



Wall cloud over 4th street in Staples

As a predicted thunderstorm approached June 13, Staples residents were witness to a dramatic wall cloud. Peeking out of the Staples World office door, two quick shots were taken at 8:32 looking southwest (left) and at 8:34 a.m. looking northwest (right) just before the rain began. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Rose Han is b-a-c-k from national bee

Thirteen-year-old Rose Han, Staples, tied for 41st place in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Although she spelled her words correctly in the early rounds, this year they accepted only the top 40 for the final round.

Participating in the spelling bee was a dream come true for Rose, who has been competing in spelling bees at the district and regional levels for the past four years. She will enter the ninth grade this fall at Staples-Motley High School.

This year, that dream became reality after Rose was named co-champion of the Lakes Bee, the Region Five spelling bee sponsored by National Joint Powers Alliance. It's a title she shares with Meryl Tigeneoah, an eighth-grader



National Spelling Bee competition

Rose Han waited for her word on stage at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. She was one of 291 spellers who began the competition. (Submitted photo)

from Forestview Middle School in Baxter.

Rose was accompanied to Washington by her mother, Kathryn Edwards.

Here is Rose's story of her experiences, in her own words.

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH: We arrived at the Brainerd air-

port along with other members of our family who were there to send us off. We managed to grab a few bites at the airport's little

cafe before my mom and I had to board.

I had never been on an airplane before so it was a pretty cool experience for

me. It was a pretty short flight with a span of about 20-30 minutes. The reason was because the next stop was Minneapolis. When we got there we got some coffee and looked around in some shops, purchasing some last minute things. We had a bit of a wait before we boarded onto the next flight which lead to D.C. At this point I was doing some last minute studying.

When we arrived in Washington we took a shuttle over to the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center. After we got checked in, there was a little get together for the spellers which wasn't mandatory but we went. There we received speller swag which included some bags, name tags, a Kindle Paperwhite, a game of

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Todd County discusses buffers and compliance

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

An addition to the agenda resulted in quite a bit of discussion on buffers at the Todd County Commissioners June 6 meeting.

If you are not familiar with buffers, according to a pamphlet available from the Todd Soil and

Water Conservation District, a buffer is vegetated land adjacent to a stream, river, lake drainage ditch or wetland.

The purpose of buffers is to help filter out phosphorus, nitrogen, and sediment and are an important conservation practice for helping keep our water clean and our streams healthy.

The buffer initiative was passed in 2015 and the deadline

for implementation is coming this fall.

The question discussed at the commissioner's meeting was whether or not Todd County wanted to have the local buffer jurisdiction or if they wanted to allow the state to manage it.

Soil and Water and Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber said that if the county does it, they can offer more flexibil-

ity to land owners in the county because they will be able to draft their own program for compliance.

Stieber said that the funding matrix was released and Todd County would receive \$112,000 to take on the role.

"This would be more than enough money to cover a staff person to do it. We could probably give that person other duties,

as well," he said.

The decision has to be made by the end of June or it will be done by the state through BWSR (Board of Water and Soil Resources).

If the county does decide to take on this task, they are able to opt out with a 60-day notice and then BWSR would take over.

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Hello, Readers,

Father's Day was not celebrated in the U.S., outside Catholic traditions, until the 20th century. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers. Six years later, it was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. Happy Father's Day!

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Former River Inn will soon be rentals

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

What was once home to a popular supper club, complete with a dance floor and pool table, will soon be rented out as apartments and storage units.

Roger Heidelberg of RLH Enterprises, Merri-field, is the current owner of the Aldrich landmark previously known as the River Inn.

He bought the property about a year ago from George Lorenz, Heidelberg shared recently, adding that he had to pay a hefty sum in back taxes as part of the deal. The large building sits on two-and-a-half acres and overlooks the Partridge River.

It's a beautiful setting for a business, but bringing the River Inn back to life as a supper club was never in Roger's plans.

Even after he decided to buy the building, Roger wasn't certain how to proceed. "A lot of people would stop by when I was

here working and ask me what I was going to do with it," Roger shared. "I said, 'I can't tell you 'cause I don't know.'"

His daughter, Kellie, was the first to suggest he convert it into apartments. The more he thought about it, the more he liked the idea.

Roger's spent months cleaning and clearing things out of the large building. A lot of stuff ended up at the landfill but several items, including the old restaurant booths and chairs were given away to a woman who requested them. He's not quite sure what will become of the two mannequins that used to sit by the old player-piano at the supper club. Maybe he'll have them outside, greeting people as they approach the apartments, Roger said. "I'm not really sure."

The new layout of the old River Inn includes three apartments and six storage units. There are two (2) two-bedroom units



Beautiful setting

Roger Heidelberg leads a tour of the grounds of his new apartment building in Aldrich (formerly the River Inn), which sits near the Partridge River. Heidelberg has put in a few picnic tables and porta-potties and plans to rebuild the deck for future renters. Currently, there is a bridge over a dam on the river and Heidelberg said the public is welcome to fish from it, or to use the picnic tables. He just asks that people clean up after themselves. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

and one studio apartment. The storage units are of varying sizes (two are 24'x 40') and come equipped

with electric garage door openers.

He's put new furnaces and water heaters in the

apartments, as well as new carpet throughout. Knotty-pine paneling is featured in the living room areas and the bathrooms boast of ceramic tile. In the kitchens, you will find all new counters, cabinets and appliances.

"I don't try to build something cheap," Roger said, during a tour of one of the apartments. He went on to note the new walls that have been built in the apartment.

He's the sort of person who "rolls with the flow," Roger shared. That's the way he's always lived his life, he went on, adding that he'll turn 73 this August.

Born and raised on a farm in Swanville, Roger said he learned how to work hard at an early age. "I did a lot of chores, walked to school every day," he said. The first job he had was at a farm that raised radishes.

After high school, Roger went on to attend trade

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District dissolution creates tax issues

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

A single sentence in Minnesota Statute 123A.60 subd.3 is going to make a difference in the lives of the taxpayers in the soon to be former Eagle Valley School District.

That sentence at the very end of

the statute states: "If the order of the county board attaches any land area to a district with bonded debt, the taxable property in such area assumes its proportionate share of the authorized and outstanding debt of the district to which it is attached."

What does that mean? Well, according to Michelle Kenney, an

attorney with Knutson, Flynn and Deans, it means that although both the Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville districts agreed that they would not "charge" the taxpayers of the former Eagle Valley District with paying on any outstanding debt of the districts for five years, the law says they don't have a choice.

This revelation came up during

a work session of the Todd County Board of Commissioners on June 9.

It had just been discussed that the legislature had approved giving Eagle Valley taxpayers six years instead of five to pay off the approximate \$1.9 million in debt

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Entrepreneur has had a variety of business ventures



Entrepreneur

Roger Heidelberg, Merrifield, has purchased the former River Inn in Aldrich and is converting the space into apartment buildings and storage units. Heidelberg, 72, has been involved in a variety of business ventures over the years, including owning rental units, working in an auto shop and restoring classic cars. He is pictured in the living room area of one of the apartments. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Remodeling in progress

The former River Inn supper club is being converted into apartments and storage units. Pictured above is a view of the living room and kitchen areas of one of the two-bedroom apartment units, which includes knotty pine paneling throughout. Below is one of the six spacious storage units, each of which will have an electric garage door. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Aldrich landmark

The River Inn supper club's sign has been a landmark along Hwy 10 in Aldrich for several decades. It has sat vacant for several years, but is currently being renovated into apartments and storage units by Roger Heidelberg of Merrifield, who purchased it last year. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

school and over the years has worked as a foreman at an auto shop, owned an asphalt company (which he has since passed down to his son, Randy, and daughter, Kellie) as well as several rental units.

"Everyone said I should retire, but I said, 'no,'" Roger shared, going on to add that even an aneurysm in 1981 didn't slow him down.

"I've had a good life," he said. "I roll with the flow."

One of his passions is restoring classic cars, Roger shares, adding that he hopes to hold a car show in Aldrich sometime down the line. One of his favorites is a 1956 Chevy Nomad Bel Air.

He's also "real heavy into Cushman scooters." Roger recalled the day he learned there were four 1948 scooters for sale in Iowa. "I jumped in the truck and went to the auction."

"People say I'm crazy," Roger went on. "I go to auctions and if I see something that flips my trigger, I gotta have it." It's a trait his wife, Chris, has gotten used to over the years.

He's anxious to see the final outcome of his latest decision to purchase the former River Inn. So are many locals.

Now 77, Rita Stone of Aldrich has memories of the old supper club dating back to when she was seven or eight years old. "My folks worked there," she said, adding that her dad, Red Nelson, was a bartender and her mom, Leona Nelson, worked in the kitchen as a cook.

Rita herself worked as a waitress at the River Inn for 30 years. "We were busy, busy," she recalled. In addition to the great food, people came from miles around to dance. "It was a jumping place back then...I could tell you a lot of stories," Rita said.

Her sister, Ardy Smith, was a long-time owner of the River Inn. "She was there over 40 years," she said, mentioning that Ardy owned it along with her husband, Joe Colianni.

It changed hands a few times after that. Rita recalled the Lynch family owned it for awhile, and then the Sivards. Along the way, some people from Foley bought it.

In recent years, one of the owners renamed it The New River Inn. By that time, food was still served, but the dance floor was a thing of the past. Jeremy Schneider was one of the last owners of the restaurant before it closed for good.

She's curious to see the changes that have been made to the space that holds so many memories for her, Rita said. "I'm anxious to see what it looks like."

Knowing that a lot of people have been interested in seeing what has become of the River Inn, Roger hosted an open house on June 13. "With donuts and coffee provided," he added.

For more information about the new apartments and storage units in Aldrich, call Roger at 218-851-6798.



'Staples history' lecture at the depot



Retired social studies teacher Greg Leifermann, Staples, was the guest speaker at the recent Northern Pacific Depot Open House. Leifermann's presentation on Staples History featured a number of old photos and archived information about Staples, originally named Presto. He noted that 'history' is about telling stories (both his-story and her-story) and that these stories are dependent upon the writers and information-gatherers at that time. Leifermann formerly taught 'Staples History' at Staples High School and he said that much of his information was gleaned from old newspapers, such as the Staples World and Presto Change; as well as city council minutes, city plats and old photographs. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Open house celebrated Staples depot renovations

The Northern Pacific Depot in Staples has had major renovation work and improvements to its infrastructure, thanks to the diligence of the Staples Historical Society (SHS).

An open house to celebrate these improvements, sponsored by the SHS, was held June 11. The agenda for the event included a lecture by retired teacher Greg Leifermann on Staples History and music by Gary and Dawn Timbs. Refreshments were served and attendees were given the opportunity to tour the first floor of the depot for a first-hand look at the improvements.

The renovations completed to date include the

restrooms, main lobby floor and replastering and painting the walls and ceiling throughout much of the first floor.

In addition, major infrastructure improvements have been completed. These include installing a new heating system (four new natural gas furnaces and new ductwork), four new air conditioning units and new plumbing and electrical wiring throughout the lower levels of the building. Tom Crawford, SHS member, reports that nothing has been done to the depot's second floor, which needs a lot of work.

The actual work on these items was begun in January of 2016 and completed

in February of 2017. However, fundraising efforts to help make these improvements a reality began at least seven years ago.

According to Crawford, the SHS received the 'okay' on a federal Department of Transportation (DOT) grant in February of 2010, which provided 80 percent of the project's funding. The Staples Historical Society contributed 20 percent toward of the funds. In addition, the Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Amendment grant that the SHS received paid for the architectural costs. It took four tries before the SHS received bids low enough to match the funds available, which was \$500,000.



Revisiting the past



A number of old photos and newspaper clippings were available for people to look at during the open house at Northern Pacific Depot June 11, complements of Greg Leifermann, guest speaker at the event. Sponsored by the Staples Historical Society (SHS), the event was held in celebration of the depot renovations recently completed. Pictured at top, from left, are John Gorton, Donna and Pat Miller; Gene Floistad, Donna Breckenridge, all of Staples. In lower photo, from left, Greg Leifermann; and Staples Historical Society members Tom Crawford and Tom Kajer discuss a photo of the old roundhouse that used to sit near the depot. Several vintage photographs of the depot and roundhouse line the walls of the depot. They were matted and framed by Staples photographer Ken Klose, also a member of the SHS. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Paid for by Chad Converse.

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Memorable experience was the result of hard work



Spelling bee judges

Rose had the opportunity to meet head judge Mary Brookers, pronouncer Dr. Jacques Bailly and Blake Giddens another judge, at the Washington National Ballpark. (Submitted photos)

Bananagrams, some other miscellaneous stuff. It was a surprise to get gifts and it was really thoughtful!

There were also spellers there signing something called a beekeeper which was essentially an autograph book. Our beekeeper was passed around to get signatures and it was used as a way for spellers to interact and learn more about each other. Signing beekeepers was something that people did throughout the entire week.

MONDAY, MAY 29TH: There was a Memorial Day barbeque at the Washington Nationals Ballpark. There was food, games, crafts, and dancing which I had my fair share of. It was basically an all-day thing and it was pretty fun. Then there was an opening ceremony in the Maryland Ballroom which is pretty self-explanatory. There was an event after that which consisted of a presentation of words by the editor of the Merriam Webster Dictionary but I was too exhausted to keep my eyes open so we decided to skip in order to get a good night's rest.

