Groups

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

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

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

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

Three rescued from capsized boat on Stocking Lake

On Friday, Oct. 12, at 11:38 p.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. received a 911 call from female who said she was in a boat that capsized on Stocking Lake. The caller stated one person from the boat was missing.

Law enforcement and medical personnel arrived and eventually located Susan Anderson, 50, of Excelsior and another person from the boat, Steve Turner, 51, of Grand Forks, ND.

Both Susan and Steve were very cold from being

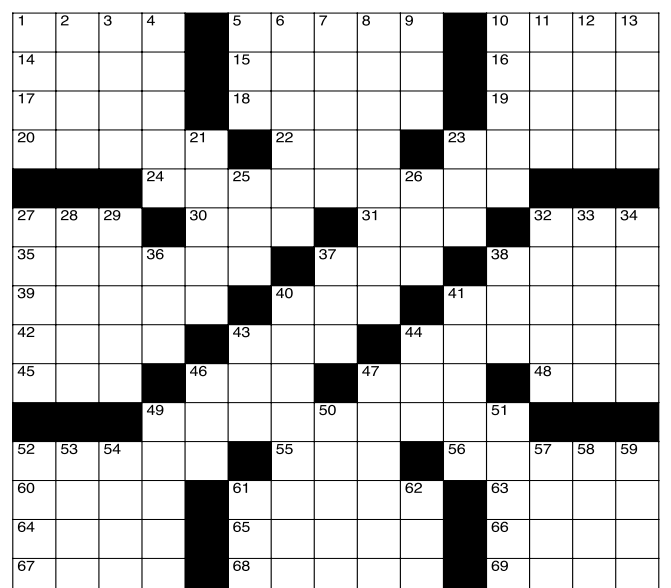
in the water. A third person, Donald Campbell, 48, of Shorewood was located about 150 yards from shore in chest deep water and was rescued.

Susan and Steve were medically cleared on scene and Donald was transported to Park Rapids hospital for further treatment.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. was assisted on scene by the Minnesota DNR, Menahga Fire Dept. and First Responders and Tri-County Ambulance of Wadena.

Sacred Heart Church Fall Festival
Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018 310 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
Mass: 10:30 a.m. DINNER: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Menu includes: pork loin, chicken, dressing potatoes/gravy, corn, cole slaw, cranberries, squash, rolls, homemade pie.
EVERYONE WELCOME! •Adults: \$10 •Children 6-12: \$5 •Under 5: free
***BAZAAR at Sacred Heart Area School:** Take-out orders: call Dan, 218-639-8032
•Bingo •Produce/plant sale •Baked goods •Raffle (1:30 drawing)

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS
1. Boat structure
5. Affirmatives
10. From end to end
14. Ancient Syrian city
15. Plant parts
16. Anatomical feature of worms
17. Invests in little enterprises
18. Cuts the skin off
19. Noted child psychiatrist
20. Satisfies
22. Take by sips
23. Matched
24. It changed the world
27. U.S. Founding Father
30. Father
31. Swiss river
32. They hold music
35. Spoke
37. Used to write
38. Cold wind
39. More competent
40. Test for high schoolers
41. Mild analgesic
42. Indian industrial city

43. Fellas
44. Short-tailed martens
45. No seats available
46. Golf score
47. A way to sink
48. Type of investment account
49. Songs
52. Type of sword
55. ___ King Cole, musician
56. Type of vaccine
60. Site of the Taj Mahal
61. Languished
63. Ethnic group in South China
64. Prevent from seeing
65. Word of farewell
66. Charity given to the poor
67. Chops
68. Swiss capital
69. One point east of southeast

CLUES DOWN
1. Type of hall
2. Swedish rock group
3. Long, narrow cut
4. Indicating silence
5. Talk at length
6. Wiped away
7. Sweet substance (alt. sp.)
8. Babar is one
9. Soviet Socialist Republic
10. French avant-garde composer
11. Commoner
12. Swiss river

