

Staples moves on lodging tax

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council could have the first reading of an ordinance establishing a lodging tax in the city at their March 14 meeting. At the Feb. 28 meeting, the council reviewed a sample ordinance.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said most hotels are in favor of the tax, as it's paid by customers and 95 percent of the proceeds will be used to fund a tourism promotion committee for the purpose of marketing and promoting the city for tourism.

At the previous council meeting, it was suggested that a local non-profit, LEAP (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, Positiveness) could be the entity that uses the funds for marketing. At the Feb. 28 meeting, LEAP president Tim Rice told the council their view on the issue.

Rice defined LEAP as a facilitator of things that go on in the community and a fiscal agent for several groups so they have a conduit to receive grant funds.

As far as becoming the entity to receive funds from the lodging tax, Rice said "We are an option, we aren't soliciting to be the one. If you choose another option, we'll work as hard as we can to commit to that option, because that's our role."

He said LEAP's marketing committee is "really flexible" to changing their structure or allowing others to join the committee.

In other news, the council

- Approved temporary onsale liquor license for Sacred Heart Area School to sell liquor at a fundraiser.

- Heard from Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz on the hiring of a new officer, to start on April 3.

- Update from Park and Recreation Director Kevin Grondahl, they're averaging approximately 100 kids for the Saturday open swim sponsored by Lakewood Health System.



A fun night for all

Staples-Motley Elementary School students and their parents got dressed up for a formal dance held March 3. The dance floor was busy most of the evening as dads, daughters, mothers and sons showed some of their fancy dance moves. Snacks were provided and formal photos taken. At left are Seth Dokken, left, with his daughter Adriane, and Mike Judd with his daughter Ella. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Hello, Readers, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



Spring forward, fall backward. Get ready to set your clocks forward Sunday, March 12. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. that day. This doesn't apply if you live in Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa; they don't observe Daylight Saving Time. If your only clock is on your phone or computer, you probably don't have to do a thing. iPhones, iPads and Macbooks all update automatically. Most Android phones should do the same. Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 5 at 2 a.m. The Germans were the first to officially adopt the light-extending system in 1915 as a fuel-saving measure during World War I. The British switched one year later, and the United States followed in 1918, when Congress passed the Standard Time Act, which established our time zones. This experiment lasted only until 1920, when the law was repealed due to opposition from dairy farmers (cows don't pay attention to clocks). During World War II, Daylight Saving Time was imposed once again (this time year-round) to save fuel. Since then, Daylight Saving Time has been used on and off, with different start and end dates.

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Culinary Academy coming to SMHS

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Staples-Motley High School will offer a Culinary Academy next school year thanks to action taken at a special school board meeting Mar. 6.

The special meeting followed a work session that also covered the career and technical education (CTE) levy and other staffing recommendations.

Mike Schmidt, high school principal, has been working with Bridges Career Academies & Workplace Connections to develop this option. Bridges Academy partners with businesses and area schools to provide hands-on learning activities that combine technical, academic and work-skills related to a specific career.

The Culinary Academy works with chefs from area resorts such as Kavanaugh's, Grand View

Lodge, Madden's, Ruttger's, Breezy Point and Cragun's as well as other industry partners.

In addition to professional food preparation, the course will offer skills in hospitality, customer service, teamwork and time management that will help students gain entry-level employment in the field or the basic knowledge needed to continue on to higher education.

The school board approved increasing the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) position from half time to full time.

Lisa Kajer is retiring from this position. She taught one hour in Connections High School. The rest of her time was spent teaching high school students child development and pre-school education as well as culinary basics, sewing and foods classes. Another area is life skills classes, especially for special education students.

Schmidt explained that the

child development and pre-school education classes will be taught as "College In School" or articulated courses with Central Lakes Colleges. Students will earn college credit while staying in the high school. Those students gain practical experience by assisting at Staples-Motley Elementary School. The Staples-Motley District is the only school with this agreement

with CLC at this time.

The full time FACS position will allow for flexibility in scheduling and coordination of the Culinary Academy and the child development classes as well as more life skills classes.

Affiliation with the Culinary Academy will aid the school in

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SEDA promoting loans

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

At their Feb. 28 meeting the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) discussed promoting their loan programs to businesses in Staples. Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said "the money in the community's hands is much more valuable than sitting in our

bank account."

The SEDA has loans for businesses to fix up their storefronts and gap funding to enhance bank loans where the business needs a little more to finish a project.

Radermacher said the SEDA should try to make more personal connections with individual businesses so they become interested in what the SEDA has to offer.

Carlson brothers earn Eagle Scout rank

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Only five percent of Boy Scouts achieve the highest rank of Eagle Scout; and on Feb. 20, brothers Jordon and Garrett Carlson of Motley became part of that elite group.

A special ceremony, led by Central Minnesota Council's Order of the Arrow

The Carlsons are members of Staples Motley Boy Scouts Troop 61. Their parents, Jace and Holly Carlson, have been their Scout leaders since the boys first entered the program over a decade ago.

Jordon, 16, was five years old when he joined Cub Scouts; and Garrett, now 15, was just four.

It was their older brother Zachary, an Eagle Scout since 2014, who introduced the Carlson family to Boy Scouts. Now 17, Zachary was six years old when he brought home some literature about the program from school. His dad read through it, was impressed, and after Zachary joined Cub Scouts, he

decided to become a leader. Not long after, Zachary's younger brothers followed in his footsteps and Holly would join forces with her

husband in leading the troop.

"The boys have had such great experiences and met a lot of wonderful people,"

Holly said of their time in Boy Scouts.

A poster board decorated with numerous awards and badges earned

by Jordon and Garrett was on display at the recent ceremony. In addition, were several scrap books that documented the boys' service projects, trips and camping experiences throughout their 11 years in Boy Scouts.

Some of the highlights, Garrett shared, have been rock climbing and canoeing in the Boundary Waters. Jordon pointed to a photo of the National Jamboree in West Virginia, of which he and others from Troop 61 (including his brother, Zachary) were able to attend. This summer, Jordon and Garrett will attend the National Jamboree as elected Patrol Leaders. Their dad, Jace, will be joining them as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Over the years, both Jordon and Garrett have earned 94 merit badges. They also have each spent hours doing the necessary work to earn the coveted Eagle Scout rank.

Jordon's Eagle Scout project entailed building five picnic tables to be used on the playground at Sta-

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Proud parents

Jace and Holly Carlson, Motley, have supported their sons' involvement in the Boy Scouts program since they first joined, including serving as leaders for Troop 61, of which their sons are members. Recently, they were acknowledged at a special ceremony for their sons Garrett and Jordon, who both received their Eagle Scout rank. Pictured, from left, are Holly, Garrett, Jordon and Jace Carlson. In addition, Garrett presented his mother with a mentor pin; and Jordon presented a mentor pin to Levi Muhlenkamp. The Carlsons oldest son, Zachary, is also an Eagle Scout. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Todd County welcomes new coordinator Hatch

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Mar. 7 meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners was unusually short lasting only 20 minutes.

Part of that can be credited to the board's new policy of not reading all the resolutions into the record. They also began accepting routine business under the umbrella of potential consent items instead of reading each individual item.

The board welcomed newly hired coordinator Joel Hatch.

He said that he is currently checking out the county's policies and procedures to understand those.

He plans to spend time with each commissioner so he understands his duties and expectations. He also plans to meet with the department heads to establish a good working rapport.

"I am looking forward to doing good work," he said.

Todd County received a request from Benson Air Ag, Inc., for approval for Aerial Spraying of tent worms. At this time, the county is not aware of any public complaints or any reason why approval should not be granted for 2017.

The board agreed to approve acknowledgement of the receipt of the request of Benson Air Ag, Inc. for spraying of tent worms in Todd County

in the calendar year 2017 along with the acknowledgement that the public shall be notified within 48 hours prior to spraying.

The date, time and location for the tax forfeited land auction was set for April 3 at 10 a.m. in the county board room.

The State of Minnesota has awarded Todd County \$8,262 for a Boat and Water Safety Grant. This grant covers the time period of Jan. 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The board approved accepting the grant.

The board also:

- Approved the tobacco licenses for Lakes Area Coop, LAC and for Eagle Valley Express to sell tobacco products.

- Approved the hire of Gloriann Bartels as part-time intermittent home-maker contingent upon successful completion of the required background check and employee physical assessment with the ability to reclassify as a home health aide/home-maker when the individual has received the appropriate certification and client needs arise.

- Approved the hire of Laura Lindner to the position of Child Support Supervisor, Grade 11, Step 1, as recommended by the Todd County Personnel Committee.

- During their reports, Commissioner Gary Kneisl noted that the waste incinerator has been working well this week. He also said that South Country Health Alliance has been working

on setting their budget and are nearing a break-even number.

Commissioner Randy Neumann shared that while giving a tour to Hatch of the county facilities, he had to sign in as a visitor at health and human services.

"After 12 years as a commissioner, this bothered me," he said.

The board approved the following consent items:

- A one year on sale and Sunday liquor license for the 8's Pub & Grill LLC, the American Legion 417 doing business as the Oscar Jacobson Post (Little Sauk Legion) effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

- A one year off sale, on sale and Sunday liquor license for the Rohdes Midway Gas Bar & Grill Inc. dba as Midway Bar and Grill April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

- A seasonal off sale and on sale 3.2 malt liquor license for the Linwood Resort effective May 1 through Oct. 1.

- A seasonal off sale and on sale 3.2 malt liquor license for the Rainbow Lodge effective April 15 through Oct. 15. The board also approved a yearly Setup License for the Rainbow Lodge effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

- A one day gambling permit for the Big Lake Sportsman's Club to hold a raffle at the Big Lake Sportsman's Club on Aug. 19.