TUESDAY, MAY 30TH: I was up bright and early because the Preliminaries Test was at 8:30 a.m. The Preliminaries test is a written round that helps determine whether you make it to the final round. I felt pretty nervous because I didn't feel very confident with the vocab section of it. But I was able to take my mind off the test afterwards because there was a tour.

We were headed to Mount Vernon, Virginia, which was George Washington's home. My mom and I were able to wander around and it was a cool experience. On our way back to the hotel we saw people paddle boating out on the Potomac River near our hotel. My mom and I really wanted to go, so we went out and kayaked.

We still had another event to go to that night. We watched five videos that were made by the Spellebrity Video Contest

Finalists. You don't have to be a great speller in order to be a part of the Scripps Bee. These Video Contest Finalists showed that all you need is a fun video that corresponds to the theme.

The theme this year was to "kindle the love of reading". By the way, the sponsor this year was Kindle and nobody seemed to appreciate the pun that was made here; I was sorely disappointed.

In fact, any kids from Staples could make one next year and go to D.C. for a chance to win \$1,000. All five of the finalists' videos were fun and it was hard to choose a favorite to vote on but we, the 291 spellers in the competition, watched the videos and had to cast our ballot for the winner to be announced later in the week.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31ST: This was the big day. This was the day with two rounds that were televised. When I was listening to the other words I thought that they were easy but then I heard some other ones and was baffled. So I was just hoping and praying that I get a word that I would be able to figure out.

I can still visualize standing up there seeing the crowd and the cameras. But I was just focused on Jacques Bailly and the word that was about to come out of his mouth. I ended up getting "incipient." I was pretty ecstatic that I was able to move onto the next round. In between rounds I saw some of the group two spell but then I went and took a nap to energize myself for round 3 of the preliminaries.

For round three my word was "thistledown" which was an easy word for me. I later found out that people in the middle school were watching me on TV and they were cheering for me.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST: Since I did not advance to Finals all the pressure had been lifted off of me and I had a good day watching all these amazing spellers spell words I could probably

never tackle. This was the second day in a row with more than eight hours of spelling per day!

Although I did get both of my words on stage in round two and round three right, the preliminary test on Tuesday was used to limit the finalists to a maximum of 50 people and I was one of 148 kids who were eliminated by test scores. The competition was tough and it ended up being you could only have one point wrong out of 30 points to continue and there were only 40 people who had that score.

They had to limit it or the competition would take even longer as shown by round two and three taking over eight hours to complete with 188 of 291 still remaining after round three.

Watching the finals in person was really spectacular. I had watched it on TV before so this was a new experience. There was so much tension in the air.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND: On Friday we had a tour of Lincoln's cottage, which was a summer home for Lincoln during four to five months per year during his presidency and was only a few miles from the White House and he commuted by horse each day to work. It was really interesting and there was a good tour guide. It was definitely one of the highlights of the week.

We had lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe with all the rock and roll memorabilia. Then we ended our tour at the Lincoln Memorial but we had some extra time so were able to walk over to the Vietnam Memorial and the Korean War Memorial. This was also the night with the formal awards ceremony and dinner and there was a little dance party afterwards.

It was a really great experience that I'm sure I'll never forget. All the support that I received really helped and encouraged me so thanks to everyone.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, THE 3RD AND THE 4TH: Friday was the last official day of the Scripps Bee week, but my mom and I took advantage of being in D.C. and spent the weekend sightseeing to get the most out of the trip. We walked to the White House, went to some of the Smithsonian's like American History, Natural History and Air and Space. We also went to the Holocaust Memorial Museum. We went to a movie in Chinatown and I'm not sure but it looked like we were standing in line just a few feet behind Ted Cruz.

We figured out the metro (subway) and the Uber cabs both.

It was pretty neat, and I learned a lot on this trip. I am so thankful for this opportunity to have represented our school. I am hopeful that other kids will pursue their goals and work hard for the same chance.



Moving day at Freshwater building

On the morning of June 8 vans, trucks and trailers were loaded with equipment from the Freshwater Alternative Learning Center in Staples and moved to their new location at Central Lakes College. The building, owned by the Staples-Motley School District, is being sold to Roach Properties, the company that is building townhomes near the building. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Reasons for the move

Freshwater Education District Executive Director Jerry Nesland stands by the new entrance to the Freshwater front office, at the southwest corner of the Staples CLC main campus building. Nesland said he appreciates the partnership with CLC to house the office and classrooms. He said many Freshwater students were already taking college classes on the campus, so the move will help more students take advantage of career and technical training.



New location

Butch Goltz dismantles equipment to be moved out of the old Freshwater location. Goltz will continue as a building and grounds worker for Freshwater, but will be transferred to the Wadena campus. The technology department that was in Staples also moved to Wadena.



Freshwater now open at CLC

Less than a week after Freshwater's move to CLC, summer school classes started for students to enhance their high school credits or further their career and technical training. Pictured, instructor Jerry Miller works with Maren Vogt and Murron Evan in one of the new Freshwater rooms at Central Lakes College. The Freshwater classrooms are at the northeast corner of the CLC main campus building.



National champion friend

Ananya Vinay of Fresno, Calif., right, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee taking home a \$40,000 cash prize. She and Rose shared a moment after the competition.

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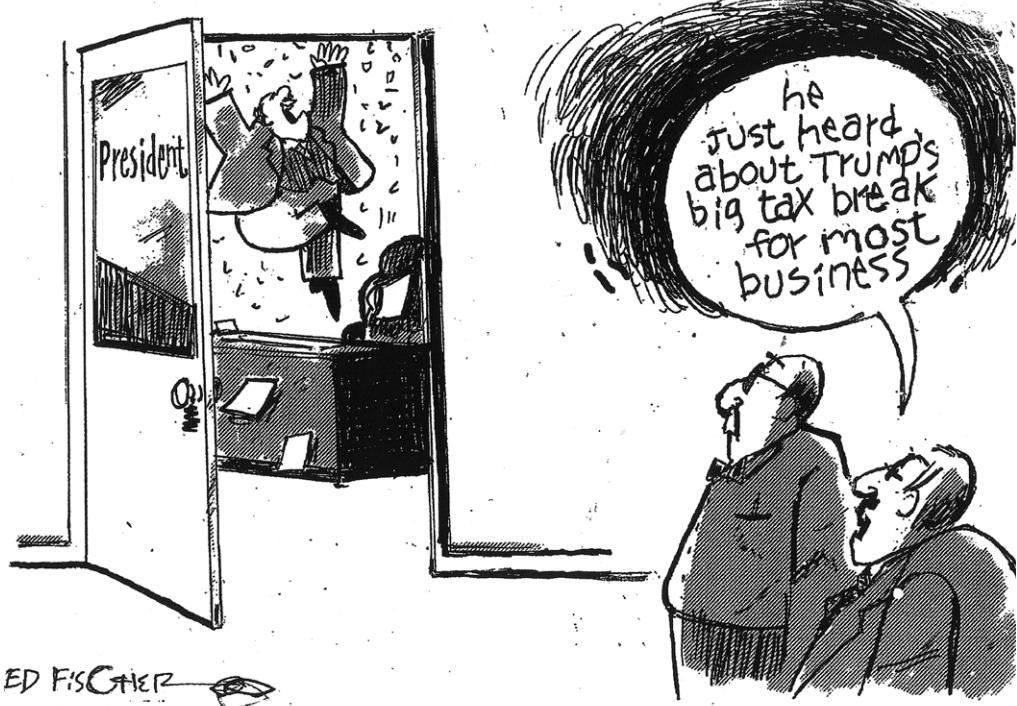
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Ten lessons learned from the classroom

By Donna Bestland and Lisa Kajer

We ended our 30+ years of teaching recently and just thought it may be fun to share some lessons we have learned.

10) Computers work a lot better than ditto machines.

9) Students now are like the ones we had when we started teaching. They just have more tattoos and piercings, but they still love hands-on learning

8) It's great when your principal starts announcements with a song, because it gives you time to start to listen and he likes a lot of our music.

7) Lock-downs are not much fun and are a sad state of our world. We liked it better in the "Good Old Days."

6) Parent conferences are way more fun when parents come. Skyward grades are great for viewing but they don't tell the whole story.

5) Brownies and other treats make everyone happier when faced with a test or a "not so fun job to do" like cleaning kitchens or folding laundry for hospital beds.

4) Everyone should learn how to make "Donna's No Fail Pie Crust."

3) Learning CPR, how to hem pants and sew on a button are still skills worth knowing.

2) Technology in the classroom is great but it doesn't necessarily save time or always work AND it needs electricity. Our brains have their own electrical connections; learn all you can so you don't have to rely on technology.

The number one lesson we have learned is ...

1) Cell phones are a distraction and tend to make students more anxious. They should leave them at home. We know they (the students) won't want us to say that, but it is true! The people in the main office will get messages to students.

We loved our jobs! Thanks for many great years!

Donna Bestland taught Healthcare careers, and Lisa Kajer taught Family and Consumer Science and Early Childhood Careers.

Letter to the Editor

Pipeline helps agriculture, industry

This past week into this week, there have been public hearings on the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement project in some cities where I have spent a lot of time. I understand the crowds were pretty significant in Brainerd and Wadena, and I suspect they will be similar in Little Falls, and in Staples where I am an instructor at Central Lakes.

As a local citizen who is involved in both agriculture and in the construction of these pipelines, I am a supporter of this and other critical infrastructure energy transfer pipeline projects. I know, as so many of those in our area, that pipelines are the cleanest, most efficient way to move a resource that for the foreseeable future is still going to fuel our economy.

I've seen, as so many in our area, the devastating harm to our farmers

when we delay permitting of critical pipelines forcing the oil that is going to be shipped to be sent on trains that leave commodities sitting in our local elevators waiting.

I've also seen the care, and latest technology of the awesome workers creating and placing pipelines to move North American oil. Yet I'm not able to attend any of these 22 Line 3 Replacement Hearings.

Why, if this is so important, am I not there? Like so many hard-working Minnesotans, I have a job and sometimes the time just doesn't allow me to spend the time at a public hearing on something that seems like such a no-brainer.

But on top of that, I'm actually in Ohio right now, building a pipeline.

While Minnesota drags its feet on all sorts of big and really important projects, states all around us, and states like Ohio are responsibly permitting these projects. They are responsibly using our national resources. And they are responsibly putting pipeline

ers and construction workers to work.

I'm surrounded here in Ohio right now with Minnesotans who are here earning a living and feeding their families rather than being at home building the critical infrastructure that is constantly being delayed.

My public comment is that the Enbridge Line 3 Replacement project will be better for the environment than not permitting it. My public comment is that Enbridge takes great care to be a responsible neighbor and that the Line 3 Replacement will be constructed by many of your neighbors with the most current technology to protect our awesome countryside and waterways.

I hope our state, it's PUC and other decision makers do the right thing and permit this Line 3 Replacement Project efficiently and quickly, and that my colleagues and I can get back to work in Minnesota.

Mike Sams
Staples, Minn.

Impressive 'Hand's On, In-the-Seat' program in Staples

By Mitch Pearlstein

Staples is 30 miles west of Brainerd in Minnesota Lake Country, hence the name Central Lakes College, with campuses in both cities.

I spent an exceptionally profitable couple of hours at Staples' two campuses recently when I was in town to speak about American Experiment's new multi-year project "Great Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree" at a dinner meeting sponsored by a group called "Crossroads Conservatives" at a restaurant and bar called "Twisted Sisters" (really). In truth, the room didn't seem terribly twisted at all and the crowd of approximately 35-40 men and women, plus a few high school students, wasn't exclusively conservative, which was welcome news on both scores.

Graduation had been a few days earlier at the community and technical college so there weren't many students around. But along with "Crossroads" hosts Stan Carlson and Bruce Nelsen (the latter of whom used to teach there), I very much enjoyed tours of the two Staples campuses by faculty and staff who clearly were abundantly proud of their institution. I particularly appreciated learning about the

school's program in Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance, which describes itself as "unique, one of a kind" program in Minnesota State (the still-relatively new name for what was formerly known as MnSCU).

Suffice it to say, this four-semester diploma program is exactly the kind that my colleagues Kathy Kersten and John Hinderaker and I refer to when we talk about terrific alternative ways in which young men and women, who are so inclined, can achieve solid middle-class careers without a baccalaureate degree. This often is the case for people especially who relish working with their hands.

This is how CLC describes the program:

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"Attend the Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance Program at CLC and train under knowledgeable faculty to

operate dozers, elevators, motor graders, loaders, skid steer, backhoes and haul trucks. This in-depth knowledge will make you a valuable asset in the construction industry.

"This unique four-semester program accepts new students in August and December. Employment opportunities exist nationwide in various areas of the construction industry, including: Highway construction, underground utilities, pipelines and oil fields, mining, flood control, demolition . . . logging, and with state and local governments."

My thanks to instructor John Maleski -- whose "passion for the construction trade first ignited as a child, watching his father as a heavy equipment operator" -- for showing me around. The "heavy" equipment he pointed out and described was both immense and more than impressive, especially for a mid-sized, SUV-guy like myself.

A very good trip, especially since it rained less Up North than Down South.

Mitch Pearlstein is Founder of Center of the American Experiment. He can be reached at info@americanexperiment.org.



Prevent elder abuse

By Barb Dinkel Goodrich

Thursday, June 15, 2017, is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. On that day, communities in the United States and all over the world will sponsor events to highlight the growing tragic issue of elder abuse.

