



First baby in 2016 at Lakewood Health System

Nicole Rassmussen and Travis Stokke's son Reid was the first baby born at Lakewood Health System in 2016. Reid was born at 7:29 a.m. on Jan. 4, weighing six pounds, eleven ounces and was 20 inches long. He will join big sister Quinn and big brother Easton at the family's home in Brainerd.

Pictured at left, Mary Theurer representing the Piecemakers Quilt Club, which donates a quilt to the first baby of the year born at Lakewood Health Sys-

tem. The hospital auxiliary also donates cash to the first baby. Behind the family is Dr. Sarah Israelson, the attending doctor for the birth who was assisted by RN Bryan Kavanaugh.

Rassmussen said "We're excited, we loved our doctor and the whole experience."

In 2015, 425 babies were born at Lakewood Health System in Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Thriving Communities Initiative to begin tonight

LEAP and the Economic Development Authority (EDA) are sponsoring the start of the Initiative Foundation's Thriving Communities project this year in Staples. Information sessions will be held at city hall on Thursday Jan. 7 and Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone ages 14 and up is invited to attend.

Community members will hear about the new community project and how to become involved.

The information sessions will be presented by the Initiative Foundation. Per the Foundation's website, the "Thriving Communities Initiative is designed to inspire good ideas in community and economic development, focusing on those communities that want to attract and retain skilled workers and young families."

With three of Staples' businesses expanding in the next few years, the city of Staples has the potential to grow in economic development and population. The Thriving Communities project will help the city identify the current needs of the community and identify goals for improvement in the next five years.

To be successful, the Thriving Communities project will need a wide range of community members to share their experience and input. This information will be used to create an action plan for the community leadership team to follow over the next three years.

For more information on the information sessions, contact Melissa Radermacher at 218-296-2254.

LEAP (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, Positiveness) is a non-profit organization that pursues collaborative projects to enhance the quality of life in the Staples area. For more information or to join LEAP, contact Tim Rice at 218- 894-1515.

Todd County tax levy increases 8.37 percent

By Jason C. Brown
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The Todd County Board of Commissioners, with the sharp pencils of their department heads, were able to bring the budget and subsequent levy for 2016 down from a double digit hike.

The board approved a levy increase of 8.37 percent over last year's levy, instead of the 12.21 percent that they started with in

September.

Fifth District Commissioner Randy Neumann told the small crowd gathered at the board meeting, Dec. 29, that the levy they are setting shows they are getting a handle on things, compared to where they started.

Neumann also explained that the county is paying for years of no levy increase. To make matters worse, they weren't accounting for the three percent of uncollected property taxes on an annual basis. He compared it to a snowball effect that they are now paying for.

The budget, which isn't balanced in terms of revenues and expenditures, also contains room for the potential hiring of an administrator or coordinator, if the board decides to go down that path.

The 2016 budget is accounting for more than \$32.2 million in revenues, but has inked in more than \$32.9 in expenditures. The deficit is at \$663,061.

The levy, on the other hand, will have a local levy of \$14,339,799. More than \$1.3 million in program aid is anticipated. This will bring the certified levy to \$15,669,721.

The budget also makes an assumption on employee wages, as some negotiations are not yet complete. But with that, the board also included in the budget a raise for themselves.

The board had previously discussed the possibility of doing away with per diems for their meetings and adopting a flat salary. They finally took action at this meeting.

The board decided to give themselves a 1.5 percent increase in their salary effective the first full pay period in January, which is the same as what's been offered to the unions.

They also opted to do away with per diems for meetings and include the five-year average per diem rate into their salary. This would put their salary at \$24,489. The board chair will earn an additional \$1,200 annually.

Along with that, the board will also be put onto the Springsted Salary Schedule effective the first full pay period of July, which will bring their salary up to \$28,000.

Any extra outside per diems collected by the commissioners will be put into the county's general fund.

The board also set the salaries for 2016 for the other elected county officials.

Keeping in line with themselves and what has been offered to the unions, the board approved a 1.5 percent salary increase for the auditor/treasurer, county attorney, recorder and sheriff. The elected officials will also be moved onto the Springsted Salary Schedule the first full pay

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Skating in the new year

Ten-year-old Cole Carlson (left) and his sister Kaitlyn, five, of rural Motley, enjoyed skating at the ice rink in Motley Jan. 3. With temperatures hovering at 30 degrees, it was a perfect day for winter outdoor sports. "We're so glad to learn about this," their mother, Tammi Carlson,

said of the ice rink. "It has a warming house and there are lights if you skate at night." Cole and Kaitlyn said they had been having a "really fun time" during the Christmas break from school, which resumed Jan. 4. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,
The Blizzard of 1873 struck on Jan. 7, with temperatures of forty-nine degrees below zero and winds of seventy-five miles per hour. Over the next two days, at least seventy people die in the western and southern parts of Minnesota. Conditions are so blinding that in New Ulm a boy who has to cross the street from a barn to his home is found frozen eight miles away, and a rural man and his ox team freeze to death just ten feet from his house.

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Staples Depot renovation meeting

Construction to renovate the Staples Depot could begin by Jan. 18, according to the plans from Alliance Building Corporation. On Jan. 5, the contractors and subcontractors met to go over a building schedule. Pictured from left, Kelvin Howieson, MnDOT District 3 State Aid Engineer, Loren Fellbaum, Todd County Engineer and Elizabeth McCollough architect with Col-

laborative Design Group meet with contractors and members of the Staples Historical Society. The renovation would continue through March 30. The depot will remain open during renovation but parts of the building may be closed at times, including the bathroom area. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Mary Freeman re-elected chair of school board

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Mary Freeman was re-elected as chair of the Staples Motley School Board at their reorganizational meeting Jan. 4.

Other officers elected include Bryan Winkels as vice chair, Roy DiGiovanni as clerk and Chad Longbella as treasurer.

Bonnie Madson, administrative assistant, was appointed as assistant to the clerk. Business manager Marci Lord was appointed as assistant to the treasurer.

The third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. was set as the date and time of the board's regular meetings. The exceptions will be the January and February meetings when the third Monday is a holiday. In those months the meeting day will be the fourth Monday. The location will alternate between the Staples and Motley school buildings.

Work sessions are tentatively scheduled for the first Monday of every other month beginning Feb. 8 in Motley. Those dates and locations may change depending on need.

The board set their salaries at \$3,278.64, the same as last year.

Board members were appointed to serve on educational committees as noted:

- Bruce Lund and Longbella, Freshwater Education District.
- Freeman was elected to the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) board.
- Winkels, NJPA Delegate Assembly.
- Winkels and Dave Hoemberg, Minnesota State High School League.
- DiGiovanni, Minnesota School Board Association Legislative Liaison.
- Freeman, Community Education Advisory Council.
- DiGiovanni, Community Concern for Youth Advisory Council.
- Hoemberg, Connections High School Ex-Officio Board Member.
- Hoemberg and Winkels, finance committee and budget reduction committee.
- Hoemberg and Lund, Facilities/Health and Safety Committee.
- DiGiovanni and Longbella, Policy Committee.
- DiGiovanni and Longbella, Curriculum and Technology Committee.
- Lund and Freeman, Meet and Confer Committee.
- Hoemberg and DiGiovanni, Personnel Committee.

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- Lund and Freeman, Superintendent's Evaluation.

Negotiating teams will remain the same as follows:

- Instructional group - Freeman, Lund and Hoemberg.
- Support Staff and Professional Group - Longbella and DiGiovanni.
- Principals and Transportation - Winkels and Lund.
- Superintendent - Longbella and Winkels.

Other designations related to the reorganization were:

- Pemberton Law Office of Fergus Falls, official school attorneys, with authority granted to administration to employ others as needed.
- First International Bank and Trust, Unity Bank, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank and MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union as official depositories.
- Staples World as official newspaper.
- Lord, Bonnie Thoele and Megan Martin as officials to invest funds and to make electronic transfers.
- Lord and Superintendent Mary Klamm to execute agreements and or financial documents as necessary.



First Vice President

Wadena County Sheriff Michael D. Carr, right, moved from Second Vice President to First Vice President of the Minnesota Sheriff's Association during their December conference at Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. Sheriff Carr represents Wadena County on this board and advocates for the Office of Sheriff's throughout the state. The association, which formed in 1885, works to push forward legislation and educate, train and support sheriffs throughout the state. It includes the sheriffs of all 87 Minnesota counties. In 2015 the association provided over 6,000 hours of training to sheriffs, correctional officers, deputy sheriffs and sheriff's command staff in many subjects including civil process, jail management and legal issue updates. Also pictured is MSA President, Hennepin County Sheriff Richard W. Stanek. (Submitted photo)

Do you need drone insurance?

Drones were expected to be at the top of many holiday wish lists this year and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) estimates that 1.6 million drones will be sold in 2015.

"As drones become more affordable and available, the skies will be buzzing with activity," says Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman. "Whether for personal or commercial use, drone owners need to consider a number of important liability and insurance issues, ranging from personal injury and property damage to trespassing and invasion of privacy."