Stepping up to the mic

Motley-Staples Middle School student William Thew takes his turn during the Lakes Spelling Bee held March 2. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



First place

Meryl Tigenoah, first place finisher at the 2017 Lakes Spelling Bee.

2017 Lakes Spelling Bee marked with confusion

Thirty participants took part in the 2017 Lakes Spelling Bee, held March 2, at NJPA in Staples. National Joint Powers Alliance was the sponsor for the event.

After some confusion about what rounds the students were on, Meryl Tigenoah of Brainerd placed first, Rose Han of Staples-Motley, second and Autumn Paulus of Brainerd third.

In the first two rounds of the spelling bee there were eleven misspelled words narrowing the field to 19. One speller who had been eliminated was allowed back in due to a mispronounced word; another speller was allowed back in because of an alternate dictionary definition.

Nine more misspelled words in rounds three, four and five, now it was down to 10.

Ten entered round six, which began the list of words that were not on the preparation sheet given to students. The next three rounds saw the words "dumbbell," "blatant" and "despicable" all misspelled.

Round nine saw four misspelled words; "absorption," "pyramid," "assistan," and

"gloaming." It was now down to three going into round 10

Han started round 10 correctly spelling "virtues," Paulus had an incorrect letter in "clerical," and the confusion started. The judges announced Paulus was the third place winner, but the round was not over yet. Tigenoah spelled "procurement" correctly, leaving just two spellers.

Han and Tigenoah both spelled their words correctly in round 11. Tigenoah misspelled "turpentine" in round 12, while Han had correctly spelled "preconditioned." Han should've had the opportunity to spell one more word to win the bee, but the judges continued on with the round. In the confusion, Han spelled her next word quickly and made a mistake.

Both were correct in round 13 but in round 14, Tigenoah spelled "unobstructed" correctly, while Han missed on the word "girder." This time the judges announced that the next word was for the win and Tigenoah correctly spelled "declarative."



Concentration at the spelling bee

Rose Han spelling out a word given to her at the 2017 Lakes Spelling Bee.



Baseball clinic includes local graduates

Three recent graduates of Staples-Motley High school who now play baseball for Central Lakes College-Brainerd, recently led a clinic for youth in the area. Several local students participated in the clinic which had two sessions in January and two in February. From left are Griffin Bettis, Eric Kossan, Josh Kossan, Tom Kossan, Jacob Swensrud, Sam

Opheim, Hunter Martin, Joe Tyrell and Brady Becker. Eric Kossan, Swensrud and Becker are graduates of SMHS. The clinic was open to middle school and high school students who learned skills in pitching, catching and hitting. Funds raised are going to support the CLC Raiders baseball program. (Submitted photo)



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Visiting the Staples Public Library

As an activity for "I Love to Read" month, first graders at Staples-Motley Elementary School visited the Great River Regional Library in Staples. Students were taken on a tour and listened to a story read by Cathy Perish, library coordinator. Some students were even

able to check out books with their brand new library cards. It was a great learning experience, according to first grade teachers Melissa Holey, Natalie Johnson and Robin Kautto, who want to thank the staff for providing this exciting activity. (Submitted photo)



Uniting in song for the food shelves

Members of the Staples Motley Area Women's Chorus and Colla Voce girls choir will present, 'Darlings, Divas & Desserts' on Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m., at Staples Alliance Church. The concert, in support of area food shelves, will include featured selections from each chorus and several numbers together.

Refreshments will be served. Admission to the event is monetary donations and non-perishable items for the food shelf. Pictured above, Kathy Iverson, director of Colla Voce, leads the combined choirs at a recent rehearsal. The director of the SAWC is Joan Batchner. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School board takes part in facility analysis plan

By Brenda Halvorson, General Manager

A team from FJJ (Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc.) led the Staples-Motley school board and administration through an exercise to help set facility priorities at the board's work session Mar. 6.

FJJ is the firm hired to lead an assessment of the school district and to develop a long range facilities plan.

At the end of the process the board will receive a summary document that includes demographics of the district, an education adequacy assessment, an analysis of the current state of the buildings including the most immediate needs, and a variety of options to consider. Those options will have financial estimates to aid in the board's discussions and decisions.

The team met earlier in the day with a student group. They are setting dates to conduct a public meeting and to meet with the staff in each building.

The firm has already met with staff in the buildings to hear their views on education adequacy.

The format of these one-hour meetings will be the same as what the board experienced.

After some background information the groups will be asked five open-ended questions. Glenn Chiodo led the session and noted they were looking for opinions, perspectives and would accept multiple answers.

The questions are:

- What are the positive features of the district?
- What are the biggest challenges?
- What will be the headlines about the district in ten years?
- What are the greatest facility needs today?
- What advice would you give to the decision-makers?

In the case of the last question, since this session was for the board and administration, the question was changed to "What expectations do you have for this process?"

Responses to the questions were either written on sticky notes or listed by Chiodo on a large poster. Once all the questions were answered participants were given dots to stick beside the points they felt were most important and the results were reviewed.

The board and administration answers to each question were:

- Positives: College in the School; activities; early

childhood and Jump Start programs; fine arts; and staff.

- Challenges: open enrollment and the threat of it; finances; too many buildings; declining enrollment; aging buildings, communications; transportation.

- Headlines in ten years: school district of choice; Staples-Motley opens door to new K-12 facility; enrollment bursting at the seams; new K-12 multi-use building best in state; high expectations lead to high enrollment; academic scores way up; best district in education and extra-curriculars.

- Facility needs: more gyms and cafeteria space; combined facilities; community support; space doesn't meet needs of students; not competitive with other schools in region.

- Expectations of process: quit doing studies and start pouring cement; clear on realistic options; develop concrete plan and implement it; outsiders view of our district; complete study of facility and education needs.

The board will also be given a book listing all the comments on each question from each of the meetings.

Training on human trafficking offered

Hands of Hope Resource Center is hosting a training, "Greater Minnesota's Response to Human Trafficking" Friday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to noon at the NJPA building in Staples. A second training will be held from 2-4 p.m. at the Todd County Courthouse in Long Prairie.

The presentation is designed for law enforcement, corrections, medical professionals, public employees, hotel employees, school administrators and others who work with youth and vulnerable adults.

The presentation will share information on collaborations in Minnesota that fight sex trafficking, between law enforcement,

prosecutors and regional resources such as navigators, shelters and advocates.

The presenter will be Marc Chadderdon, an investigator in Nicollet County. He said since concentrating on sex trafficking in Brown, Blue Earth and Nicollet counties, they've gone from having almost no arrests to 74 arrests in southern Minnesota.

"We're not being proactive on this matter," said Chadderdon. "It's always been here, we weren't enforcing it. Now we have a grant and equipment to work on it."

The presentation will identify what demand looks like in Greater Min-

nesota, including what men are willing to risk and willing to pay for illegal sex. Chadderdon will talk about how to educate the community as a whole through public education.

The presentation will include how to identify victims of sexual exploitation and what resources can be offered to help them. It will also include information on using the safe harbor law.

Chadderdon will ask attendees to participate by asking questions and having group discussions.

"We want all the people to be aware of it," said Chadderdon. "Once you start identifying it, you can start arresting people for it."



Barn quilt painters

Students in Jill Schneider's Advanced Art and Drawing class at Staples-Motley High School are participating in a community arts project on making barn quilts for area non-profits and businesses in Staples and Motley. The Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota committee received funding from the Staples Motley Area Arts Council and a grant from the Five Wings Art Council to cover the cost of the supplies for the students to create the barn quilts. These barn quilts will be completed and up by mid June at; Dower Lake, Pine Grove Park, Staples Community Center, Veterans parks in Motley and Staples, Staples Dairy

Queen, Longbella Drug, Staples World, Staples True Value, Aldrich Community Center, Motley Fire Department, Staples Lions, Staples Food Shelf and Motley Food Shelf. Check out the Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota webpage at: <https://barnquiltsmn.org/> (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Below, students working on the project are: front, from left, Mardi Opheim, Larken Hirshey and Lili Schneider; back, from left, Alyssa Vanderhoff, Aleasha Carlson, Hailey Halvorson, Hailey Payne and Sydnie Johnson. Alex Miller unavailable for photo. (Submitted photo)

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School board considering full time career advisor/counselor

upgrading equipment and supplies.

Schmidt noted that only Brainerd and Pequot Lakes and Little Falls schools are the only other area schools pursuing this academy. He felt the program could draw students to the district.

Funding for the additional time for this teacher will come from the CTE levy.

Superintendent Mary Klamm proposed using CTE levy funding for an additional position - a full time high school career advisor or school counselor.

At present Penny Olsen is the school social worker. However, she also fills in as a counselor or career advisor for students.

Klamm said she believed students were missing possible career opportunities and added that there is a greater need for Olsen to spend more of her time as a social worker.

The board agreed there is a need for a career advisor or counselor. However, a couple of the board members questioned if CTE referendum funds could be used for that position. After some discussion the board asked the administration to research the exact referendum wording and report at the next regular meeting Mar. 20.

Klamm reviewed current and projected enrollment figures. With the projected numbers in the elementary school the administration was proposing to make grades 2, 3 and 4 in three sections

each rather than four sections each.

To give assistance to those teachers they would add one Title I teacher. The elementary school also has help in reading and math from reading corps.

This would reduce the staff by two teachers. However, Klamm said no teachers were being cut. The staff was already being reduced by two due to attrition and those two would

not be replaced.

Other adjustments were being made in Speech Language Pathology, reducing the number of positions from two to one and using Speech Language Pathologist Assistants.