Individuals, both young and old, should know that

the U.S. Administration on Aging estimates that as many as one in ten older Americans are abused or neglected each year. Older adults are contributing members of American society and their abuse or neglect diminishes all of us.

America has confronted and addressed the issues of child abuse and domestic violence, but, as a society we have for too long ignored the issue of elder abuse.

Elder abuse can be physical, emotional, financial and sexual. It also includes people who are neglected and those who neglect themselves (self-neglect).

Elders who are abused are twice as likely to be hospitalized, four times as likely to go into nursing homes and three times as likely to die. While most abusers are family members, trusted professionals and complete strangers may also target older adults. Abuse can happen in any setting: in the older adult's own home, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.

Elder abuse can be prevented if everyone would treat older Americans with respect and care. Learning the warning signs of abuse

and knowing how to report it is another great step. Adult Protective Services, law enforcement, and the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program are organizations that you can call on for assistance and information.

There are many ways to prevent elder abuse from occurring:

- Educate yourself and others about the warning signs of abuse, neglect and self-neglect.
- If you see something, say something.
- Be a friendly visitor to an older person living in your community.
- Provide support for someone who is a caregiver.
- Advocate for increased funding for elder abuse prevention and intervention programs.

For more information on how you can make a difference, visit the website of the National Center on Elder Abuse <https://ncea.acl.gov>, or call Hands of Hope Resource Center at 320-732-2319.

Barb Dinkel Goodrich is the General Crime Services Coordinator for Hands of Hope Resource Center in Todd County

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Breakfast on the Farm at Hengemuhle Dairy

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd county reporter

To keep the milk flowing all year-round, the Ron and Brenda Hengemuhle family decided they needed to upgrade their dairy farm located near Long Prairie.

On Saturday, June 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., you will have the chance to see this family farm and talk with the family and others about the dairy industry and family farming among other things.

The annual Todd County Breakfast on the Farm is the event that you don't want to miss. Each year, a new farm or dairy related operation is the host.

Personally, I have been to three of these events and each one was an exciting adventure being able to see the different ways that producers and farmers operate. The people are quite successful and offer a lot of stellar advice on how they do it.

This year, the activities at the Hengemuhle Dairy will include:

- Farm Tour

- Petting Zoo
- Machinery Exhibits
- Children's Activities
- Educational Booths

The Hengemuhle's truly operate a family farm.

When they made the decision to upgrade the farm, everyone had a say in what they would like to see.

In 2015, Ron and Brenda and their children, Nikki Andreassen and Matt and Danny Hengemuhle, built a six-row sand bedded freestall barn and a swing-8 parallel parlor.

They also increased the milking herd from 90 to 160 cows. They now are up to 165 in their herd.

The chores are divided up pretty evenly and according to each family member's interests.

Ron, the family patriarch, is in charge of the manure management. He also manages the farm finances.

Brenda works with the calves from the newborns to the springing heifers.

Nikki is the dairy's herdsman and full-time milker. She milks the cows twice a day.

Matt is in charge of the mechanics and cleaning the barn which is done each time the cows are milked.

Danny takes charge of feeding the herd, as well as taking care of the crops.

In all that they do, the Hengemuhl's put their cows' comfort first.

When they built the parlor and freestall barn, the thoughts of the cows came first.

The cows can move around, eat and drink or lay in stalls any time they want. The sand bedding is about 12 inches deep giving the cows traction and comfort.

The family believes that comfortable cows are more productive.

Come out and see what another successful Todd County farm looks like and bring the whole family.

For safety reasons, there is NO parking at the farm. Please park at the CHS Prairie Lakes Co-op at 20298 US Highway 71 in Long Prairie and take one of the free shuttle buses to the farm.



Lamp Campers get ready for public show

"Through the Looking Glass" will be presented Friday, June 23, at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium, Staples, by Lamplighter Community Theatre (LCT). The public is welcome to attend this free performance. The cast will be students attending the Sixth Annual Lamp Camp June 12-23. Justin Edin, Sam Fujii and Nikki Edin have returned as instructors. "I am happy to be back for my sixth year of camp. Watching new and old campers continue to grow and accomplish so much in two weeks is an exciting adventure," said Justin Edin. Campers learn improv, music, dance, costuming,

make-up, set design and lighting while preparing for the show. LCT is grateful to Women in Philanthropy for sponsoring scholarships. Campers ages 8-12 attend in the morning and those age 13-18 attend in the afternoon. Members of the morning group are pictured above. In the front row, from left, are Kristofer Taylor, Griffin Judd, Ava Grove, Jaida Holst and Brynn Bestland. In the back row, from left, are Emmajean Erickson, AJ Nienow, Zach McIlravy, Georgia Kruchten, Meghan VanAlst and Keegan Bestland. (Submitted photo)

Elisa Koreenne to perform song and story concert

Elisa Koreenne will appear at the Robertson Theatre in Wadena on June 18 at 2 p.m. in a new song and story concert called "Crazy About You."

Elisa Koreenne is a singer, songwriter and storyteller based in rural Minnesota. Her latest show combines stories, songs, anecdotes and music that examine the fine line between san-

ity and insanity, that line's historical shift, and the nature of how individuals don't always live on one side of it. In addition, she hopes to use the show as an opportunity to open up a conversation about mental illness and how it can affect a community for better and worse.

Koreenne's show was produced through a grant from Lake Region Arts Council and is being offered free to three communities in that area: New York Mills (Cultural Center), Glenwood (Central Square), and Detroit Lakes (Holmes Theatre). The Wadena show at the Robertson Theatre is also free and open to the public and has been funded by a grant from Five Wings Arts Council.

In addition to her success as a singer/songwriter/storyteller, Elisa

Koreenne can now add that of published author to her resume. This year, North Star Press published her memoir, "Hundred Miles to Nowhere." The June 18 program will be an opportunity to introduce her listeners to her new book and to discuss the challenges of writing it.

"Crazy About You" is the final offering in the 2017 Spring Legacy season of the Wadena County Historical Society. Other programs have included writers, performers and artists that best represent the theme of cultural diversity which is the focus of the 2017 season. Through music, stories and dance these artists help to illuminate the history and culture of the area.

The fall season will include actress Pippa White in a one-woman show called "Voices from Ellis Island" and a program about all things Finnish from Wadena's own experts, Kip and Eric Peltoniemi.

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

Community input needed for comprehensive plan

As the City of Staples creates their updated comprehensive plan, they are interested in gathering input from local residents and business owners. The Community Input Survey is one of the tools they are utilizing to collect this information.

Two surveys are open now and close on July 10. The general community survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9QMKGHGHC> and the Parks, Open Spaces and Trails survey can be found

at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPG85V3>.

Staples residents are also welcome to provide comments and input on the new comprehensive plan at the three Meet Your Neighbors Block Parties being hosted by the Thriving Communities Initiative. Community members are invited to bring a side dish and share a meal with neighbors, as well as Staples' firemen and police officers. There will be games, kids' activities, bounce house and more.

- Lakewood Community Park June 16 at 6 p.m.
- Northern Pacific Park July 9 at 5 p.m.
- Lincoln Park Aug 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Comments and questions regarding this plan can be directed to Melissa Radermacher, Economic Development Director at 218-894-2550 or mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us. To learn more about the Staples Comprehensive Plan and process, please visit <https://gostaples2035.wordpress.com/>.

Mark Your Calendar

June 17

MOTLEY JUNE FEST All day Saturday, June 17, City of Motley. Parade, kids games, wing competition, pig races, music, fireworks. Sponsored by Staples-Motley Chamber of Commerce.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR CANDIDATE FORUM Saturday, June 17, 4 - 6:30 p.m., Wadena Sunnysbrook Park Rotary Pavilion. Public welcome to attend to get to know the Minnesota DFL Governor candidates for the 2018 election.

June 20

BRAINERD CHAPTER #738 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES Mtg Tues., June 20, Northwinds Cafe, Brainerd. Social at 11:30 a.m.; lunch at 12:30 p.m. Presentation by NARFE Convention. Bring a friend.

June 21

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Mtg Wed., June 21, 5:30 p.m., lower level of Twisted Sisters Bar and Grill, Staples. Public invited to attend.

June 22

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg Thurs., June 22, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena Fairgrounds. Jim Lizakowski, caller; Rita Lizakowski, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

Gary McCurdy to perform on tuba

Gary McCurdy, better known as The Tubador, will perform on his antique tuba at the Historic Carnival in Wadena on Friday, June 16, from 1-4 p.m.

The Historic Carnival will be held on the grounds of the Wadena County Historical Society, just north of the Armory. Also on tap for the afternoon will be a stiltwalker, horse and carriage rides, kids games, and fry bread.

The event is free and open to the public. In case of rain the event will move into the Wadena County Museum to eat fry bread and listen to great tuba music.

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

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, June 19, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Frank Odell will address the board regarding the speech program during the school/community forum.

- Financial items including approval of reductions, awarding of the dairy bid and approve a PaperCut Print Management proposal with Marco.

- Curriculum items including the presentation of the 2016-17 QComp annual report by Cindy Swenson.

- Personnel items including accepting resignations from Jeanne Odden, high school paraprofessional; Cindy Swenson, QComp coordinator/district assessment coordinator; and Aubrey Fuss, grade four teacher; accept retirement of Bernadette Hogan, elementary technology integrationist; and approve contracts for Mi-

chelle Karr, kindergarten teacher, and for an interim superintendent.

Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.

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Student Achievements

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MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD recently announced its Dean's List for Spring Semester 2017. To qualify, students must be in degree-seeking status and maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average while completing a minimum of 12 graded credits. Local students named include:

- Tressa Aspros, Pillager
- Carly Bell, Pillager
- Eric Card, Hawley
- Jordyn Glenz, Staples
- Kali Klimek, Motley
- Micayla Klinghagen, Motley
- Courtney Lisson, Staples
- Sarah Martin, Moorhead
- Andrew Nelson, Staples
- Dianne Poppenga, Staples
- Brooke Selvey, Aldrich
- Amanda Wangsness, Pillager
- Paul Wicht, Verndale.

LACEY KOVAL, BROWERVILLE was recently awarded a scholarship from Catholic United Financial. She plans to attend Central

Lakes College in Staples.



Isaiah Edin

ISAIAH EDIN, STAPLES was inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) March 7, during his junior year of high school. The Society recognizes top scholars who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, scholarship and community commitment. Isaiah is the son of Tom and Tina Edin. He is home-schooled and plans to graduate high school in April, 2018.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Andrew and Ashley Hayes of East Gull Lake, a baby boy, Connor John weighing, six pounds, 15 ounces on June 2, 2017.

Born to Jessica Pearson and Sam Sadlo of Browerville, a baby boy, Roman Levi weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on June 3, 2017.

Born to Erick and Amanda Larson of Breezy Point, a baby girl, Ivy Kay weighing seven pounds, 0.6 ounces on June 4, 2017.

Born to Nick and Sarah Skjonsby of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Brecken Jerome weighing six pounds, three ounces on June 4, 2017.

Born to Jessica Rambo and Rocco Maggiore of Brainerd, a baby boy, Leon James weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on June 7, 2017

Born to Krystal Smith and Trevor Hoemberg of Staples, a baby boy, Tanner John weighing eight pounds, three ounces on June 8, 2017.



Top readers

The top readers in the accelerated reading program for the fourth quarter at Staples-Motley High School are, seated, from left: Haylee Wold, Abbigail DiGiovanni, Amy Michel and Elizabeth Noble; standing, from left, Ethan Ehresman, Shaine Guggenberger, Jeremy Stultz, Alessia Corti, Dario Aportela and Anna Bloomquist.



At left is eighth grader Abbigail DiGiovanni, the top AR Reader for the 2016-17 school year. She read 141 books and earned a total of 2,137.4 points this year. She set a new AR point record and smashed the previous all-time top AR reader by 359.6 pts set in 2004. She also scored 98.9 percent accuracy on her quizzes. (Submitted photos)

Minnesota State Community and Technical College graduates

The following area students were among the 860 who graduated from Minnesota State Community and Technical College campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena during commencement ceremonies in May:

Aldrich
James Kveton, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning.

Motley
Jennifer Baumgartner, Nursing; Brandon Mertens, Construction Electricity; Jennifer Michalson, Nursing; Lisa Olson, Nursing.

Pillager

Joseph Albertson, Electrical Lineworker Technology; Torri Thompson, Dental Hygiene.

Staples
Melissa Fink, Nursing; Alyssa Grunwald, Liberal Arts and Sciences; Michael Harrington, Electrical Lineworker Technology; Celena Martin, Radiologic Technology; Krista Mudek, Human Resources; Shawn Shackle, Electrical Lineworker Technology; Jerdan Stinar, Construction Electricity; Veronica Tappe, Massage Therapy; Allisa Thiel, Nursing; Robbyn Watland, Medical Administrative Assistant; BethAnn Wolters Daly, Medical Administrative Assistant.

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Obituary

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Brenda Seefeldt

Brenda (Dukowitz) Seefeldt, 45, of Verndale, passed away at her home on June 6, 2017, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral services were held June 11 at the Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, with Pastor Saul Stensvaag presiding.

Inurnment will be held at a later date in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Brenda was born on January 12, 1972 to Albert "JR" and Gladys (Smith) Dukowitz of Philbrook. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and graduated from Staples High School in 1990. She continued her education at St. Cloud School of Business, graduating with a degree in Medical Administration. Brenda married Kevin Seefeldt on September 14, 1996. They resided in Philbrook until moving to Verndale in 2004.

