

Staples-Motley Supt. Mary Klamm resigns

Entire football coaching staff also resigns

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Two recommendations by Superintendent Mary Klamm failed on split votes at the Staples-Motley School Board meeting Monday, April 17. Twenty minutes after the meeting adjourned, Klamm emailed the board a one-sentence letter of resignation.

In an interview Tuesday morning Klamm said it was “disappointing” that her recommendations were not approved. “I believe they were administrative decisions, both of them. I guess the board didn’t see it that way,”

she said.

“There are so many good things happening in this district. I feel very positive about the future,” Klamm said. “It is just not the right fit for me.”

Both of the recommendations she had made dealt with personnel issues.

The superintendent recommended that Travis VanOverbeke be offered the 2017-18 contract as head football coach. That motion failed 3-3 with board chair Mary Freeman and board members Bruce Lund and Bryan Winkels voting in favor of it. Board members Greg Frisk, Dave Hoemberg and Chad Longbella voted against it.

Hoemberg asked why this contract was brought up in April. Usually the list of coaching staff assignments comes to the board in June or July.

Supt. Klamm responded that

because of the situation, “we felt we need to address it.”

VanOverbeke had been the subject of a meeting in February that was closed “for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority,” although he was not named by the district at the time.

The school district later released the statement that “No public data will be released at this time.”

In a conversation Tuesday afternoon Hoemberg noted that “The board has more knowledge of a situation than staff, family, parents or kids. That makes it tough.”

The board members also received emails last week from the other football coaches indicating that, in the event VanOverbeke’s contract was not renewed, they were submitting their resignations.

Hoemberg said he felt those coaches were “misinformed and recruited” to take the action they did.

“Whoever got them stirred up owes them a public apology and



Mary Klamm

if they don’t have the guts to do it, maybe they should resign,” Hoemberg said. “They have to quit saying ‘I’m going to quit if I don’t get my way.’”

“They have the right to feel the way they do. It saddens me that they make choices when I feel they don’t have all the information,” said Longbella Tuesday afternoon about the football coaches. “I hold our coaches to the same standard or even a higher standard than I have for the children of our district. It all comes back to choices.”

Monday’s action pertained only to VanOverbeke’s coaching job. It does not affect his job as the district’s activities director and physical education teacher.

When reached for comment Tuesday afternoon, VanOverbeke said he is “still digesting”

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Area liquor stores talk about Sunday sales

Sunday liquor sales in Minnesota, banned since 1858, will go into effect July 2. Starting that day, liquor stores throughout the state can open their doors between 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The bill repealing this decades-old ban was signed by Gov. Mark Dayton March 7, following both the Senate and House voting in favor of legalizing Sunday liquor sales.

What do area off-sale liquor establishments feel about this new development?

Motley stores

Bryan Erpelding, owner of Motley Discount Liquor, said that his store would most likely take advantage of this new sales option. “I guess we’ll find out,” Erpelding said, when asked if he felt Sunday sales would be lucrative.

He went on to note that his store is located along Hwy 10, which is a plus in attracting customers passing through town. Because the Sunday hours are limited, Erpelding did not feel the extra wages being paid would outweigh the incom-

ing sales.

Liquor stores located near the border of Minnesota have probably felt the effects of the Sunday liquor sales ban more than those in the center of the state, Erpelding said. He went on to note that Minnesota

residents living near the Wisconsin border might travel there on a Sunday to stock up on liquor. Here in the Motley area, however, people planned accordingly and did their shopping during the other six days of the week.

Sue Kobus, owner of Y-Knot Liquor in Motley, said she wasn’t really sure what she thought about Sunday off-sale liquor sales; but that she would prefer not to be open that day. “I don’t want to have to ask an employee to work Sundays,” she said. In a later conversation, she said that after some thought on the matter, they have decided to be open on Sundays during the summer months.

Jonathan Giberson, general manager of Lincoln Lakes Liquor in Cushing, said, “We’re very excited about it (Sunday liquor sales)...it’s another day to make revenue.” He pointed out that other states have had this option for awhile and that this is a “great opportunity for Minnesota liquor sale.”

Bremer’s Bar in Motley

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Content with six days

Roger Bremer, owner of Bremer’s Bar in Motley, is not in favor of Sunday liquor sales in Minnesota. He said he already works six days a week and is not interested in working one more. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

On April 26, 1954, the Salk polio vaccine field trials, involving 1.8 million children, begin at the Franklin Sherman Elementary School in McLean, Virginia. Children in the United States, Canada and Finland participated in the trials, which used for the first time the now-standard double-blind method, whereby neither the patient nor attending doctor knew if the inoculation was the vaccine or a placebo. On April 12, 1955, researchers announced the vaccine was safe and effective and it quickly became a standard part of childhood immunizations in America. In the ensuing decades, polio vaccines would all but wipe out the highly contagious disease in the Western Hemisphere.

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Even the cat’s on the job

Serenity Keppers, employee at Y-Knot Liquor in Motley, gets some assistance recently from Alice the cat, one of the pets that calls the store ‘home.’ Although she was reluctant to be open on Sundays, store owner Sue Kobus said that they have decided to be open on Sundays during the summer months. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Friendly Rider receives MnDOT Funding

Friendly Rider continues to grow and expand its service, now serving 17 communities in Wadena, Todd, Otter Tail, Morrison, and Cass counties. Friendly Rider recently applied for additional grant funding hoping to expand services to give more access to public transportation.

On March 30 Lt. Governor Tina Smith and Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Commissioner Charlie Zelle announced \$23.7 million in grants to help meet the growing need for transit services in Greater Minnesota. The grants were awarded to 23 transit providers in Greater Minnesota, and will help improve reliability, frequency and service for Minnesotans

as they commute to work, school and personal activities.

“Friendly Rider was lucky enough to be a part of the awarded contracts,” said Ryan Damlo, Transit Director, Wadena County Friendly Rider and Becker County Transit.

“Transit matters in every corner of Minnesota,” said Lt. Governor Tina Smith. “Residents of Greater Minnesota took 12.2 million transit trips in 2015 alone. The need is only expected to grow in coming years.”

“These new grants will help provide more Minnesotans reliable transit access. Our administration looks forward to working with the Legislature this year to make additional

investments in transit, roads and bridges,” Smith added.

Friendly Rider applied for funding to expand its current services further than before. The contract with MnDOT gives Friendly Rider an opportunity to expand its late night bus service to include Friday nights until 10 p.m. It began late night service on Thursdays in January 2016 and it’s proven to be a great fit for Wadena.

“We knew there was a need and while it started slowly in the first month, the ridership quickly grew and has continued proven to be a valuable asset to our community,” said Transit Director Damlo. “Another growth opportunity has been Saturday service in

Wadena, which has shown the need for an additional bus,” he added. That funding was also approved by MnDOT in this round of grants.

Friendly Rider was also awarded a new commuter route between Staples and Brainerd. In January 2016 Friendly Rider began a commuter route between Wadena and Motley which

opened the door to expand to Brainerd.

“This route will be great for those traveling to Staples for work, college classes, medical appointments and more,” said Damlo. “The route will include several trips a day between Brainerd and Staples and Wadena, this

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Fee approved for ordinance violations

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a number of financial adjustments at their April 11 meeting.

The council approved a resolution to add administrative penalties for ordinance violations. The penalty will be \$100 be for each ordinance violation. The resolution also states that the penalty will be increased by 100 percent, or doubled for each violation within 12 months of the first violation, with a maximum of \$2,000 per violation.

The city received \$69,000 more than budgeted for building permits, but all of that extra revenue goes to inspection fees.

The city also received an increase in the small cities housing grant, but the extra money is temporary, as it can only be used for loans.

The council approved a \$150,000 transfer to the Wadena Airport and \$150,000 to the Baudette Airport. The money comes from FAA grants and will be paid back to the Staples Airport in 2018. Nelsen said the Staples Airport is looking at building a transient hangar that year, for visiting airplanes to rent.

The council also approved writing off two delinquent accounts of \$300 and \$500.

In other news, the council

- Approved change order on Dower Lake Park seasonal camping site work. Construction is expected to begin on April 24.

Items of interest found in Brisk murder case

Investigators from the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension have located items of interest regarding the homicide of Terrance “Terry” Brisk, reports Sheriff Shawn Larsen.

These items were located April 17, during a search of the Brisk property located northwest of the intersection of Hawthorne Road and Jewel Road in Belle Prairie Township.

Larsen said that investigators are in the process of submitting the evidence

to the BCA for analysis. Because of the ongoing active investigation, no details will be released concerning the items that were recovered on the property.

There is still a \$30,000 reward for information that leads to the identification of the person who shot and killed Terry Brisk. Larsen states that their office is one step closer to solving this crime and they are committed to working this case until a suspect is in custody.

If you have any information regarding this

case you can report it and stay anonymous by either contacting the Morrison County Sheriff’s Office at 320-632-9233 or by contacting Crime Stoppers of Minnesota. Crime Stoppers can be contacted at their website www.CrimeStoppersMn.org or by calling the toll-free number 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) from anywhere in Minnesota; by installing the Submit a Tip APP on any Smartphone; or by sending a text message beginning with TIP674 to CRIMES (274637). All contact with Crime Stoppers is anonymous.

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The meetings after the meeting

Nearly 80 people attended the Staples-Motley School Board meeting April 17 to hear the board's decisions on the head football coaching job and the vocal music job. The conversations continued after the meeting as folks gathered in small groups. Above board member Dave Hoemberg, left, talks to

a woman who was in the audience. In the group of students Zach Strickland , facing the camera, answered questions about the petition he and Brian Sterriker presented to the board regarding the vocal music position. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

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Vocal music position still not resolved

the school board's decision, as it was less than 24 hours since their decision, and he didn't have any words at this time.

In a later conversation Board Chair Mary Freeman said she expects the administration to follow the normal practices and post for those positions.

The second split vote defeated the recommendation by Klamm and the interviewing committee to hire Nathan Thelen as the vocal music teacher for the middle school and high school.

Earlier in the meeting during the school and community forum segment two students presented a petition to the board in favor of retaining Caleb Horn in the position.

Horn was hired as a temporary vocal music teacher to fill a one-year leave of absence. Steve Hoemberg subsequently resigned leaving the position open.