13. A single-minded expert
21. Passover feast and ceremony
23. Indian record label (abbr.)
25. Fellow
26. Strong tree
27. Drenches
28. Spindle
29. North Dravidian language
32. Lounges about
33. Preamble
34. Essential for nachos
36. Afternoon beverage
37. 007's creator
38. Founder of Babism
40. Music played in open air
41. Profoundly wise men
43. Disfigure
44. Unhappy
46. Prefix denoting "in a"
47. Cotton fabric; satiny finish
49. Closes tightly
50. The lowest point
51. Semitic sun god
52. Grads wear one
53. Phil ___, former CIA
54. Fermented rather than distilled
57. Aids digestion
58. Unstressed-stressed
59. Body part
61. Wonderful
62. Expected at a certain time
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Answers

The Great Expression of Thanksgiving

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. ²Serve the Lord with gladness; come into His presence with singing. ³Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name. ⁵For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations. -Psalm 100

Psalm 100 is one of the great expressions of thanksgiving in the Bible. It calls us to realize that we belong to God and need to praise Him for His goodness, mercy and truth. It was in the summer of 2008 that I wrote a chapter for a book, Paradigms for Ministry, on Psalm 100, and in that chapter, I shared how I was struck by a phrase that speaks of expressing thanks in a tangible, willing way: "Serve the Lord with gladness". But there have been times in my life that my service to God has been more grudging than gladness. And it's during those times that I do what I consider my duty, but I'm not always happy about it.

The 20th century Scottish theologian Oswald Chambers put his finger on that kind of unthankful attitude when he wrote: "The will of God is the gladdest, brightest, most bountiful thing possible to conceive, and yet some of us talk of the will of God with a terrific sigh - 'Oh well, I suppose it is the will of God,' as if His will were the most dreadful thing that could befall us. . . ."

Chambers continued, "We become spiritual whiners and talk pathetically about 'suffering the will of the Lord. Where is the majestic vitality and might of the Son of God?"

We are well into the month of October, a time of year often characterized by multi-colored falling leaves, the harvesting of numerous crops, and a noticeable change in daily temperatures. But, at this time of the year, let us also

remember that true thankfulness is more than being grateful for what we possess. Let's remember that thankfulness is an attitude that permeates our relationship with the Lord, so that we may "Serve the Lord with gladness".

"Gracious God, we give You thanks for the love we have received from You and from those who love You. We give thanks for those who love and care for us, who give us a place of belonging, value us for who we are. We give thanks for the valued people that surround us here today, and for the many gifts that are shown in our churches, in our schools and in our communities. We give thanks for those who speak and those who do for those who dream and those who find ways of bringing the dreams to life, for those who make and those who clean up, for those who are always before us and those we all too often forget. We give You thanks that we are part of this group of people and are able to offer our abilities and insight. Dear God, we ask that You guide and direct us, showing us new ways that we can serve You and Your creation. For the gifts we have received and the opportunity to give in return we thank You. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

(Prayer from the 2014 Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand)

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
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263



Sacred Heart Workathon helps out cemetery

Sacred Heart Area School students helped clear leaves and flowers at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Getting into work day

Some of the teams at the Sacred Heart Workathon were in charge of clearing debris off of ground level gravestones. Some of the students got up close to get the job done. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Lakewood RN receives scholarship from Care Providers of Minnesota



With her award

Lisa Dailey (left), RN at Lakewood Health System, is pictured with Jill Schewe from Care Providers of Minnesota who presented her with a scholarship recently at the care center in Staples. (Submitted photo)

Lisa Dailey, RN, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, was recently presented with a scholarship from the Care Providers of Minnesota Foundation, an organization committed to transforming care and service delivery for seniors and persons with disabilities through education and leadership development. Dailey, who has worked at Lakewood Health System for 24 years, was

presented with the scholarship by Jill Schewe. It was presented at the care center, with her co-workers, residents and other visitors in attendance. Nearly 25 applicants applied for scholarship monies; and of those, 14 employees were selected as scholarship recipients. Students will use the assistance to further their professional development within the field of long-term care, including

nursing, social work, occupational therapy and nursing home administration studies. The scholarship recipients represent a broad cross-section of employees and long-term care centers from across the state. The \$14,000 awarded this year brings the total dollar amount of scholarships given to date to more than \$450,000. Scholarship monies are raised by the Foundation through their annual golf tournament, a silent auction held at the Care Providers of Minnesota convention and other contributions. Kathy Dobson, Vice President of Senior Services at Lakewood Health System said, "We are so proud Lisa was chosen to receive a Care Providers of Minnesota scholarship. She is a wonderful example of the caring staff at Lakewood Health System." Dailey will utilize this scholarship to continue her education in the field of nursing.