As the state's insur-

ance regulator, Rothman is offering some tips for Minnesota owners of drones, also known as Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS).

Any commercial use of a drone is restricted and requires special authorization from the FAA.

Any drone registered with the FAA for commercial use must also be registered with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), which requires proof of liability insurance. In addition, commercial drone operators must obtain a license from MnDOT before they advertise or operate their service. Details are available at www.dot.state.mn.us/aero/drones/.

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Insurance companies have begun offering various types of coverage specifically for commercial drone use. Commercial drone users should carefully research their insurance needs and options before taking flight.

Recreational drone users are also subject to FAA jurisdiction, but do not require any special permission for most uses. The FAA recently announced a mandatory registration system for recreational drones and their owners, effective December 21. To register, go to www.faa.gov/uas/registration/.

Drone use for strictly

recreational purposes is generally covered under a homeowners or renters insurance policy, subject to a deductible. Supplemental insurance is also available to recreational drone users through membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

To confirm that your drone will be covered if it is lost, stolen or damaged, you should review the personal property coverage in your homeowners or rental insurance policy or talk with your agent.

A larger concern is liability for an accident caused by your drone. If your drone crashes into someone's house or vehicle, or injures someone, the accident is your responsibility. A homeowners or renters policy will generally cover this liability, but check with your agent or insurer to confirm.

Drone owners should also be mindful of trespassing and privacy concerns, not just for legal and insurance reasons, but also as a matter of common courtesy. Depending on the circumstances, your homeowners or renters insurance may not cover your liability.

The FAA and industry trade groups have produced a website (www.knowbeforeyoufly.org) to educate recreational drone users about safe, responsible flying. Key guidelines include:

- Don't fly higher than 400 feet and stay clear of surrounding obstacles.
- Keep the drone in sight at all times.
- Stay away from manned aircraft operations.
- Don't fly within five miles of an airport unless you have permission.

If you have questions or concerns about your insurance, contact the Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602 (Greater Minnesota).

Drowned family had Staples ties

The Kentucky family of five who drowned in Illinois Dec. 26 had connections to the Staples area.

Robbyn Owen, 13, and Chad Owen, 10, were the children of Robert Owen, Wadena, and the grandchildren of William and Marsha Owen, Staples.

The children were traveling with their mother, Erin Schutt, 36, and her husband Adam, 31. Also in the vehicle was Adam's son, 13-year-old Logan.

The family was on their way to Minnesota to visit family in Carlton. Erin Schutt, whose maiden name was Nynas, attended Cloquet High School and lived in the area most of her life. She moved to Elkton, Ky., after meeting Adam Schutt about seven years ago.

The Schutt's were driving on a rural road just east of Patoka, Ill., about 60 miles east of St. Louis, and attempted to cross a low-lying bridge, but a dip in the road may have concealed the true depth of the water. The Patoka fire chief estimated water levels had risen to four to five feet above the roadway.

The family had left their Kentucky home on Saturday at about 3 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., one of the family members called 911 from the submerged vehicle.

Firefighters and two dive teams responded. A firefighter was able to talk to the family, but their car had washed nearly 200 feet downstream. It took hours for rescue crews to get to the car, and by that time it was too late.

Investigators suggested the Schutts may have gotten lost after stopping for gas or dinner and ended up at the dangerous crossing.

Funeral services for Adam and Erin Schutt and Robbyn and Chad Owen were Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Todd County Funeral Home in Elkton, Ky. Burial followed in Stokes Community Cemetery, Elkton.

Funeral services for Logan Schutt were Dec. 31, also at the Todd County Funeral Home.

Death related to house fire

On January 4 at 9:33 p.m. the Todd County Sheriff's Office received a report of house fire in Section 22 of Germana Township, north of Clarissa. The Clarissa and Bertha Fire Departments responded to the scene.

The owner of the residence, David Supper, 68, suffered a medical emergency during the incident and was treated by members of the Clarissa and

Bertha Fire departments at the scene. The Bertha Ambulance transported Supper to the Tri-County Hospital in Wadena where he later died.

The Clarissa Fire Department was on scene for approximately four hours. The incident is currently under investigation by the Todd County Sheriff's Department and the State Fire Marshal.

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Icy roads cause two crashes on the same day

Two separate crashes on Dec. 26 east of Staples were reported to the Staples Police;

9:04 a.m.; Michael Rudh, 37, of Sartell, was east bound on Hwy 10 near Cty. Rd 83 when he lost control of his vehicle on icy roads and rolled in the ditch.

2:55 p.m., Carla Kuchinski, 45, of Randall went off the roadway and struck a tree. She was transported to Lakewood Health System for treatment of injuries.

Dec. 21; Staples Police responded to a complaint of a passenger sitting in a vehicle who was possibly drinking a glass of beer. Police made contact with the individual and it turned out to be a large glass of coffee.

Dec. 22; Staples Police received a complaint of a delivery truck swerving between lanes on Hwy 10. Police made contact with the driver and advised them on their driving.

Dec. 22; Staples Police received a report of dog in the 700 block of Dakota Ave.

SE aggressively going after a person walking with a dog.

Dec. 27; at 1:30 a.m., Staples Police located an intoxicated juvenile walking in the 700 block of 4th St. NE. Police issued the individual a citation for minor consumption and released them to a parent.

Dec. 28; at 5:08 p.m., Staples Police received a complaint of a semi parked in the high school parking lot. Police made contact with the driver who stated he was resting for 10 hours as required by law and would be gone later in the evening.

Dec. 31; Staples Police responded to Wright Ave. for a man on his motorized wheelchair who was stuck in the snow. Police helped the man get out of the snow and back on his way.

Jan. 2; at 12:35 a.m., Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 2nd Ave. NE for a report of a gas leak. Staples Fire Department advised that it was not gas and all units cleared from the scene.



Winter wonderland

The first measurable snowfall of the season on Dec. 16 created a winter wonderland at Living Legacy Gardens north of Staples. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

‘Income Equality Threatens Democracy’ is Great American Think-Off debate question

The topic for the 2016 Great American Think-Off debate is: “Income Inequality Threatens Democracy.” With the national election right around the corner, all armchair philosophers are invited to share their thoughts, compete for prize money and the opportunity to be named America’s Greatest Thinker. There is no fee to enter the contest. Simply submit an essay explaining your position in 750 words or less by April 1, 2016 for an opportunity to win one of four \$500 cash prizes and a trip to New York Mills, for the live debate.

Although the format of a statement instead of a question is slightly different from years past, entrants should still take a strong stand agreeing or disagreeing with this topic, basing their arguments on personal experience and observations rather than philosophical abstraction. Essays can be submitted online at www.think-off.org, by email to info@think-off.org, or by mail to Think- Off, c/o Cultural Center, P.O. Box 246, New York Mills, MN 56567.

Two winning entries from each side will be selected by May 1, 2016, and the writers invited to debate the question on Saturday, June 11, 2016 in New

York Mills. Each of the four finalists will receive \$500, and win a bronze, silver or gold medals by participating in this unique civic event. Costs for the winners’ travel, food and lodging are also covered.

New this year for the 24th annual debate will be the recognition of a category of “honorable mentions.” Executive Director Betsy Roder explains, “The judging committee often reads essays that raise excellent points even if the entrants don’t quite make the cut to the Final Four. This is a way for the Think-Off to showcase the wide variety of responses we get in addition to the top four selections. We also hope it will encourage more armchair philosophers to participate, knowing that even if they don’t win a trip to New York Mills, their opinions might still be recognized with a prize and being published.”

Last year’s ‘Battle of the Titans’ between four former winners was an historic and lively debate. In order to ensure a greater variety of participants for the future, former finalists, while they are still encour-

aged to enter and are eligible to receive honorable mentions, cannot be in the Final Four again until two years after a debate appearance. The committee hopes all armchair philosophers continue to participate and use this opportunity to hone and refine their philosophies.

About the Great American Think-Off

Now in its 24th year, The Great American Think-Off is an exhibition of civil disagreement between powerful ideas being explored by every day people. Designed to bring philosophy down from the ivory towers of academia and make it accessible for all, the con-

test has received national acclaim including coverage by C-SPAN, the New York Times and The Today Show.

The Cultural Center, located in the rural farm and manufacturing town of New York Mills, sponsors this annual philosophy contest and encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to participate.

For more information about the contest or to get a better sense of the Think-Off, a number of videos, articles and audio recordings, as well as historical information and past winning essays, can be found on the event website: www.think-off.org.

Irrigation clinic Jan. 21 in Staples

The Central Minnesota Irrigator’s Corporation (CMIC) will hold an Irrigation Clinic Thursday, Jan. 21 at Central Lakes College Staples campus.

Everyone is welcome to attend: irrigators, dry land producers, area businesses and the public. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9:15 a.m. and ending by 1 p.m.