Because Horn's contract was temporary for just the one year, the school administration posted the position. After a procedural error caused them to re-advertise and re-interview for the job, a new recommendation was made.

Zach Strickland and Brian Sterriker, both seniors at Staples-Motley High School, presented the petition which had 67 names, mostly of students. The petition outlined what they saw as Horn's accomplishments and shared that he connects well with the students and inspires them to strive for greatness.

When the item came up on the agenda Frisk said that, while he was sure the recommended candidate could do a good job, he didn't see enough reasons not to rehire Horn. He recommended that's what the board should do.

Board chair Mary Freeman said that recom-



Travis VanOverbeke

mendation would need to go back to the interview committee and follow the normal procedures.

Frisk, Winkels and Hoemberg voted against the motion to hire Thelen. Freeman, Longbella and Lund voted in favor of it and, with a tied vote, the motion failed.

In Tuesday's conversation Hoemberg said he thought, "the administration has run the board for way too many years. They should let the board do their job." He added later that he thought Horn should be hired for the position.

Frisk agreed with Hoemberg's assessment of the board and administration, saying in a later conversation, that "maybe now we'll see a school board act like it is supposed to, not like it has been."

"We have policies to follow and administration should be following them as well," Hoemberg said. "You don't go about it the way they did it."

Freeman, who voted in favor of both recommendations, had a different viewpoint.

"I'm disappointed that processes that have served the district well for as long as I have been on the board weren't allowed to function as they should," she said. I always ask questions, ask them (administration and

interviewers) to justify their decisions. Yes, I trust their decisions."

Longbella agreed saying he voted with the interview committee's recommendation because "they heard all the interviews."

Klamm said Tuesday morning the administration team would meet Wednesday to "try to figure out where we go from here. It's pretty unprecedented that a board rejects a recommendation of the administrative team."

Klamm has served as superintendent in Staples-Motley since 2015. Her resignation is effective June 30, 2017.

Freeman said she expects to call a special board meeting soon to accept Klamm's resignation and discuss options.

"Our main job as a board is to employ a superintendent," Freeman said, adding they will decide whether or not to hire a search firm, whether or not to hire an interim superintendent, and the timelines for whatever they decide.

Speaking about Klamm, Freeman said "I think she's served the district professionally. Good things have happened because of her influence." She listed the ReStart program consolidating the grade levels, getting technology into the hands of students and Klamm's community involvement, "making the district ready to be welcoming" to new families.

Bryan Winkels said he wanted to talk with Klamm before he made any comments on the issues. He expected to meet with her Wednesday, after this issue of the Staples World went to press.

Bruce Lund could not be reached for comment.

The story on other action taken at the board meeting will appear in next week's Staples World.

Larger than ever Minnesota Grown Directory now available

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has released the 2017 Minnesota Grown Directory. With over 1,000 listings, this year's guide features more local growers and farmers markets than ever before.

For more than 25 years, the MDA's Minnesota Grown program has been connecting consumers to locally grown fruits, vegetables, meats, poultry, wines, nurseries, décor, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) operations, and other agricultural products. More than 1,000 Minnesota Grown members have registered

this year, making the directory the largest direct-to-consumer agricultural publication in Minnesota.

"The Minnesota Grown directory is the first place a lot of consumers look for a local agricultural product, or a CSA or farmers' market," said Agricultural Marketing and Development Director Paul Hugunin. "Our farmer members love connecting with their consumers, that's why it's so exciting to see that this year's directory features more farms and markets than ever."

Consumers can search the directory by region, product, or name of a farm

or market. The online and mobile-compatible versions of the directory make searching on-the-go convenient. The 2017 directory also features recipes from five Minnesotan chefs, including a Doraisamy elk loin, roasted garlic crème brûlée, wild rice scones and more.

Free, printed copies of the Minnesota Grown Directory are available at www.minnesotagrown.com/order-minnesota-grown-directory/ or by calling Explore Minnesota Tourism at 1-888-TOURISM.



Todd County 4-H officers

Officers for Todd County 4-H are, from left, Rachel Paskewitz, president; William Harrington, vice president; Anne Sauer, treasurer; Sarah Carstensen, secretary; and Lexie Tweeter, reporter. The officers meet the second Monday of each month at the Historic Courthouse

in Long Prairie. They work to keep the county 4-H programs thriving with different activities throughout the year. Anyone interested in joining a club can contact Nathan Braaten at 320-732-4435. (Submitted photo)

A-1 4-H officers

Officers in the A-1 4-H club are, front; Devonn Paskewitz, reporter; middle, from left, Torii Nienow, treasurer; and Lexie Tweeter; and back, from left, Jenna Trantina, vice president; and Back row, from left, Jenna Trantina, vice president; and Rachel Paskewitz, president. They meet once a month to discuss the happenings of the club and what they can do to help the community thrive. They're always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining 4-H can call the Todd County 4-H Program Coordinator, Nathan Braaten, at 320-732-4435. (Submitted photo)



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Not many objections to law locally

does not serve food items,

so has not been able to operate on Sundays. Roger Bremer, who's owned the bar for almost 40 years, said that he is not in favor of this law being changed. "I already work six days a week, I don't want to work one more." Bremer went on to say that this is something the city would have

to pass first, anyway.

Lacey Smieja, Clerk/Treasurer for the City of Motley, said that it is her understanding that all liquor license holders in Motley have the option for off-sale beginning July 1, from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. unless further restricted by an ordinance passed by the city council.

This item was on the agenda at the Motley City Council's regular meeting April 10, and each establishment was provided notice of this along with their renewal applications. At their meeting, the council voted unanimously not to restrict the amount of hours liquor establishments could be open on Sundays. Amy Hutchison, council member, said, "If they have a chance to do business, let them."

Staples stores

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At the Liquor Depot, they will have to add hours for the extra day, but did not report any concerns about opening on Sunday.

At all three stores, the only question was if there would be different requirements for the hours they could be open.

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Car chase through the streets of Staples

A New York Mills Police car chases a suspect vehicle (not pictured) through the streets of Staples on April 18 at the corner of 4th Street and Park Ave. NE. Multiple law enforcement vehicles from other jurisdictions also joined the chase, including Otter Tail County, Wadena County and Todd County Sheriff's Deputies. The suspect, Tyler Schmidtbauer, 25, is a former Staples resident.

The incident started April 17 when a vehicle was stolen in Douglas County. On April 18 the stolen vehicle was spotted by the owner's girlfriend near Parkers Prairie. An Otter Tail County deputy met the vehicle at the intersection of Highway 29 and 210 and a high speed pursuit followed to Staples.

The vehicle passed through many stop signs in town and the chase was witnessed by dozens of Staples residents. Police attempted to use stop strips and an Otter Tail deputy tried a PIT maneuver, but both were unsuccessful. The pursuit was eventually called off because of the risk to public safety. Soon afterwards, with the help of citizens who saw the chase, police found the suspect vehicle parked near 12th Street NE on the Wadena County side of Staples. After searching the woods nearby, police found Schmidtbauer and arrested him for fleeing police and possession of a stolen vehicle. He was brought back to the Otter Tail County Jail. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Crops can't be planted in ditches

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds farmers that planting crops within rights of way is illegal. Plantings pose a safety concern as crops can block motorists' vision and create other safety problems.

State law also prohibits plowing and tilling in rights of way - including driving lanes, shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections - which can lead to erosion that adversely affects the environment.

"Our roadway technicians are knowledgeable and willing to help landowners adopt practices that enhance safety and the environment," said Steve Lund, state maintenance engineer.

For further information regarding roadway regulations, or assistance in identifying right of way boundaries on a state highway, contact Mark Renn, 320-223-6522, or by email mark.renn@state.mn.us.



Health fair for health partners

Central Lakes College nursing students Anessa Morales and Alexandra Meisinger explain to visitors their project on heart attacks at the CLC Health Fair held March 31. The event, with the help of Tri County Community Action, which provides health care assistance, Head Start and other services to the community. Many of the visitors were from Tri County. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Teaching and explaining health issues

Caitlin Treague and Katie Anderson show how ultraviolet light affects skin and how it can become a health risk at the CLC Health Fair March 31.



Nurses sharing information

Nursing students Tessa Nemeth-Miles, Lucy Felton and Amber LeDoux explain the benefits of breastfeeding during the CLC Health Fair.



Top readers

The top readers in the accelerated reading program for the third quarter at Staples-Motley High School are: front, from left, Alessia Corti, Kassidy White, Amy Michel, Abigail DiGiovanni and Elizabeth Noble; back, from left, Jeremy Stultz, Natilee Gabel, Dacota Daye, Hunter Carlson and Shaine Guggenberger. (Submitted photo)

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Funding allows for route expansion

will give more access than we've ever been able to provide."

In this grant will be funding for another bus, bringing their fleet to eight buses. These additions will hopefully begin in July 2017.

Additionally, in March 2017, Friendly Rider began serving Bluffton, Deer Creek, New York Mills, Ottertail and Henning.

"We could see the needs

for transportation in these communities and we worked with the state to provide access to these residents," said Damlo. This new route travels to Ottertail, Henning and Deer Creek; Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and to Bluffton, New York Mills and Deer Creek; Tuesday and Thursday."

"Those using the bus for recreation, shopping or any other type of trip,

simply call our dispatch team and they'll help get the ride scheduled," said Damlo.

During the creation of this new western route, Friendly Rider partnered with Tri-County Health Care, in Wadena as they are helping provide free rides for the residents in these communities use the bus to go to one of their facilities in Wadena, Ottertail or Henning. "We've a great relationship with the team at Tri County and are excited to help provide transportation to those that need it for these trips," Damlo stated. Call Friendly Rider for more info regarding these rides.

The final addition for 2017 will be the addition of weekly service to Sebeka and Menahga beginning in May. This will provide those county residents - at a minimum - the opportunity to ride transit once a week if needed

"Transit in Greater Minnesota is vitally important," said MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle. "There are fewer options in our rural communities for Minnesotans who don't drive. These bus services are a critical lifeline for many Minnesota workers, seniors, students and families across our state."

The Friendly Rider transit system is located at 229 Harry Rich Dr., Wadena. For information or to schedule a ride call 218-631-5730; or visit friendlyrider.com.