Paul Harris Fellows

Three members of the Staples Rotary Club recently received pins noting their donations to The Rotary Foundation. The initial donation for a Paul Harris Fellow is \$1,000 to the foundation, but these three have all surpassed that. From left are Tom Kajer, Bob Reeck and Ray Garland. At far right is Keith Brokke, District 5580 Foundation Chair. The foundation's six areas of focus are promoting peace; fighting disease, including the Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio; providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene; saving mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. Part of the funds are used for international projects and part comes back to the districts and local clubs for projects. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

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Staples Firefighters visit with students, community during Fire Prevention Week



Fire truck alley

Staples firefighter Jeremy Reeck shows Robin Kautto's first grade class at Staples-Motley Elementary School a close view of the fire truck and tanker during a tour of the Staples Fire Hall Oct. 11. Some of the tires on the trucks were as tall as the students.



Staples World photos by Janice Winter



SMES students in Melissa Holey's first grade class ask for answers from firefighter Barry Hirschey who, along with Drew Yungbauer, demonstrated the power of the jaws of life tool as well as a heavy duty power jack.



Firefighter Cole Yungbauer chats with SMES first grade students in Jennifer Sapp's class about the power of the pillow - an inflatable device used to safely lift a vehicle off potential victims.

Demo duos... not for the road

Left: Staples firefighters demonstrated how they use their rescue and safety training with tools available in case they have to demolish a vehicle during a rescue.