With the change in status of Connections High School some of that staff could be used to fill in hours at Staples-Motley High School.



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Join us for our special Preschool, Jump Start and Kindergarten Enrollment Night on Tuesday, March 21st from 6-7pm at Staples-Motley Elementary School.

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Early Childhood Information Session begins at 6:30pm.

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Teachers and parents need to work together to build love of reading

We LOVE to read at Staples-Motley Elementary. And we LOVE the support we get from parents and families, encouraging children to practice the reading skills they are learning in school.

By rereading the books sent home, students build fluency and accuracy. By talking about the books with your child, you build comprehension skills. Research shows the more you read, the better reader you become; so keep reading.

Our students took part in a reading challenge during the month of February. As a school, we weren't able to reach the goal we set of 2,000 hours in the month; but students really started putting in the effort in the last few weeks. So we decided to continue challenging our students to keep working hard - giving them one extra week to reach that goal. We know they can do it.

As a school, our teachers will discuss what we can do here at school to encourage our students to practice their reading at home; to really go for the goals teachers set before them. The key ingredi-

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Staples-Motley Schools



By **Kathy Johnson**
Staples-Motley Elementary Principal
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ent is parents. We know parents are the first teacher in a child's life. When kids enter kindergarten, we get to have them for seven hours a day, to continue building their skills to become successful readers. Our goal is to build a love of reading and learning. We want our kids to truly see how important it is to strive to do anything they set out to do; and being a good reader will help them be successful.

Every child has the potential to be something special in their own way. It is a pleasure to work with teachers and families, helping the students of Staples-Motley Elementary be their very best. Thank you for sharing your children with us every day; sending them to school, rested and ready to go each day. We ask that every child spend between 15-20 minutes, or more, a day reading or being read to. Together we can help each one of these special kids become the

superstars they are meant to be – doing great things in our community and beyond. Thanks for supporting our children.

Digital divide still affects rural America

By Jordan Feyerherm
Center for Rural Affairs

Access to the internet. The internet is now considered a basic human right; it is how people find employment, handle their finances, receive an education, work, and receive medical care.

However, not everyone is able to use the internet to its full potential, due primarily to slow speeds. Rural areas are at a disadvantage when it comes to accessing broadband.

Expanding infrastructure into rural areas will improve health outcomes for residents by allowing access to specialists, increasing cost efficiency, and raising quality of care.

In rural schools, broadband access can offer students learning tools equal

to those provided in urban settings. Students can have access to higher level curriculum, to a larger selection of foreign languages and connect with students around the world.

Increasing broadband access will be a boon to small town economies by keeping local businesses competitive and attracting new residents. In a recent study by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, it was found that areas with one to three broadband providers experience a 6.4 percent higher employment growth rate and a 2.4 percent increase to the population growth rate compared to areas without broadband, both vital factors in maintaining a healthy community.

We must do more to help rural communities gain ac-

cess to broadband. We urge policymakers to consider new and innovative ways of developing infrastructure and promoting competition among providers. By expanding broadband access into rural areas, we are improving the health, education and economic well-being of small towns everywhere.

The Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues. Reach Feyerherm at jordan@cfra.org,

Food shelf donations make a difference

Consider giving during Food Share Month

Sherry Miller Frisk, Director of the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS), spoke at the Motley United Methodist Church recently regarding Food Share Month. Excerpts from her speech are included below.

Until three years ago, I knew nothing about the food shelf other than that once or twice a year we got a notice in our mailbox about a food drive or from the Boy Scouts collecting food for a food shelf. I had no idea of the need in our area until I started volunteering here.

A year ago, on behalf of our food shelf, I started attending meetings in Brainerd at Lutheran Social Services for Hope. There were approximately 25 different agencies that represent Crow Wing, Morrison, Cass and Todd counties. Organizations that represent the veterans, homeless, those with mental illness, child protective services, spousal abuse, drug addicts; and that's just to name a few.

My eyes were really opened, as I had no idea that these were such a big problem in Central Minnesota. When you include Wadena County, this area has the poorest counties in the state.

Did you know that last year, more than 500,000 Minnesotans faced hunger and three million visits were made to the local food shelves statewide. The Motley Food Shelf serves an area that's from Leader to Cushing and we turn no one away. We often get calls from the local pastors about a hungry family and although our hours are every Thursday morning from 9 a.m. - noon and the last Thursday of every month from 6 - 8 p.m., we will come in for an emergency.

In the off hours, we do not go in alone, we always

have two people there. Our local police chief looks out for us during those times and knows which volunteers' cars should be there during off hours.

While we serve local families 12 months throughout the year, March is Food Share Month and the greater share of our resources are received during that month.

My purpose in being here this morning is to personally thank you for your past support. Including myself, everyone who works at the food shelf is a volunteer.

Our reward is not financial. It comes in the form of the gratitude we see and feel from those families who are literally able to eat because we provide them with the food they cannot afford. It comes in the smile of a child who doesn't even realize, that because of donations like yours, he or she will not go to bed hungry.

One in six children go to bed not having had enough to eat that day. Last year, our food shelf served 1,127 families, 3,109 individuals; and gave out 70,772 pounds of food. Many families have to make a choice between housing, transportation/gas, utilities, medical care or medicine over purchasing food.

Your financial gift, through agreements with various agencies, is multiplied so that a far greater number of needy people can be helped.

This past December several of the food shelf board members attended an Ag Centric Conference in Staples at Central Lakes College. There we learned about an organization, "Fare For All." Through this organization we can purchase a box of meat for \$25. In the box there are nine different selections. Meat is one thing we can't get much of through Sec-

ond Harvest.

About the time we were thinking of trying this, we received an unexpected donation of \$500, with which we purchased 20 boxes.

In December, the FFA had extra boxes of fruit; and they gave us apples, pears and grapefruit.

Watching clients seeing the meat and fruit was like seeing a child on Christmas morning.

Although our goal is to raise \$20,000 during our March campaign, I'm hoping we go beyond that. I want to be able to continue to give those that use our food shelf the meat and fresh fruit they need in their daily diet.

This past Thanksgiving, the Lions donation allowed us to purchase turkeys and with the donation from Staples Congregational Church's penny auction, we were able to purchase the food needed to give a complete Thanksgiving meal. I know you all know the story of Jesus who divided the bread and fishes so that everyone could be fed. Much like Him, your kindness to others has been multiplied.

I personally want to thank you for your willingness to help those who are less fortunate and for allowing me the opportunity to deliver our gratitude in person. I stand before you as one, but I speak for hundreds whose lives you will make better...thank you.

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

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

Letter to the Editor

Connections High School to become separate department

I was very surprised to see the headline "Connections High School to Close" in last week's paper. The headline was misleading and sensationalized.

At the Connections School Board meeting on Feb. 7, our board voted to change to become a department within Staples-Motley High School. Nothing in the minutes or conversation stated that we were closing. In fact, we've been busy assuring families that we are NOT closing.

To set the record straight, the Connections program will be open and healthy next fall. Students who want to be part of the program can sign up when they register for classes.

The change is intended to cut back on staff administrative responsibilities and streamline the fiscal process.

The change for students will be more options and opportunities. We're looking forward to a new school year (our 5th!) at Connections.

Chris Trout, teacher
Connections High School

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Southern gospel concert at Motley United Methodist Mar. 17



The Chancellors Quartet

The Chancellors Quartet will be in concert Friday, March 17, 7 p.m., at Motley United Methodist Church. Pictured, from left, are Mike McCowen, Chris Fish, Jeff Lindstrom and Aaron Krienke. (Submitted photo)

The Chancellors Quartet will present a Southern Gospel concert at Motley United Methodist Church

on Friday, March 17, at 7 p.m.

Hailing from the Twin Cities area, The Chancel-

lors Quartet has been one of Minnesota's premiere gospel groups since 1970. Known for their excellent four-part harmonies, the group has performed throughout the United States and Canada. Current group members include Aaron Krienke of Staples, lead vocalist; Mike McCowen, bass; Chris Fish, baritone; and Jeff Lindstrom, tenor.

The St. Patrick's Day concert in Motley will include drawings for prizes as well as uplifting music. A free will offering will be taken.

Online information about these musicians can be found at www.chancellorsquartet.com.

Motley United Methodist Church is located at 847 3rd Ave. S. For more information, call 218-352-6466.



Bugsy Malone Jr. opens March 10

Motley-Staples Middle School will present Bugsy Malone Jr. Friday, March 10, 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m., at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Pictured above during a recent dress rehearsal are, from left, Tabettha Allen, Alex McIlravy, Mackenzie Wilds, Torii Nienow, Brooke Ferdon, Brookelyn Huisenga, Ava Schneider, Libby O'Neil, Jason Trantina, Luke Bates, Meghan VanAlst, William Dolezal. Pictured in lower

left photo, from left, are Amanda Carter, Conlin Jaeger, Evan Allen, William Dolezal, Connor Judd, Alex Morlock. In lower right photo is Sivert Klefsaas, as Bugsy. Tickets for the show are available in advance at MSMS; Staples-Motley High School; First International Bank & Trust, Motley and Staples branches; Ace Hardware and True Value Hardware, both Staples; and at the door. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

SM Early Childhood program enrollment fair set for March 21

The Staples-Motley School District Early Learning, Jumpstart and Kindergarten Enrollment Fair will be held at 6 p.m. March 21 at Staples-Motley Elementary School, 1025 4th St. NE, Staples.

This is an opportunity for families of young children to learn more about the district's early learning programs, ask questions and meet teachers and other families.