Friendly Rider transit bus

The familiar white transit bus provides rides for those who need transportation to and from appointments, shopping, dining, school and more. The bus is also equipped with a bike rack. In Staples, free transportation is offered to students involved in Summer Recreation, the Adventures programs and summer school. (Submitted photo)



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Left to right: Tina Richey, Tanya Brusewitz, Cheryl Marte

Tina Richey, RN, Hospital Services
Nominated by Kim Wolter RN, Patient Care Services Director, "I recently had the opportunity to observe Tina taking care of our Lakewood patients. I wanted to commend her for how she took care of a patient who was discharging. She warmly, patiently, and effectively answered questions as well as took the time to ensure that this patient understood the directions for home. I got to see first hand why our Lakewood patients are so satisfied with their care. Great explanations and clear communication at discharge prevents readmissions. Preventing readmissions is a testimony to great patient care as well as proof we did our job well. Tina is a great role model to what it means to be a Lakewood nurse."

Tanya Brusewitz, LPN, Clinic Services
Nominated by Laurel Buchanan Clinical Data Analyst, IT Network, "I had an appointment and after I left, I realized I hadn't gotten all the paperwork I needed. I called the Staples care team and they transferred me to Tanya who immediately went into action. She went out of her way to take care of this for me. She is a huge asset to Lakewood. Her positive, can-do attitude and happy disposition make encounters with patients enjoyable and she takes time to really talk to and connect with her patients."

Cheryl Marte, LPN Care Coordinator, Clinic
Nominated by Jody Yeager LPN, Clinic Services, "Cheryl went above and beyond to send a form to patients prior to their appointments asking them to fill out family medical history and other pertinent information. This is time saving and more accurate as patients have time to think about their medical history and fill it out, rather than feeling rushed when these questions are asked at their appointment. In turn, this gives the provider more one on one time with the patient during their appointment to address issues and concerns without feeling time restraints. I just can't say enough how helpful this truly is, not only to nurses, but providers alike. I am in constant amazement of her skills and how she puts the patient FIRST."

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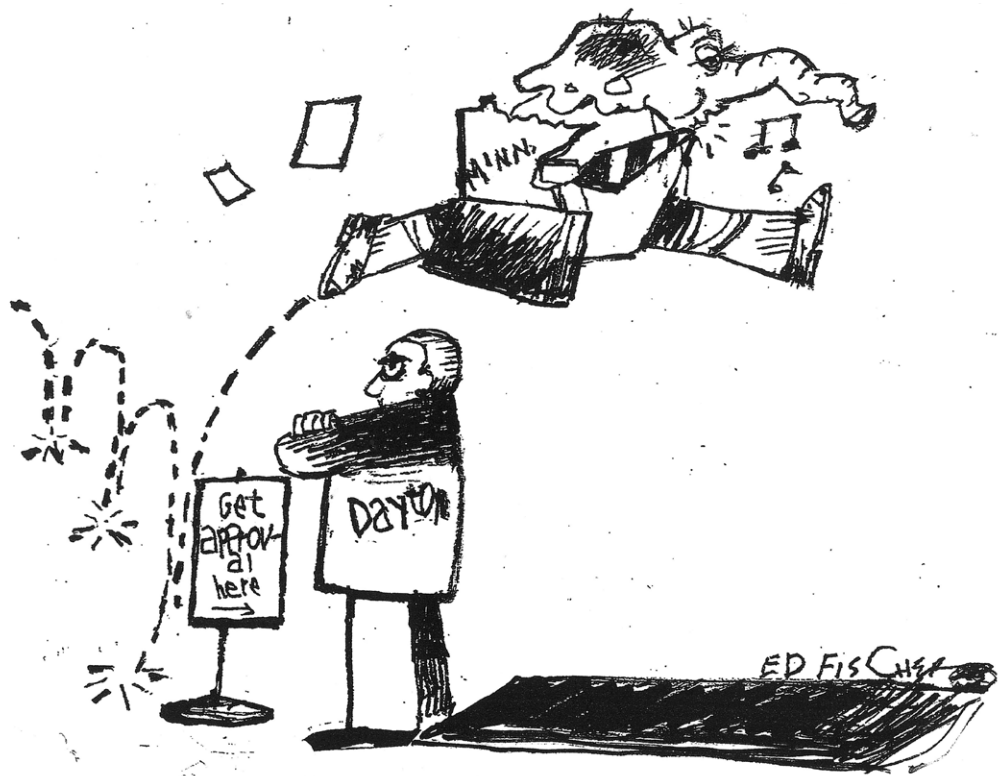
Because hearing loss is so prevalent among older individuals, researchers have sought to find factors that will help identify those at increased risk. This research has recently yielded the finding that "sudden sensorineural hearing loss" (SSHL), during which hearing is severely reduced over a three-day period, is linked with "iron deficiency anemia" (IDA). This common condition is caused by a lack of iron in the body, which leads to fewer red blood cells that carry oxygen around the body. As a result, IDA reduces the amount of oxygen available to tissues. While the exact mechanism by which anemia leads to hearing loss is unknown, IDA is easy to treat. This correlation may prompt new ways to diagnose and treat SSHL.

Hearing loss has many causes such as disease or infection, ototoxic drugs, exposure to noise, tumors, trauma, and the aging process. This loss may or may not be accompanied by tinnitus, ringing in the ears. While most causes of hearing loss are well-understood, researchers are still studying all the possible causes, methods for prevention and treatment options. To schedule a hearing assessment, please call PREFERRED HEARING at 1-800-458-0895. You will find us at 17274 State Hwy 371, Brainerd.

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1:World coming to Staples-Motley Schools

Our students are digital natives. That means that they read, create, collaborate and solve problems using technology. They learn differently than ever before. It's almost comical when we say we're striving to catch up with our 21st Century learners when we're already 17 years into the 21st Century.

Beginning with the 2017-18 school year, Staples-Motley students in grades 8-12 will be provided a Chromebook laptop computer. A Chromebook costs about the same as a book, but you can do a whole lot more with it.

Providing all students with a Chromebook levels the playing field for all students regardless of their economic status. It provides every student with a high-powered tool for use inside the classroom, at home and just about anywhere to enhance learning, as well as provide additional ways to collaborate, create and provide feedback to one another.

Our technology committee felt very strongly to call our initiative 1:World, instead of the traditional 1:1. They wanted to be clear that this is not as much about the device as it is providing opportunities beyond our classrooms to our students and staff.

At almost every professional development day during the present school year,

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klammt
Supt.

our teachers have been learning and preparing for 1:World. Many have already been using tools including Google Docs, Classroom, Sheets, Slides, Gmail and Hangouts. Some of our teachers already use the Chromebooks we have on carts. Continual training is planned throughout next school year as well to further sharpen skills and ensure the technology is being used to its fullest capabilities whenever possible.

Chromebooks will NOT immediately replace textbooks or any physical items. The purpose of these devices is to be used as an additional educational tool for students to enhance their academic experiences. With that being said, as technologies continue to develop, online resources and texts may begin to phase out some print-based materials.

I hope you are as excited as we are to truly embrace 21st Century learning. Chromebooks will be distributed to students during the first week of school. We will have several parent/student meetings before school begins to help students and parents understand the roles and responsibilities we all must take to make this initiative successful.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thinking deeply about your own fishing

By Mike Kurre
DNR mentoring
program coordinator

I will soon be out fishing, not in the office thinking about fishing. The sun will descend toward the horizon creating a masterpiece that needs no photo filter or alteration.

Then I'll feel that pull. Part of my success will stem not only from skill, luck or some combination of the two, but believe it or not, from knowledge shaped by watching an electronic screen.

I use an electronic fish finder on my boat. Before you get worked up, this isn't about electronics. You don't need them to catch fish and these gizmos are absent from some of my fondest fishing memories.

What a fish finder does give you is a sense of what's under the water. You learn to interpret what's on the screens to see gravel, rock piles, mud flats, drop-offs, individual rocks, where the plants get thick and where the feeder

fish are congregating. As an angler, you realize how much your chances of catching fish are tied to the underwater environment and even factors like water temperature, time of year and noise.

At the DNR, fisheries biologists can talk plenty about fish habitat, and one of the key things they talk about is how much what happens on land changes what happens underwater.

Think about that great walleye spawning habitat we love in some of our larger lakes up north - places like Leech Lake, Lake Winnibigoshish, Rainy Lake, Upper Red or Vermilion. The forests surrounding some of those lakes actually play a big role in keeping runoff and silt from flowing into the lakes and covering the gravel or other areas where many fish spawn, including walleye.

Then there are the nutrients from runoff that can lead to algae blooms. And declines in water quality in general can change where plants grow and how species interact with each

other.

Rivers, too, are some of the most important resources for fish. The DNR and partners work to stabilize stream channels when possible or replace culverts that are the wrong size. Agriculture of course has a big role to play and the DNR works with organizations and landowners who want to use agricultural practices that can, in the end, make fishing better.

What can the ordinary angler do? We can't directly add fish habitat and most don't own farmland. Well, keep fishing, just for starters, and take someone fishing with you. There's no substitute for time spent on the water. When you're out fishing, remember to take a big view of what's below. And when it comes time to speak up for clean water and fish habitat, do so.

Your fishing depends on it.

Mike Kurre can be reached at 651-259-5193.



Protect Minnesota from invasive plants, pests, diseases

By Erin Stiers and Geir Friisoe

Are you helping invasive pests spread in Minnesota or around our country?

You may have heard that invasive plant pests and diseases are primarily introduced through commercial trade - that's true. But once they're here, these destructive plant pests don't move far on their own; they're mostly spread by us. Through our everyday actions - when we take firewood from home to our campsite, mail a gift of homegrown fruits or plants, or order plants, seeds or fruit online - we can contribute to the unintentional spread of any number of destructive plant pests. So when people wonder if their individual actions really matter - the answer is yes.

Damaging pests like the emerald ash borer (EAB) and gypsy moth threaten communities and the entire State of Minnesota. These pests can hide in firewood. We're also monitoring for the brown marmorated stink

bug that can cause major damage to fruit, vegetable and row crops and become a major nuisance to homeowners.

Invasive weeds like recently discovered Palmer amaranth could cost crop farmers millions of dollars in lost revenue.

That's why it's important for everyone to learn more about these harmful plants and pests, take responsibility for your actions and help us stop the spread of invasive species.