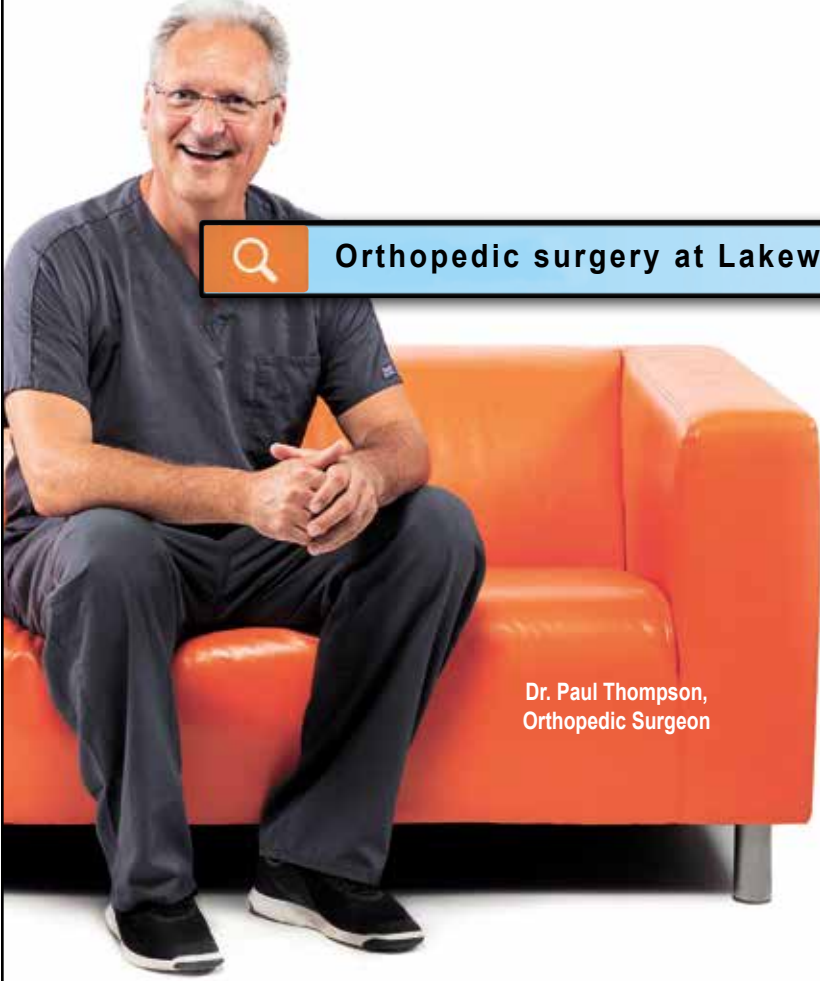
Heavy duty equipment

Staples Fire Chief Scott Braith shows SMES third grade students a heavy duty cutting saw. Helper To-panga Braith was the model for fire attire and safety equipment.



Kitchen fire demo

Firefighter Brandon Sterriker demonstrated the kitchen fire demo at the Staples Fire Department open house Oct. 12. How not to have a fire and how to put out the fire out was the message.



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On the homestretch

Lili Schneider is in the lead as she heads for the finish in the 100 yard breaststroke in her last home

race on Oct. 22. It was the second win of the night for Schneider. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Home meet shows team progress

In their last home meet of the season, the Staples-Motley/Verndale swim team lost 109-56 to Perham/New York Mills on Oct. 22. A packed crowd and extra activities made for a wild night. Senior Lili Schneider won two races in her last home meet.

"Between Senior Night, Verndale football players racing our girls, and throwing myself into the pool after the meet, I have no complaints as to how the girls swam," said Coach Amanda Toft. "I'm so proud of all they have accomplished this season and am excited to see how they swim at the Mid-State Conference Meet this Friday."

The conference meet is at Park Rapids on Oct. 26.

Against Perham, the team started out strong with the medley relay of Leah Crider, Lili Schneider, Malaya Reem, and Joelle Bounds dropping three seconds off of their best time of the season.

In the 200 freestyle (JV), Olivia Holmberg and Bel Birkholtz both dropped 4 seconds off of their bests and Jayma Lawson swam the race for her first time this season. In the varsity 200 freestyle, Schneider won the race by 12 seconds, followed up by Reem setting a new best time and taking second place by fractions of a second. Val Lozano also dropped 10 seconds off of her best time.

After Robinson dropped 2 seconds off of her best time in the individual medley to take second in the varsity heat.

Mireia Forner (2nd place), Bel Birkholtz (3rd place), and Mazie Hopp all had best times in the JV 50 free. Joelle Bounds (2nd), Evelyn Gonzalez, and Destiny Dukowitz all had best times in the 50 free varsity heat as well.

Mandy Carter took 1st in the JV 100 butterfly and dropped 14 seconds from the start of the season. Olivia Holmberg dropped 1 minute 6 seconds and then Reem took 2nd in the varsity heat.

Brooke Ferdon dropped a second off of her best in the 100 freestyle to take 1st in the JV heat. Bounds (2nd) and Dukowitz both swam their best in the Varsity heat.

Evelyn Gonzalez swam

the 500 for the first time in a meet and dropped 41 seconds to take 3rd, just a few seconds behind the top two.

The 200 free relay of Bounds, Reem, Robinson, and Schneider took 2nd.

Both Crider and Val Lozano had best times in the 100 backstroke varsity.

Forner and Carter both dropped good times in the 100 breaststroke (JV) as well. Schneider had her 2nd win of the evening in the varsity heat with Robinson taking 3rd.

The 400 relay of Mazie Hopp, Birkholtz, Forner, and Holmberg took 1st in the JV Heat with the relay of Ferdon, Lozano, Sabina Moe, and Dukowitz taking 3rd in the varsity heat.



Distance swim

Evelyn Gonzalez competes in the 500 freestyle.



Power stroke

Malaya Reem spreads her wings while placing second in the 100 butterfly.



Kicking up a storm

Leah Crider makes a big splash in the 100 backstroke.

Football finale sets up playoff rematch

The Staples-Motley football team will be playing at Pillager twice in a row, after losing their final game of the regular season 44-22 at Pillager on Oct. 17.

That left Staples-Motley as the eighth seed in the Section 6AA playoffs with Pillager the number one seed and the Cardinals played that rematch on Oct. 23, after this newspaper went to press.