Discussion topics and presenters include:

- Local, Regional and Global Markets: CHS Marketing Kent Beadle, marketing manager; Russell Consulting.
- Green Biologics, process of fuel production and plan renovation: Janet McGrath, Central MN Renewables.
- Overview of Projects and Opportunities at CLC: Keith Olander, Director of AgCentric, MNSCU Center of Excellence in Agriculture, Dean of Agricultural Studies, Director of CLC Ag & Energy Center, CLC.

CMIC will also hold its annual meeting, give out door prizes and exhibitors will have booths.

At the meeting, Daniel Whitney, P.G. principal hydrogeologist at Northwest AqwaTek Solutions, will present “Ongoing Groundwater Appropriation Challenges for Agriculture.” Alan Peterson, IAM President, will present “Irrigation Issues and Your Irrigation Associations.”

New members are welcome to join the CMIC at the clinic. The member fee includes lunch, newsletters updating the issues and opportunities to be part of a unified irrigator voice.

For more information contact: Keith Olander, Director, Central Lakes Ag and Energy Center & CMIC Educational Advisor; by phone at 218-894-5163 or by email kolander@clcmn.edu.

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Elected officials may want more salary discussions in the future

period in July.

While the pay increases were accepted, there may be more discussions about the elected official’s salaries in the future.

“I think there’s room to talk about it next year,” Todd County Attorney Chuck Rasmussen told the board.

Neumann asked if any of the elected officials had petitioned or appealed the findings of the Springsted Study pertaining to their position. It was explained that one of the officials, the Todd County Recorder, had done so.

But, Rasmussen simply said that there was room for adjustment and talking about these things.

The board also adopted the same 1.5 percent increase and placement on Springsted for non-union employees.

Other Business

The Todd County Board of Commissioners also

dealt with some house cleaning items that needed to be taken care of prior to the year’s end. These included:

- Approved the 2016 budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund with a deficit of \$234,820. Revenues were projected at \$1,683,300 and expenditures at \$1,918,120.
- Approved the reappointments of Gloria Nokes, Kevin Langer, Lee Christopherson and Ron Richter to the Parks and Trails Board.
- Approved a gambling permit for the Struttin Black Beards chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation for a raffle at the Clarissa Ballroom on Feb. 20.



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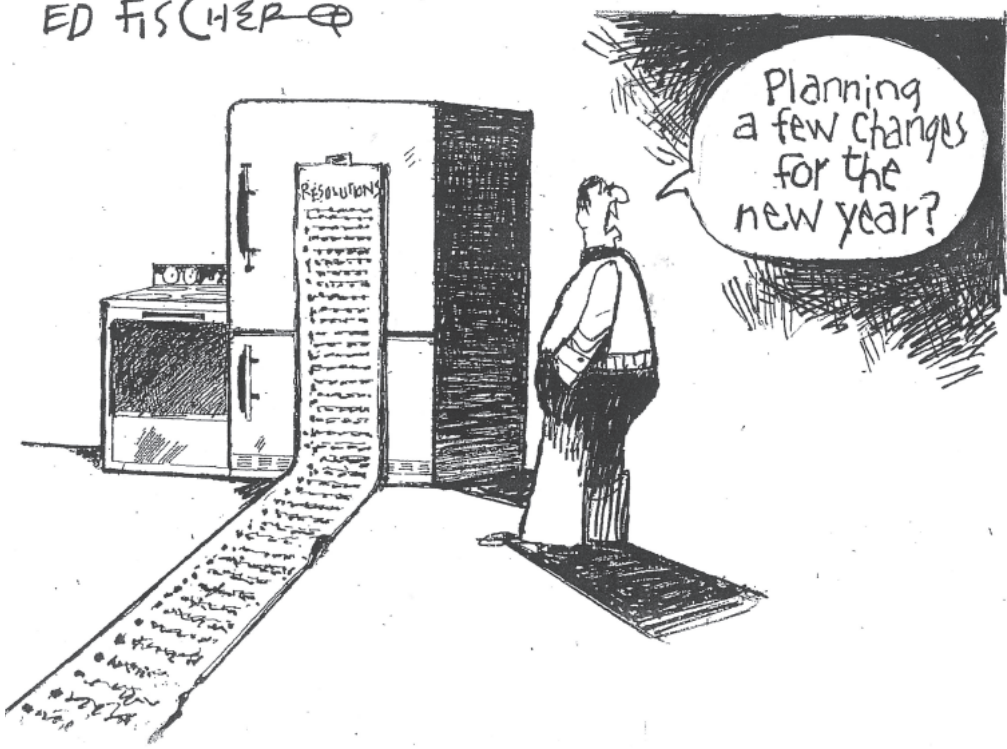
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New education law will help Minnesota students and schools

By U.S. Senator Al Franken (D-Minn.)

If we want a stronger nation tomorrow, we need to give our kids a world-class education today. That was the idea when Congress passed what you may know as No Child Left Behind (NCLB), a law that has governed our federal K-12 education policies for the last 13 years.

The goal of NCLB was admirable: to ensure that every child in Minnesota and across the country graduates high school with the skills they need to succeed. But NCLB failed. It failed our schools, teachers, but more importantly, it failed our kids.

Instead of focusing on each child's abilities and potential for growth, NCLB was centered on high-pressure, high-stakes tests and mandated a one-size-fits-all approach for schools struggling to help students succeed. In fact, the law has been failing us for so long that the Department of Education handed out waivers to states, including Minnesota, to exempt them from meeting some of its most burdensome requirements.

A long-awaited reform

Since I first joined the Senate, one of my top priorities has been to make our education system work better for Minnesota. That's why I became a member of the Senate Education Committee and it's why I've spent years traveling to dozens of K-12 schools across our state. At nearly all of these meetings, teachers, principals, superintendents and parents told me that it's time to fix this law.

And we just took a huge step in the right direction. I'm thrilled to say that we came together—Republicans, Democrats, Senators and House Members alike passing comprehensive legislation to dramatically reform NCLB.

This reform, of course, is not perfect, but it's a huge improvement over NCLB. Over the last 13 years we learned that our approach to fixing failing schools just hasn't worked. In this bill, we tried to strike a balance between giving our states more flexibility and making sure that they take appropriate action to improve struggling schools.

The new law

The new law is called the Every Student Succeeds Act. It makes critical investments in early childhood education, which is something I've long fought for. A quality early childhood education doesn't just start kids off on the right foot, it's also good for the budget. Study after study shows that for every dollar invested, we get as much as \$16 back in the long run.

The bill we passed in Congress does a lot of good things for Minnesota and for the sake of our kids, I'm glad we finally got it done.

Improving education in Minnesota

This bill includes several provisions I authored; like expanding student mental health services, increasing access to accelerated learning courses so that high school students can earn college credit and improving the recruitment and preparation of quality school principals.

It also includes a bipartisan measure I wrote to allow states to use Computer Adaptive Tests that can provide immediate feedback for teachers and are useful tools for measuring individual students' growth. This will help inform teachers on their students' instruction and is a much more useful way to assess whether or not children are learning.

Another problem I had with NCLB is that it failed to get our kids ready for the 21st century workforce. When I talk to employers around Minnesota, they

often tell me that they're starving for workers who have a good grasp of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). And this isn't just a problem for Minnesota, nearly all of the top 30 fastest-growing jobs nationwide require STEM skills.

But our kids are lagging behind the rest of the world and part of the problem is that there's a shortage of effective STEM teachers. That's why I also pushed for a bipartisan provision to recruit top-notch STEM educators and keep them in the classroom.

I was proud to take a leading role in helping write this reform bill, and over the last several weeks, I was glad to serve as a member of the House-Senate committee tasked with hammering out its final details.

It's time for a change

Over the past 13 years, we've learned a lot about what works in our education policies and a whole lot more about what doesn't work. There's nothing more important to our kids' future and our country's economic future, than providing them with a good education. After working for years, I'm pleased we finally got this reform effort finished.

NCLB didn't live up to the expectations that parents, teachers and students had when it was passed more than a decade ago. But now we have the chance to get things right. Once the President signs this measure, I look forward to taking a leading role in making sure the new law is implemented in a way that will benefit students, parents, teachers and schools in Minnesota.

Senator Al Franken can be contacted at 320 Hart Senate Office Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20510. 202-224-5641 or by email : <http://franken.senate.gov>

Communication with communities is key

Student attendance is predictor of success

Happy New Year! Not everyone gets to start over "new" twice in one year. I would call this time of year the "bread and butter" of our school year. From now through April we are hoping for very solid and uninterrupted instructional learning time.

We need help from our parents on this one. As a parent, one of my girls tried to stay home from school almost every day she attended elementary and junior high school. She was a wonderful actress and sometimes it was tough not to give in to her dramatics.

However, I stayed firm because I knew the research, which says:

- Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement;
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves;
- Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behavior;
- Students who develop an "on the job" attitude toward school will be more desirable to future employers.

Eventually, she gave up but not until around ninth grade.