The district offers a variety of programming for children aged birth through pre-kindergarten. Enrollment is continual and available throughout the year.

Offerings include:

- Little Cardinals Acad-

emy, run on an all-day, all-year basis in Motley;

- School Readiness, runs September through May in Staples;

- Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), runs September through June in both Staples and Motley;

- Head Start, runs September through May in Staples; and

- Jumpstart, a program designed for children with summer birthdays or those who need an extra year to work on kindergarten skills.

For more information, call the Staples-Motley School District Office at 218.894.5400 or visit the website at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us.

Fraud and scams prevention program

Representatives from AARP will present a Fraud Watch program at the Staples Public Library Tuesday, March 14, at 2:30 p.m.

The program for adults will cover the latest scams

and identification fraud schemes. Learn the techniques used and how to avoid becoming a victim.

The library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. No pre-registration necessary.

50 years for Hawley Art Show

The 50th Annual Hawley Art Show and Sale, sponsored by the Hawley Area Community Club, Bell State Bank & Trust of Hawley, Valley Premier Bank of Hawley and PTO of Hawley, will be held April 6-9, at the Hawley Community Center. Artists may enter their artwork on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2, from 1-5 p.m. Fees are per entry for professional and amateur classes and for high school and elementary students with a limit of three works per artist. For info. contact Sandy Maydole, 218-483-3296, or Donna Noll, 218- 483-4238.

Sesquicentennial Farm apps. due Apr. 3

Minnesota Farm Bureau's Sesquicentennial Farm program will honor Minnesota families who've owned their farms for at least 150 years. Since the Sesquicentennial Farm program began in 2008, over 225 farms have been recognized, according to the following qualifications:

- 1). The farm must be at least 150 years old this year (2017) according to the abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings or other authentic land records. Please do not send originals or copies of records.

- 2). Your family must have owned the farm for 150 years or more. "Family" is defined as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, first cousins and direct in-laws (father, mother, brother, sister, daughter, son).

- 3). Continuous resi-

dence on farm isn't required, but ownership must be continuous.

- 4). The farm should consist of 50 or more acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.

A commemorative certificate signed by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap, MN Dept of Agriculture Commissioner Dave Frederickson and Governor Mark Dayton will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign signifying Sesquicentennial Farm recognition.

Applications are available by writing: Sesquicentennial Farms, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, P.O. Box 64370, St. Paul, MN 55164; emailing info@fbmn.org; or calling 651-768-2100. Applications are also available on our website, www.fbmn.org. Application deadline is April 3. Previously recognized families should not reapply.

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Educational Opportunities

March 28

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE offered by Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues. March 28, 5 - 9 p.m., Staples Community Center. For info., to register, 888-234-1294.

April 3

PAINT WORKS CLASS taught by Amanda Olson, Mon., April 3, 6 p.m., at the Staples Community Center. Everything you need is supplied except refreshments, bring a beverage of your choice. Offered by Staples Motley Community Education. Class limited to 15 participants. For info., to register, call 218-894-2497.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider bids for Dower Lake Park campground expansion.
- Consider first reading of ordinance establishing a local lodging tax.
- Hear report from the Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.



Mark Your Calendar

March 8

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, noon - 3:30 p.m., through April 12, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For people 60 and older, low-moderate income. For info., 218-894-5772.

March 9

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., March 9, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller; Bernadette McNeil, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

March 10

HEARTLAND POETS an area chapter of the League of MN Poets, meets Fri., March 10, 6 - 9 p.m., Brainerd Public Library. Free, all welcome. Bring poems to share. Refreshments.

March 21, 22

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., March 21, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. Walk-in. For info., 218-547-1340, ext 246.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., March 21, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., March 22, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340.

March 30

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITY Thurs., March 30, noon - 6 p.m., Staples Community Center. For info., 1-800-733-2767.

Todd County Council on Aging meeting

The Todd County Council on Aging will meet at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 15, at the Browerville Community Center.

Bob Mueller of Thrivent Financial will discuss opportunities for community strategies using Thrivent Funds.

Harry Grammond will share information about the Rock-A-Thon fundraiser in April.

A round table discussion on fund raising will be held.

The coordinator's report will include an update on the Hilltop Regional

Kitchen, the cash or Coach purse bingo and other ongoing activities.

A patriotic "Red, White and Blue" mystery trip is scheduled for Monday, March 27. The bus will leave from each senior center on this schedule:

Motley - 10 a.m.
Staples - 10:15 a.m.
Hewitt - 10:25 a.m.
Bertha - 10:35 a.m.
Eagle Bend - 10:45 a.m.
Clarissa - 10:55 a.m.
Browerville - 11:05 a.m.
Long Prairie - 11:10 a.m.
Questions? Call Florence at 320-594-6391.

Mary Casanova is guest at Book Ends

Mary Casanova, award-winning Minnesota author of young adult and children's books is the March guest of Book Ends, the monthly meet the author event at The Uptown in Wadena. The event on Saturday, March 11, begins at 11 a.m. and concludes with lunch at noon.

Casanova's recent books are set in northern Minnesota where she and her husband reside. "Frozen" and "Ice Out," her two current publications, fictionalize local history from the 1920s and 1930s. Her interest in world history prompted research in foreign countries and resulted in novels. Her books have earned many citations and awards, including two Minnesota Book Awards.

Casanova's gift is connecting with readers,

whether on the page or in person. She was the 2015 lecturer for Jackpine Writers Bloc annual workshop in Menahga and in 2016 presented to the Sebeka Public School.

Book Ends is an opportunity for local readers and writers to learn the story behind the story and to learn how an accomplished author plants the words on the page. Nimrod author Jerry Mevissen walks the author through 45-50 minutes of discussion, followed by a Q&A with the audience. Lunch follows at noon. There is no charge for the presentation; lunch is on the attendees.

For further information, contact Gillette Kempf at An Open Book, 637-2665 or anopenbookmn.com.

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The Lenten season begins

Ash Wednesday services were held in Staples March 1, marking the first day of Lent observed by many Western Christians. Pictured above, Pastor Greg Ciesluk of United Methodist Churches in Motley and Staples, administers ashes to Lee Greig, during a service at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Pictured below left after receiving ashes at their respective services are Pat Blue, 89, care center resident; and Morgan Becker, 12, who attended a service at Sacred Heart Area Church in Staples. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



The family of Lee Kalisch would like to thank everyone for their love and support during this difficult time. Whether you attended his services, brought food, sent flowers, cards or memorials, your thoughts and kind words are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to the Brenny Funeral Home, Mike Blessing, the Catholic Church volunteers, Father Joe Korfe and Deacon Jim Trout. He was loved dearly and will be forever missed, but we know that he will live on in our hearts forever through our many memories.



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Food shelf donation

Fran Mertens (right), director of the Staples Food Shelf, is pictured March 3, with Alan Perish, Todd County Farmers Union President. Perish stopped by the food shelf to present a check for \$100 to the food shelf on behalf of the Todd County Farmers Union. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

‘Be the Match’ registry at Lakewood

The lab. department at Lakewood Health System, Staples recently organized a ‘Be the Match’ registry sign up for Lakewood staff. “Be the Match” is a national bone marrow donation program that matches bone marrow donors to patients diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma and other life-threatening diseases. The organization not only matches potential donors and patients, but also provides one-on-one support to patients and their families during their transplant journey. During the sign up events staff members filled out forms and had a cheek swab taken, which will ultimately determine their tissue type in order to be added to the marrow donor registry. The overall goal was to register 25 potential new donors for the registry and at the end of the two-day event, staff met their goal.

“Every year, thousands of people of all ages are

in desperate need of bone marrow transplants,” said Lakewood Lab Manager, Jenny Vavra. “In some cases, patients have a family member who is genetically matched. However, about 70 percent are not as lucky; none of their relatives are a match. Their lives depend on finding an unrelated donor who has a compatible tissue type.”

“In our first year, Lakewood Health System employees stepped up to the challenge. We were able to have enough interest to

achieve our goal of getting 25 people registered on the national bone marrow registry. We’d like to thank all those who registered and for those who stopped by to give their support. By putting their name on the national register, these people are committing themselves to donating to anyone in need, anywhere and at any time.”

Community members interested in learning more about how to register can visit the website at www.bethematch.org.



Lakewood volunteers helping register employees for ‘Be the Match’ recently included, from left, Cassandra Schulke, Karen Trosen, Jenny Vavra, Debbie Trosen, Angela Hart. (Submitted photo)

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Born to Renee Waldoch and Ryan Wozniak of Randall, a baby girl, Molly Lynn weighing seven pounds, three ounces on February 26, 2017.

Born to Jonathan and Jessica Jackson of Baxter, twins, a baby girl, Ziva Faith weighing six pounds, 14 ounces and a baby boy, Malachi Immanuel weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on February 27, 2017.

Born to Ryan and Jessica Bodell of Pillager, a baby boy, Jensen Victor weighing eight pounds, four ounces on February 27, 2017.

Born to Ryan and Jamie Hernandez of Clarissa, a baby boy, Zephyn Ryan weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on February 27, 2017.

Born to Daniel and Elizabeth Wutzke of Pillager, a baby girl, Wren Marie weighing eight pounds, one ounce on February 28, 2017.

Born to Pamela Duchene and Corey Lamm of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Audrey Maria weighing six pounds, two ounces on March 2, 2017.



Jean Hahn

Jean Hahn, 77, of Staples passed away February 24, 2017 at the Elders Home in New River Mills.

Funeral services were held March 3, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with Pastor Saul Stensvaag presiding.

Burial was at Wing River Union Cemetery, Wadena County.