Brenda had been employed at Todd Wadena Electric Cooperative and most recently with People's Express in Wadena. She enjoyed spending time with her family, camping, crocheting and activities with her boys.

Brenda is survived by two sons, Hunter Seefeldt and Logan Seefeldt, both of Verndale; four sisters Sherie (Carl) Jansen of St. Augusta, Vonnice Smith of Philbrook, JoDee (Joe) Dvorak of Eagan and Linda (Dan) Hansen of Wadena; and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kevin; parents; one sister Judy Dukowitz and infant brother, Andrew Dukowitz.

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Lions club donations

The Staples Host Lions recently presented a check to 'Get Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs' for \$1,200; and a check to 'Staples-Motley Grad Blast' for \$1,000. Pictured above, from left, are Mary Rychner and Deanne Schimpp, committee members of the SM Grad Blast; Lion Tom Honek; Angela Johnson, SM Grad Blast. Pictured below, from left, are Lion Tom Honek; and 'Get Hooked on Fishing Not Drugs' committee members Jamie Dolezal, Ron Case, Jeremy Reeck. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



New book by Mike Holst available

Staples native Mike Holst, a long time popular columnist for the "Crosslake Northland Press," announces the release of his new book "The Best of Mike's Meandering Mind."

For over ten years and almost five hundred columns, Holst has entertained his readers with his weekly writings in the Press as well as being a frequent contributor to the Brainerd Dispatch.

He now has taken certain selected popular col-

umns and put them into a book. The book is broken into many sections and categorized into topics that makes for easy reading and book marking

The book was published by iuniverse publishers and is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble and the iuniverse bookstore, either in paper copy or as an e-book. Signed copies are also available in Crosslake at Reeds Market and the Lakes Area Frame shop.

Egan joins law firm

Severson Porter Law of Crosslake, a regional law firm that focuses its practice in real estate, business and estate planning matters, announces that Kevin J. Egan has joined the firm.

Kevin has practiced law for over 40 years. Following a judicial clerkship in the federal court, he served as a federal prosecutor where he actively represented the interests of the United States in the District Court and the Court of Appeals. Kevin is a retired partner of the national firm of Foley & Lardner LLP and prior to joining Foley & Lardner, he was a partner at the firm of Winston & Strawn, LLP.

Egan will focus his practice in the area of mediation as well as general counsel and professional consultation services. Egan will be primarily in the Severson Porter Law Crosslake office, but will be available to meet at the firm's Baxter or Crosby offices as well.

Gulf War illness

By David A. Anderson Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

There is a current research project at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS) on Gulf War Illness. They have been able to establish 11 blood markers that indicate Gulf War Illness. They are in need of veterans whose service in the Gulf War was 1990-1991 to be a part of the next step in the research.

The research will be done at the MVAHCS and participants will be compensated mileage as well as \$100. If interested please contact Rebecca Rudquist, BSN Research Coordinator at 612-467-6351 or Ronald Bach PhD, Chair of Research and Development Committee Gulf War Illness Research 612-467-4418.

As always please 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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Camp Ripley Veterans Registry and Minnesota Military Museum

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran
Service Officer

The Minnesota Military Museum wants your story for their “Veterans Registry.” The Registry is a state-wide database containing information about the military service of Minnesota veterans. A qualified veteran is anyone who once served or is serving in the US military and was either born in Minnesota or lived in Minnesota.

The registry is easy to use and anyone can submit a veterans story and pictures of the veteran. This service is also free and a great way to preserve a record of your service for your family.

Interested veterans and individuals should visit the Minnesota Military Museum website and click on Veterans Registry.

The Minnesota Military Museum traces its beginnings to 1976 when the Military Historical Society of Minnesota was organized for the express purpose of establishing a state military museum, the result, of visionary collaboration within three organizations.

The Minnesota Department of Military Affairs agreed to provide facilities at Camp Ripley. The Minnesota National Guard Association’s history committee formed the nucleus for a governing board of directors, and the Minnesota Historical Society agreed to transfer various “start-up” artifacts to the museum and lend some staff support for the first two years. The museum,

housed in a former enlisted men’s club, opened to the public in June 1977.

The museum moved to its present location in 1987. The main building, constructed in 1931 as a regimental headquarters for summer field training with the Minnesota National Guard, was remodeled and expanded in 1986-87 for use by the museum. It still houses most of the museum’s exhibits, the administrative office, and the museum gift shop.

Over the years, several adjacent buildings were also rehabbed to provide space for artifact storage, workshops, offices, library, archives, a classroom, and vehicle exhibits. The entire museum “complex” now covers two acres and includes several buildings. Outdoor exhibits of vehicles, tanks, aircraft, and artillery pieces are placed throughout the museum grounds.

The museum continues to be operated by the Military Historical Society of Minnesota (MHSM), a non-profit educational organization chartered to preserve and interpret Minnesota’s military history. It is federally recognized as a charitable 501(c)(3) corporation. A board of directors comprised of an executive committee and at-large members governs MHSM. The board appoints an executive director who oversees general administrative operations, and a curator who is responsible for exhibits, collections, and history-related programming.

The museum is certified by the U.S. Army Center of

Military History and the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, although its mission encompasses all branches of military service. The museum continues to work closely with the Minnesota Historical Society, which also serves as its fiscal agent with the Minnesota Legislature, and with the Minnesota Department of Military Affairs, which provides the facilities used at Camp Ripley.

The Minnesota Military Museum is open seven days a week from May through September and Thursdays and Fridays from October through April, with special tours coordinated at any time.

[Source The Minnesota Military Museum website]

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.

Parents: Talk to your kids

The Todd County Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) coalition would like parents to strike up a conversation with their kids about the problems of underage drinking. Rates of underage drinking in the United States are high. Closer to home, the Minnesota Student Survey (MSS, 2016) results show that 20.6% of Todd County 8th, 9th, and 11th graders reported any past 30 day use/misuse of alcohol. This compares to a statewide average of 13.9% for those grades. The rates by grade were 19.8% for 8th graders; 16.7% for 9th graders, and 25.1% for 11th graders in Todd County.

Underage drinking has severe consequences, including:
• Injury or death from accidents
• Unintended, unwanted, or unprotected sexual activity
• Academic problems
• Drug use
Also, alcohol can harm the developing brain.

Research shows that parents are the leading influence on their child’s decisions about alcohol. Although it may not seem like it, when parents talk about underage drinking, their children do hear them.

The CAD coalition would like parents to be aware of the “Talk. They Hear You” campaign. This Underage Drinking Prevention National Media Campaign empowers parents and caregivers to talk with children early about alcohol.

To prevent young people from starting to drink, the campaign focuses on ages nine - 15. Around age nine, children begin

thinking alcohol may not be just for adults. By 15, many young people are drinking. Young people who start drinking before age 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol problems as adults than those who begin drinking at 21 or older.

Campaign Goals

The “Talk. They Hear You” campaign aims to:

• Increase parents’ awareness of the prevalence and risk of underage drinking

• Equip parents with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to prevent underage drinking
• Increase parents’ actions to prevent underage drinking

To learn more about this campaign, go to: <https://www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking/about>.

Would you like help talking to your kids about alcohol? The CAD coalition has been working on a Conversation Card Project, whose goal is to improve communication skills between adults and youth. Coalition members have compiled, and have been distributing conversation card packets in restaurants and businesses around Todd County for family members to use while they wait for a meal or appointment. The packets contain both serious and fun questions to help families make it a habit to stay connected.

For more information on the Citizens Against Drugs coalition, and other projects, contact Connie Burns, Todd County Health Education Coordinator at 320-732-2221.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvåg
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

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

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:45 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)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids’ Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.

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 David Stevens
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
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.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg 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 Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Children’s Church 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group 5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

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

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children’s Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 8:45 a.m.
Worship 9:10 & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Ministry Groups/Bible study

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

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

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pavlowski
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.

Senior Schedule

Tues., July 4: Center
closed Independence Day
Thurs., July 6, 1:30 -
3:00 p.m. Free Legal Aid
from St. Cloud. Call 894-
2553 to make Legal Aid ap-
pointment

Noon meal/penny bingo
at noon, **July 5, 12, 19, 26**
500 Cards noon, Thurs,
July 6 and Mon., July 17,
24, 31

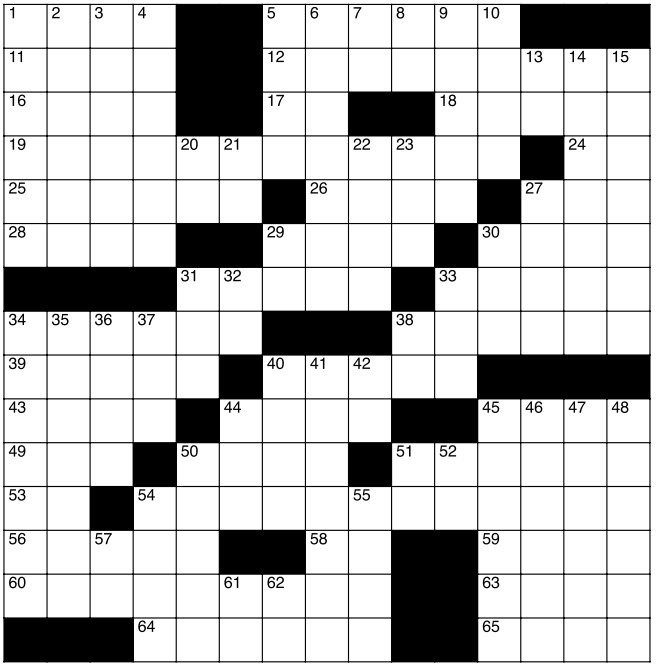
Combined June/July
Birthday/Anniversary
party, 11:30 a.m., **Tues.,**
July 11

Whist, 12:15 p.m., **Tues.,**
July 18

Evening meals 5 p.m.
Thurs., July 13, 20, 27

Call 218-894-2556 to
register for meals.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

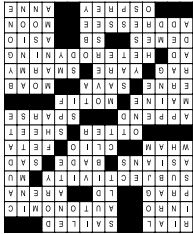
- 1. Monetary unit of Iran
- 5. Soared the seas
- 11. Ornamental box
- 12. Involuntary
- 16. German term for Prague
- 17. Lethal dose
- 18. Where rockers play
- 19. Quality of being based on one’s own feelings
- 24. 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 25. People of Asia
- 26. Uttered
- 27. Unhappy
- 28. British pop duo
- 29. The Muse of history
- 30. Greek cheese
- 31. Semi-aquatic fish-eating mammal
- 33. Horse racing list
- 34. Add as an attachment
- 38. Thinly scattered
- 39. Northeastern American state
- 40. Decorative design
- 44. Sea eagle
- 44. European river

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Carpenter’s saw
- 2. Sudden arrival of something
- 3. Peninsula between the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf
- 4. Impasse
- 5. Pepper’s partner
- 6. Perceptible by the ear
- 7. Stephen King’s clown tale
- 8. ___ and behold
- 9. Related on the mother’s side
- 10. A fish worth finding
- 13. Of I
- 14. Convicts
- 15. Having a tail

- 0. ___ masse
- 21. Culinary specialist
- 22. Kind of fur
- 23. What couples say
- 27. One with unusual powers of foresight
- 29. Connecticut
- 30. Fed’l Housing Administration
- 31. Smallest whole number
- 32. Touchdown
- 33. Sunscreen rating
- 34. Old Hess Corp.’s name
- 35. Marched through
- 36. A sharp high-pitched metallic sound
- 37. Between northeast and east
- 38. Sports magazine
- 40. Female horse
- 41. A way to supervise
- 42. Tantalum
- 44. Was in session
- 45. Bahrain capital
- 46. Prayer
- 47. Membranes
- 48. Belong to an earlier time
- 50. Affirmatives
- 51. South Dakota
- 52. Sinatra hit “___ Way”
- 54. Villain’s enemy
- 55. A way to conform
- 57. Doctor of Medicine
- 61. Starting price
- 62. Junior’s father
- CW176310

Answers



Loving your church with support and involvement

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

I have a personal problem and confession. As a pastor, I grieve with how easily people put other things before church support and involvement. To be frank, it seems like people like full time church when they need something while living a part time relationship with the church. Ouch!

Now, here comes the confession. I personally want a full time God while being a part time follower of Him and for Him. Now, I have the bigger problem.

So, here are some encouraging ideas to be full time followers of Jesus and engaged participants in his church, His Body (1 Corinthians 12) and His Bride (Ephesians 5: 23, 25, 32)

1. First and Foremost, entrust your whole life to God intentionally (John 3:

2-8). We can’t be right with God on the coat tails of someone else’s faith in Him.

2. Have regular times alone with God praying and meditating on His word (Bible). Psalm 42: 1-2

3. Share your talents from God in ministry (serving) others (Ephesians 4: 1-13 and Mathew 25: 31-40)

4. Regularly participate in gathered worship, including when you are in another town on vacation or visiting family (hebrews 10: 25)

5. In all things, draw deeply from the love of Jesus to you as you share your love from Him with others (1 Corinthians: 13)

Growing closer to God each day is good for everyone involved.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

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

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

Staples World
Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

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

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

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 16, 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 16th day of May, 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 Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 4.3 Gambling Permit – Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions and the removal of 8.2 Facilities Supervisor Hire, 8.3 Establish Facilities Maintenance Technician Position, and 8.4 Recruit Full-Time Maintenance Technician Position.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2017 as presented.