We have been working hard to improve

Staples
Motley
Schools



By Mary Klamm

Supt.

our district communications with our communities. With so many choices for accessing information, we want you to know the best places to get the information you need about our school district.

• Our website (www.isd2170.k12.mn.us) is being revamped to better serve you. You will start to see the transition to our new website next week. Please be patient with us. It will take a while to transition all our previous information and links to the new website design.

• Our facebook page (www.facebook.com/staplesmotleyschools) is updated frequently with pictures of daily activities and events from all our schools.

• The Staples World works diligently to offer a wide variety of information about our schools on a weekly basis.

• The Cardinal Chronicle (our quarterly district newsletter and calendar) was recently sent to each home in our school district. Did you receive yours? If not, call our district office 218-894-5400 and let us know.

Each of our schools and many of our classroom teachers send out individual school communications directly to families. If you have a student in one of our schools and are not receiving your school newsletters/announcements, contact your school office as soon as possible.

If you have suggestions or comments about our district communications, contact our district office at 218-894-5400. We'd like to hear from you!

Congress uses "Sleight of Hand" to pay for federal highway bill

By Dr. Tracy C. Miller

After much debate and considerable delay, the House of Representatives has finally passed a highway funding bill. A big question that delayed the bill's passage was whether the federal fuel tax would be increased to fully cover planned spending from the highway trust fund. Since it was crafted by the Republican majority that opposed tax increases, the legislation did not increase the tax on gasoline or diesel fuel. Instead, the bill pays for much of the difference between projected expenditures and fuel tax revenues by draining \$59 billion from the capital of the Federal Reserve. As the former head of the Congressional budget office Alice Rivlin points out, this is "a new low in budgetary gimmickry."

Since 2008, federal highway spending has exceeded the amount of revenue collected in fuel taxes. Congress has been unable to agree on a way to pay for the shortfall in the highway trust fund and has passed a series of temporary bills enabling the government to use money from the general fund to pay for highways. This has added to government debt, much of which was purchased by the Federal Reserve as part of quantitative easing.

In putting together the recent highway bill, Congress had an opportunity

to find a way to fully pay for highway spending. Instead, they kicked the can down the road by using budgetary gimmicks that are not sustainable. By using Federal Reserve capital, they are borrowing the money to pay for the shortfall in highway funding just as they have since 2008.

Federal Reserve capital is the amount that the value of the bonds held by the Federal Reserve exceeds its liabilities, which include currency in circulation and bank deposits. The Federal Reserve bought these treasury bonds in the past with newly created money. The Federal Reserve earns interest on these bonds and remits the interest to the treasury after paying its expenses. Reducing the capital of the Federal Reserve will reduce the interest it can pay the treasury in the future.

Former Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke points out that this is "a form of budgetary sleight of hand." It is no different than the treasury borrowing the money directly from the Federal Reserve. Thus, in effect, Congress has decided to borrow some of the money to pay for the highway funding bill, but to hide this from the public by using capital from the Federal Reserve rather than issuing new government securities on which it would have to pay interest. This compromises the independence of the Federal Reserve, as Congress is dictating what it must do with its capital.

Back in the days when Americans cared about fiscal responsibility, most government spending was paid for by taxes. Government has also borrowed to pay for some of its spending. When government spending is paid for by a tax increase or by borrowing from the public, the public must reduce its spending by the amount

of the increase in government spending. During the last century, however, it became more and more common for the federal government to pay for some of its spending by money creation. Using the capital of the Federal Reserve, just like selling treasury bonds to the Federal Reserve, is a way for Congress to pay for government spending with newly created money.

Although it might appear that this way of paying for government spending costs nothing, it costs just as much or more than paying for it with a tax increase. In this case, the cost will be felt through higher inflation caused by an increase in the money supply. By keeping the cost hidden, Congress avoids dealing with hard questions like what is the best way to pay for highway spending and how can the Federal Highway Administration make more efficient use of the money collected in fuel taxes.

Americans are willing to pay for the highways that they use. Taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel were premised on the idea that highway users should be the ones who pay for the cost of building and maintaining highways. Recent improvements in technology open the door for alternative ways to require users to pay for highways, such as vehicle mile charges.

Increasing fuel taxes or instituting vehicle mile charges is not politically popular right now. One reason so many voters oppose paying more in highway user fees is that a substantial percentage of the money in the highway trust fund is used for purposes other than funding highways, such as subsidizing public transportation. If citizens could be convinced that they would get value for the money spent, they might be willing to pay more in user fees. By using gimmicks like this, Congress has found a sneaky way to borrow and escape full accountability to the voters. It is time for Americans to wake up and realize what is happening to them.

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The Staples World and the Staples Motley Schools Music Department are looking for graduates of Staples High School, Motley High School and Staples Motley High School who are currently working in the music profession or studying to do so.

Email information to shoemberg@isd2170.k12.mn.us or call Dawn Timbs at the Staples World at 218-894-1112.

Information should include name (maiden name, too), year and school graduated and what you are doing now in the profession.

Please submit by Jan. 25.

Winter truck load increase began Jan. 4

Winter truck load increases will begin Jan. 4, on unrestricted highways in the north frost zones, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT).

Vehicles will be allowed to operate up to ten percent over the standard legal maximum loads on unrestricted highways during the winter load increase period. However, trucks must comply with current registration weight laws and not exceed registered gross weight tolerances.

Drivers should check with local agencies before increasing any weights on city, county and township routes. The sign on the roadway governs the load limit in effect. A winter weight increase permit is required to take advantage of the ten percent weight increase on interstate highways only; a permit is not required for state trunk highways.

For questions about legal weight/size trucking, call: Minnesota Department of Public Safety - State Patrol - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement; 651-405-6196 (select option 3)

For questions about over legal weight/size "heavy haul" trucking, call: MNDOT, Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations - Oversize/Weight Permits, 651-296-6000 or email: ofcvopermits.dot@state.mn.us.

The start and end dates for winter load increases are based on how weather is affecting roadway strength. These dates are established by monitoring roadways as weather conditions change. The end date for winter load increases is variable and drivers should check for updates throughout the year. Vehicle operators are required to check with MNDOT for the exact start and end dates.

All changes are made with a minimum three-day notice.

For the most current information, go to MnDOT's automated 24-hour message center at 800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, or locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. This information is also published on the MNDOT seasonal load limits website at www.dot.state.mn.us/materials/.



Lighting the sign

The Staples Host Lions decided to keep their sponsorship on the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce electronic sign on 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. Above, Chamber Director Barb Cline, left, and chamber member Brenda Halvorson, right, receive the \$1000 check from Lion member Tom Danculovich. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Mark Your Calendar

January 11

CENTRAL MINNESOTA TEA PARTY PATRIOTS MTG Mon., Jan. 11, Browerville Church of Christ, 4th and Main St./Hwy 71. Social time, 6 p.m.; mtg 6:30 p.m. For info., 320-533-1119.

January 12

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Tues., Jan. 12, noon - 6 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. Bring photo ID or donor card. For info., 218-352-6188.
HISTORY FILM SERIES: 'MINNESOTA, A HISTORY OF THE LAND.' Tues., Jan. 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site, Little Falls. Free. For info., 320-616-5421.

January 21

'UCARE FOR SENIORS' MEDICAL CARE HEALTH PLAN OPTIONS INFORMATIONAL MTG Thurs., Jan. 21, 3 p.m., Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. For info., 1-877-523-1518.

Business Transitions workshop offered

A Lunch and Learn workshop on business transitions will be held Thursday, Jan. 14, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., at National Joint Powers Alliance at 202 12th St. NE, Staples.

Peter Nelson of the Small Business Development Center and Dick Jordan of SCORE are the presenters.

RSVP to Rick Utech at rick.utech@co.todd.mn.us or 320-732-2128.

The lunch is free, and is provided by Unity Bank, Staples, the Staples Economic Development Authority and the Todd County Development Corporation.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has estimated that 60 percent of small businesses will change ownership over the next 10 years. Many small businesses recognize a need to plan for this transition but are unsure of the

process to optimize their exit.

The North Central "Small Business Development Center" (SBDC) at Central Lakes College in conjunction with SCORE and Initiative Foundation have developed a presentation for stakeholders that outlines possible steps for the owner to take, in conjunction with professional expertise that will aid them in this process.

In this scenario the role of the SBDC consultant is to coach the ownership through the transition process while referring to outside legal, accounting and financial professionals that will assist the business owner in developing and executing their exit strategy.

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LHS to 'Celebrate and Anticipate' community update

The 2016 theme of Lakewood Health System's 2nd Annual Community Update is 'Celebrate and Anticipate'. The event will be held Tuesday, January 19, 7 to 9 a.m. on the lower level of Lakewood's main campus (49725 Cty. 83, Staples), and is open to the public.