It only takes one person to move something they shouldn't. For instance, we know the EAB beetle didn't fly to Minnesota on its own, it hitchhiked here. And now all of our urban, suburban and rural ash trees are at risk of attack by this devastating pest. And, the risks from EAB stretch well beyond our borders. Today EAB infestations are in 30 States.

Invasive plant pests and diseases are a threat in almost every state. If we allow them to enter and become established, these pests could dev-

astate our neighborhoods and public green spaces and cause damage to native species of plants, forests, watersheds, lakes, rivers and water delivery systems. As it stands today, damage from invasive plant pests costs our nation about \$40 billion annually.

To protect our state, we are asking Minnesotans to join us in the battle against invasive plant pest and diseases. Give us a call to the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Arrest the Pest line at 1-888-545-6684 to learn what you can do.

April is 'Invasive Plant Pest and Disease Awareness Month' we urge you to help stop the spread of these harmful pests.

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Statewide Tornado drill planned for April 20

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management reminds everyone that they will participate in the Statewide Tornado Drill on Thursday, April 20, as part of Severe Weather Awareness Week.

The sirens will be activated at 1:45 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA Weather Radios will sound in a simulated tornado warning.

The tornado drills allow everyone in the community to practice their emergency plans for tornadoes. The first drill is intended for institutions and businesses. The evening drill is intended for second shift workers and families.

For more information about severe weather safety and preparedness, visit the Minnesota Homeland Security and Emergency Management website at <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/hsem/weather-awareness-preparedness/Pages/default.aspx> for daily topics during Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Mark Your Calendar

April 24

Luv Bugs on a Bus sponsored by Staples-Motley Early Childhood Family Education, Mon., April 24. Children will visit the residents of Lakewood Manor and Lakewood Pines in Staples. Refreshments, make gifts for residents, sing songs. For times, info., 218-894-5400, ext. 3531.

April 25

CARE COMMUNITY MEAL Tues., April 25, 4:30 - 6 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, 280 1st Ave. S., Motley. Free. For info, 218-352-6520 or 218-894-2296.

April 27

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., April 27, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Royce Nelson, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.



Boys choirs to present concert

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir, pictured above, will be hosting the Land Of Lakes Choirboys for an afternoon concert at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, April 22. The afternoon concert will feature both the Explorer and Voyager choirs of the Central Minnesota Boys Choir as well as the concert choir from the Land Of Lakes group. There is no cost for admission for this concert but a free will offering will be received.

The CMBC Voyager Choir and the LOL Concert Choir will also be a part of the "Big Sing" concert that evening hosted by the Staples Area Men's Chorus at the Staples-Motley High School Gym. Additionally the Land Of Lakes group will be singing during worship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples at 9 a.m., Sunday, April 23.

The slogans of the choirs explains the focus of each of the groups. The Central Minnesota Boys Choir's slogan is "Impacting generations by engaging boys through choral music." Land Of Lakes Choirboys' slogan is "Ordinary boys doing extraordinary things." (Submitted photo)

Storytellers invited to enter contest

The Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council is sponsoring the second annual Great American Story contest for oral storytellers.

Stories are now being invited from up to 50 Minnesota storytellers. Judges will narrow the selections

to four finalists who will perform the best-told stories at an event Saturday, Sept. 23 at Armory Square in Park Rapids.

"In 2016, we proved the concept of a storytelling competition," says committee member Jerry Mevisen. "We strove for a statewide event and received submissions and selected judges from metro and out-state Minnesota. The quality of storytelling and storytelling event attendance were phenomenal."

Saying she loved the event, an audience member

added, "Park Rapids is such a thriving artistic community ... Bravo!" Another who attended said she learned that "sharing something from the heart and making it real, makes for a powerful art."

At the public performance, the audience will vote to select the top two storytellers among the four finalists. The two semi-finalists will be given a prompt and tell a 10-minute extemporaneous story. The audience will then select the winner.

First place storyteller

Educational Opportunities

May 2

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT REFRESHER COURSE offered by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues., May 2, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294.

May 15, 16

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE offered by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Monday, May 15 and Tuesday, May 16, 5 - 9 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294.



Next Community Meal April 25, Motley

At least 250 people were served at the free Community Meal in Staples March 28, held at the Assembly of God Church. The monthly meals are sponsored by CARE Ministries and all are welcome. Two more Community Meals are

planned for this season: Tuesday, April 25, at St. Michael Catholic Church in Motley; and Tuesday, May 23, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. The meals are held from 4:30 - 6 p.m. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Leadercast broadcast available in Staples

Leadercast is the world's largest one-day leadership conference, broadcast LIVE from Atlanta and simulcast to hundreds of locations around the world on May 5. This year marks the 17th year of the annual leadership conference and the third year that National Joint Powers Alliance® will be hosting the event at its Staples location.

Director of Regional Services and local simulcast coordinator, Paul Drange, says NJPA appreciates the opportunity to host and serve as the conduit of a day of learning, networking and leadership skill development.

"This is an excellent opportunity for professionals in our community to come together and have access to expert and inspirational speakers in the complex realm of leadership," Drange said. "This year's speakers are behavioral and psychological researchers, business entrepreneurs, authors, and more. Their messages are always relevant current events and issues, and always build off one another, making the conference theme really resonate."

The theme of this year's Leadercast is, "Powered by Purpose." Purpose is what defines us, drives us and empowers us. It is the glue

for an organization and the fuel for an individual. Today's organization can't rely on old practices. A new organization is emerging and at the center of its driving force is the igniting power of purpose.

• Companies with ideals of improving people's lives at the center of all they do outperform others by 400 percent.

• More than 70 percent of people consider an organization's environmental and/or social impact when deciding where to work.

• Employees that feel they're working toward a good cause show increased productivity by up to 30 percent.

• People who are able to make a social or environmental impact on the job are more satisfied by a 2:1 ratio.

The conference will allow attendees to discover the steps they can take to uncover their purpose, to reconnect to their organization's "why", to attract and engage the right people for your efforts and to thrive as a team. Key speakers - with purpose-driven leadership- will inspire the 200-plus people who attend locally, and the more than 100,000 people who will attend the event live in Atlanta or at hundreds of other simulcast

locations in more than 20 countries. Among the keynote speakers are:

• Daniel Pink - behavioral science expert, best-selling author and host of crowd control.

• Molly Fletcher - former top sports agent and author.

• Andy Stanley - leadership author and communicator.

• Suzy Welch - author, television commentator and business journalist.

• Henry Cloud - acclaimed leadership expert, clinical psychologist and best-selling author

• Jess Ekstrom - CEO of Headbands of Hope.

• Tyler Perry - director, playwright, screenwriter, producer, actor, author and entrepreneur

NJPA will open doors at 7:30 a.m., with the simulcast set to begin at 8 a.m., sharp. The last speaker concludes at 2:30 p.m., with time scheduled after for networking and discussion. There is a cost per attendee, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. For more information or to purchase your ticket or group tickets to the Leadercast Staples event, visit njpa.co/NJPALeadercast17. Contact NJPA's Missy Tureson with questions.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Hear reports from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Planning and Zoning Commission, which will include considering a Conditional Use Permit to construct a 44 foot by 30 foot garage at 309 7th St. NE.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

ALL YOU CAN EAT SMELT DINNER

Weds., April 26

Twisted Sisters,
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Saturday, April 22
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Land Of Lakes Choirboys

Staples-Motley High School Gymnasium, Staples, MN

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Tickets available at the door: \$15

or from Nelson Insurance Agency, 325 2nd Ave., Staples



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April birthdays and anniversary

The monthly Birthday/Anniversary celebration of the Staples Senior Citizens was held April 11 in the Senior Citizen's room at the Staples Community Center. Four members celebrated their April birthdays, front: Martha Rach, Jerry Riewer, Audrey Zimmer and Joyce Mohler (back, right). One anniversary was observed, Nancy Johnson (back,

left) her husband, Cecil was unable to attend. The party had an Easter theme and each celebrant receiving a card, a small decorated cake, followed by a short program and drawings for door prizes. The May Birthday/Anniversary party will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m. RSVP by calling 218-894-2556 by May 8.



Eagle Scout project underway

Boy Scouts from Troop 61 and others recently helped Noah Han of Staples with his Eagle Scout project, building book shelves for Hazel Dell Library in Leader. Pictured above, from left, are Lyle Brownwell, Holly Carlson, Luke Brownwell, Zachary Carlson, Garrett Carlson, Alex Erickson, Noah Han, Kathryn Edwards, Brian Sams. Others who helped included Lowell Brownwell and Elijah Sams. Pictured in lower photo, Cam Larson and Hunter Berggren help Han install adjustable shelving on a double-sided bookshelf they have laid out before finishing this unit as part of Han's Eagle Scout Project. This is one of eight shelves being constructed in advance of installation day April 22. (Submitted photos)



Hazel Dell Library to get new bookshelves, thanks to Noah Han's Eagle Scout project

Volunteers needed April 22, to complete project

On Saturday, April 22, local Boy Scout Noah Han will be finishing his Eagle Scout project, one of the requirements needed for him to complete his highest rank in the Boy Scouts. Han's project involves building new bookshelves for the Hazel Dell Library north of Staples, in the Leader area. The goal of the project

is to organize the cluttered library, clearing aisles and adding new bookshelves that optimize shelf space for more books. Han is currently working on building eight new shelves that will increase the amount of space for books by over 140 ft. The remaining portion of Han's project involves moving the old books and

shelves out of the library and then replacing them with the new shelves in a layout that will create optimum space. Noah Han is still looking for volunteers to help with this final portion of the project on April 22; and hopes that many hands will make light work. If you are available to help, call Han at 218-414-0573.

Todd ADA scholarship apps.

Todd County American Dairy Association is offering a \$100 scholarship to any Todd County dairy farm family members or workers that are high

school seniors. If awarded this scholarship, it will be given to the student after successfully completing one semester of college.