Arrangements were with Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Jean was born to Reinhold “Ray” and Erna (Peterson) Wendt on January 22, 1940 in Pipestone. She graduated from Perham High School and went on to get her Licensed Practical Nursing degree in Crookston. Jean married Darold Lloyd Hahn on September 26, 1959. They lived on a farm north of Verdale.

Jean worked as a nurse at local hospitals and retired from Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Jean enjoyed gardening, sewing, crocheting, painting, arts and crafts and raising goats.

She is survived by three sons, Jeffrey D. (April) Hahn of Dent, David R. (Noreen) Hahn of Inver Grove Heights and Brent G. (Cheryl) Hahn of Verdale; one daughter, Debra J. Stingley of Wadena; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Karen (Jake) Beringer of Ellendale, ND and Linda (Fred) Harthen of Battle Lake.

Jean was preceded in death by her former husband; one son, Michael R. Hahn; parents; two brothers, Richard and Robert Wendt; one sister, Joyce and brother-in-law, Robert Collins.

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Obituaries



Jacquelyn Ferris

Jacquelyn M. “Jackie” Ferris 70, of Motley, died March 3, 2017 at the St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, March 9, at 11 a.m., St. Michael’s Catholic Church in Motley, with Fr. Joe Korf presiding. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church.

Interment will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Little Falls in the spring.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel of Staples.

Jackie was born March 7, 1946, to Constantine and Eleanore (Patyk) Zak in Little Falls, where she lived until age 10, when the family moved to Hopkins. She graduated in 1963, from Lindberg High School in Hopkins. She married Robert “Bob” Ferris on November 1, 1963 in Sisseton, South Dakota. They made their home in Hopkins. Jackie worked a number of jobs over the years, but was most importantly a mother, homemaker and a cop’s wife. After retirement they moved to Motley. Jackie enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling, cruises, going to the casino, taxidermy, spending time with family, music, puzzles, playing cards and was an avid reader.

She is survived by four sons, Jeff (Lori) Ferris of Bemidji, Jay (Cheryl) Ferris of Chicago, Jared (Courtney) Ferris of Pillager and Jonathan (Krystal) Ferris of Verdale; three daughters, Jaurone (Ben) Richards of Cushing, Jennifer (Brett) Sibert of Hewitt and Jill (Nate) Lindstrom of Albertville; 19 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Skeeter (Mary) Zak of Little Falls and Ronnie (Julie) Zak of Edina.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

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Ronald Meech

Ronald (Ron) W. Meech, 68, of Tucson, AZ passed away February 19, 2017 at his home.

A Celebration of Life will be held April 22, 2017, in Isanti at his brother David’s home.

Ron was born July 12, 1948 to Harold and Ramona (Williams) Meech in Corvallis, Oregon. He grew up in Seward and Anchorage, Alaska. He graduated from Deer Creek High School, in 1966. He served for three and one-half years in the U.S. Army in Viet Nam. Ron enjoyed marathoning, hiking and traveling with his wife, Linda Riggs. He was a hiking guide in southern Arizona and retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 29 years working in Minnesota and Arizona.

He is survived by his wife; mother of Isanti; one brother, David (Kathy) of Isanti and two sisters, Nancy (Ed) Fuentes, San Antonio, TX and Barbara (David) Dean, Austin, TX and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

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Gloria Truesdell

Gloria Truesdell, 71, of Coon Rapids, died suddenly March 1, 2017.

Mass of Christian Burial was held March 8, at The Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids.

Interment was at Morningside Memorial Gardens, Coon Rapids.

Arrangements were with the Gearhart Funeral Home, Coon Rapids.

Gloria was born November 8, 1945, in Bertha to Elmer and Patricia Brever. She worked for many years at Sears and retired from Chris Electronics. Gloria also worked part-time at Concor Fireplace and Stone. She enjoyed gathering family and friends together, babysitting her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and retirement.

Gloria survived by her husband, Jack of 47 years; five sisters, Jeanne (Don) Goligowski, twin sister and best friend, Glenda (Denny) Starkweather, Marilyn (Rob) Thomas, Eunice (Tom) Allen, Susan (Jim) Leslie; three brothers, Ardeen (Sharon) Brever, Mark (Donna) Brever and Joel (Janell) Brever; sisters-in-law, Beth Sellnow and Dorothy Hasner; brother-in-law, Kenny Truesdell; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jason Truesdell; her parents; mother-in-law, Bertha; and brothers-in-law, Emmitt and Bill.

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Douglas Mohar

Douglas D. Mohar, 73, of East Gull Lake, died Feb. 28, 2017 at St. Joseph’s Medical Center/Essentia Health in Brainerd.

Private services were held.

Arrangements were with the the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter.

Douglas was born October 14, 1943, in Minneapolis to Robert and Verna (Jeske) Mohar. He graduated from high school in Rogers, Arkansas. He moved to Minnesota following his father’s death and joined the Minnesota National Guard. Douglas married Nancy Button on December 16, 1966 in Wadena. They lived in the Twin Cities where Douglas worked for General Mills and International Multi Foods. After International Multi Foods purchased Morey Fish Company, he and Nancy moved to East Gull Lake in 1987. Douglas worked for Morey’s until his retirement. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Douglas is survived by his wife; one son, Robert Mohar of East Gull Lake; three grandchildren and one sister, Bev Miller.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD FEB. 7, 2017

Public Comment
Sherry Kutter read a letter of concern of law regulations and violations by property owner Blake Elliott on Big Birch Lake.

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 7th day of February, 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 Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2017 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT

FOR SOCIETY OF SAINT PIUS X
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Society of Saint Pius X through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Gambling Permit for the Society of Saint Pius X to hold a raffle at the St. John Vianney Church and Academy in Round Prairie Township at the address 18910 Ellipse Loop, Long Prairie, MN on August 13, 2017.

To approve a Seasonal On Sale, Off Sale and Sunday Liquor License for Birchwood Resort at the address of 22182 Birchwood Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 15, 2017 through October 15, 2017.

To approve a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Long Prairie Country Club at the address of 406 6th Street SE, Long Prairie, MN in Long Prairie Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

To approve a one year On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday Liquor License for Full O Fun LLC dba Saukinac Campground at the ad-

dress of 21914 Bay Loop, Sauk Centre, MN in Kandota Township effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the January 2017 Auditor Warrants number 228864 through 229070 in the amount of \$1,912,350.39.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 45305 through 45439 in the amount of \$135,391.01.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 700000 through 700185 in the amount of \$153,810.36 and Warrants number 512181 through 512207 in the amount of \$40,592.50.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the recommendation of the Todd County Parks and Trails Board to reappoint Al Loken, District 4

and Dave Determan, At-Large Member for new terms January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Public Works
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
MN DOT AGREEMENT #1027335 – TRUNK HIGHWAY #238 DETOUR

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) plans on performing a full depth reclamation project on Trunk Highway #238 from Stearns County State Aid Highway #10 in Albany to Morrison County State Aid Highway #21 in Upsala in the summer of 2017, and;

WHEREAS, MnDOT requires a detour to carry Trunk Highway #238 traffic to County State Aid Highway #41 during the reclamation project, and;

WHEREAS, MnDOT is willing to reimburse Todd County \$2,321.78 for the road life consumed by the detour as hereinafter set forth, and;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute \$471.59 subdivision 10, \$161.25, and \$161.20 subdivision 2(b) authorizes MnDOT and Todd County to enter into this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County enter into MnDOT Agreement #1027335 with the State of Minnesota, Department of Transportation for the following purposes:

To provide for payment by the State to the County for the use of Todd County State Aid Highway #41 as a detour route during the contract construction to be performed upon, along and adjacent to Trunk Highway #238 from 700 feet South of Stearns County, County State Aid Highway #10 in Albany to the junction of Morrison County, County State Aid Highway #21 in Upsala under State Project #7323-12 (T.H. 238=238).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners and the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer are authorized to execute Agreement #1027335 and any amendments to the Agreement.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the County Engineer to purchase the equipment of a Mack Truck #GU713 from Nuss Truck Equipment for \$110,646.50, Box and Plow Equipment from Townmater, Inc for \$91,488.00, Dodge Ram 1500 Truck from Nelson Auto Center for \$25,080.89 and CAT 316 FL Excavator from Ziegler Equipment for \$136,320 with purchase agreements attached.

Sheriff's Office
On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Sherry Bryniarski as a Jailor/Dispatcher effective February 3rd, 2017.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To allow Sherry Bryniarski to work at a part-time capacity as a Jailor/Dispatcher.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to advertise for a full-time Jail Program Coordinator position at a Grade 10 or subject to Springsted Placement.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to advertise for a full-time Court Security position at a Grade 10.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Andrew Mattson as a part-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective February 7, 2017 at

a Grade 6.
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Jacob Fasching as a part-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective February 7, 2017 at a Grade 6.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the updated Central Minnesota Violent Offender Task Force Joint Powers Agreement.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To allow the carryover of the Inmate Telephone and Texting Revenue of \$4,979.79.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Brandon Spanswick effective February 4, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to post in-house and advertise for part-time Deputy/Court Security personnel and to establish a pool for future employment needs.

Planning & Zoning
On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To carry forward \$81,359.82 in the Planning and Zoning budget from 2016 to 2017 fiscal year as indicated on the Budget Request Form submitted by the department 1-20-17.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To carry forward \$51,306.76 in the AIS Fund from 2016 to 2017 fiscal year as indicated on the Budget Request Form submitted by the department 1-20-17.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To carry forward \$10,000 in the Fund 605 budget from 2016 to 2017 fiscal year as indicated on the Budget Request Form submitted by the department 1-26-17.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To extend the period to complete final platting for Maple Hill, Pine Island Cove, and First Addition to Ivan Addition until six months from this meeting date being August 7, 2017.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2017 delegation agreement between South Country Health Alliance and Todd County.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for TCHHS to recruit and hire a Child Support Supervisor to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Beth Shell.