Join us as we celebrate 80 years of patient and resident care and anticipate what the future holds for Lakewood Health System. Starting at 7 a.m., attendees can check out informational booths about various Lakewood services, staffed by Lakewood providers and staff; 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. members of our leadership team and medical staff will present on Lakewood's 80 year journey, and what we can expect in the year to come. There will be time for a question and answer panel with the presenters. Booths will be open, and staffed for questions until 9 a.m.

Call 218-894-8612 with questions or more information.

Staples City Council agenda

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

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Presentation on proposed amendment to the S-1 Power Sale Agreement with Missouri River Energy Services - Joni Livingston.
- Summary of legal services provided to the City - Joe Krueger and Kyra Ladd.
- Designate Official Newspaper.
- Designate Official Depositories

- Approve pawnbroker's license for Like-Nu Gun & Pawn.

- Consider resolution identifying slum and blight conditions in the Small Cities Development Program Grant target area.

- Board, committee and office appointments.

- Approve appointment of the Mayor and City Administrator to the Staples Firefighters Relief Association Board of Trustees

- Committee report from the Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum;
- City administrator's report.

Swedish TV show seeks participants

The biggest television show in Sweden, "Great Swedish Adventure," is searching for Americans with Swedish ancestors for their sixth season.

"We are looking for out-going, fun, adventurous people that have to be Americans of Swedish descent," said Denise Karlstrom of Meter Television. "You can never have visited Sweden before."

Americans accepted as

participants, will travel to Sweden on an adventurous journey, learn about the culture and find out about their family who left for the USA. It's all a part of a challenge. The prize is a family reunion with their Swedish relatives.

The deadline to apply is Feb. 12, 2016, at www.greatswedishadventure.com/

The show is shooting in the summer, around end of May- June 2016, in Sweden.

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Engagement



Odden, Vold

Mike and Connie Odden of Motley announce the engagement of their son, Jordan Odden, to Kelly Vold, daughter of Bruce and Anne Vold of Hatton, N.D. Jordan is the grandson of Ken and Mary Lee Becker of Staples.

Kelly is a 2012 graduate

of Carrington High School in North Dakota. She is currently a senior at Concordia College in Moorhead and will graduate in May of 2016 with a degree in biology. She plans to attend the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in the fall of 2016 to pursue a career as a dentist.

Jordan is a 2009 graduate of Staples Motley High School. He received a Land Surveying and Civil Engineering Technology degree from North Dakota State College of Science, Wahpeton, in 2011. He currently works as a surveyor for Moore Engineering in West Fargo.

A wedding is planned for June 24, 2016, at First Lutheran Church in Fargo. The couple plans to make their home in Iowa City, Iowa.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Karen Dauer and Ryan Schmidt of Motley, a baby girl, Brynlee Grace, weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces, on December 27, 2015.

Born to Crystal DeRosier and Seth Kremer of Brainerd, a baby girl, Leela Amber Marie, weighing five pounds, one ounce on December 30, 2015.



Music Boosters fundraiser

The Staples Motley High School Music Boosters held a "China Buffet Themed Dinner" fundraiser Jan. 3, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. Approximately 250 people attended the dinner, with over \$2,000 raised for the SMHS Music Dept. The menu included a variety of Chinese cuisine, including egg rolls, wontons, pot stickers, fried and white rice; and General Tso's Chicken. Many of the items were made "from scratch" by a few members of the Booster Club, including Bobbi Blanchard and her two sisters (owners of Twisted Sisters in Staples), Sue Lund, Trish Skeesick, Kim Berggren and Kathryn Edwards. Pictured above in the serving line are, from right, Lexi Johnson, Katie Benson, Bobbie Blanchard, Sue Lund. Pictured below enjoying their meal are, from left, Matthew Chenoweth, Karlee Haglin, Lisa Wicht, Anne Sadusky and Paul Wicht. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Nurses like Florence Nightingale

Central Lakes College nursing students lit a candle to recite the Florence Nightingale pledge, the final step of their pinning ceremony, held on Dec. 18, after receiving pins and a rose from their instructors. It was the first event held in the newly remodeled CLC commons area on the Staples campus. Construction is still on going in other parts of the building. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Pins and roses

Above: CLC nursing staff Karen Treangen and Susan Risbrudt award Judith Holmquist her nursing pin. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Student speaker

Left: Jessica Stokes was the student speaker at the CLC nursing pinning ceremony. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Angela Paul new PA at Lakewood Health System

Angela Paul, physician assistant, is the newest member of Lakewood Health System's medical provider staff.

Originally from Brainerd, Paul completed her undergraduate work in respiratory care at North Dakota State University, and received her physician assistant degree from the University of Utah. She is a member of the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants.

As a family practice provider, Paul thoroughly enjoys providing preventative care for all age groups, and treating everything from the common cold, to long-term disease management. Her special interests are women's health, pediatrics and pulmonary conditions.

"After living out of state for seven years, I am especially excited to live closer to family again and serve the medical needs of central Minnesota," said



Angela Paul, PA, LHS

Paul. "To put it simply, I am looking forward to becoming a member of the medical community in the area in which I grew up."

Paul and her husband Michael enjoy spending time outdoors hiking, biking, camping and boating. They also spend a lot of time enjoying the company of both their families. Though they don't yet have children, they have two much loved French Bulldogs.

Zero percent COLA adjustment for 2016

By David A. Anderson
Wadena Cty. Veteran Service Officer

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) released the September inflation figure and confirmed what most retirees already knew there won't be a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in 2016 for people collecting military retired pay, Social Security, VA compensation or survivor benefits. Falling gas prices are a key reason why the inflation index (and your COLA) tanked over the summer. Retired pay increases are made each year to maintain the same level of purchasing power each service member had at retirement. This is accomplished through annual COLAs, which are based on the BLS' Consumer Price Index (CPI) the measure of inflation. While most COLA increases are automatic, Congress must approve COLAs for veterans every year. This is largely so lawmakers can return to their home districts and say they did something for local constituents.

One question we get every year is "Why is the retired pay COLA (higher or lower) than the active duty pay raise?" The simple answer is they're tied to different things. COLAs are tied to changes in consumer prices, whereas active duty pay raises are (supposed to be) tied to the average American's pay growth, as measured by BLS' Employment Cost Index (ECI). In many years from the mid-1970's through the mid-90's, COLAs were higher than active duty pay raises, primarily because active duty pay raises were capped below the ECI. The track record for keeping annual retired pay COLAs up with the CPI has been far better, in part because inflation has been relatively low for many years.

In the late 1990s, chronic retention problems (from all those years of pay raise caps) led Congress to plus up active duty pay, so those raises were larger than COLAs from 1997-2005. More recently, the retiree COLA has exceeded the pay raise percentage in two of the past three years. So what happens now, and what's the implication for the 2017 COLA? Because inflation for the full fiscal year actually declined by 0.4 percent, that means we'll start 0.4 percent in the hole in measuring cumulative inflation for the January 2017 COLA. (Source: MOAA Leg Up Oct. 16, 2016)

As always see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.



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May Township (Cass County) will hold its RE-ORGANIZATION meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township

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NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP

Byron Township will hold a regular board meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

All township meetings are open to the public.

Beverly Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township

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WADENA COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPEAL FOR A VARIANCE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 21st day of January, 2016 at the hour of 7:00 p.m. in the Wadena County Courthouse Multi-Purpose Room, the Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on the application of **Adrienne and Dennis Griffith**, for a variance on the following described property: N1/2 S1/2 NE1/4 NE1/4, Section 30, Township 134 North, Range 33 West, Thomastown Township, located in an A-3 General Agriculture District.

The application, if approved, would allow the construction of a garage, 13 feet from a side property line.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Access to the public hearing will be allowed through the Sheriff's Department on the South side of the Courthouse only.

Board of Adjustment

Dated: December 30, 2015

By: Deana M. Malone
Planning & Zoning Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF VEHICLE

The personal property described as follows, to-wit:

2006 Lexus, VIN JTH-BE262265002132

will be sold at public auction by the Todd County Sheriff on the 9th day of February, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Angel's Auto Body, 49823 – 285th Avenue, in the City of Staples, County of Todd, State of Minnesota, to pay and satisfy a lien which is claimed to be due thereon from Ramiro Montanez as the owner thereof to Angel Calis in the sum of Twenty Nine Thousand, Two Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$29,200.00), computed to the last day of said sale, exclusive of the expenses of said sale and of the advertising thereof, together with the necessary expenses of advertising and making said sale; and that the grounds of said lien are as follows, to-wit : Parts and labor supplied for the vehicle, storage.