For more information and an application, students should contact their high school counselor, principal or Shirley Hulin-sky, Todd County ADA secretary at 320-285-2050.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Brandon and Jennifer Thompson of Baxter, a baby boy, Jackson Leo weighing seven pounds, six ounces on April 7, 2017. Born to Jonathan and Amber Sibbert of Wadena, a baby girl, Aleah Grace weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on April 7, 2017. Born to Thomas and Vianna Garry of Baxter, a baby boy, Declan William weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on April 7, 2017. Born to Heather Hulke and Matthew Humphrey of Pine River, a baby girl, Sarah Grace weighing six pounds, four ounces on April 8, 2017. Born to Darren and Natalie Klimek of Deer Creek, a baby boy, Harvey Ray

weighing eight pounds, 13.5 ounces on April 10, 2017. Born to Nick and Gretchen Nelson of Brainerd, a baby girl, Leona Paige weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on April 10, 2017. Born to Chris and Jeanne Arthur of Sebeka, a baby boy, Harrison Michael weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on April 11, 2017. Born to Jenna Smith and Rob Storry of Vernadale, a baby girl, Evie Lynn weighing eight pounds, three ounces on April 13, 2017. Born to Dylan and Jessica Exe of Baxter, a baby boy, Korbyn Elloitt weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on April 13, 2017. Born to Kasandra Swanson and Ryan Fratzke of Sebeka, a baby boy, Nico Ray weighing eight pounds, 14 ounces on April 14, 2017.

Obituary

Robert Unruh

Robert Unruh, 85, of Motley, formerly of Fargo, ND, Jamestown, ND and Colorado Springs, CO, died April 13, 2017 while in hospice care at Harmony House in Motley. A celebration of his life will be held May 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Haut Funeral Home, 1101 5th Avenue NE in Jamestown.



Burial will be in the Gackle Cemetery. The Haut Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Robert was born July 18, 1931, to Christian and Christine (Schilling) Unruh, in Wishek, ND, where he grew up on the family's farm. He served in the U.S. Army with the 10th Mountain Division at Camp Carson and Camp Hale in Colorado. He married Esther Veil when he returned to North Dakota after serving in the Korean War. Robert was an auto body technician, sang in his church choir and volunteered with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He was a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church and Atone-ment Lutheran Church in Jamestown and Prince of Peach Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs.

Robert is survived by two sons, Mark (Cyndi) Unruh of Motley and Marty Unruh of Colorado Springs; two daughters, Marsha Unruh (McNeil) of Colorado Springs and Marla (Tim) Smith of Rockford, IL; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ida Wanner, Kathy Melarvie and Barbara Nola and four brothers, Bill, Harvey, Dwayne and Ronnie Unruh.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 63 years; parents; four brothers, Art, Gene, Grant and Dan; two sisters, Esther Aipperspach and Edna Feagan and son-in-law, Lewis McNeil

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to: the Harmony House, 900 Eastwood Lane South, Motley, MN 56466, www.horizonhealthservices.org/contact-us/motley/harmony-house/.

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Senior Schedule

Thurs., May 4, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Free Legal Aid from St. Cloud. Call 218-894-2553 to make Legal Aid appointment

Whist, 12:15 p.m. Tues., May 2 & 16 Penny Bingo, 12:00 p.m. Weds., May 3, 10, 17, & 31 500 Cards, 12:00 p.m. Thurs., May 4 and Mon., May 15

Board meeting 12:00 p.m. on Mon., May 8 Birthday/Anniversary party 11:30 a.m., Tues., May 9 Evening meals 5:00 p.m. Thurs., May 11 & 18 NOTICE: Mon., May 22 - Fri., May 26, noon meals will be served, however there will be no regular activities to prepare the Community Center for the high school Grad Blast. Monday, May 29 - Community Center is closed for Memorial Day.



Third graders design robots

The Staples-Motley Elementary School third graders recently finished a chapter on geometry in math. Students were then asked to make a "robot" at home that had various geometric shapes on them. On March 24 the "robots" came to school and were shared with classmates. Third grade teachers are Jody Johnson, Sarah Larson, Pete Kautto and Donalee Butler. (Submitted photos)

Lakewood Foundation raises \$41,730

The Lakewood Health System Foundation held its 24th Annual Foundation Dinner Auction April 7, raising a total of \$41,730 for the renovation of the Suite Time Away hospice and respite suites at Lakewood Pines in Staples. Approximately 180 people attended the fiesta-themed event, which included a social hour, dinner, special speakers, silent and live auctions; and entertainment provided by dueling pianos of Minneapolis. With the help of many

local businesses, Lakewood Health System employees and members of the community, the event was a huge success. "The Foundation would like to thank those who supported the dinner auction this year," said Foundation Director Heidi Chapman. The 25th Annual Foundation Dinner Auction is scheduled for April 6, 2018. More information will be come available closer to the event. For more information, call 218-894-8508 or email foundation@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

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Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Kevin and Kathy Kremers:** GAARE'S SUBDIVISION (7-130-32) LOTS 16 & 17 BLK 1. Site Address: 29256 King Road. PIN: 16-0037800

Variance request to the setback from 150 feet to 120 feet from the OHWM on Coal Lake to construct addition to existing garage and patio.

2. **Bruce and Patricia Broten:** LOT-5 BLK-1 LINDBERG POINT (34-129-35). Site Address: 13521 Falcon Loop. PIN: 15-0077600

Variance request to reduce the structural setback to the ordinary high water level from 75 feet to 60 feet for proposed addition to existing cabin.

3. **Les Levin:** Sect-32, Range-33 Twp-129 Rng-35 Part of Gov't Lot 2. Site Address: 24076 220th St. PIN: 18-0039200

Variance request to 1.) Reduce setback from 100 feet to 42 feet from OHWM, 2.) To reduce the 10 foot setback from the adjoining property line to 2 feet.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair
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**NOTICE
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Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Refuse and Recycling Services, Brainerd Campus. A copy of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples MN 56479, (218) 894-5103 or 1-800-247-6836.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017. All proposals must be sealed and marked "Refuse and Recycling Services". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Kari Christiansen
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The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plan is available for review at the Authority's office at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville. The agency plan may be reviewed Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held on May 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts for any comments on the plan or 2018 Capitol Funding.

Kim Wallace
Executive Director
16pnc

**NOTICE
TO THE
RESIDENTS OF
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP**

Meeting Schedule
(April 2017 - March 2018)
Motley Township Hall
7:00 p.m.
(Unless otherwise noted)

- April 10, 2017
- April 28, 2017 (Board of Appeal and Equalization at 9:00 a.m.)
- May 8, 2017
- June 12, 2017
- July 10, 2017
- August 14, 2017
- September 11, 2017
- October 9, 2017
- November 13, 2017
- December 11, 2017
- January 8, 2018 (Board of Audit at 7:00 p.m., followed by Regular Board Meeting)
- February 12, 2018
- March 13, 2018 (Election 5-8 p.m., followed by Board of Canvass, Annual Meeting and Regular Board Meeting)

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township
15-16pnc

**NOTICE
THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP ROAD
REVIEW**

The annual road review will be held on Friday, April 21, 2017, beginning at the town hall building at 3:30 p.m.

Joy Weyer, Clerk
Thomastown Township
16pnc

**NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
HOUSING AND
REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY
MEETING**

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Annual meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville, MN 56438.

Kim Wallace
Executive Director
16pnc

**NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
ROAD REVIEW**

Meadowbrook Township will hold their annual road review Friday, April 21, 2017. The board will meet and start the review 9:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. Meadowbrook residents with concerns are encouraged to attend.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
15-16pnc

**NOTICE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL
CENTRAL LAKES
COLLEGE
REFUSE AND
RECYCLING
SERVICES
STAPLES CAMPUS**

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Refuse and Recycling Services, Staples Campus. A copy of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples MN 56479, (218) 894-5103 or 1-800-247-6836.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017. All proposals must be sealed and marked "Refuse and Recycling Services". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Kari Christiansen
1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

Central Lakes College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator. These materials are available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities upon request. If you use a TTY, call the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and request to contact Central Lakes College.

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**MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 21, 2017**

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 21st day of March, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with the addition of 5.4 Letter of Support for Great River Regional Library.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2017 as presented.

**EXCLUDED BINGO
PERMIT - TODD
COUNTY COUNCIL
ON AGING**

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for an Excluded Bingo Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Excluded Bingo Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging to hold two separate bingo events at The Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on April 2, 2017 and October 29, 2017.

To approve an Off Sale & On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a yearly Set-up License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a yearly Dance License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc. dba Diamond Point Supper Club/Lounge at the address of 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve an Off Sale & On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for the MB Thomes Enterprises dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Dr, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a yearly Set-up License for MB Thomes Enterprises dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Hub Supper Club LLC dba The Hub Supper Club at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Thunder Lodge Sportsbar & SC Inc dba Thunder Lodge Sportsbar & Supper Club

at the address of 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 45619 through 45737 in the amount of \$77,505.87.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512318 through 512406 in the amount of \$119,669.81.

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

**FUNDS TRANSFER
FOR THE COUNTY
BUILDING PROJECT
IN THE LONG PRAIRIE
INDUSTRIAL PARK**

WHEREAS, the approval to sell County owned parcels 36-4013300 & 36-4014300 was granted on January 17, 2017 with Board Action Number 20170117-13, and the land sale proceeds have been received into the General Fund in the amount of \$277,185.

WHEREAS, the approval to construct a County Building in the Long Prairie Industrial Park was granted on January 17, 2017 with Board Action Number 20170117-14.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$277,185 less \$40,000 for land purchase from 01-General Fund to 37-Building Construction Fund for the Long Prairie Industrial Park Project expenses.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve submitting a letter of support of the Great River Regional Library and the proposal to the MN State Legislature to increase the annual appropriation for the Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS).

Public Works

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the 2017 Spring Road Meeting for April 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Works Northern Shop in Moran Township.

The Commissioners were informed of the announcement from Region 5 Development Commissioner regarding a 2021 Federal Funding Award for Todd County's County State Aid Highway #12 Project valuing \$973,000.

The Commissioners were informed of the announcement from the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding a 2021 Federal HSPF Funding Award for Todd County for a Ground-In Wet Reflective Pavement Striping Project valuing \$268,393.

The Commissioners were informed of the announcement from the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding a State Park Road Account Project located on Angler Drive in Grey Eagle and Birchdale Townships valuing \$200,000.