Todd County Board of Commissioners and Todd County SWCD Supervisory Joint Meeting

Separate minutes attached.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The setup of the Point & Pay credit card system is in the works. The Auditor's Office has been notified of the possible dissolution of ISD 2759 Eagle Valley and is heavily involved in building a work plan to proceed through these processes.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended. Loren Fellbaum gave an update on the new building construction project.

Recess
Commissioner Erickson recessed the meeting until February 21, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK.....	\$9,261.00
ASSOC OF MN	
COUNTIES.....	11,289.00
CLIFTON LARSON	
ALLEN, LLP.....	16,000.00
COMPUTER PROS.....	4,618.00
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK.....	4,203.75
GRR LIBRARY.....	84,348.25
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	14,699.68
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC.....	3,347.29
M & I LOCKBOX MCCC.....	7,736.88
MCIT.....	326,257.00
MN COUNTY ATTY'S	
ASSOC.....	3,135.00
MORRISON COUNTY.....	23,462.40
MRCC.....	2,100.00
OTTER TAIL COUNTY	
TREASURER.....	24,193.40
STEP.....	3,225.25
TODD CO HISTORICAL	
SOCIETY.....	8,500.00
TODD TRAILS ASSOC.....	54,181.80
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A.....	7,800.00
30 Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	14,107.90
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK.....	21,486.74
CITY OF BERTHA.....	9,289.51
CITY OF BROWERVILLE.....	4,029.96
CITY OF CLARISSA.....	5,705.74
CITY OF EAGLE BEND.....	7,039.37
CITY OF GREY EAGLE.....	3,942.05
CITY OF HEWITT.....	4,183.18
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE.....	7,156.95
CITY OF OSAKIS.....	3,860.87
CITY OF STAPLES.....	16,301.02
SAUK RIVER WATER	
SHED DISTRICT.....	3,837.82
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213.....	29,839.02
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170.....	24,545.82
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753.....	82,763.83
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2759.....	18,867.88
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486.....	14,414.28
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743.....	18,866.43
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786.....	32,591.27
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787.....	21,035.96
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818.....	2,483.56
TOWN OF BARTLETT.....	4,548.65
TOWN OF BERTHA.....	7,542.37
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE.....	3,682.40
TOWN OF BRUCE.....	6,779.55
TOWN OF BURLEENE.....	2,710.99
TOWN OF	
BURNHAMVILLE.....	4,661.17
TOWN OF	
EAGLE VALLEY.....	7,479.88
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE.....	4,375.04
TOWN OF GERMANIA.....	3,686.15
TOWN OF GORDON.....	13,012.83
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE.....	6,935.46
TOWN OF HARTFORD.....	11,177.40
TOWN OF IONA.....	8,859.79
TOWN OF KANDOTA.....	2,331.33
TOWN OF LESLIE.....	4,743.15
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK.....	2,538.13
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK.....	5,056.01
TOWN OF	
LONG PRAIRIE.....	4,066.21
TOWN OF MORAN.....	7,561.59
TOWN OF REYNOLDS.....	2,271.62
TOWN OF	
ROUND PRAIRIE.....	7,746.36
TOWN OF STAPLES.....	5,521.77
TOWN OF	
STOWE PRAIRIE.....	8,160.39
TOWN OF VILLARD.....	3,328.15
TOWN OF WARD.....	4,963.64
TOWN OF WEST UNION.....	4,746.40
TOWN OF WYKEHAM.....	7,338.43
9 Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	4,920.46
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK.....	42,451.91
ASSOC OF MN	
COUNTIES.....	2,908.00
CARD SERVICES	
COBORN'S.....	2,984.14
GENE-O'S COUNTRY-	
SIDE REST LLC.....	6,125.75
GOULD/RHONDA M.....	2,499.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	4,897.11
MASWCD.....	3,112.06
MN POWER & LIGHT.....	17,486.45
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	6,066.50
PETERS &	
CHURCHWELL.....	4,743.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI.	
SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	44,996.18
THOMSON REUTERS -	
WEST.....	2,693.81
US BANK.....	518,230.69
VOYANT COMM, LLC.....	3,427.06
40 Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	20,027.03
ALLIANCE BUILDING	
CORPORATION.....	49,305.00
AMERICAN HERITAGE.....	8,070.87
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	2,318.24
MINNESOTA UI.....	7,938.50
NEOGOV.....	6,500.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE.....	3,904.40
19 Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	5,106.85
CENTERPOINT EN.....	4,505.11
GESSELL AUTO SALES,	
INC.....	9,908.00
STREAMWORKS.....	5,410.00
21 Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	11,281.55
Total.....	\$1,912,350.39

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CARGILL SALT DIV.....	\$46,750.95
COMPASS MINERALS	
AMERICA.....	10,251.80
ELLINGSON PLG &	
HEATING INC.....	5,233.00
KRIS ENGINEERING.....	15,907.20
METRO SALES INC.....	9,223.01
RELANCE TELEPHONE	
INC.....	2,000.00
TURNKEY/THREE	
SQUARE MARKET.....	2,315.14
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC.....	5,247.50
127 Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	38,462.41
Total.....	\$135,391.01

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRAINERD FUNERAL HOME	
INC DBA TAYLOR	
FUNERAL HOME-	
STAPLES.....	7,000.00
BRENNY FUNERAL	
CHAPEL - STAPLES.....	3,500.00
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX	
OFFENDER PROG.....	11,285.00
DHS - ST PETER RTC- 472	
.....	12,152.00
DHS - SWIFT.....	21,092.53
ITEN FUNERAL HOME -	
BROWERVILLE.....	3,800.00
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH CTR.....	4,116.02
OTTER TAIL CTY	
HUMAN SERVICES.....	3,430.00
PERISH/ALAN.....	4,003.34
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	16,660.18
SCHULLER FAMILY	

See **TCC** on page 9a

Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #14 Monday, Jan. 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m. High School Media Center

MINUTES Call to Order by Chair

Freeman, Longbella, Frisk, Winkels, and Hoemberg were present, comprising a quorum. Also attending were Supt. Klamm; Business Manager, Vacek; Principals Johnson, Schmidt, and Halverson; SMEA rep. Schneider; Activities Director, VanOverbeke; several staff, students and parents; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Chair Freeman recognized the public and thanked them for attending.

School/Community Forum

Representatives of the Technology Committee presented to the Board with the plea that if the district wants to become the "District of Choice" technology upgrades are needed.

Consent Agenda:
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Finance Items:
Ms. Vacek presented the Financial Report ending November 30, 2017.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Nov. 2016 Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers. Motion Carried.

Personnel

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to accept the resignation of Lisa Givans, eff. Jan. 5, 2017.

Hoemberg questioned why resignation letters are no longer included in the Board Packet. Chair Freeman stated that the decision had been made by herself and the Superintendent. Resignations are available in the District Office for Board members to view.

Voting in favor: Longbella, Freeman, Winkels and Frisk; Opposed: Hoemberg. Motion Carried.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to accept the retirement of Bob Toews; eff. June 1, 2017. Motion Carried.

Thank you to Bob for his

17.5 years of employment with Staples-Motley.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Robert Meszaros; SME custodian; eff. 02/03/17 with permission to post for a custodian. Voting in favor: Longbella, Freeman, Winkels and Frisk; Opposed: Hoemberg. Motion Carried.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the SME Paraprofessional contracts of Annie Johnson, MacKenzie Holst, Crystal McGruder and Robert Meszaros. Motion Carried.

Curriculum

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella, to adopt the 2017-2018 school year calendar. Motion Carried.

Supt. Klamm' report: The make-up day for Jan. 20 will be April 3 which will become a regular academic day rather than an Activity Day. Staff will most likely make up the time next August with an anti-bullying training for all staff.

Klamm will be attending a Superintendent Summit on Feb. 22-24 with all expenses paid.

SMEA - Thanked the Board for adding the Meet & Confer dates to their meeting schedules.

ADJOURN Regular Meeting

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion Carried.

Reconvene in Closed Session

Closed session for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to reconvene in Closed Session. Motion Carried.

ADJOURN Closed Session

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Hoemberg, to adjourn the Closed Session. Motion Carried.

No decision was reached and the Board will meet in Closed Session on Jan. 30, following the Facility Presentation.

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #15 Monday, Jan. 30, 2017 Immediately following the Facility Presentation District Office

MINUTES

A quorum was deter-

mined with Freeman, Longbella, Hoemberg, Lund, Winkels and Frisk present, as well as Superintendent Klamm.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the agenda. Motion Carried

Motion by Lund, seconded by Hoemberg, to move to close session. Motion Carried

Closed Session
Preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority.

ADJOURN Closed Session

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene in open session. Motion Carried

Reconvene Open Session Adjournment

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

• No public data will be released at this time

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #16 Monday, Feb. 6, 2017 7:00 pm HS Media Center

A quorum was determined with Freeman, Longbella, Frisk, Hoemberg, Lund and Winkels present. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Facility Study

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to award the Facility Request for Qualification to FJJ (Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc) at \$22,900. Voting in favor: Freeman, Longbella, Lund, Winkels and Frisk; Opposed: Hoemberg. Motion Carried (The Widseth, Smith, Nolting proposal was \$59,000 and was not available to Board Members for review prior to the Work Session)

Other

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to change the February meeting date to February 27. Motion Carried

Adjournment
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

Complete minutes can be viewed at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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NOTICE
BYRON TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING

Byron Township will hold their Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. In case of bad weather the meeting will be postponed to March 21 at 3:00 p.m.