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NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, January 11, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., at the Todd County Justice Center, 221 First Ave S., Suite 200, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

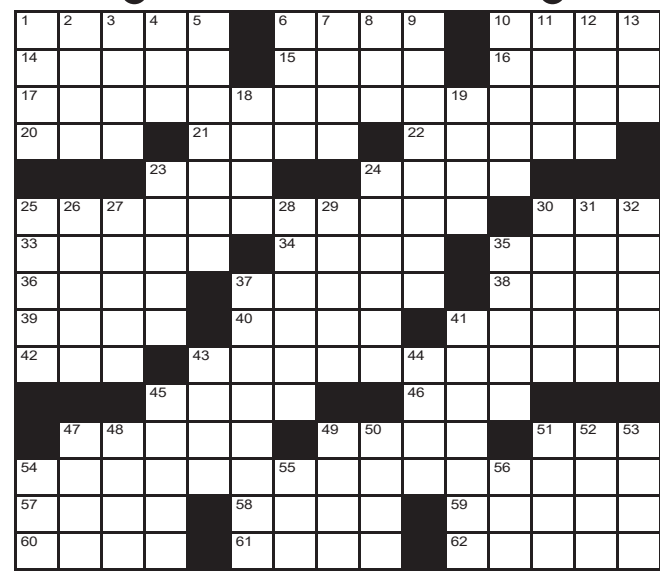
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Last Week's Answers
"Z-Z-Z-Zoom!"

BBB New Year's resolutions for consumers

Ten simple steps to protect yourself in 2016

By Dan Hendrickson
Communications
Coordinator
BBB of MN and ND

With the start of a New Year comes the opportunity to start again; to turn the page and begin anew. There's no better time to resolve to take steps that will protect your personal and financial information. Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) offer some simple tips to help you be more prepared in 2016 for anything that might come your way.

“There's a lot of talk about fresh starts when one year ends and another begins,” said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. “But there's truth to it. Taking those first steps to achieve a goal gets you moving towards your desired destination.”

Simply by implementing the following ten resolutions, consumers can make huge strides towards securing their finances

and identity:

- Check your credit report for free at AnnualCreditReport.com. Review it closely for errors and report any inconsistencies. Checking your credit report helps you catch signs of identity theft early.

- Sign up for the Do Not Call Registry by visiting donotcall.gov/, or by calling 1-888-382-1222. This should reduce the number of telemarketing calls you receive at home. You can also register your cell-phone number on this list.

- If you're looking to cut down on the amount of unsolicited offers you receive through the mail, visit dmachoice.org/.

- Dispose of older bank and credit card statements, expired credit cards and unwanted credit card solicitations securely by shredding them with a cross-cut paper shredder.

- When using public Wi-Fi connections, don't make any purchases or share any sensitive personal information. Public means public, and fraudsters are

known to frequent Wi-Fi hotspots. Always verify the network before accessing it.

- If you receive an offer or solicitation, research the company or charity for free with Better Business Bureau at bbb.org or 800-646-6222.

- Never respond to phone calls or emails asking to “verify” your personal information. Your bank, your credit card provider, the IRS – none of these organizations will call or email asking for your confidential information. They already have it on file.

- Secure or lock sensitive personal documents around your home, especially if you have room-mates, employ outside help or are having work performed in your home.

- Don't store credit card numbers or other financial information on your smartphone or tablet. Add a passcode lock (or security password) on your smartphone or tablet.

- Change your email and

social media passwords and ‘beef up’ your security by creating hard to crack passwords. Choose passwords that are easy for you to remember but difficult for others to guess. Incorporate a combination of numbers, capital letters and symbols. Avoid using the same password for all of your accounts and never share your passwords with anyone else.

Though it's nearly impossible to protect yourself completely from fraud and schemes, consumers who take these steps will be doing a lot to keep themselves safe and secure in the coming year.

The mission of Better Business Bureau is to be the leader in building marketplace trust by promoting, through self-regulation, the highest standards of business ethics and conduct, and to instill confidence in responsible businesses through programs of education and action that inform, assist and protect the general public. Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Contact the BBB at bbb.org or 1-800-646-6222.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sunlight & Youth 6:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Associate Pastor Justin Domagalla
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
First Service 8:30 a.m.
Second Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:35 a.m.
Coffee fellowship 9:35 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday 5:00 p.m..
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Jeff Scoggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY.....7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:15 a.m.

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout 218-640-5587
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bisor Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Magorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Stacey Minion
Sunday School for all Ages 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26402 40th Ave., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:00 p.m.

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor Steve Ellerbush
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor Steve Ellerbush
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study 6 :00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m,
Wednesday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday.....7:00 p.m..
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist

903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Paul Johnson
218-746-3768
Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study/Prayer 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 2yrs-5th grade.....6:15 p.m.
Adult Classes.....6:15 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hofferft
Sunday School 9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11:11:45 a.m.

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

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

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

New year, new plan

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

“What is your Bible reading plan for the new year?” That’s a question that my wife and I ask each other every year in December. And just about every year our answer to each other is the same:

“I’m planning to read the whole Bible again.”

I may choose to read a different translation than last year or she may read the books of the Bible in a different order, but reading the whole Bible has been our habit for more than 25 years.

That consistent time spent with God has enriched our hearts and our home in more ways than I can count.

But now I’m asking you who read this: What is your Bible reading plan for 2016?

If you are a Christian, it is natural that you desire to read God’s Word. It deepens our intimacy with God, it shows us how to honor Him through an obedient life and it increases our faith. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 lists further benefits: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete,

equipped for every good work.” What Christian doesn’t desire all that?



Wrestlers fare well against top competition

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Motley wrestling team beat Winona 38-24, then lost to two tough teams, 43-22 to West Central Area and 42-31 to St. Cloud Tech, at a quad meet on Jan. 2.

“We were about where we thought we would be, were we need to be,” said

Coach Dave Anglin. “We got a good look at WCA.”

WCA is the highest ranked team in the Section 6A, so the Cardinals could see them in the postseason. Staples wrestlers won six of the match ups but they didn’t get a pin until the heavyweight match.

One of the highlights of the day was Blayne Dumproe defeating one of the

WCA ranked wrestlers. “That was a good one, he gutted it out,” said Anglin. “From now on he will have that ‘I can do this’ attitude.”

Owen Bjerga earned three wins in the three duals. “He picked it up, we will be counting on him,” said Anglin.

Kyle Serich earned three pins at heavyweight in the three matches. “He wrestled really well, he is starting to come into his own,” said Anglin.

Jasiah Paskewitz got his first varsity action of the year. Although he didn’t win, Anglin said Paskewitz “wrestled tough, he frustrated some really good wrestlers.”

Although the team looked good, the meet could be costly because two of the varsity wrestlers will be out for a few weeks with hand injuries. “It will be interesting wrestling short a few people,” said Anglin. “The bar just rose and the kids will have to rise up and match it.”

Team results

Staples Motley 38, Winona 24

106: Spencer Miller W 12-8; 113 Owen Bjerga W 8-0; 120 Blayne Dumproe L fall; 126 Blake Gerard W ff; 132 Eric Lisson W ff; 138 Jasiah Paskewitz L 7-2; 145 Dalton Holmberg W 6-4; 152 Isaac Swensrud L fall; 160 Alex Erpelding W fall; 170 Jeremy Miller L 3-2; 182 Cameron Bendson W 9-0; 195 double ff; 220 Nathaniel Rodrigues L fall; 285 Kyle Serich W fall

Staples Motley 22, West Central Area 43

106 S. Miller W 5-1; 113 Bjerga W 11-1; 120 Dumproe W 4-2; 126 Lisson L 8-3; 132 Paskewitz L fall; 138 Holmberg L fall; 145 Matt Miller L fall; 152 Swensrud L fall; 160 Erpelding W 9-2; 170 J. Miller W 5-2; 182 Bendson L 10-0; 195 ff; 220 ff; 285 Serich W fall

Staples Motley 31, St. Cloud Tech 42

106 S. Miller W fall; 113 Bjerga W fall; 120 Dumproe L 9-1; 126 Lisson W fall; 132 Paskewitz L 12-3; 138 Holmberg L 8-0; 145 M. Miller L fall; 152 Swensrud L fall; 160 Erpelding W 16-5; 170 J. Miller W 8-4; 182 ff; 195 ff; 220 ff; 285 Serich W fall



Double leg

Dalton Holmberg shoots in for a takedown against West Central Area. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Staying low

Jeremy Miller stalks his opponent. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Boys pour in the points

The Staples Motley boys basketball team had their two highest scoring games of the year at the Little Falls tournament Dec. 29-30. The Cardinals lost their first game, 88-78 to Hutchinson, then came back strong to beat Upsala 90-45.

Team results

Staples Motley 78, Hutchinson 88
Scoring: Gavin Smith 25,

Andrew Israelson 19, Connor Schmitz 12, John Lund 12, Trey Skeesick 8, Jack Fietek 2

Staples Motley 90, Upsala 45

Scoring: Skeesick 20, Israelson 18, Lund 17, Smith 10, Mason Rychner 6, Schmitz 5, Hunter Berggren 4, Derek Kennedy 3, Josh Lombard 3, Fietek 2, Hunter Carlson 2

Girls split tourney games

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Motley girls basketball team came close in their opening game of the Little Falls tournament Dec. 29-30, falling to North Branch 51-48. But they came back to beat St. Cloud Apollo 78-43 in the second game.