In the Oct. 17 game, Staples-Motley made some big plays but little else. Jor-

don Carlson had a 100 yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the first quarter, but Pillager scored twice in the first quarter and three touchdowns in the second quarter to make it 36-6 at halftime.

In the fourth quarter, Cade Schmidt had a 93 yard touchdown run and Max Strickland scored on a five yard run to get the final score closer. Schmidt and Garrett Carlson each scored on a two point conversion.

Defensively, the Cardinals were led by Schmidt with 11 tackles, Scout Strickland with nine, Weite with 8 and Isaac Kronenberg with 6.

Team results
Rushing: Cade Schmidt 11-93, 1 TD; Logen WEite 4-74, Max Strickland 3-5, 1 TD

Passing: Strickland 10-17, 64 yards, 3 int., Josh Lombard 1-2

Receiving: Schmidt 5-28, Carlson 3-15, Lombard 1-15, Iziah Demars 1-3

Volleyball team gets rematch for playoffs

The Staples-Motley volleyball team will open the Section 8AA tournament at Detroit Lakes on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

"We are excited that we get a rematch with DL," said Coach Gretchen Bestland.

The Cardinals lost 3-1 to DL earlier in the season, but were still adjusting their lineup after senior Kiara Storry had broken her finger.

"We were still working out replacing her as she was a six rotation player. Since that time we have a new rotation which moved four girls to new positions and the team has played well in the new rotation," said Bestland. "It will be great to see how it will match up to the way DL plays."

The winner of the first playoff game will play the next day at Park Rapids.

Cardinals tune up for section cross country

The Staples-Motley girls cross country team finished third in the Bemidji Invitational on Oct. 16, with Kira Sweeney and Kyanna Burton finishing third and fourth in the race.

The boys team also ran but did not record their times due to a course malfunction.

The girls were third as a team.

Both cross country teams will run in the Section 6A meet on Thursday,

Oct. 25, at New London-Spicer Little Crow Golf Course, at 4 p.m. The top two teams qualify for the state meet, and both the boys and girls have a chance to be near the top.

Team results

3. Kira Sweeney 20:04, 4. Kyanna Burton 20:05, 18. Addison Lorber 21:09, 29. Ashley Robben 21:26, 39. Addisyn Cichos 22:04, 59. Abby Brown 24:11, 66. Madyson Hull 25:08

Bear and grouse hunting down for 2018

By Ray Gildow

Early reports in most of the prime hunting areas for bear are showing significant decline in the number of bears harvested. Grouse hunters are discovering birds are almost impossible to find, although grouse hunting may get better after the leaves have fallen.

The DNR reports that the number of bears harvested this year will likely be significantly lower than the past two years. Usually the first two to three weeks are the best for bear hunting, but the numbers for the first 17 days were down about 21 percent over last year.

The Burr Oak acorn crop is about as good as I have ever seen it. It is so good, I can't even get deer to look at the apples that are laying around our property. It is also a very good year for berries, and

when the bears have plenty of natural food to eat they don't come into baits as well and that can make for a very tough hunt and can greatly reduce the harvest.

I have a couple of friends who have shot bears this fall, but they have really had to be patient in order to get their animals. I have been seeing bears in my neighborhood all summer but I have not seen a bear in the area since the huge acorn crop hit the ground. It will be interesting to see what impact the huge food crop has had on the bear harvest once the season is over October 14th.

The grouse story is much more disturbing. By all accounts the number of grouse in Minnesota is very low. The grouse numbers also appear to be low in Wisconsin. The big question is "What has happened to the grouse population?"

Do they have a disease? Are wild turkeys impacting

their numbers, is climate an issue? No one knows for sure, so the DNR has started a research effort to see if they can determine what has happened. One theory they want to investigate is to see if the grouse are getting West Nile disease.

If you are a hunter within 60 miles of Grand Rapids or Bemidji you can be a big help in this research. Participating involves submitting hearts, a few feathers for sexing and aging, and blood collected on filter strips from harvested birds for testing. They would also like a GPS location of where the birds were harvested. This information will not be shared with the public.