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

**AWARD OF
CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR 2017
BITUMINOUS
HIGHWAY
CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 7, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SAP 077-616-

007, SAP 077-618-012, SAP 077-631-006/SAP 049-631-004, SAP 077-636-003, SAP 077-639-003, CP 17:61, CP 17:79, CP 17:106/CP 049-219-013, CP 77-17-01 and CP 77-17-06, said projects for bituminous highway construction work at various locations in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Tri-City Paving, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$4,406,397.64

Anderson Brothers Construction, Brainerd, Minnesota: \$4,795,521.80

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$4,851,681.91

Knife River Corporation, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota: \$4,854,486.95

Mark Sand & Gravel, Fergus Falls, Minnesota: \$5,247,206.79

Hardrive, Inc, Rogers, Minnesota: \$5,363,177.42

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Tri-City Paving of Little Falls, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$4,406,397.64.

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

**AWARD OF
CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR 2017
HSIP PAVEMENT
MARKING PROJECT**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 14, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SP 077-070-008, said project for pavement markings on various Todd County highways, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Century Fence Company, Forest Lake, Minnesota: \$90,244.59

Traffic Marking Services, Inc., Maple Lake, Minnesota: \$91,481.78

AAA Striping Service Co., Saint Michael, Minnesota: \$94,966.80

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Century Fence Company of Forest Lake, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$90,244.59.

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

**AWARD OF
CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR 2017
PAVEMENT MARKING
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 14, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 77-17-03, said project for pavement markings on various Todd County highways, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Traffic Marking Service, Inc., Maple Lake, Minnesota: \$66,876.51

AAA Striping Service Co., Saint Michael, Minnesota: \$68,343.97

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Traffic Marking Service, Inc. of Maple Lake, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$66,876.51.

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

**AWARD OF
CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR
2017 DUST CONTROL
CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 14, 2017 by the Todd

County Public Works Director for CP 77-17-08, said projects for dust control construction work at various locations in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Northern Salt Inc., Forest Lake, Minnesota: \$70,798.54

Tri City Paving, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$73,188.36

EnviroTech Services, Inc., Greeley, Colorado: \$76,747.78

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Northern Salt Inc. of Forest Lake, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$70,798.54.

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

**AWARD OF
CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR 2017
GRAVEL SURFACING
CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on March 14, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 17:82, CP 17:84 and CP 77:86, said projects for gravel surfacing construction work at various locations in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

William D. Scepaniak, Holdingford, Minnesota: \$232,112.

Braaten Aggregate, Inc., Eagle Bend, Minnesota: \$257,676.

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$276,340.

D.L.L. Excavating, Inc., Little Falls, Minnesota: \$283,720.

Hard Rock Screening, LLC, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$289,468.00

DeChantal Excavating, LLC, Brainerd, Minnesota: \$300,750.

Tri-City Paving, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$369,600.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to William D. Scepaniak of Holdingford, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$232,112.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote with Becker abstaining: To approve the final quotes/agreements that are in excess of \$25,000 in order to move forward with the construction of the new Todd County Industrial Park Building including:

A. Land Purchase - City of Long Prairie - \$40,000.

B. Material Supplier - Update Building Supplies - \$76,745.30

C. Building Contractor - No Name Construction - \$29,100.

D. Concrete Contractor - Busker Concrete - \$49,500.

Sheriff's Office

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Cristina Sobiech as a full-time Jail Program Coordinator effective April 2, 2017 at a Grade 9, Step B.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to post in-house and advertise for a Full-time Jailor/Dispatcher.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Jeffrey Weitmeier as a Jailor/Dispatcher effective April 1, 2017.

On motion by Neumann

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and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To allow Sheriff Asmus to hire two full-time Dispatchers from the current advertisement.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Ryan Rickbeil as a part-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective April 2, 2017 at a Grade 6.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Charles Kloos as a part-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective April 2, 2017 at a Grade 6.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Hunter Henkels as a part-time Jailer/Dispatcher effective April 2, 2017 at a Grade 6.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Josh Anderson as a full-time Court Security Officer effective April 2, 2017 at a Grade 10, Step 2.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve an 80 percent (%) cost share rate for low income septic replacements for qualified applicants and authorize staff to proceed with cost-share contracting with qualified landowners.

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – “EHLERT DIVISION” SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicant Shawn Ehlert applied to subdivide a property that is part of Nagler’s Mound View Estates Outlot B Shipwre in Section 3 of Grey Eagle Township with the plat to be known as Ehlert Division,

WHEREAS, The Ehlert Division Plat consists of two residential lots Lot 1 169,384± sq ft and Lot 2 197,173± sq ft located in the Shoreland Zoned District of Mound Lake,

WHEREAS, On February 2, 2017 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance: Section 3 TWP-127 Range-32

OUTLOT B of NAGLER’S MOUND VIEW ESTATES Shipwre

Total of 9.18± acres

WHEREAS, On February 21, 2017 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Ehlert Division (Subdiv 2017-01) with no conditions.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of “Ehlert Division” subdivision be approved as presented.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit for Saukinac Campground to add 36 RV camper hookup sites with the four conditions outlined in the CUP Proceedings.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher

and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Alisha Pesola effective March 30, 2017.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Health & Human Services to recruit and hire a Registered Nurse or a Social Worker to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Alisha Pesola as recommended by the Todd County Personnel Committee.

Auditor-Treasurer’s Report

Forfeited Land Auction will be held April 3, 2017. CLA Auditors will be here the week of April 10, 2017. The Annual Township Meeting will be held on April 13, 2017 in Browerville. Correspondence has been made to AMC on behalf of Todd County in support of the CPA legislative proposals. 2017 Property Tax Statements are in the final stages and will be released by the end of March.

Commissioner’s Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator’s Report

A tour of the Staples facility was provided by Commissioner Becker. Conversation was made with Senator Gazelka concerning pending CPA legislation. A meeting with Springsted has been scheduled to address concerns. Preparations for upcoming union negotiations will begin soon. Meet and greets with all County Department Heads are going well.

Adjourn

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the meeting was adjourned for the month of March 2017.

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS		
Vendor Name	\$ Amount	
APPLIED CONCEPTS		
INC.....	\$2,526.90	
BRAATEN SAND & GRAVEL.....		10,883.54
EMERGENCY COMM. NETWO.....		7,950.00
EPIPHANY COMM. SERVICES.....		2,125.00
LITTLE FALLS MACHINE INC.....		3,836.70
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV.....		3,902.51
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP.....		5,094.51
STAPLES WORLD.....		2,532.51
TASER INTERNAT’L.....		3,497.90
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC.....		2,998.00
109 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....		32,158.30
Total.....		\$77,505.87
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS		
Vendor Name	\$ Amount	
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SRVS LLC.....		\$8,253.66
# 4453.....		2,520.00
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS.....		3,549.19
HOLISTIC FAMILY ED. SRVS.....		5,554.63
# 1911.....		3,330.96
# 12512.....		2,307.26
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS.....		2,336.25
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL.....		5,506.76
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC.....		4,535.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR.....		4,466.00
NORTHWOOD CHILD. SERVICES.....		5,939.92
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME.....		6,130.32
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....		17,631.99
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR.....		3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....		44,128.70
Total.....		\$ 119,669.81

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 21, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 4, 2017.

Scott Sadusky hired as City of Motley’s new building inspector

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Scott Sadusky of Cities to Lakes Inspections Services has been hired as the City of Motley’s new building inspector, pending the approval of the city’s attorney.

This was one of the decisions made at the Motley City Council’s regular meeting April 10.

As per council approval, Sadusky will keep 80 percent of all building permit fees, which covers his inspections. The other 20 percent of these fees would go to the City of Motley. Sadusky’s hourly fee for additional services (such as council meeting attendance/testimony) or investigations not otherwise stated in the contract is \$45/hr.

Sadusky noted that he has a connection to the Motley area. He graduated from Staples-Motley High School in 1991 and still has family that lives in Motley.

In addition to Motley, Sadusky is the building official for four other cities, including Breezy Point, Crosby, Pine River and Staples. Because he travels through Motley frequently, Sadusky said he believes he could provide the city with a lot of coverage.

Prior to his work with Cities to Lake Inspection Services, Sadusky worked for approximately 10 years in the Twin Cities area, where he renovated 300 homes. He had a desire to move back to Northern Minnesota, however; and in 2006, Cities to Lakes Inspection Services took a position with Danrich Inspections and has been the Deputy Building Official of Breezy Point since that time. Subsequently, he has added the other three cities previously mentioned.

In a later conversation, Scott mentioned that he grew up in Staples, the son of John and Nancy Sadusky. Currently, he lives in Merrifield with his wife, Sandy and their two boys, ages four and six.

Sadusky will be taking



Building inspector

Scott Sadusky, with Cities to Lakes Inspection Services, introduced himself to the Motley City Council at their regular meeting April 10. The council subsequently hired him as the city’s new building inspector, pending attorney approval.

over from the city’s former building inspector, David Barsody from Inspection Services of Central MN. At a previous council meeting, City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja had informed the council that Barsody no longer has the capacity to handle the City of Motley’s building inspections. He had recommended the city consider Sadusky.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED a motion directing the planning and zoning commission to look into the possibility of bringing a community center to Motley.
- APPROVED the meal/travel expense reimbursement amount for city employees at \$50/day.
- APPROVED the reimbursement forms, as presented, for both mileage and expenses.
- APPROVED the city’s WEX fuel card policy and usage agreement. These cards are issued to employees authorized to fuel company vehicles.
- APPROVED a motion to continue with Bolten & Menk as the engineer for the city’s new well and raw water main improvement project.

• DISCUSSED the possibility of extending the city sidewalk along Hwy 10 to the new Dollar General Store. Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton will get estimates and report back to the council.

• ACCEPTED grant agreements from Morrison County regarding both the city’s clean-up day and their recycling program.

• APPROVED the attorney search committee’s recommendation to hire NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) to act as the city’s legal team for day to day needs; and for all other items, to continue working with Rinke Noonan out of St. Cloud.

• APPROVED the hiring of new firefighters Nathan Thiede and Brandon Mertens; and approved paying their mileage for attending Firefighter 1 and 2 classes.

• LEARNED that the Motley Fire Department’s controlled practice burn at the Motley Motel has been changed to Saturday, April 29, and it will most likely take all day.

• HEARD the MFD’s monthly report for March, which included a total of 16 calls: 11 medicals, one vehicle fire, two structure fires, one mutual aid structure fire; and one motor vehicle accident.