Against North Branch, The Cardinals took an eight point lead early. “We

were not able to sustain our focus and North Branch took the lead at half,” said Coach Craig Wolhowe. “We picked up the pace and made it a game in the second half.”

Claire Wolhowe scored 14 points in the second half to lead the charge. The Cardinals pulled within three and Amber Robben had a

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Takedown action

Spencer Miller dumps the West Central Area wrestler to the mat for a takedown on his way to a win. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Close to a pin

Cameron Bendson earns back points in his win over a Winona wrestler. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Ways to overcome winter inertia

One of my favorite TV commercials of all time was produced some years ago by Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Minnesota, the health insurance provider. It was a commercial about wellness, and about achieving that state by being active. You know the one. A middle-aged man in a short-sleeved shirt with a red sweater vest is sitting in a chair in a waiting room, perhaps a doctor’s office. The pen-chewing receptionist turns up her radio, which is pulsing out a catchy hip-hop tune. The man, ignoring the people seated around him, stands up and breaks into an uninhibited dance, with some calisthenics thrown in for good measure.

“Come on, and work that bo...dy” is the catchy refrain in the song coming through the speakers of the receptionist’s radio. In the commercial’s voiceover we’re reminded that “A body in motion tends to stay in motion; a body at rest tends to stay at rest.” Both conditions are also referred to as “inertia;” inertia-of-motion – the force that keeps your car moving when you take your foot off the gas pedal – or inertia-of-rest.

The commercial ends by telling the audience to “groove your body every day;” meaning, to do something active, whether that something is work or play. Having managed to avoid both high school and college physics, I didn’t immediately recognize that the source of this “body in motion” concept was none other than renowned physicist Sir Isaac Newton, and his First Law of Motion, a natural law as important as the law of gravity. Who knew?!

Winter in Minnesota is a time when our personal inertia can easily take a turn toward Newton’s “at rest” state. Another word for it is “lethargy.” Even less flattering: “couch potato.” Though Minnesotans pride themselves on being outdoorsy, it’s easy during the least hospitable season of the year to take a cue from those

creatures that hibernate, and avoid the bitter temperatures. For us, also avoiding the wind chill, icy roads and sidewalks. Between network TV, Netflix, Amazon Prime, and the movies, dramatic series and sports viewing opportunities they offer, it’s easy to become as domesticated as a house cat.

The way to avoid that outcome is to quickly and consciously get into the habit of planning – even formally scheduling, if we must – some of the outdoor activities that are available to us. Some options, thanks to the relatively mild winter so far, may surprise us. Other traditional winter activities, also due to the mild winter, may be “iffy” at present.

Snowmobiling is one of the activities whose prospects are still so-so. Good depths have been scattered, at best, over the northern part of the state. In the absence of good snow cover, many sled owners ride the frozen lakes. But there have been enough through-the-ice events already this season to tell us that safe ice is not assured on anything but a lake-by-lake basis.

The minimal snow, combined with temperatures that recently have remained below 32 degrees for most of the 24-hour daily cycle, has helped lake ice formation for fishermen. There are certainly lakes that still merit caution insofar as placing heavy permanent fish houses, or driving on them with highway vehicles, are concerned. But the ice fishing season is belatedly getting into full swing.

For several weekends in a row I’ve hit some of the cross country ski trails not far from my home. They, too, could benefit greatly from more snow, as the scarcity of other skiers on the trails attests. But if one waits for perfect conditions he might find one excuse or another for much of the winter. Dealing with scattered leaves and twigs on the trail, or a bit of soil where an aggressive skate-style skier has preceded you, are minor compromises compared to the alternative of staying home waiting for more snow and perfectly groomed trails.

My daughter, home for Christmas break from teaching duties in the East, put on her skis for the first time since high school cross country ski

team days. We skied on a day when temperatures flirted with the 30-degree mark, and a bright afternoon sun cast long shadows in the birch and aspen forest through which our trails wound. Several times she repeated “I’m so glad you suggested our doing this,” and “I had forgotten how good this feels and how beautiful the woods are in winter.” That was all the validation and reward her old man needed.

Though I’m not a squirrel hunter, I’ve been struck by how active and visible the squirrels have remained through this point in the winter. I hardly believe this is due to artificial backyard feeding, though that can be a factor that entices them to places where they can more readily be seen. Squirrels do not hibernate, but in typically cold winters their activities slow down considerably, and they spend more time in their den, or “drey,” which is essentially a nest built of leaves, twigs and grass.

The December just ended has been reported to be the second warmest on record, which may explain the high squirrel visibility. If one has any squirrel hunting inclinations, this may be a good year to follow them. The season is the longest of any of the Minnesota hunting seasons, lasting until February 28. That date also applies to cottontail and snowshoe hare hunting. So far, given the limited snow, our woodlots are very traversable in plain old hunting or pac boots, without the need for snowshoes. You can generate some real “inertia of motion” in such places!

Archers, some of whom have only recently concluded their deer hunting seasons, have ample opportunities to practice at indoor ranges in winter. Few of us are more than an hour away from one, even here in northern and north central Minnesota. You might also be surprised at the number of clay target ranges and hunting preserves that have winter hours. There is even open water fishing on many trout streams in Southeast Minnesota (where my son and I intend to venture in mid-January).

There are a lot of ways to avoid inertia-of-rest during a Minnesota winter. The first move is often as easy as using the index finger to push “off” on the remote.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



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Along 8th St. NE, south of Warner Rd? If so, please report it to the city,
218-894-2550

Who is making Music?

The Staples World and the Staples Motley Schools Music Department are looking for graduates of Staples High School, Motley High School and Staples Motley High School who are currently working in the music profession or studying to do so.

Email information to shoemberg@isd2170.k12.mn.us or call Dawn Timbs, Staples World, 218-894-1112.

Information should include name (maiden name, too), year and school graduated and what you are doing now in the profession.

Please submit by Jan. 25.



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- Emergency Dept Technician I** 24 HRS per 2 wk pay period, Shifts: Every 3rd weekend, Saturday & Sunday
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Defense leads to offense in tournament win

shot go in and out in the closing seconds.

Robben had five assists in the game while Wolhowe and Quinn Uhlman had seven rebounds each.

Against St. Cloud Apollo, Wolhowe said the team set out to play excellent defense on their two talented guards. "Amber Robben, Chelsea Nanik, Kelsie Weite, Sam Schimpp and Quinn Uhlman played outstanding defense," said Wolhowe. "That led to great offense, we ran the floor and passed the ball very well."

Schimpp led the team with four steals and Robben had six assists. Kaitlyn Longworth and Weite each had six rebounds.

Team results
Staples Motley 48, North Branch 51

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 21, Kelsie Weite 9, Sam Schimpp 7, Chelsea Nanik 3, Quinn Uhlman 3, Amber Robben 3, Kaitlyn Longworth 2

Staples Motley 78, St. Cloud Apollo 43

Scoring: Wolhowe 18, Longworth 15, Uhlman 12, Weite 9, Ashley Smith 6, Nanik 5, Lexi Johnson 2, Paige Kittleson 2

Wolhowe named Athlete of Week

Three-point baskets seem to be key for the College of Saint Benedict (CSB) girl's basketball team's offense so far this season.

Through 11 games, the Blazers have made 76 long-range shots - nearly double their opponents' total of 41. CSB is averaging 6.9 three pointers per game, while its opponents are making 3.7.

Freshman Grace Wolhowe, Staples, is playing a big role in the Blazers' strong three-point game so far in the 2015-16 season. Wolhowe, who leads the team in total threes and three-point percentage, made seven long-range shots in two games and scored in double digits both games to help CSB finish 1-1 recently.

For a pair of big games, Wolhowe has been named CSB's athlete of the week.

Wolhowe, a five foot eight inch wing, helped the Blazers wrap up 2015 with a win against Minnesota-Morris with 14 points in the 68-52 win Dec. 29 in Morris. She was two for three from long range, five for seven from the field, had two rebounds and a pair of assists.

In the Blazers' first game of 2016, Wolhowe, was perfect from long range, scoring 12 points on four of four shooting from three-point range. Nine of those points came in the first half to help CSB to a 45-39 halftime lead, though the Blazers would ultimately fall 74-64 to Buena Vista in Claire Lynch.

Wolhowe added four rebounds and three assists to her stats, and finished the week averaging 13 points per game, six total rebounds and five assists.

CSB's next game was



College shooter

Grace Wolhowe lines up a shot while playing for the College of St. Benedict. (Submitted photo)

Jan. 6, game against Macalester, Wolhowe leads the league in three-point percentage (.489) and is tied for fifth in the conference with an average two three pointers per game. Her 22 total three pointers is fourth in the MIAC and first among her teammates.

Wolhowe is second on the team in scoring (9.3), fourth in rebounds per game (3.4) and third on the Blazers' roster with 1.7 assists per game. She has hit double digits in scoring six times with a career-high of 16 points Nov. 22, against St. Mary's. She has hit four three pointers in a game three times.