To approve an On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday Liquor License for Shady's Golden Eagle Inc. at the address of 13218 County 103, Burtrum, MN in Grey Eagle Township effective June 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

GAMBLING PERMIT
– GREY EAGLE/BUR-
TRUM LIONS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Grey Eagle/Burtrum Lions to hold gambling activities at Shady's Golden Eagle, Inc in Grey Eagle Township at the address 13218 County 103, Burtrum, MN effective May 16, 2017 until revoked or otherwise cancelled as provided by law.

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 46031 through 46142 in the amount of \$44,702.58.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512536 through 512615 in the amount of \$120,470.40.

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

MEMORIAL DAY
APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted for 2017 an appropriation to support the expenses for conducting Memorial Day Services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2017 payment of \$10 to the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Long Prairie for the care of County lots in said Evergreen Cemetery; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to approve the payment of \$50 to each regular organization of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Posts and Auxiliaries in Todd County to support the payment of expenses in connection with the proper observance of Memorial Day Services conducted within Todd County and the amount to be paid by warrant to each organization provided that in cases where any of the above mentioned do not have an organization, the amount will be paid to the organization conducting the Me-

morial Day Service.

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

SENIOR CITIZEN
CENTER
APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted for 2017 an appropriation of \$200 per Senior Citizen Center in Todd County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2017 payment of \$200 for each Senior Citizen Center located in Todd County.

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

TO DESIGNATE THE
WEEK OF MAY 21-27,
2017 AS EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES
(EMS) WEEK

WHEREAS, EMS is a vital public service; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 237 EMS teams in the Central EMS Region are ready to provide life-saving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, EMS system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, emergency department personnel; and

WHEREAS, the members of EMS teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, our communities benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these highly trained and dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of EMS providers by designating Emergency Medical Services Week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of May 21-27, 2017 as EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

With the theme, EMS Strong: Always in Service and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve granting Anderson Construction request for CUP to operate a hot mix plant on parcel 21-0029800 with the condition that if legitimate complaints are filed relating to the 24 hours of operation provision than the 24 hour crushing will cease at the request of the county.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve granting Boyer request for CUP to allow temporary family housing on parcel #05-0027900 with two conditions: 1. Septic system must be brought up to SSTs standards 2. There will be a three year review of the conditional use permit.

Health & Human
Services

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

FOSTER CARE MONTH
MAY 2017

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our atate; and;

WHEREAS, in Todd County there are children

and youth in foster care being provided with a safe, secure and stable home along with the compassions and nurture of a foster family; and;

WHEREAS, all young people in foster care need a meaningful connection to a caring adult who becomes a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families, who open their homes and hearts and support children whose families are in crisis, play a vital role in helping children and families heal and reconnect thereby launching young people into successful adulthood; and;

WHEREAS, dedicated foster families frequently adopt foster children, resulting in a greater need for more foster families; and;

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in and leaving foster care as well as the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and the foster care "system" is only as good as those who choose to be a part of it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners, by virtues of the authority vested do hereby proclaim May as FOSTER CARE MONTH in Todd County.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve notification to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Todd County's intent to administer and deliver the Energy Assistance Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2018.

An update was provided on the construction progress of the Hilltop Kitchen project in Eagle Bend.

Human Resources

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Pete Bleess effective July 28, 2017.

Auditor-Treasurer's
Report

The first half of Property Taxes is coming to a close. Kari Reid has started working within the Auditor-Treasurer's Office as an intern via NJPA. ISD #2759 Dissolution processes are moving forward with the Public Hearing scheduled for May 23, 2017.

Commissioner's
Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including updates from the Insurance Committee meetings and Rainbow Rider meetings.

Recess

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

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS		
Vendor Name		\$ Amount
M-R SIGN CO. INC.....		\$3,849.50
OLSON'S TRUCK &		
TRACTOR SERV		3,916.30
ZUERCHER TECH. LLC		8,670.00
109 PAYMENTS LESS		
THAN \$2,000.....		28,266.78
Total		\$44,702.58

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS		
Vendor Name		\$ Amount

COMMUNITY AND		
FAM. SRVS LLC.....		4,063.06
#4453		2,700.00
GERARD TREATMENT		
PROGRAMS		3,752.40
GREATHER MN FAMILY		
SRVS INC.....		5,955.84
HOLISTIC FAMILY		
ED. SRVS		7,127.47
#1911		3,207.94
#12512		2,298.30
KINDRED FAM. FOCUS... ..		2,562.72
LUNSER/ROBERT		2,462.08
LUTHERAN SOCIAL		
SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL ..		4,059.30
#10746		3,191.77
NORTHERN PINES		
MENTAL HLTH CTR		5,030.50
PINEHAVEN YOUTH		
AND FAM. SRVS INC.....		5,804.81
PORT OF CW GIRLS		
HOME		6,130.32
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....		18,515.88
WEST CENTRAL REG		
JUVENILE CTR		3,479.17
#14480		2,071.50
Payments less than		
\$2,000.....		38,057.34
Total		\$120,470.40

On a motion by Kircher

and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 16, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the regular board meeting held on June 6, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

24pnc

(ABBREVIATED
ADVERTISEMENT)
TODD COUNTY
HIGHWAY
CONCRETE BRIDGE
CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT
CLOSING DATE:
JULY 11, 2017

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., July 11, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

SAP 077-601-021

Concrete Bridge Construction Project located on CSAH 1 in Leslie Township

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works
Director/Engineer

24-26pnc

CITY OF MOTLEY
PLANNING
AND ZONING
COMMISSION
NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that the Motley Planning Commission will convene on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall to conduct the following public hearings:

Conditional use permit for the operation of a light repair (small engine repair) business with retail sales and outdoor storage in a fenced area.

Applicant: Matthew L. Rezac. Property Owner: Pogreba Family 2005 Rev. Trust. Partial Legal Description: Lots 7 & 8 Blk 15 Less E 10 ft to City. Property Address: 49 Ash Street E. Parcel ID(s): 41.0106.000.

All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard or send written comments to City Hall. Background information regarding the public hearings and staff reports are available at City Hall or online at www.hometownplanning.com typically 5 - 7 days prior to the hearing date.

Ben Oleson, Planning
and Zoning Administrator,
City of Motley

24pnc

NOTICE
STAPLES-MOTLEY
ISD #2170
BID REQUEST FOR
DAIRY PRODUCTS

Sealed bids for the 2017-18 school year for dairy products will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on June 16, 2017, in the district office of Independent School District #2170 located at 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479 at which time bids will be opened in said office.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with "Bid for Dairy Products" clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be sent to Independent School District #2170, District Office, 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the district office at the above address or by calling (218) 894-5400, ext. 3164.

Independent School District #2170 reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

Dave Hoemberg, Clerk
School Board
Staples-Motley School
District, ISD #2170

23-24pnc

STATE OF
MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
Case Type:
Dissolution without
Children
Court File No.
77FA-17-455

In Re the Marriage of
Tina Elizabeth
Contreras,
Petitioner

Dannie Kory
Contreras,
Respondent

THE STATE OF
MINNESOTA TO
THE ABOVE-NAMED
RESPONDENT:

WARNING: YOUR SPOUSE (HUSBAND OR WIFE) HAS FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU FOR DISSOLUTION OF YOUR MARRIAGE A COPY OF THE PAPERWORK REGARDING THE LAWSUIT IS SERVED ON YOU WITH THIS SUMMONS. THIS SUMMONS IS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT FROM THE COURT THAT AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS. READ THIS SUMMONS CAREFULLY. IF YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT, CONTACT AN ATTORNEY FOR LEGAL ADVICE.

1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this *Summons*.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the court a written *Answer* to the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, and you must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms are available from the court administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* upon Petitioner within thirty (30) days of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer*, the court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

3. This proceeding involves, affects, or brings into question the real property located at the following address 210 6th Street NE in Todd County, State of Minnesota, with the following legal description: Lot 3, Block 23, Townsite of Staples.

NOTICE OF
TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING
PROVISIONS

Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, assistance may be available to you through a non-profit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

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Dated: 5/2/2017

Tina E. Contreras,
Petitioner
210 6th Street NE
Staples, Minnesota 56479

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NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING
REGION FIVE
DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF REGION FIVE: A public hearing will be held Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at National Joint Powers Alliance, 202 12th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Public comment and review of FISCAL YEAR 2018 WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET.

Staci Headley
Regional Development
Planner, Region Five
Development Commission

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PUBLIC NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
ADJUSTMENT

215 First Ave. South
Long Prairie, Minnesota
56347 Ph: 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday June 29, 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. **Todd Bussman:** LOT-3 BLK-1 Bitz Subdivision (23 & 26-127-33)

Site Address: 10628 Alum Trl. PIN: 03-0074900

Variance request to reduce the setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 12 feet for proposed replacement of retaining wall.

2. **Les Levin:** Sec-32, Rng-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, for a 494 sq ft garage.

3. **Kirk and Cathy Lil-
ligrén:** LOT-2 BLK-1 Birch Point (29-127-32)

Site Address: 10636 Ash Dr. PIN: 11-0082500

Variance request to reduce the setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 48 feet for proposed 800 sq ft addition to existing cabin.

4. **Cyril and Debbie
Felling:** LOT-6 BLK-1 Scenic Valley Big Sauk Lake Add (23 & 26)

Site Address: 11409 Alcott Dr. PIN: 03-0065000

Variance request to reduce setback from 100 feet to 86 feet from OHWM for proposed addition to existing dwelling.

5. **Paul Lambrecht:** Sec-34 Twp 129 Rng 35

Site Address: 10615 County 47. PIN: 11-0043100

Variance request to reduce the structural setback from 100 feet to 65 feet from the OHWM for proposed 13 ft by 20 ft addition to existing home.

6. **John and Denise
Scharber:** Sect-35 Twp-129 Rang-35

Site Address: 21567 Finch Rd. PIN: 15-0043100

Variance request to reduce the setback from the lake from 75 ft to 32 ft for addition to existing deck.

7. **Jay Stanger:** Lot-2 Nagler's Mound View Estates (3-127-32)

Site Address: 32902 Conifer Dr. PIN: 11-0074600

Variance request to reduce the setback from the road right of way from 20 feet to 10 feet for proposed 30 foot by 32 foot garage.

8. **Steven Voss and
Deborah Walker:** Part of Sec-33 Twp-129 Rng-35 At NE corner of Lot 5 Hooker Add

Site Address: 12943 County 10. PIN: 15-0038301

Variance request to allow the number of RV Units on site to exceed two in shoreline zoning.

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

Bill Berscheit, Chair
Todd County
Board of Adjustment

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Repairs approved for Todd County Fairgrounds

Commissioner David Kircher said that there were a lot of unanswered questions yet, but that it seemed like there would be a lot more flexibility if the county did it themselves.

Stieber said that they would have an excellent tool to do some of the compliance checking as they recently had a Pictometry flight done and they will be able to compare maps and photos.

He said that they were over 75 percent compliant with the state water areas already.

Stieber will come up with a policy manual. He also noted some of the buffer work will require ordinance changes.

“We will be in a position to do a pretty good job with outreach on the soil and water side and enforcement through the planning and zoning side,” said Stieber.

He intends to bring a resolution establishing buffer jurisdiction to the county at the next board meeting on June 20.

In other business:

• MCIT, the County’s insurance provider, has conducted a loss control survey of the Todd County Fairgrounds. A summary

report was provided to the Facilities Committee with several repairs ordered in order to meet safety standards. The repairs include roof repairs, gravel fill, gate repairs and shower tiling and faucet replacement and relocation. Quotes have been gathered for the proposed repairs as follows:

-Gould Construction: \$2,500 roof repairs

-Todd County Public Works: \$2,500 gravel fill

-Randy Johnson Construction: \$3,690 gate repairs

-No Name Construction: not to exceed \$5,000 shower tiling and faucet replacement and relocation. (This company has not been designated so the amount is not to exceed \$5,000 no matter who gets the bid.)

The funds will come from the General Revenue Building and Grounds Improvement fund.

•The commissioners approved County Attorney Chuck Rasmussen’s request to hire a full time legal assistant for the remainder of 2017 due to the extensive workload of support staff. The office has grown from two attorneys and two support staff to four attorneys and remained at two

support staff. Next year he plans to budget for the full-time position. It was budgeted this year for part-time.

• Approved the resignation of Heavy Equipment Operator Charles Thieschafer and agreed to begin recruitment for this position.

• Public Works Engineer Loren Fellbaum said that the building for the new impound lot has the rafters up and that the building should be done by Aug. 1 if not earlier in July.

• Approved an agreement is between the county and Iona Township concerning the project administration, project engineering, construction management, cost participation, and future maintenance of the proposed bridge replacement project of Bridge #R0408 located in Iona Township.

• Approved an agreement between the county, Grey Eagle Township and Birchdale Township concerning the project administration, project engineering, construction management, cost participation, and future maintenance of the proposed road project on Angler Drive in 2019. The road would go between

Big Birch and Little Birch lakes.

• Acknowledged receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement for County Ditch 33 from Pete Bosl in Reynolds Township sections 32 and 33. Bosl plans on doing ditch maintenance and installing private crossings.

• Approve a brush control project on County Ditch 19 to be performed by Central Applicators of Foley at an estimated cost of \$15,024.90.