• HEARD the MPD’s monthly report for March as presented by Chief Ron Smith, which included a total of 158 calls for service: 91 traffic stops, 52 warnings, 39 state citations.

• LEARNED that the

MPD passed a comprehensive review conducted by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST Board).

• HEARD the maintenance department’s monthly report for March. Brotherton noted that there were no violations at the wastewater treatment plant; but that it was close. Brotherton said they are working to find a way to get chemicals (which are highly corrosive) to the ponds without burning a hole in the pipes. Mayor Al Yoder told Brotherton he appreciates that the ponds do not smell like they did in the past.

• LEARNED that the plans for June Fest are underway and that everything will be held on the west side of Hwy 10 this year.

• LEARNED that the front office internship position will be ending in May. Smieja would like to continue working on a job description for this position (32 - 40 hrs. per week), which would include benefits. She would like to be able to hire someone in June. The council was in agreement with her requests.

• SET next planning and zoning commission meeting for Tuesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.

• SET city-wide garage sales for May 5 and 6.

• SET next regular meeting for Monday, May 8, 6:30 p.m.

• SET city-wide clean-up for Saturday, May 13, 7:45 - 10:45 a.m.

55 YEARS OF ITEMS

Auction

As we have sold our farm and have moved into assisted living, we will sell the following items at auction located at
The Bear's Den in Leader, MN., 13 miles North of Motley on Hwy. 64
Follow signs on:

Sunday, April 23, 2017

SALE TIME: 1:00 P.M.

RESTROOMS

LUNCH AVAILABLE



King size log bed



2 horse drawn buggies, single horse



F-14 Tractor (1820) lawn ornament

HOUSEHOLD / MISC.
Log furniture set
Old dressers
Tables
Rocking chairs
Twin beds
Day bed
Round table with 6 chairs and leaf
Curved glass oak china hutch, nice
Glass front bookcase
Lots of books
Many nice lamps
Old toys and new
Log couch
Native American dolls and knick
knacks and more
Angels and animals, etc., collectibles
Many, many Christmas knick knacks
Homenade Birch bark items, birdhouses, etc.
Knick knock shelves
Radios
Many pictures of all kinds
Cannons
Lots of kitchen items
Meat grinder
Popcorn popper, big mixer
Wok
Malt maker
Lots of pots & pans
Colored glass
Collector plates
Big mixer
Small meat slicer
Bird houses
Cream cans
Husqvarna snow blower, St. 624E
Lawn chairs
Old steel wheels
elec. start, nice
Some old horse stuff
Sentry safe
Husqvarna 20 hp/42" rider, YthF20 42T, new deck, motor stuck
3 stainless milk buckets
2 Homelite gas weed eaters
Electric weed eater
Lawn cart
Large wooden santa & reindeer, outdoor display
6Hx6Wx6L dog kennel with door

SOME TOOLS, MISC.
Pedal grind stone
Metal detector
Some hand tools

LARGER LAWN ITEMS
Yard Machine, 17 hp/42" rider, runs nice
Husqvarna snow blower, St. 624E
elec. start, nice
YthF20 42T, new deck, motor stuck
2 Homelite gas weed eaters
Electric weed eater
Lawn cart
6Hx6Wx6L dog kennel with door

GUNS
Marlin lever action 30.30, with 3X7 Tasco scope #14048050
Mossberg 20 ga. pump 2-3/4" and 3" syn. stock R/4289
Old Acme 12 ga. break open single shot

SPORTING
Snowshoes, nice
Older buck mount, 10 pt.
Tanned elk hide

HANDICAP ITEMS, ETC.
Lift chair
Canes and walkers
Wheeler chair

Many, many more items too numerous to mention!

Don and June Hanson

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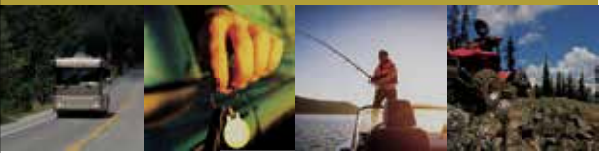
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Fishing opener: A time for renewal

By Ray Gildow

I can hardly wait for the Minnesota fishing opener. I am not alone!. Minnesota has over 1.4 million licensed fishing anglers. 65% of those anglers are male and 35% are female. Of course, not of all them will be fishing on the opener, but the number who are will be huge.

Minnesota has over 5,400 fishable lakes and 18,000 miles of fishable rivers and streams and the number one fish targeted by anglers will be the walleye. According to the Minnesota DNR, over 43,000 jobs are connected to the fishing industry and more than 2.8 billion dollars will be spent in the retail sector for fishing during the 2017 season.

The fishing opener is really more than just fishing. It is a time to reconnect with family members, friends, bait shop owners, and new fishing “stuff”! It is a time to get out on the water, forget about politicians, taxes, ice, snow and the favorite winter team’s losing season. It is a time for renewal. Time to look forward and time to be thankful for all the blessing we have and forget about all the negative stuff that infiltrates our lives through television and social media.

The weather for the fishing opener is almost always unpredictable. What looked like a very early ice out is turning out to be close to normal across most of the state.

Temperature and wind are usually two of the biggest factors effecting the opener. Warm water and a slight breeze usually means fishing is going to be pretty good. Cold fronts and big wind or no wind at all usually means a tough opener.

The number one fishing technique on the opener is usually jig fishing with a spot tail shiner or fathead minnow. I also like to fish with nightcrawlers on a Lindy Rig if the surface temperature is over 50. Figuring out when the fish are going to bite is always a challenge. I open on Leech



Beauty fish

Ray Gildow with a walleye caught at a previous opener. This year’s Minnesota fishing opener is Saturday, May 13.

Lake and the past few years it seems like the best bite has been after 3 p.m. Last year many anglers on Leech Lake were fishing after dark with lighted bobbers. That is something I have never witnessed before on Leech Lake, making me think some of these anglers were transplants from Mille Lacs, where bobber fishing at night was made famous.

The average Minnesota angler spends 15 days on the water. For many anglers, the fishing opener will be the biggest weekend of their fishing season. For those of us hard cores it is the opening round of another greatly anticipated fishing season. It is a new beginning. It is what we have waited for since the formation of the winter ice.

So, whether fishing is good, slow or downright dead doesn’t really matter. What matters is we are renewing our fishing spirits with family and friends. So, get out there and enjoy one of the best reasons to live in Minnesota----fishing!

VanOverbeke earns national certification

Travis VanOverbeke, Athletic Director at Staples-Motley High School, has been recognized by the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) as a Certified Athletic Administrator.

To earn this distinction, VanOverbeke has demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration. The voluntary certification process included a

thorough evaluation of the candidate’s educational background, experience and professional contributions, as well as a rigorous, comprehensive written examination.

VanOverbeke is one of a small group of interscholastic athletic administrators nationwide to attain this level of professionalism.

The NIAAA is a national professional organization consisting of all 50 state athletic administrator as-

sociations and more than 10,000 individual members. It’s dedicated to promoting the professional growth of high school athletic administrators and preserving the educational nature of interscholastic athletics and the place of these programs in the secondary school curriculum.

Change in walleye bag limits

By Ray Gildow

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is starting a very important discussion; should walleye bag limits be reduced from the current six per day and six in possession, to something less? This will not be a topic supported in many sections of the fishing community but this is a discussion that, in my opinion, is long overdue.

First a little history. The current walleye bag limit was established in 1956. Minnesota had a population of slightly more than three million people in 1956 and, while I have not found any data on the number of fishing licenses sold that year, the numbers were certainly much fewer than today. The population of Minnesota in 2016 was slightly over five and a half million people. Not double the size from 1956 but getting close. Last year 1.1 million fishing licenses were sold in Minnesota and the average angler spent fifteen days on the water fishing.

A DNR study done on Lake Winnibigoshish showed a seven-hundred percent increase in fishing pressure from 1939 to 1977. Walleye yields during that period increased one hundred and fifty percent but the average weight of the fish caught went from 2.2 pounds from the 1930’s to 1.3 pounds in the 1950’s, to 1.1 pounds in the 1970’s.

On Mille Lacs Lake, 1992 was considered one of the best fishing years in modern history. But DNR data shows that 76% of anglers on a given day on Mille

Lacs did not catch a fish that year. DNR data also shows that on a given day in Minnesota, 95% of anglers catch two walleyes per day or less.

So, what’s that problem here? I think it can be summed up with two concepts; technology and fishing pressure. Anglers are so much better at catching fish today than they were even twenty years ago, because of all the technology advancements made in the fishing industry and fishing pressure is now a year around issue. Wheel houses park on lakes in the winter and fish twenty-four hours a day. Social medial spreads the news of hot fishing bites the same day the fish are biting. Cameras, sonar and sophisticated lake maps have eliminated all the hiding spots for fish. So, when the bite is on, large numbers of fish are caught even though not all anglers get in on the act.

I have been a fishing guide for thirty years. My customers understand the value of just taking home enough fish for a meal. The focus for us is the great outdoor fishing experience topped off with a few good fillets for a meal.

I think it is time for Minnesota to go to a three or four bag walleye limit. Thanks to new and ever changing fishing regulations, we now have some of the best fishing ever. Reducing the bag limit is just the right thing to do to ensure that our grandkids get to continue to enjoy this wonderful Minnesota tradition.

It’s been said that the path of political and social change resembles the motion of a clock’s pendulum, following a trajectory from right to left and back again, sometimes to extremes in one direction or another. This certainly seems the case with state lawmakers since the 2016 elections. Both the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives came under the control of the same party in that election, and they’re flexing their muscles in a way that was not possible when control of the House and Senate was split.

Unfortunately, the swing of our pendulum could deliver some serious blows to the interests of anglers, hunters and many others who enjoy the outdoors and the benefits of a clean and healthy environment. Legislative proposals now pending in the Minnesota Legislature fail on the one hand to do some much-needed things, and on the other would do harmful things to programs and policies that conservation organizations and outdoor sportsmen have championed for decades.

It starts with what your pastor might call a “sin of omission.” Widely supported by conservation groups is a modest increase in the cost of fishing and deer hunting licenses, to pump much-needed revenue into the Department of Natural Resources’ Game & Fish fund. This fund pays for the bulk of the state’s fisheries and wildlife management programs, including fish stocking, public access acquisition and maintenance, wetland restoration, habitat projects on state Wildlife Management Areas, and similar things.