Contact Ted Dick at ted.dick@state.mn.us, or call 218-395-0577 for more information. Funding for this research is provided, in part, by the Ruffed Grouse Society.



Big bear robbing a bird feeder

Bears are often seen in the summer finding food sources near homes, but can become scarce once alternative

food sources are available. (Photo by Ray Gildow)



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Ernie Converse shared his passion for baseball

Pequot Lakes. “Brainerd never wanted to play us... we whipped them all the time,” Holub laughed.

Home games were played at the Motley Fairgrounds in those days and they always drew a crowd. Holub remembers people parking their cars where they wouldn’t likely be hit by a fly ball.

The baseball team and Ernie’s enthusiasm for the sport seemed to bring the community together, Holub said.

When they started out, the team didn’t have uniforms, but the local business people got together and bought them for the boys. They all chipped in, Holub said, recalling the generosity of businesses at that time. Those that came to mind included Texaco, the Co-op store and Bjerga Feed Store.

A truck driver by trade, Ernie was out on the road all week, but made it home in time to coach the boys and transport them to their games. “Dad just loved baseball,” recalled Larry Converse, one of Ernie’s sons who was part of the little league team years

ago. His brother, Ernie Jr., played baseball under his dad’s leadership as well.

Ernie’s wife at that time, Helen, was also a big part of Motley’s baseball team, Holub said. “She always made sure we got to the games...and when we were in Brainerd, she made sure we got to stop at Dairy Queen.”

The Converse family lived just down the block from where Ernie Converse Park sits today. Larry Converse remembers the Beaulieu Street property was just a field when he was growing up...a place where he and his siblings (Ernie, Jr., Beverly, Judy and Patty) would play. It was the perfect field for baseball as well.

Years later, Pat Neelan of Motley purchased the land and donated it to the city with the stipulation that it be used as a park and be named after Ernie Converse, Sr., in honor of all he had done in the community. Pat’s son, Jim Neelan, was one of many Motley boys who had benefited from having Ernie as a coach and mentor.

A special dedication for

the park was held in July of 1981, with city leaders, past little leaguers and city residents in attendance.

Former Motley City Clerk Patty Crawford said she has fond memories of that ceremony, as well as of the man who was honored that day. She had known Ernie ever since she was a kid, Crawford said, adding that their families attended the same church in town. Ernie was always friendly and known for pulling jokes on people.

In addition to baseball, Ernie Converse was passionate about fishing. He was known as being one of the best fishermen in the area, Crawford recalled. She remembers him teaching her son, Patrick Edeburn, the basics of fishing.

Larry Holub did a lot of fishing with Ernie too. They fished the area rivers and caught a lot of trout over the years. Holub recalled Ernie heading up fish fries at the Motley United Methodist Church.

He was always involved in the community, Holub went on about his friend. In addition to his work with little league baseball, Ernie served as umpire at the high school games in Motley. Holub can’t think of a more deserving person to have the Motley park named after.

Over the years, Ernie coached three generations of baseball players. He passed along his love for the sport to his children and grandchildren. Currently, his two great-granddaughters, Amyah and Brooke Converse, play softball at Staples-Motley High School.

Recently, the Converse family gathered at the park to see the new granite sign that’s been installed.

The park means a lot to the family, Larry Converse said. He’s glad to see that young people in the neighborhood have a place to play baseball just like he did when he was growing up. And now, with the addition of the new granite sign, Ernie Converse Park has hit a home run.



In the good ol’ summertime

Throughout the 1950s and ‘60s, Motley had a little league baseball team thanks to the late Ernie Converse, a longtime Motley resident who founded the team and served as their coach. Pictured above in the early 1950s are, front row from left: Jack Jacobs, Gary

Stevenson, Junior Converse, Art Bjerga, Gary Skeesick. Center: Bobby Nichols, Larry Johnson, Byron Skeesick, Larry Holub, Roger Nichols. Back: Ernie Converse, Ronnie Skeesick, David Johnson, Dick Sampson, Ervin Bjerga. (Submitted photo)