CSB will host Concor-

dia at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. Then it's on the road for five games before hosting Bethel, Jan. 30, at home.



Grace Wolhowe

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Reflecting on the new year

The Staples World recently caught up with a few area residents and asked them each three questions pertaining to the new year. Their responses are included below.

Alex Brings, 12, student at Motley Staples Middle School (MSMS).

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Joining cross country.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I would like to go cross country skiing.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

Making peace with Iran and Syria.

Tyler Gosch, 14, student at MSMS.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

I got my first buck deer hunting near Pillager. Got it on the first day.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I want to join baseball.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

They need to stay true to what they say during the campaign.

Tiffany Achermann, 13, student at MSMS.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Being with my family.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

Going on a trip to somewhere like Hawaii.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

Being kind.



Alex Brings



Cassandra Kronenberg



John Regan



Susie Brichacek

Jessica Schimpp, 13, student at MSMS.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Horseback riding with my family.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

Travel to another state. I've never been out of Minnesota.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

Better school food.

John Regan, 8th grade math teacher at MSMS.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Moving to Staples from Maplewood. Life is much calmer and simpler here.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I'd like to go camping with my wife, Besa; and our two-and-a-half year old son, Jack.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT

SHOULD HAVE?

Helping the country become more understanding of others. I think this would help produce less unhealthy conflict.

Emma Broberg, 8, student at Motley Elementary School (MES).

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

A field trip to Camp Shamineau.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I'd like to go to the science museum (in St. Paul).

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

Let us pray to Jesus.

Molly Broberg, 9, student at MES.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Going to Camp Ripley.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I really want to go to horse camp at Camp Shamineau.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

We need to have more rodeos.

Susie Brichacek, Brownville, owner at BRICKS in Motley.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Traveling to Switzerland with my dad, Mike and sister, Sarah. I was able to see where my grandpa Peter Achermann grew up... where he went to church and school. It was great to spend time with our relatives living there.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I'd like to travel with my husband, Joe, to a tropical destination.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

Health care. It's a real need for so many.

Cassandra Kronenberg, Motley.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

I got married to Mike in September; and the following week I went to the WSCA (Western Saddle Club Association) Champ Show in Minneapolis.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I'd like to see Motley put in a water park. We have that new skate park for kids, which is great; but something with water would be awesome.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

We need to take care of our immigration policies. We need to take care of our own people first before we help others. Our veterans need help; and there are many homeless people in our own country.

Diana Eisel, Motley.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Getting better after my

horse accident in 2014. It was a year of healing for me.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

Getting back on Prince, my horse. Then, I'm going to get a rose tattoo in honor of my granddaughter, Miranda Rose, who has cystic fibrosis. That's on my bucket list. (Diana also mentioned that she and her husband, Gene, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary May 13, 2016.)

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

Get the ISIS terrorists. Wipe them out. France is stepping in there, we should be able to as well.

Gene Eisel, Motley.

WHAT WAS A HIGHLIGHT OF 2015?

Spending Christmas with my family. We have seven kids, 28 grandkids, 14 great-grandkids and some great-great grandkids. Most of them were able to be here.

WHAT IS A NEW EXPERIENCE YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE IN 2016?

I'd like to get healthy so we can travel and visit our grandkids. I also hope we can sell our business (Motley Motel) so we're not so tied down.

WHAT IS ONE TOP PRIORITY YOU THINK A NEW PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE?

They need to quit taking social security away from us. It's getting harder to make ends meet.



Gene and Diana Eisel



Jessica Schimpp, Tyler Gosch, Tiffany Achermann



Molly (left) and Emma Broberg

Sherry Miller Frisk is new director at Motley Area Food Shelf



New director

Sherry Miller Frisk of rural Motley is the new director at the Motley Area Food Shelf. She is taking over this position from Sharon Stone, who will continue to handle the food shelf's finances. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS) welcomed Sherry (Miller) Frisk as its new director last fall. It's a position previously held by Sharon Stone.

Although she inherited a new title, Frisk's face is a familiar one to visitors of the food shelf.

"I started volunteering here in March of 2013,"

Frisk said recently, adding that in speaking with Stone at church, she had learned that there was a real need for volunteers at the food shelf. The following September, she was asked to be on the MAFS board by fellow volunteer Fran Kottet. "I consider Fran to be my co-director at the food shelf," Sherry said.

Last winter, Stone traveled to Arizona to care for her parents and in her absence, Frisk took over

many of the duties at the food shelf, including ordering supplies and writing reports. "This past fall, she (Stone) asked if I would become director. After some thought...I told her I would, if she would continue to handle the financial part," Frisk said, noting that she already serves as treasurer for two other organizations.

Having grown up in Staples, Sherry is happy to be back in the area after several years spent living in various parts of the United States. Her husband, Motley native Greg Frisk, retired a few years ago after a 28-year airline career...first as a navy pilot and then as Captain with American Airlines.

"Greg and I will be married for 44 years this coming summer," Sherry said. "In those years with the navy and airline, we have had fifteen different addresses. Now that we are 'home' in Motley, this is our last address."

The Frisks have four grown children, all of whom were born while Greg was in the service. "The twins, Alisa and Erin, were born in Frankfurt, Germany; Ryan in Milton, Fla.; and Patrick in Pax

River, Md.," Sherry said, adding that they now have seven grandchildren. "Five girls and two boys."

Throughout the years, volunteering has been a part of Sherry's life. While Greg was in the navy, she volunteered along side other officers' wives; and when her children were younger sewed costumes for high school plays and repaired football uniforms, as well as organizing meals for sporting events.

Since their return to Motley, Sherry's continued to keep busy volunteering at a variety of places, including her church (Motley United Methodist), the Motley Area Historical Society; and the MAFS.

She enjoys visiting with the clients who stop by the food shelf, Sherry said; and finds satisfaction in knowing that it's a place that is helping meet the needs of people in the community.

"The need for the food shelf in our area is great," Sherry said. "We serve families from Leader to Randall."

Sherry went on to note that the results from a national survey done in 2014 showed that clients choose to purchase many other things over food, including

housing, transportation and gas, medical care and medicine, as well as utilities.

"We have the basic needs (at the food shelf) for the families that come in, but often don't have enough meat to give them," Sherry said. "We are able to go out and purchase some of the food items we need, thanks to donations we receive from churches, individuals and local organizations."

The Motley Area Food Shelf has a wonderful staff of volunteers, Sherry

said. However, when the 'snowbirds' go south, they are short of help. "We are always looking for new volunteers."

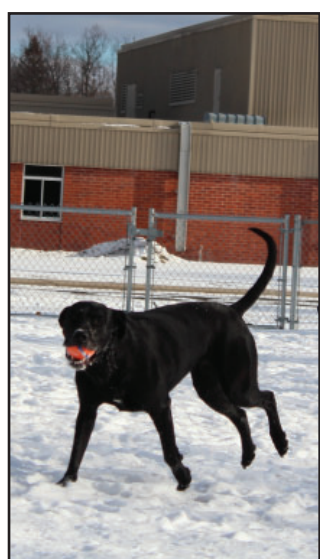
The MAFS is located at 679 Third Ave. So. It is open on Thursdays, from 9 a.m. - noon; and on the last Thursday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m. as well.

For more information about the MAFS and how you can become a volunteer, call Pat O'Regan (MAFS Chair) at 218-316-7570; or Sherry Miller Frisk at 218-352-6137.



Motley dog park fans

Tina Lamberts of St. Cloud exercised her dog, Buddy, in Motley's dog park Jan. 3. "This is wonderful," Lamberts said. "We stop here every time on the way to and back from our cabin (in Hubbard County). I wish more towns had something like this...it's great." The dog exercise area is located on the east side of Hwy 10, near Veterans Park and the Motley School building. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley Police Department, MCSO reports

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

Dec. 20 - The MPD received a call regarding damage to property on Postal Rd. in Motley.

Dec. 21 - The MCSO received a call from Carolyn Ouradnik who reported a fraudulent charge on her debit card for \$447. The incident occurred in Florida.

Dec. 19 - The MCSO received a call from David Colby who reported an unknown vehicle that was parked

on private property on Riverside Ln. in Motley. The property is owned by Colby.

Dec. 19 - The MCSO responded to a report of a domestic situation on Beaulieu St. W. in Motley.

Dec. 28 - The MCSO conducted a legal traffic stop near Hwy 10 and 330th St. and upon questioning the driver of the vehicle, detected several indicators of possible drug activity, including an odor of burnt marijuana. Consent was granted to search the car and the deputy found an empty foil bundle zipped in the coin pouch

of driver's wallet. In addition, the deputy found \$200 cash and an open, used box of aluminum foil. Driver was released with verbal warning for speeding.

Dec. 27 - The MCSO responded to a report of burglary at the 38000 block of Danberry Trail in Pillager.

Dec. 24 - The MCSO responded to a report of burglary at a residence on 330th St. in Motley.

Dec. 23 - The MCSO responded to a report of theft at an address on 320th St. in Cushing.