Organizations like Ducks Unlimited, the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Trout Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and many others support these increases; \$3 for a fishing license and \$4 for a deer license. This is about the cost of a scoop or two of minnows, or coffee and a sweet roll on your way to launch your

Baseball team battles until the final play

The Staples-Motley baseball team scored in the seventh inning to tie the game at Osakis on April 13, only to lose in the bottom half of the inning.

Osakis scored an un-earned run in the sixth to take a 4-3 lead. In the top of the seventh, Trey Skeesick walked and stole second with two outs. He scored on

a base hit by Isaac Swend-srud to tie the game 4-4.

In the bottom of the seventh, Osakis had runners on second and third base after an error. They scored the game winner on a sacrifice fly.

“It was very exciting, a hard fought game between both teams,” said Coach Mitch Anderson.

Skeesick pitched the first six innings, with Reid Busker coming in to pitch in the seventh.

At the plate, Tommy Kossan had two hits, one walk; Busker one hit and two walks, while Skeesick had one hit, one RBI and one run scored.

Erholtz shoots 71 in Cardinals first meet

Beck Erholtz shot a 71 in the first meet of the year as the Staples-Motley boys golf team competed with some high level teams in the Detroit Lakes Invite held April 13.

Erholtz finished fifth at Lakeview Golf

course with scores; Tyler Helling 80, Jack Benson 81, Finn Erholtz 83, Alex Giza 90 and Jack Adamietz 100.

The Cards shot a team score of 315, placing them sixth out of eight teams.

Track team stretches legs outdoors

The Staples-Motley track and field team ran in their first outdoor meet on April 11, at Wadena-Deer Creek.

Max Giza won three individual events in the boys, 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles and pole vault. Millie Klefsaas won in the girl’s 100 hurdles and pole vault.

Team results

Boys results (11 teams)
Staples-Motley 5th
100 - 3. Matt Miller 11.67, 25. Jeff Sundstrom 13.16, 28. Daniel Lozano 13.41, 36. Kristian Thompson 15.04
200 - 12. Zac Carlson 25.58, 14. Mason Rychner 25.91, 19. Derek Kennedy 26.47, 20. Lozano 26.68
400 - 11. Jack JacobSachopar 1:01, 19. Sundstrom 1:03, 24. Alex Vernon 1:09, 800 - 23. Cael Sams 2:33, 27. Vernon 2:39
1,600 - 2. Hunter Klimek 5:12, 10. Bentley Christensen 5:28, 12. Jack Tyrrell 5:30
3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson

10:50, 10. Austin Johnson 13:01
110 hurdles - 1. Max Giza 15.93
300 hurdles - 1. Giza 43.6, 3. Matthew Fisher 45.83, 9. Jordan Carlson 49.02
4x100 - 4. S-M 48.67
4x200 - 6. S-M 1:45
4x400 - 1. S-M 3:42
4x800 - 6. S-M 9:48
High jump - 8. Chase Davis 5’2”, 10. Logen Weite 5’, 10. Josh Lombard 5’, 10. Tristan Etzler 5’
Pole vault - 1. Giza 13’6”, 12. Scout Strickland 7’6”
Long jump - 7. Miller 17’6”, 10. Rychner 16’11”, 22. Hunter Berggren 15’8”
Triple jump - 11. Fisher 33’11”, 25. Lozano 29”
Shot put - 8. Berggren 39’, 11. Luke Schmieg 37’6”, 31. Etzler 27’5”
Discus - 10. Strickland 101’, 18. Schmieg 92’7”
Girls results (11teams)
Staples-Motley 7th
100 - 8. Amber Robben 14.13, 11. Jordan DeChaine 14.23, 24. Abby Dukowitz 15.14
200 - 5. Robben 29.20, 6. DeChaine 29.27, 26. Sydney Wal-

lace 33.07, 29. Dukowitz 33.41
400 - 28. Allison Knosalla 1:22, 29. Mikayla Sauber 1:23
800 - 14. Madsen Hull 3:01
1,600 - 4. Addison Lorber 5:58, 5. Kiera Dumphrope 6:05
3,200 - 3. Kira Sweeney 13:16, 10. Abby Brown 14:46
100 hurdles - 1. Klefsaas 13.5
300 hurdles - 18. Isabelle Mikel 1:01, 19. Addison Hirschey 1:04
4x100 - 3. S-M 55.93
4x200 - 8. S-M 2:03
4x800 - 3. S-M 10:47
High jump - 9. Kelsie Weite 4’6”, 13. Aleeah Halverson 4’2”
Pole vault - 1. Klefsaas 11’
Long jump - 2. Robben 14’3”, 21. Larken Hirschey 11’10”, 27. Heidi Lombard 10’9”, 28. Libby O’Neil 10’8”
Triple jump - 11. DeChaine 27’4”, 15. Lombard 24’4”, 17. Sauber 22’4”, 18. O’Neil 21’3”
Shot put - 12. Weite 27’, 25. Hannah Dolezal 21’9”, 27. Toni Brings 21’3”, 36. Edilia Chinnabaeua 18’, 38. Ari Brings 11’6”
Discus - 29. Elizabeth Flansburg 49’5”

State lawmakers showing their anti-angler, anti-hunter colors

fishing boat. Not exactly outrageous, and especially important because the legislature will not provide “general funds” for these fisheries and wildlife management activities.

Without a revenue boost, the Game & Fish Fund will be “in the red” after 2018. That means fisheries and wildlife management programs will have to be cut. Do state lawmakers want to see less walleye stocking in their constituents’ favorite lakes? Or less capacity to coordinate timber management to improve aging forests for deer and ruffed grouse? How readily will the public accept poorly maintained public lake accesses? These are just a few potential consequences of an underfunded Game & Fish Fund.

Some conservative lawmakers portray fishing and hunting license increases as raising taxes, which by instinct and philosophy they typically oppose. But licenses are user fees, not taxes. They’re comparable to a greens fee for a round of golf, or admission to a movie. Only they’re a much greater value, providing many hours of enjoyment per dollar spent. But without legislative action to find more revenue for the Game & Fish Fund, program cuts would begin as early as this summer.

Beyond this sin of omission, House and Senate leaders are proposing damaging cuts to the DNR’s budget, and potentially unconstitutional changes to other conservation funding. First is a proposed \$5 million cut in the base budget of the DNR’s Fish & Wildlife Division, the department most directly involved in the programs that serve anglers and hunters.

We live in a time when folks find it easy to criticize government. It’s not always clear how we benefit from sending tax dollars to St. Paul for state-provided services. But ask the average person whether they think it’s important to have good roads, or quality public schools and you’ll likely get “yes” answers. Beyond the direct benefits that Fish & Wildlife Division programs provide to those who fish and hunt, the economies of local communities benefit greatly from angler and hunter expenditures on gas, food, lodging, tackle and a lot more. Good fish and wildlife manage-

ment is simply good business. And it costs money.

There’s more potential bad news. Also proposed is further delay in implementing 2015 legislation that requires a 50 foot buffer strip of grass or other vegetative cover along public ditches, a move aimed at reducing the flow of pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and silt as runoff into lakes, rivers and wetlands. These pollutants, coming chiefly from agricultural lands, contribute to algae blooms and oxygen depletion in lakes, upset the food chains upon which our game fish depend and can kill aquatic life outright.

As part of the “sink the buffers” effort by some legislative leaders, the legislation would remove a 35-year old requirement for a 50-foot buffer along major rivers and trout streams, buffers that have contributed greatly to improved water quality and the productivity of these waters as fisheries, as well as to their value for other aquatic recreations.

Perhaps worst of all is a proposal to rob the state’s Outdoor Heritage Fund to pay local taxes. Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars flow from a special state sales tax approved by voters in a constitutional amendment in 2008, and are dedicated to be used to preserve especially valuable parcels of land as wildlife habitat and for public use. Under a new proposal, for every land acquisition with Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars, an additional 30 percent from that fund would have to be earmarked and paid to that county as a tax tribute, something never intended when record numbers of Minnesotans went to the polls in 2008 to support the idea of a guaranteed and dedicated conservation fund. Many feel this is unconstitutional.

It’s been pessimistically said that Americans pretty much get the politicians they deserve. Based on the anti-conservation, anti-outdoors legislation now being considered by House and Senate majority leaders in St. Paul, we can only hope that’s not true in the long-term for Minnesotans. We deserve better. But the only way to influence a better outcome is to contact your senator and representative and tell them how you feel, and back it up with your vote at the next opportunity.

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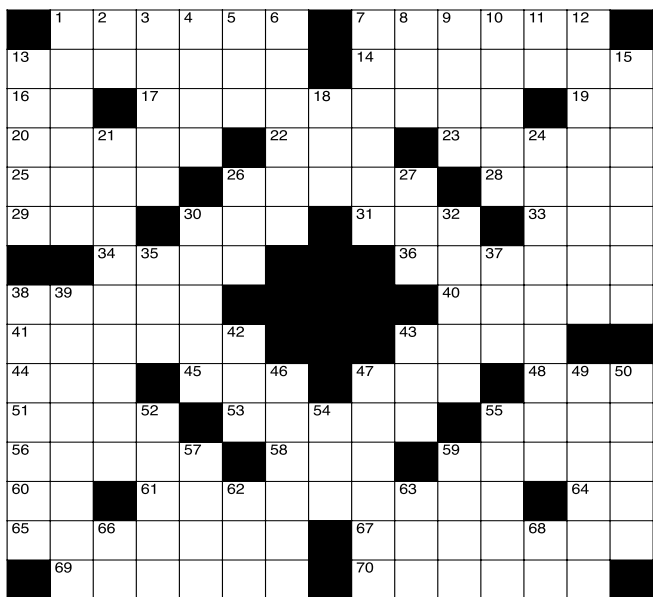
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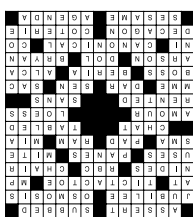
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30. Whittled
32. River in western India
35. Small crude dwelling
37. One-time AC/DC singer Scott
38. Holds up a shirt/sleeve
39. Mental faculties
42. Blot
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