• Approved a contract with Gallagher & Co. for benefits consulting at a cost of \$16,000 for the remainder of 2017 and \$24,000 for 2018. The amount for 2017 is not budgeted.

Currently, Todd County partners with Resource Training and Solutions, a service cooperative, to procure health insurance. It has been a number of years since the county has bid for health insurance and reviewed the plan design.

Gallagher works with many other counties in the region including Morrison, Otter Tail, Wadena and Douglas.

In 2017, Todd County budgeted approximately \$2.9 million for health insurance.

“One of the primary goals

for hiring Gallagher would be for them to recommend possible changes to our current plan design and potentially take our group out to bid this year,” said County Coordinator Joe Hatch.

In addition to looking at potential changes to the health insurance plan design, Gallagher would also review all of the county’s benefit options.

The proposal includes one on one consulting with employees to discuss benefits, insurance and financial planning.

Chairman Rod Erickson said, “Spending money to save money appears applicable here.”

Hatch agreed, saying he thought the county would get some very aggressive bids.

“It’s a very good strategy for us and if it doesn’t work, we have an out in the contract,” said Hatch.

• During the reports section of the meeting, Hatch reported that the \$1.5 million was approved for the former Eagle Bend School. He said that in part, the funding was for development or redevelopment. He added that the Eagle Valley debt is also now extended to six years.

SCHOOL DISTRICT continued from page 1a

Eagle Valley district to be divided between Browerville and Bertha-Hewitt

the district owed.

Bertha-Hewitt Superintendent Eric Koep questioned if they (Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville) should change their agreements to six years also so they could help Eagle Valley out on this, too.

That’s when Kenney read the part of the statute that stated Eagle Valley taxpayers would be liable for their portion of the bonded debt of the district(s) to which they would be attached.

Although the two districts were willing to hold off on adding that burden to the pockets of the Eagle Valley taxpayers, Kenney said, “that is not what the statute says.”

Attorney Tom Deans said that because this was only the third or fourth time that this statute has been used in the last 50 years, it was a misunderstanding of what was meant.

“Our hands are tied on it,” said Deans.

Commissioner Barb Becker said that it was very misleading to the Eagle Valley District then, because that was not what they had been told. They had been told they would have five years to pay off the current debt.

Commissioner David Kircher said he could hear a lot of disgruntled taxpayers already.

Koep said it would impact the areas of the Eagle Valley District that were attached to Bertha-Hewitt quite a bit, to around \$100 a year per property.

Although Browerville School Superintendent Scott Vedbraaten was not at the meeting, Koep said that the properties attached to

Browerville would not see as big an impact because Browerville’s bonded debt was less than Bertha-Hewitt’s.

In addition to this change, the map of the district lines also changed a bit into a new option which will divide the Eagle Valley district closer to 50-50 with Browerville. It will entail Sections 1-24 of Eagle Valley Township being in the Bertha-Hewitt School District and Sections 25-36 would go to Browerville.

Koep said that this new split would help the Eagle Bend taxpayers a bit.

The other factors of the split included that the Eagle Bend building will go to Bertha-Hewitt and the Clarissa building will go to Browerville.

Koep and Vedbraaten planned to do a walk-through of the two buildings to divide the assets in each. An auction would be held for the items that neither district needs.

Chairman Rod Erickson said that he put a lot of trust in Koep and Vedbraaten to figure out who wants what and that anything not designated in the Eagle Bend building go to Bertha-Hewitt and anything not designated in the Clarissa building will go to Browerville.

There were questions about the ballfield in Clarissa and if it would still be usable by the Clarissa Cubs Baseball team.

Several options were discussed including that the Eagle Valley District could sell it to Bertha-Hewitt for \$1 and then they would transfer it to the city of Clarissa.

Deans said that the field can be sold between political subdivisions for \$1.

“We don’t know Browerville’s intentions at this time and they’re not here today,” said Deans.

He suggested the commissioner’s put whatever they wanted to see done into the order that would dictate certain aspects of the division.

Browerville instructor Bob Schueller who was at the meeting, said he thought the Browerville School Board had talked about giving the baseball/football field back to the city of Clarissa.

Questions about the Hilltop Regional Kitchen that is being built in a section of the former Eagle Valley High School in Eagle Bend raised further concerns.

Koep said that the kitchen would be sold back to the city of Eagle Bend for \$1.

Eagle Bend City Administrator Kevin Hess said that section is already surveyed so they would be able to use that.

He asked if the Eagle Bend School ball diamond could be sold back to the city of Eagle Bend and was told by Koep that was the intention.

Kircher said they would need to make sure these things were in the order.

Whatever the commissioner’s put in the order is enforceable, but can be appealed, according to Deans.

He said that everything needs to be done by June 30 because on July 1 the Eagle Valley District will no longer exist and no one

will be there.

The commissioners will give their orders at their June 20 meeting so Eagle Valley will have 10 days to make vehicle transfers and the like.

Another big question had to do with the Eagle Bend building.

Pursuant to Laws 2017, First Special Session, Chapter 8, Article 1, Section 20, Subdivision 8, the school district to which the territory containing the previous Eagle Bend High School is attached may obtain a grant from the state in the amount of \$1.5 million to prepare and develop the site, including demolition of buildings and infrastructure, to remove life safety hazards and to facilitate the redevelopment and reuse of the site.

“Once it gets torn down, the kitchen and the weight room areas will be governed by the lease agreement,” said Deans.

Hess asked if the lease agreement would be null and void.

It did not appear to according to Deans.

Hess asked if the \$1.5 million could be used to refurbish the Eagle Bend School.

“It could be, but \$1.5 million will not be enough to bring it back to usable,” said Deans citing the existence of mold and asbestos in the building.

Kircher said that the money would actually be allocated to the Bertha-Hewitt District not the city of Eagle Bend.

Kircher also wondered if they could ask for more if \$1.5 million was not enough to demolish it.

Deans said they could always ask, but it was anyone’s guess if they would get more.

Koep asked if the financial responsibility would become Bertha-Hewitt’s?

“We worked hard to get that \$1.5 million in there and Bertha-Hewitt can’t pay \$400,000 if it costs \$1.9 million to demo it,” said Koep.

Deans said that the commissioners needed to direct them on what specifically to put in the order.

Kenney went over the Eagle Valley outstanding bonded debt of \$36,715. Browerville will become responsible for the state principle and interest payments. The levies made by Eagle Valley previously to cover these bonds will be used.

The special session of the legislature also allowed bonding authority for reorganizing operating debt

which will be payable by the current Eagle Valley District and must be repaid in six years.

If something should come up that was not covered in the first bonding, the affected district could also do another levy with the approval of the commissioner of education to cover the debt. This would be levied against the former Eagle Valley District as well.

The final area of discussion for the order was in regard to the students.

It was agreed that in light of the timing of this proceeding, the board would encourage Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville to waive the open enrollment timelines and accept any former Eagle Valley student who wishes to open enroll in a district which is not his/her resident district on or before Sept. 1.

The final order will be issued by the commissioners at their June 20 meeting.

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TUESDAY • JUNE 20

STAGING DAY

12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Home & Hobbies Entries
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4-H Conference Judging of all non-livestock projects.
Exhibits brought in after 5:00 p.m. - on entry day will not be judged.
6:00 p.m. - Home & Hobbies Judging

ENTRY DAY IS TUESDAY THIS YEAR!

WEDNESDAY • JUNE 21

SNEAK PEEK DAY

9:00 a.m. - 4-H Horse Show
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - All Open Class exhibits in place (non-livestock).
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - 4H Livestock
5:00 p.m. - Advanced Ticket Sales End for the Carnival - Midway Rides
6:00 p.m. - Vendor Buildings Open
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Carnival Rides by Midwest Rides Arm Bands
6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Beer Garden Open
6:00 p.m. - Bingo - Beer Garden
6:00 p.m. - Vendor Buildings Open
6:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo
7:00 p.m. - Talent Contest on Concert Stage
5:00 p.m. - All animals in place 4-H and Open

TALENT CONTEST ON WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY • JUNE 22

KIDS/DAYCARE DAY

9:00 a.m. - Rabbit Show
10:00 a.m. - Opening Flag Ceremony -VFW local post
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Art Garden in the Old Beer Garden
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Beer Garden & Food Open
12:00 p.m. - Bingo - Beer Garden
12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m. - Vendor Buildings Open
12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. - Historical Buildings Open
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Arm Bands for Carnival Rides
1:00 p.m. - Closing Carnival Rides for Midwest Rides
1:00 p.m. - 4-H Swine Show - Swine Barn
1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo
2:00 p.m. - Bingo - Beer Garden
2:00 p.m. - Coin Scramble by Fair Office
2:00 p.m. - 4-H Lamb Lead - 4-H Wool Show - 4-H Sheep Show - Sheep Barn Arena
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Free Nitrate Testing Clinic - Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District
(bring 1/2 cup cool water in a zip lock or twist tie baggie or sterile jar)
3:00 p.m. - 4-H Beef followed by Open Class Beef (4:00 p.m.) - Dairy Show Arena
4:30 p.m. - 4-H Poultry Show - Sheep Barn Arena
7:00 p.m. - Enduro - Grandstand
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - "Wadena Whirlways Square Dancing" - Pavilion at beer garden
9:00 p.m. - Closing Flag Ceremony - 4H
9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Them Pesky Kids - Band Shell

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FRIDAY • JUNE 23

SENIOR'S & VETERAN'S DAY

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Goat Show - Sheep Barn Arena
8:45 a.m. - 4-H Dairy Show - Dairy Show Arena
9:00 a.m. - 4-H Fun and Games Horse Show - Horse Arena
10:00 a.m. - Flag Raising - 4H
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Dairy open class show
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Beer Garden & Food Open
12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - Bingo - Beer Garden
12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Vendor Buildings Open
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Historical Buildings Open
12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Reptile Man - Comm 2 Building
1:00 p.m. - Closing Carnival Rides by Midwest Rides Carnival
1:00, 3:00, & 5:00 p.m. - Sherwin Linton
1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo
2:00 p.m. - Coin Scramble by Fair Office
2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Free Nitrate Testing Clinic - Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District
(bring 1/2 cup cool water in a zip lock or twist tie baggie or sterile jar)
4:00 p.m. - 4-H Llama Show - Show Arena
4:00 p.m. - 4-H Pride Auction deadline for sign-up
5:00 p.m. - Chamber of Commerce Steak Fry just outside of beer gardens
7:00 p.m. - Central MN Bulls & Barrels
9:00 p.m. - Flag Lowering - 4H
9:00 p.m. - Dirt Road Dixie - Band Shell

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SATURDAY • JUNE 24

FAMILY DAY

9:00 a.m. - 4H Horse Show - Buckle Series (4 county show)
10:00 a.m. - Flag Raising - 4H
11:00 a.m. - Kiddie Pedal Pull - Registration and Pull
11:00 a.m. - Round Robin in the Show Arena
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Beer Garden & Food Open
12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Vendor Buildings Open
12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - Bingo - Beer Garden
12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Historical Buildings Open
12:45 p.m. - Farm Family of the Year Award
1:00 p.m. - & 3:00 p.m. - Imaginick
1:00 p.m. - to Closing Carnival Rides by Midwest Rides
1:00 p.m. - 4-H Pride Auction, State Fair Meeting immediately following
2:00 p.m. - Antique Tractor Pull, Lawn Mower & ATV Pull
2:00 p.m. - Coin Scramble by Fair Office
4:00 p.m. - 4-H Fashion Review
4:00 p.m. - Texas Hold-Em
4:00 p.m. - Barnyard Olympics - Dairy Show Arena (teams sign-up in office)
6:00 p.m. - Red River Valley Pullers Truck & Tractor Pull
12:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Reptile Man - Comm 2 Bldg
1:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Petting Zoo
9:00 p.m. - Flag Lowering - 4H
9:00 p.m. - Live Band Junk FM - Band Shell

SUNDAY • JUNE 25

11:00 a.m. - State Fair meeting for NON-livestock member at the 4-H building
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Exhibits Released
2:00 p.m. - Demo Derby

Electric Co-op lists Operation Round Up grant recipients

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative's Community Trust Board recently met and awarded 11 Operation Round Up grants to local non-profit organizations, totaling of \$10,006.25.

"Giving back to the community we serve is a core cooperative principal," said Tim Pavsek, manager of member services. "The Operation Round Up Program from Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative is a great way for the co-op and its members to give back."