The Regular Board meeting will be held March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Bev Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township Clerk
9-10pnc

NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Villard Township, County of Todd, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until March 21, 2017.

The Annual meeting will be held at the Eastwood Inn in Motley in their conference room (**note location**) and will com-

mence immediately following the Villard Township March regular meeting to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Villard Township March regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastwood Inn.

If you have any questions, contact the clerk at 218-352-6489.

Connie Mosack, Clerk
Villard Township
9-10pnc

STATE OF
MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
IN DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Case Type #14 -
Other Civil
SUMMONS

Dennis R. Weirens and
Rita L. Houle,
Plaintiffs
vs.

David A Remjeske, Susan Remjeske, Charles F. Hinnenkamp, Janet M. Welters a/k/a/ Janet Marie Zitzow, Donna R. Kociemba, Donna R. Kociemba, Trustee of the Donna R. Kociemba Trust dated December 20, 1994, Bruce A. Kociemba, Deborah A. Kociemba, Trustees U/D/T dated October 17, 1996, Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., the unknown heirs of Alois Walter Kociemba, deceased, the unknown heirs of Herbert J. Thelen, deceased, the unknown heirs of Donald E. Remjeske, Sr., deceased, the unknown heirs of Irene R. Remjeske, deceased, the unknown of heirs of Albert Gordon Anderson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Virginia L. Anderson f/k/a Virginia L. Burnette, deceased, the unknown heirs of Boniface B. Hinnenkamp, deceased, the unknown heirs of Agnes R. Hinnenkamp, deceased, an all other persons unknown or claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein, Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMES DEFENDANTS:

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

This action involves, affects, or brings into question real property situated in the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, legally described in the Complaint herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of said action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described herein, and that the defendants, and each of them, have no right, title, estate, interest or lien in or upon the said read estate.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the Defendants.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at 421 Sinclair Lewis Avenue, PO Box 226, Sauk Centre, Minnesota 56378.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claim stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you

do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated:
January 17, 2017

Thomas J. Mayer
Attorney- City of Sauk Centre
421 Sinclair Lewis Avenue
P.O. Box 226
Sauk Centre, MN 56378
Telephone: (320) 352-6503
Attorney I.D. No. 69139

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that part of Government Lot Three (3), Section 26, Township 127, Range 33 contained within the following described metes and boundary lines:

Commencing at a point 395 feet West and 336 feet South and 50 feet East of the Northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence East 62.5 feet; thence South to the marginal waterline of Birch Lakes; thence West along the marginal waterline of Birch Lake to a point due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of beginning with the exception of a 10 foot driveway across the lot running East and West where the road now runs. Together with the benefit of a road easement over a 10 foot road presently running East and West across Lot 39 of Ward Springs Addition.

9-11pnc

NOTICE
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING
THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP

The polls will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on March 14, 2017 for the township election of one (1) Supervisor and the Treasurer's position at the town hall. The annual meeting of the township will be held following the canvassing of the election at 8:00 p.m.

The Election and Annual Meeting will be held on March 21 at the same times if there is bad weather on the 14th.

Joy Weyer, Clerk,
May Township Clerk
9-10pnc

NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP MEETING
DATES AND TIMES

Meadowbrook Township will be meeting the first Tuesday of each month except for July and November at the Swan Valley Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m. Please note the change of place as the Leader Community Hall has some construction and maintenance issues.

The Annual Township Meeting for Meadowbrook will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Swan Valley Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m. In case of bad weather the meeting will be held the following week.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE
MOOSE LAKE
TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING
AND
REQUEST FOR BIDS

Moose Lake Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

The township is now accepting bids for road maintenance and cemetery maintenance. Send bids to: Moose Lake Township Clerk, 5335 51st Ave. SW, Pine River, MN 56474

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date will be Tuesday, March 21 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubal, Clerk
Moose Lake Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
ELECTION AND
ANNUAL MEETING

The Staples Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Staples Town Hall.

The Polling Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Positions to be filled are:

One (1) supervisor, three (3) year term;

One (1) Treasurer, two (2) year term.

Board of Canvass will follow the election with the Annual meeting immediately after that.

In case of inclement weather, the election and Annual meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE
MAY TOWNSHIP
MEETING

May Township will hold its Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall at 5834 112th Street SW, Pillager. In case of inclement weather the annual meeting will be moved to March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and in case inclement weather again postpones the annual meeting it will be held on March 28, 2017.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP ELECTION
AND ANNUAL
MEETING

Fawn Lake will hold its election at the town hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Offices to be voted on are one (1) Supervisor position for a three (3) year term, and one (1) Treasurer position for a two (2) year term. The board of canvass will immediately follow the election.

The annual meeting will be held immediately following the board of canvass at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Inclement weather alternate date will be the following Tuesday, March 21 at the same times.

Call the clerk at (218) 531-027 with any questions.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSAL
CENTRAL LAKES
COLLEGE

2018 American Sign
Language Immersion
Travel Study Program

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or organizations to offer travel arrangements for the 2018 American Sign Language Immersion Travel Study Program at Central Lakes College. A copy of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples MN 56479, (218) 894-5103 or 1-800-247-6836.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. All proposals must be sealed and marked "2018 American Sign Language Immersion Travel Study Program". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Debbie Sterriker
1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

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

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

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FUNERAL HOMES -	
WADENA	4,250.00
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR/	
TREASURER	15,096.10
174 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	47,425.19
Total	\$153,810.36

VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT
CARLSON/BARBARA	5,100.00
CENTRAL MN MENTAL	
HEALTH CTR	2,670.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL	
SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL ..	6,637.76
MERIDIAN SERV. INC	2,038.16
NORTH HOMES CHILD.	
& FAMILY SRVS	7,745.65
STEP	6,586.46
PAYMENTS LESS THAN	
\$2,000	9,814.47
Total	\$40,592.50

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 7, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 21, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer
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MINUTES
OF THE JOINT MEETING
OF THE
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
AND TODD COUNTY
SWCD SUPERVISORS
FEB. 7, 2017

Public Comment

The Todd County Board of Commissioners and Todd County SWCD Board of Supervisors met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 7th day of February, 2017 at 9:50 a.m. Chairperson Erickson and Chairperson Pesta called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. with all members present with the exception of SWCD Supervisor Norman Krause. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Williamson and seconded by Buchholz, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Todd County SWCD
Annual Report 2016

Tim Stieber, SWCD Director reported on the 2016 Annual Report and held discussion.

Todd County SWCD
Work Plan 2017

Tim Stieber, SWCD Director reported on the 2017 Work Plan and held discussion.

Wetlands
Conservation Act
Policy

On motion by Buchholz and seconded by Katterhagen, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

TODD COUNTY
WETLAND
MANAGEMENT POLICY
Full document available for inspection in the SWCD office.

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

TODD COUNTY
WETLAND
MANAGEMENT POLICY
Full document available for inspection in the SWCD office.

One Watershed One
Plan Process

On motion by Katterhagen and seconded by Buchholz, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION TO
SUPPORT THE REDEYE
RIVER WATERSHED
AND SAUK RIVER
WATERSHED
ONE WATERSHED,
ONE PLAN PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources has developed policies for coordination and development of comprehensive watershed management plans, also known as One Watershed, One Plan, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning Program; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103D.401, Watershed Management Plan, authorizes Minnesota Watershed Districts to develop and implement a watershed management plan; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103C.331, subdivision 11, Comprehensive Plan, authorizes Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation Districts to develop and implement a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Redeye River Watershed and the Sauk River Watershed, have interest in developing comprehensive watershed management plans for these areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd SWCD recognizes and supports watershed-scale planning efforts consistent with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.801, also known as One Watershed, One Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Todd SWCD welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Redeye River Watershed and Sauk River Watershed for watershed-scale planning efforts in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Todd SWCD supports an application to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for a planning grant to develop a comprehensive watershed management plan and anticipates entering into a Memorandum of Agreement with the counties, soil and water conservation districts, and watershed districts within the Redeye River Watershed and Sauk River Watershed, to collaborate on this effort, pending selection as a recipient of a planning grant.

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

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Buffer Jurisdiction
and Enforcement

Tim Stieber, SWCD Director gave an update of SWCD recommendations for buffer jurisdiction and enforcement and held discussion.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Pesta and Chairperson Erickson at 10:30 a.m.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held February 7, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on February 21, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer
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SEDA lists planning priorities

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority started identifying strategies to help with economic development in Staples at a planning meeting held March 1.

Through their planning process, they developed a new mission statement for the SEDA: “To promote the Staples community as a growing destination where people live, work, play and succeed.”

They also developed a five year vision: “By 2022, Staples is an economically thriving, socially vibrant and welcoming community for all.”

Those three goals, to be economically thriving, socially vibrant and welcoming were the basis for some of the more specific goals they discussed.

Some of the discussion revolved around organizing local business owners to help create more things

in Staples and to promote the things that are going on. Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher gave an example of a business group in Perham that creates their own events every year.

The board also discussed healthy activities and socialization that can make a community vibrant. Radermacher said the Thriving Communities Initiative is working on many of the same issues and said the SEDA is supporting their plans.

Workforce needs

One of the topics brought up was the need for a trained workers in Staples. Board member Rachel Johnson said there’s a huge percentage of high school students who don’t finish college. She pointed to the robotics students at CLC who have a 100 percent job placement for good jobs and agriculture is another high demand field taught right here in Staples.