Great-grandpa Ernie would be happy

Great-grandchildren of the late Ernie Converse, Sr. played tag football recently at the Motley park named in his honor. Converse was instrumental in organizing the town’s past little league and American league baseball teams and served as their coach for at least 30 years. He had also worked very hard to

establish a park in town, complete with a baseball diamond, where people of all ages could gather. The park was officially established in 1981 and recently a new granite sign which reads ‘Ernie Converse Park’ was erected at the entrance. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Fall festival fun and games

The recent Community Harvest Festival, sponsored by Motley Free Methodist Church, featured a number of games and activities in celebration of the fall season. Pictured at top making

cookies are, from left, Jennifer Vasquez holding baby Esmarie Hintz, Levi Hintz, Ashley Vasquez and Arya Edwards, all of the Motley area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



New benches installed

Thanks to a \$2,000 grant from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, a partner fund of the Initiative Foundation, new park benches have been installed at Converse Park and Farber Park, both in Motley. Motley Maintenance Assistant Bryan Stevens and Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton helped pour the cement base and install the benches. Another \$2,000 grant from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation went toward the new sign at Ernie Converse Park. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Oct. 16 - The MPD assisted state patrol with a call of a traffic cone in the middle of the roadway near mile marker 114 on westbound Hwy 10. The responding officer located three blue lick tubs near Morrison Line Road and removed them.

Oct. 14 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive off at Orton’s in Motley in the amount of \$36.19.

Oct. 13 - The MPD was dispatched to a burglary attempt at a residence near Ash St. East in Motley. Photos were taken of a damaged door. The complainant stated that he did not see that anything was missing. Two days later, the complainant

reported that some of his narcotic medications had been stolen during the burglary. The following day, the complainant called the MPD, stating he was upset regarding the report about the incident. The MPD advised him that his report covers the facts and his observations and that he would not amend it for his insurance benefit. Complainant became very agitated, according to the report.

Oct. 12 - 13 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Jeffrey Reinhart, 57; Jonathan Dote, 24; Alexa Andersen, 22.

Oct. 12 - The MPD issued a citation to Devon Brusewitz, 20, for not having a muffler on his vehicle.

Oct. 15 - The MCSO responded to a child abuse case in Cushing. More investigation is needed.

Electric charging station to be installed in City of Motley



Construction to begin soon

Above is an architectural drawing of the electric vehicle (EV) charging station that will be installed at BRICKS Travel

Center in Motley in the near future. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of the year. (Submitted)

The City of Motley will be home to one of four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in northeastern Minnesota, all expected to be installed by the end of the year.

According to a press release, the EV charging stations will each be supported by a 5-kilowatt solar installation. They are part of Minnesota Power’s plan to build a charging network in northeastern Minnesota to provide more charging options for motorists.

“Investing in electric vehicle charging stations across our service territory is a way to help foster and grow this new technology and build the infrastructure to meet the changing energy needs of our customers,” said Frank Frederickson, Minnesota Power vice president of Marketing. “Driving an EV is a fun and increasingly practical way we can lower society’s carbon footprint and promote environmental stewardship.”

Motley’s two EV charging ports will be installed at BRICKS Travel Center near the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210. These include one 50-kilowatt DC fast charger and one Level 2 station. Both will require payment for vehicle charging. A 5-kilowatt solar array will be built next to the charging stations.

The other three charging stations will

be located in Ely, Virginia and Two Harbors, installed in the region where Minnesota Power provides electricity. Construction began recently in Ely and crews will continue to move south to the other stations in the near future.

The solar panels for the associated solar arrays will be locally sourced, manufactured in Mountain Iron by Heliene, a company based in Ontario that is now operating the Iron Range production facility.

Minnesota Power has contracted with Hunt Electric to construct the charging stations, all of which have operating temperatures down to at least 22 below zero so they are compatible with the northern Minnesota climate. Electric vehicle use in northern Minnesota is currently low, but more consumers are expected to invest in this innovative and evolving technology as electric vehicle travel ranges have increased to more than 200 miles per charge and charging station availability is increasing.

Under a conservative estimate of two charges per day at each station, it is estimated that the charging stations would help keep about 288,000 pounds of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere every year.

More information can be found online at www.mnppower.com.