The recipient organizations and their awards are as follows:

Old Wadena Society, \$500 (Bogwalk Repair); Sebek Fire & Rescue, \$1,000 (Power Washer); Sacred Heart Area School, \$500 (New Park Bench); Browerville Area Trap Shooting Team, \$360 (Uniform Vests); Kindred Family Focus, \$500 (Reimbursement Request); Never Give Up, \$500 (Suicide Awareness & Prevention); River Trail Riders Saddle Club, \$3,000 (Arena Fencing and Announcer Stand); Kinship of the Wadena Areas, \$1,500 (Start Up Costs for New Organization); Todd County Historical Society, \$396.25 (Preservation of Records); Care/Back to School, \$1,000 (Provide Back to School Supplies); Wadena County Friendly

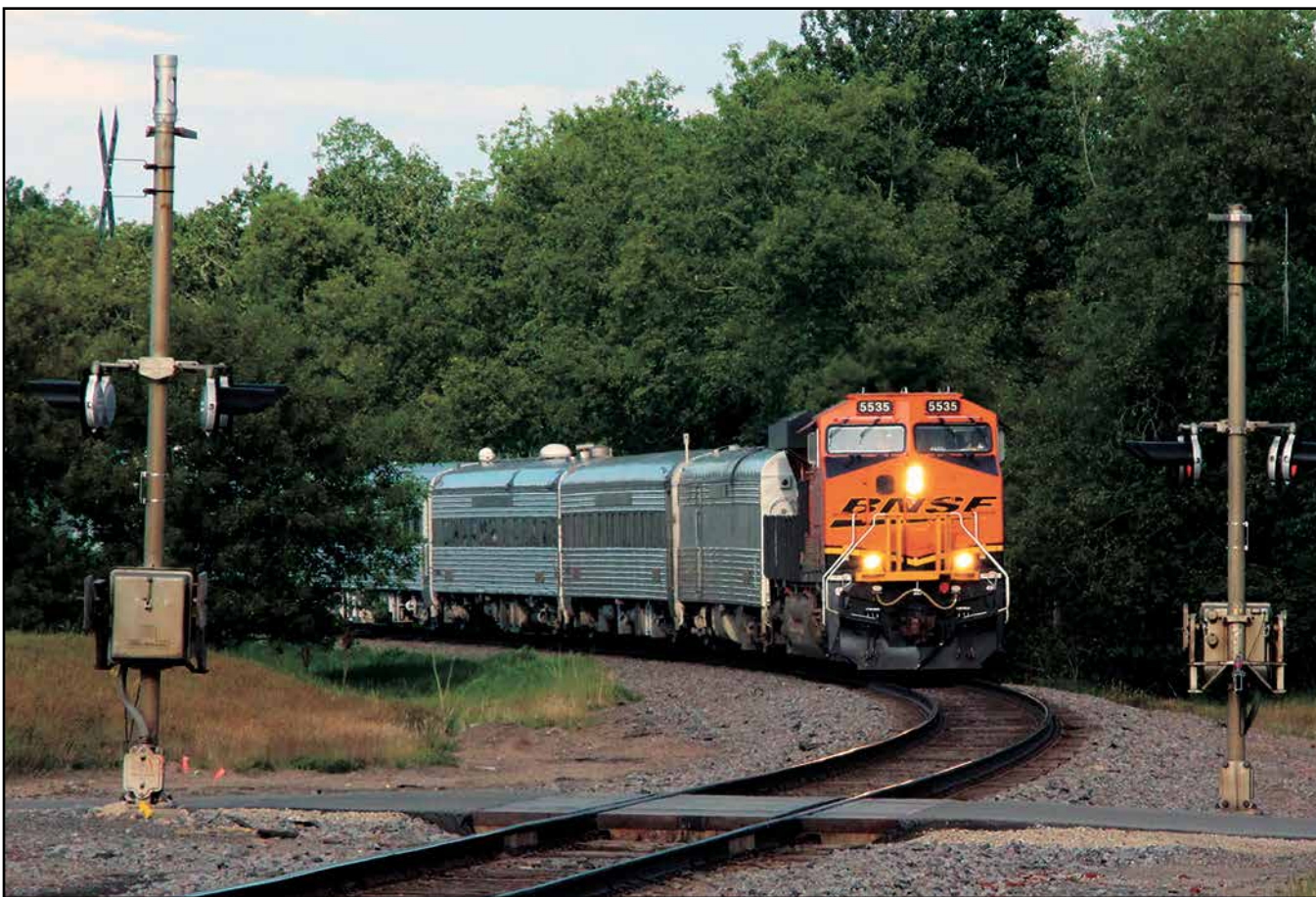
Rider, \$750 (Summer Rec Transportation).

Funds for the Operation Round Up program come from participating Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative members who allow their monthly electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar, with the change allocated to a Community Trust Fund. The average donation is less than 50 cents a month, yet together, members raise and donate about \$30,000 annually to community service projects in the two-county area.

Since the program's inception in 2002, more than 600 local service projects have been funded a total of \$450,000.

Todd-Wadena's Operation Round Up grant applications are reviewed and recipients selected three times a year by a seven-member volunteer Community Trust board. The next application deadline will be September 15.

Local, nonprofit community service groups may apply for Operation Round Up grants by stopping by or calling the Cooperative office at 800-321-8932 or by downloading a copy of the application form and guidelines from the Todd-Wadena website, www.tod-wadena.coop and clicking the 'Our Community' tab.



Old time train barrels in to Motley

Vintage passenger cars from the 1950s era were used to transport railroad employees, former employees and their families on a special BNSF appreciation ride on June 8. The train journeyed from Brainerd to just outside Staples and then returned. Many of the vintage train cars are being restored and still showed their original names like Mt. Rainier, Fred Harvey, Glorieta Pass, Red River, Fox River, Bay View, Colorado River, Powder River, Flathead River, Mountain View, Missouri River, Lake Superior, Rollins Pass and Mt. San Antonio. Pictured, the train approaches the 1st Ave. N. crossing in Motley. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Restored passenger car

The Powder River passenger car advertised the special appreciation train ride. Other special rides were planned for Grand Forks and Duluth.



Making the world a brighter place

Members of the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club have been hard at work planting flowers in the towns of Motley and Staples. Recently, they planted a variety of petunias in 30 large barrels which will be placed throughout Motley. Pictured, from left, are Geri Altrichter, Marlene Prodahl, Bernice Thomson, Florence Berndt, Fran Kokett, Sherry Miller Frisk; and Marilyn Hall, the club's president. Not pictured, are club members Paula Johnson, Bob and Joan Hamann; and Bill and Joyce Kuehn. The club also takes care of the flowers at the post office and Veterans Park in Motley; and in Staples at Caboose Park and Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank. See story on page 4b. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Testing Todd County water flowing into the Mississippi

The Upper Mississippi River - Brainerd watershed, which includes parts of Todd, Morrison, Crow Wing, Cass and Aitkin counties, includes 212 lakes larger than 10 acres, and 2,149 river miles - sources of economy, recreation and tourism for the area.

While the health of Todd County's waters are important to those who live, work and vacation here, it trickles down - literally - to the Gulf of Mexico, where the water eventually ends up, a resource for millions of people along the way.

In an effort to ensure water leaving Todd County is just as clean, if not cleaner, than when it arrived here, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), along with the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), the Aitkin County SWCD and Central Lakes College are teaming up to monitor bodies of water to identify areas where land use changes are necessary and resources need protecting.

The teams will be collecting water samples from 25 locations within the watershed — studying water

clarity, oxygen, nutrient and bacteria levels in area lakes, streams and rivers. MPCA crews will also be sampling fish using electrofishing equipment from June-September, and collecting invertebrate samples from August-October.

"This intensive monitoring and assessment approach is being used in the state's 80 major watersheds on a rotating 10-year cycle," said Chad Anderson, aquatic biologist with the MPCA's Baxter office. "We want to make sure Minnesota continues to have fishable, swimmable waters."

This is the second year of the four-year process. Once all the data is gathered and analyzed, a full picture of the health of Todd County's waterways, and the watershed as a whole, will come together. Then, local SWCDs and the MPCA will create an improvement plan and take actions designed to restore and protect each county's water quality.

"We'll address the unhealthy areas and bring them back to state standard," said Shannon Wettstein, water planner for the

Todd County SWCD. "It's also our goal to provide people with the resources they'll need to help improve the water quality."

A recent study by the MPCA shows the upper Mississippi River, which starts at Lake Itasca in northern Minnesota, is nearly pristine. It becomes more polluted by development, farm runoff and pollution from cities as it flows south. By the time the river reaches Minneapolis, it no longer meets standards set by the Clean Water Act for aquatic life and human use.

"This is a big challenge, but we can make a difference, right here at the local level," said Wettstein.

This project, funded by the Clean Water and Land Legacy Amendment, was created to preserve Minnesota's drinking water sources, as well as protect, enhance and restore wetlands, prairies, forests, fish, game and wildlife habitat. For more information, visit www.co.todd.mn.us and navigate to Soil and Water Conservation Development, or www.pca.state.mn.us, and search "Mississippi River Brainerd."

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MDA seeks public input on draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) is seeking public review and comment of a draft proposal for regulating the use of nitrogen fertilizer in Minnesota.

The purpose of the proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule is to minimize the potential for nitrate-nitrogen contamination from fertilizer in the state's groundwater and drinking water. Nitrate is one of the most common contaminants in Minnesota's groundwater and elevated levels of nitrate in drinking water can pose serious health concerns for humans.

The MDA is seeking public input and will be holding five public listening sessions throughout the state to discuss the proposed Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule at which written comments can be submitted. The draft rule can be viewed online at www.mda.state.mn.us/nfr.

All comments regarding the proposed rule must be submitted in writing. After

consideration of comments received, the MDA expects to publish the final draft of the rule in the fall of 2017. The rule is expected to be adopted in the fall of 2018.

The draft Nitrogen Fertilizer Rule is based on the Minnesota Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan (NFMP) which recommends steps for minimizing impacts of nitrogen fertilizer on groundwater and emphasizes involving the local community in developing local solutions.

The NFMP went through an extensive development process with input provided by farmers, crop advisors, and others in the agricultural community.

Listening sessions on the draft rule will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, July 11, 6:00 p.m., Robertson Theatre, Wadena-Deer Creek High School, 600 Colfax Ave. SW, Wadena, MN 56482.

Thursday, July 6, 3:00 p.m., Great River Regional Library, 1300 West Saint Germain Street, St. Cloud, MN 56301.



Klefsaas sets state pole vault record ... again

Giza raises his own pole vault bar with third place finish

Millie Klefsaas and Max Giza flew higher than ever in the pole vault, as Klefsaas broke her own state meet record to win the girls pole vault and Giza had his highest vault of the year to place third in the boys state track and field meet.

Both athletes also placed in their hurdle races, although they fared better in the preliminaries than in the finals.

Last year, Klefsaas set the state meet pole vault record by clearing 12 feet. This year, when she cleared 11'6" there were no competitors left, so Klefsaas raised the bar to 12'3" and cleared it on her first try to break the record again. She missed her next three attempts at 12'6".

"Millie was confident and strong in her record-breaking performance," said Coach Bruce Fuhrman.

Klefsaas also performed well in the 110 meter hurdles. She had the third fastest qualifying time after winning her preliminary heat. In the finals, Klefsaas actually improved her time but it was an incredibly fast race, as the top three runners finished faster than the state meet record



State success for Staples-Motley team

Staples-Motley track and field athletes Millie Klefsaas and Max Giza show their medals with pole vault coach Tony Spandl, left, and track coaches Cory Asfeld and Bruce Fuhrman. (Submitted photo)

and Klefsaas finished sixth. Her time of 15.10 was close to her personal best that she set last year while winning the state meet.

In the boys meet, Giza was one of five pole vaulters to clear 14 feet, his highest mark this season. At 14'3", he missed on his first attempt but cleared it on his second, while two other competitors missed all three attempts. He then

missed at 14'6", while the other two cleared that height and he finished third.

"Max was poised to compete until the end," said Fuhrman. "Unfortunately the heat after running the 300 prelims took its toll on his final performance."

In the 300 hurdles, Giza broke 40 seconds for the first time in the preliminaries, winning his heat in

39.27. That was the second fastest qualifying time in the state. In the finals, Giza was in position to be in the top two when he hit a late hurdle. "Max was going for the win when some contact with the hurdle caused him to fall," said Fuhrman. Despite the fall, Giza still finished in 41.67, placing ninth.



State champion rising

Millie Klefsaas points her feet over the bar during the state track meet pole vault. (Submitted photo)

Burnham is Big Ten POY

Sarah Burnham, granddaughter of Dave and Karen Burnham of Staples and daughter of Kurt and Patty Burnham of Maple Grove, led Michigan State to the Big Ten women's golf title this spring.

She was also named the 2017 Big Ten Women's Golf Player of the Year.

Burnham finished second in the Big Ten tourna-

ment at TPC River's Bend in Cincinnati, Ohio, shooting 73, 63 and 75. Her 63 was the lowest 18 hole score in the tournament.

Burnham also finished tied for 24th at the NCAA championships at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, Illinois. She was 13 over par with rounds of 79, 77 and 73.



Summer baseball started

The Staples-Motley Babe Ruth U-13 baseball team got going early with games June 6 and 8. Pictured, pitchers Gordon Ramirez and Jacob Trantina. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Summer training

Staples-Motley athletes from various sports started strength and conditioning training on June 12. At right, students lift weights at the high school weight room. Above, students do some outdoor specialized training, taking off on a sprint after starting in a lying down position. The community education program runs through Aug. 3. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Common sense prevails; license fees will rise

The late New York Yankee baseball catcher Yogi Berra has been credited with coining the all-too-obvious wisdom "It ain't over 'til it's over." Berra became known almost as much for his oddball sayings as for his baseball heroics over a lengthy all-star caliber career, but this one is probably the most remembered. Also perhaps the most useful.

It aptly describes the never-say-die mentality that drives a come-from-behind win in just about any sport; or, life in general, for that matter. It could also describe some important elements in the extra innings outcome of budget legislation approved by the

Minnesota Legislature and Governor Dayton in the last days of May.

With accusations of sneaky law drafting, a Governor vowing to make the Legislature work without pay, and majority GOP lawmakers threatening to sue the Governor, there was nothing warm and friendly about the way the Legislature's business wrapped up some two weeks ago. The battle of wills between the Governor and the Legislature was every bit as heated as the fabled rivalries between the Yankees and the Boston Red Sox, or the Gophers and Wisconsin's Badgers.

But when all was said and done, there was compromise in several areas. One area I watched closely was a proposal to modestly raise the cost of deer hunting and fishing licenses. Also snowmobile and ATV registration fees, and the cost of state park daily and yearly passes.

Key among these, however, are the deer hunting

and fishing license fees for both residents and non-residents. Revenues from these fees largely support the state's Game and Fish Fund, which is used for on-the-ground fish and wildlife management programs. Without a boost from license revenues, some programs and the personnel to staff them were expected to soon be on the chopping block.

For some time during the budget negotiation process, the prospects looked bleak for these fee increases, despite the fact that most major Minnesota conservation organizations backed them. These included the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Pheasants Forever, Minnesota Waterfowl Association, and many others. But until the 11th hour, the House Republican leadership steadfastly opposed the increases.

Not all, as it turns out. Featured in a Twin City newspaper column in late April was a House Repub-

lican legislator who broke ranks with her leadership and supported the fishing and hunting fee increases. Carrie Ruud, who represents the northern part of Crow Wing County in central Minnesota, is a hunter, angler, paddler, snowshoe racer, and describes herself as "always ... a great consumer of the outdoors." Rep. Ruud was a visible crack in what had seemed a solid wall of House Republican opposition.

About that time, as April was transitioning to May and the Legislature and Governor were still trading punches over their budget differences, I called my own state representative - also a Republican - to ask him to support the increased hunting and fishing license fees. He said "I've talked to my constituents, and many of them are opposed to any tax increases." To which I answered: "These aren't taxes; they're user fees. They're like a greens fee to play golf, or the price of admission to

a movie. The only people who pay are the ones who take part in the activity."

"That's not how they see it," my congressman responded. "Well... here's an opportunity to teach them," I said. I was a bit taken aback when he then asked "Whose job is that?" I'm not completely certain where this responsibility begins and ends, so I asked him a question in response: "Is it a lawmaker's job to follow, or to lead?"

I think most people believe it's important that senators and congressmen have leadership qualities. Yet it seems a lot of politicians adopt positions and policies based on what they think will get them - and keep them - elected. We especially see that every four years during the presidential primary season, when the major parties' nominations are on the line. You regularly find some candidate suddenly "seeing the light" and adopting a position that clearly differs from one they held in the

past, rather than risk losing favor over some deal-breaker issue. Some call that enlightenment; others call it spineless.

Fish and wildlife management costs money. Fish hatcheries and their personnel, efforts to control diseases and invasive species, rehabilitating shallow lakes and wetlands so they'll produce ducks and geese, and many other programs, do not just happen. There are very few expenditures that can yield more hours of enjoyment per dollar invested than the modest fees we pay to fish and hunt.

Many conservation organizations vocally backed the fee increases. Hunters and anglers like myself called their lawmakers. And some congressmen and senators had the courage to do what needed to be done rather than toe the party line.

It's enough to make one think there's hope for the political process.



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Pat O'Regan back on Motley City Council



Taking the oath of office

Pat O'Regan, left, was sworn in as the newest member of the Motley City Council June 12, at the council's regular meeting. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja conducted the ceremony. O'Regan, who has previously served the city as mayor and council member, was one of three candidates who submitted a letter of intent for the open council seat. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

After a brief hiatus, Pat O'Regan is once again a member of the Motley City Council. He was sworn into office at the council's regular meeting June 12, filling the seat vacated by Nate Douglas who resigned this past April. O'Regan was one of three candidates who submitted a letter of intent

regarding the vacant seat. The others who indicated a desire to serve on the council were Hillery Rubink and Bob Follis. Follis was on the ballot for Motley City Council this past November. Previously, O'Regan served on the council both as mayor; and as a council member. His most recent term ended in 2016. In addition, O'Regan has been a long-time member of the city's Planning & Zoning

Commission, of which he serves as administrator. After a short discussion, council member Amy Hutchison made a motion that O'Regan fill the vacant council seat. She thanked all three of the people who had submitted letters of intent (O'Regan and Follis were both in attendance); and acknowledged that all of them were doing good things for the city. However, Hutchison noted that they have a relatively young council (many are in their first year of service) and that O'Regan's knowledge and leadership abilities would be of great help. Council member Jace Carlson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. After being sworn in by Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja, O'Regan took his seat at the council table, where he was congratulated by Mayor Al Yoder; and council members Carlson, Hutchison and Steve Johnson. O'Regan and his wife Marilyn have lived in Motley for approximately 30 years. They own and operate 'Pat's Place,' an antique shop in downtown Motley. In addition to his role on the city council, O'Regan is a member of the Motley Lions and the Motley Area Food Shelf, of which he serves as chair. In other matters the council:

- APPROVED the revised job descriptions for Clerk/Treasurer, Police Chief, Police Officer, Public Works Director, Assistant Maintenance Worker/General Laborer.
- APPROVED the City of Motley Policy updates.
- APPROVED investing in the sludge reduction program, through Team Laboratory Chemical Corp. of Detroit Lakes, for the city's two primary wastewater ponds. Total cost is approximately \$6,480.
- Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director, said that they are getting a lot of build-up in the ponds and he hopes this will help. It will be a lot less expensive than dredging, which costs approximately \$200,000.
- APPROVED donating \$550 to go toward Motley youth swimming lessons at the Staples Community Center.
- APPROVED having a water system survey performed by Water Conservation Services, Inc., to pinpoint areas of leakage. Total cost estimate is \$1,080.
- APPROVED a temporary liquor license for the Motley Fair, June 16 - 18, at the fairgrounds. Beverages will be served in a fenced-in area at the grandstand.
- HEARD from Bob Jenkins during the public forum. Jenkins wondered if the June Fest committee was given the same criteria to follow that was required of the Motley Two Rivers



Welcoming O'Regan

Mayor Al Yoder, center, shakes the hand of Pat O'Regan, after he is sworn in as a member of the Motley City Council June 12. Also pictured, from left, are council members Jace Carlson, Amy Hutchison, Steve Johnson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

- Music Fest in years past.
- APPROVED the fire department's request to participate in local parades this summer, including Staples, Pillager, Leader and Scandia Valley.
 - LEARNED that the sidewalk has been paved by Dollar General.
 - HEARD from Johnson that the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the staff (Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; Bryan Stevens, Maintenance Assistant) had received a Certificate of Commendation from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, "Recognizing exemplary effort expanded in the year 2016 to comply with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's NPDES/SDS Permit Program."
 - LEARNED that the city clean-up day was a success. Johnson noted that everyone was there to help and that it felt good that they worked as a team. Smieja agreed, stating that it boosted morale.
 - THANKED Holly Cuffe, Motley resident, for providing treats at the city wide clean-up. She did this on her own and the council and city staff said they are very appreciative.
 - SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.
 - HELD a closed session to conduct an annual performance evaluation for Police Chief Ron Smith.

'Sprinkle and Sprout' garden club busy planting flowers

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club has been planting flowers throughout the towns of Motley and Staples for more years than they can remember. She's not sure when the club officially started, but Marilyn Hall, club president, knows that, "it's been a long, long time." Club member Bernice Thomson said she remembers being asked by the late Bud Swecker if she'd like to join the group. She said, 'yes,' and has been a devoted member ever since. The club is responsible for maintaining 30 large barrels throughout the City of Motley. In the spring, they plant a variety of petunias in the barrels and maintain them throughout the summer. After the flowers are planted, Bruce Brotherton,

the city's Public Works Director, helps transport the barrels to their downtown locations. Two - three times a week, Thomson makes sure all of the flowers are watered. She drives the club's 'water wagon' which she fills up and then proceeds to water all of the barrels in town, which takes a couple of hours each time. In addition to the 30 barrels, the club takes care of the flowers at the post office and Veterans Park in Motley; and in Staples at Caboose Park and at Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank. Providing these flowers for the towns of Staples and Motley is not without cost. The Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club depends on donations, as well as monies raised during their annual plant sale. Last year, they received a grant to help with expenses,

Hall said. The club recently approached the Motley City Council, at their regular meeting June 12, to ask for some sort of financial assistance. Thomson informed the council that it costs \$500 to put flowers throughout the city; and that they have never asked the city for assistance before. She noted how pretty the flower-filled barrels look and that everyone can enjoy them. In addition to the cost of the flowers, the club insures their own tractor (which pulls the water wagon) for \$300 a year. Initially, they wondered if it would be possible, as a volunteer organization, to be added to the city's insurance policy. Mayor Al Yoder said it might be possible, but then the club would have to be under the direction of the city. He thought it might be more feasible for the city to donate money to the club which they could use at their discretion. The council discussed the matter briefly and all were in favor of helping the Sprinkle and Sprout Club by way of a monetary donation. In the end, they passed a motion to donate \$500 to the club. Council member Amy Hutchison thanked the club members for all they do throughout the city. "You do a lot," she added.

Vendors/crafters sought for Summerfest

The Lincoln Ladies Aid is seeking vendors and crafters for the Scandia Valley Summerfest Saturday, Aug. 5, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Summerfest will be held at the Scandia Valley Town Hall, 3518 320th St. in Cushing. Vendors and crafters will need to provide their own tables and chairs; and a canopy or tent for outdoors. Set up is at 7 a.m. and is on a first-come, first-serve basis, unless you have paid for a reserved spot. For more information, call Laine Ropson at 218-575-2188 or email LaineCR4@gmail.com.



Gardeners at work

Members of the Sprinkle and Sprout Garden Club were at work in Staples recently, planting flowers at Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank. This is one of the places they take care of each summer. Others include the Caboose Park in Staples; and in Motley, they maintain flowers at Veterans Park and the post office, as well as 30 barrels throughout the City of Motley. Sprinkle and Sprout club members include Marilyn Hall, Fran Kokett, Bob and Joan Hamann, Florence Berndt, Bernice Thomson, Geri Altrichter, Marlene Prodahl, Sherry Miller Frisk, Paula Johnson, Bill and Joyce Kuehn. (Submitted photo)

Law enforcement reports, Motley

- Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:
- June 6 - The MPD issued a citation to Rayshawn Frelix, 24, for Driving After Revocation (DAR) and for not having insurance. Earlier, the MPD had received a call from the Staples Police that a vehicle traveling east on Hwy 10 had been stopped and cited by the Wadena Police for DAR. The driver, Frelix, had been instructed to park and find a ride home, but then he drove away. Staples PD was unable to catch up. When MPD Chief Ron Smith stopped the vehicle, the driver said he had been stopped and cited in Staples and was told by the officer to drive home. Chief Smith advised Frelix that Staples PD had called and reported he drove away after being instructed not to.
- June 5 - The MPD issued a citation to Georgia Hunter, 27, for speeding, not having proof of insurance. Address on driver's license was not up to date.
- June 5 - The MPD received a call from a business owner in Motley who reported finding a bicycle on his property. Bike was taken to the city's maintenance shop.
- June 5 - The MPD reports that toilet paper had been burned in the bathrooms at Ernie Converse Park in Motley.
- June 4 - The MPD issued a citation to Gannon Strain, 18, for not wearing a seatbelt.
- June 4 - The MPD issued a speeding citations to John Freise, 65; Samuel Gran, 30; Hailey Wixo, 22.
- June 4 - The MPD responded to a report of an accident at a Orton's BP, Motley. Officer reports that as driver no. 1 pulled away from the south side of the center pump island, the canoe extending from the back of his vehicle made contact with the door of vehicle no. 2, which was parked on the north side of the south island. No damage to canoe, minor damage to the second vehicle's door.
- June 7 - The MCSO assisted Guy Graton, the driver of a vehicle that had stalled at 330th St. and Hwy 10 in Motley. Deputy Al Yoder gave Graton a ride to his residence.
- June 6 - The MCSO received a call from Michael Altrichter reporting he hit a deer with his truck while traveling on 330th St. in Motley and there was damage to vehicle.
- June 6 - The MCSO received a call from a Cushing resident in regard to her EBT/Social Security card that had been stolen.
- June 6 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at Pine View Blvd. in Motley, who reported that her neighbor's dog has been coming into her family's yard and killing their chickens. The deputy spoke with the neighbor who stated that he has the dog tied up, but it breaks the rope. The neighbor stated he offered to pay compensation for the chickens and is looking into getting rid of the dog.
- June 5 - The MCSO received a report of a chair that was on fire on the front porch of a house on the 26000 block of Front St. in Cushing. Randall Fire responded and put the fire out. Deputy Casey King made contact with the homeowner, who was asleep. She stated she was in the chair earlier smoking and may have left a cigarette. There were no signs of intentional setting.
- June 3 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at 1st Ave. North in Motley who stated that his neighbor across the street has a very loud ATV and it wakes him up between 3 and 4 a.m. two - three times a week.
- June 1 - The MCSO received several calls regarding a white four-door car traveling west in the east-bound lane of Hwy 10 near Cushing. Units checked the area of Hwy 10 and County Rd. 20, but were unable to locate the suspect vehicle.



Awarded certificate

Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director for the City of Motley, is pictured with a certificate he recently received from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), recognizing the city's wastewater treatment facility staff and their exemplary efforts to comply with the MPCA's NPDES/SDS Permit Program in the year 2016. The certificate will be framed and be displayed at the wastewater treatment facility in Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)