Economic planning

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher writes down suggestions from the SEDA board. Seated; clockwise from left, Al Kolling, Doyle Yoder, Doug Case, Mary Klammer, Jerel Nelsen and Rachel Johnson. Not pictured, Tim Rice and Chris Etzler. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Board member Doug Case said a tremendous amount of people leave town to work at manufacturing jobs in other com-

munities.

The board agreed that workforce needs should be one of the priorities of the SEDA.

Public Notice

**NOTICE
SYLVAN TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY
PILLAGER
MINNESOTA
SEALED BIDS FOR
ROAD MAINTENANCE**

The Sylvan Town Board of Supervisors is requesting sealed bids for the annual Road Maintenance contract located in Sylvan Township, Cass County, Minnesota, USA.

Bid specifications and conditions may be obtained from the Town Clerk during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Sylvan Town Hall.

Written requests can be made to the following address:

**Sylvan Township
Attn: Town Clerk
12956 24th Avenue SW
Pillager, MN 56473**

Sealed bids must be received at the Sylvan Town Hall by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Bids must be accompanied with a five percent (5%) bid bond based on \$100,000.

Bids will be opened and the responsibility of the bidders will be considered at the Sylvan Town Hall on March 16, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. The Bid Contract will be awarded on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. at the Sylvan Town Hall.

The Sylvan Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities contained therein.

Faith Broberg,
Clerk / Treasurer
By order of the Sylvan
Board of Supervisors

9-10pnc

Crossword Puzzle

Week 10

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "ER" actress Leslie
- 5. Hebrew name for Babylon
- 10. Newts
- 14. Leaf angle
- 15. Dravidian language
- 16. Ridge on nematodes
- 17. Monetary unit
- 18. Determined the tare
- 19. Unfreeze
- 20. Merits
- 22. World's oldest broadcasting organization
- 23. Vacation spot
- 24. December 25
- 27. Ottoman military command
- 30. Resin-like substance secreted by insects
- 31. A.C. Comics female supervillain
- 32. Insect linked to honey
- 35. Opinion
- 37. In the middle of
- 38. Basketballer Yao
- 39. Remove lid
- 40. Pressure wound therapy
- 41. Fabric

- 42. Witnessed
- 43. Defunct European economic organization
- 44. "Hotel California" rockers
- 45. When you expect to arrive
- 46. "Sleepless in Seattle" actress Ryan
- 47. Danish airline
- 48. Insecticide
- 49. Scientific instrument
- 52. Type of seal
- 55. Israeli city ___ Aviv
- 56. Cavalry sword
- 60. Ottoman title
- 61. Gurus
- 63. Cold wind
- 64. Predatory reptile (abbr.)
- 65. New Jersey is one
- 66. Divulge a secret
- 67. Finely chopped mixture
- 68. Actress Zellweger
- 69. Romanian city

- bassist
- 12. Mineral
- 13. Late night host Myers
- 21. Pull along
- 23. Not good
- 25. British Air Aces
- 26. Upset
- 27. Maltreatment
- 28. Nocturnal, cat-like animal
- 29. Hollyhocks
- 32. Shelter
- 33. Finished
- 34. Discharge
- 36. "X-Men" actor McKellen
- 37. Beloved dish ___ and cheese
- 38. Holds coffee
- 40. Languish
- 41. Quenches
- 43. Electric fish
- 44. Consume
- 46. Type of school
- 47. Erase
- 49. Educate
- 50. "Transformers" actress Fox
- 51. Spiritual leader
- 52. Every one
- 53. Site of the Taj Mahal
- 54. Welsh village
- 57. Weapon
- 58. Geological times
- 59. S. Asian crops
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- 62. Witness
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Answers

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- 1. "Dark Knight" actor
 - 2. S. African plants
 - 3. Castle in County Offaly, Ireland
 - 4. White (French)
 - 5. Morsel
 - 6. Semitic language
 - 7. Areas outside cities
 - 8. Crackling
 - 9. Cub
 - 10. Landmark house in Los Angeles
 - 11. Red Hot Chili Peppers

‘Making a Mental Note’

The Staples Area Men’s Chorus was joined by eight members of the Cold Spring Area Maennerchor for a concert March 4 at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. The event was co-sponsored by Lakewood Health System and featured two speakers on mental health. Dr. David Freeman, left, of Lakewood Health System spoke on how isolation is a big factor in the mental health. He offered advice for both men and women to improve

mental and physical health. Dr. Robert Jones, a psychiatric physician practicing in central Minnesota, spoke on “Men at Mid Life” but noted his remarks could apply to women as well. Following the break for dinner the chorus presented “The Testament of Freedom,” the piece they performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The arrangement is by Randall Thompson to the words of Thomas Jefferson. (Photos by Ken Klose)



Edin named PTR Newcomer of Year

Professional Tennis Registry (PTR) presented its annual awards during the 2017 PTR International Tennis Symposium. The event, which includes more than 40 educational presentations for tennis teachers and coaches, was held Feb. 15-18, on Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Izabella Edin of Staples has been named PTR Newcomer of the Year. The 19 year old joined as PTR on Campus Member one year ago and is already certified in two PTR education pathways - a feat she accomplished in just four days.

Edin began playing tennis at six years old and taking tennis lessons at Set Point Tennis at age 11. After two weeks, her coaches moved her to the high performance group. She decided to play high school tennis and was soon playing at number one singles for her school. Edin was the Section 8A singles champion and place third at the Minnesota State Tennis Tournament.

When many of the staff pros at Set Point Tennis went off to college, at 15 and still in high school, Edin was hired to work with the high performance players, teaching children, adults and seniors. Her mentor, PTR Professional Pat Colbert encouraged Edin to join PTR and get certified.

Edin said, “I’m really glad I did. I learned a lot

about teaching tennis and had the opportunity to bring it back to out club.”

During her first year on varsity in 2014, Edin was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. It became her goal to bring awareness to the disease. Insulin dependent, Edin shares information with her students, coaches, and umpires, about how to continue living a full life in spite of diabetes.

“It may be life threatening,” Edin said, “but not life ending.”

Since her diagnosis, Edin has excelled both on and off the court. She was named to the 2016, USTA Leadership team and inducted to the National Society of High School Scholars. She was the winner of the 2015, USTA Northern Jerry Noyce Junior Sportsmanship Award and was selected to play for the USTA Northern team in San Diego in the 2016 World Team Tennis Junior Nationals.

In 2016, Billie Jean King presented Edin with the National Novo Nordisk Donnelly Award, established by King in 1998, as encouragement to diabetic children to lead active lives and compete in tennis.

“We see a great future ahead for Izabella Edin,” said Dan Santourm PTR CEO, “we’re proud she chose PTR for her tennis coaching education and certification.”

PTR is the largest glob-



Tennis recognition

Izabella Edin, Staples, was named the Newcomer of the Year by the Professional Tennis Registry (PTR). From left are PTR Board President Roy Barth, Bella Edin and PTR CEO Dan Santorum. (Submitted photo)

al organization of tennis teaching professionals with more than 15,600 members in 127 countries. It has the greatest percentage of multicultural and women members of any such orga-

nization. PTR is dedicated to educating, certifying and servicing tennis teachers and coaches around the world in order to grow the game.

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Scholarship Quilt

Cindy and Mike Gold display the quilt Cindy made for the Staples Area Men's Chorus. It is being raffled to raise money for the Associated Male Chorus of America Scholarship Fund. The quilt is a queen size comforter, 92" x 92." The pattern is "Third Time Around" and was machine quilted by Jane Motzko. Raffle tickets will be sold at various

events leading up to the Big Sing Concert on April 22 in the Staples-Motley High School Gymnasium. The Big Sing Concert will feature 275 male singers with 10 men's choruses from the Midwest and two boy's choirs. Raffle tickets are also available from chorus members, at Kevin Nelson Insurance and at the Big Sing Concert. (Photo by Ken Klose)



'Order of the Arrow' members

Scout members of the Central Minnesota Council's 'Order of the Arrow' led the recent ceremony for Eagle Scout candidates Jordan Carlson and Garrett Carlson of Motley. Pictured, from left, are Alex Bellefeuille, Swanville, Troop 33; Dane Vos, St. Cloud, Troop 13; Jordon Carlson, Troop 61; Zachary Carlson

(brother of Jordon and Garrett; and an Eagle Scout since 2014), Troop 61; Logan Payne, Sartell, Troop 211; Garrett Carlson, Troop 61; John Muhlenkamp, Swanville, Troop 33. The 'Order of the Arrow' is the National Honor Society of Scouting. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Construction projects helped earn rank

ples-Motley Elementary School. He logged over 107 hours in labor time. Having attended that school when he was younger, Jordon said he had seen there was a need for picnic tables. He was glad to be able to help his former school, as well as earn his Eagle Scout rank. "It felt great, it's always been a goal," Jordon said.

Garrett spent nearly 64 hours building a firearms range safety backstop, located at the Leader Community Hall. Garrett shared that he had taken the firearms safety class there a while back and wanted to come back and help in some way. In addition to building the safety backstop, Garrett moved the location of the fire-

arms range, which provided more safety. "I thought it was a lot of fun," Garrett said of the work he put into his project. Like his brother, he noted that being an Eagle Scout had always been one of his goals.

Jordon and Garrett continue to be involved in Troop 61, as well as the Boy Scouts Central Minnesota Council's Order of the Arrow, of which they are both active members. Jordon is on the Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) and serves as secretary. Garrett is the North Star District Representative and the Lodge Games Master. Their brother, Zachary, is also on the LEC, serving as the Vice Chief of Administration.



Speech team second at Bemidji Invite

The Staples-Motley Speech Team placed second at the Bemidji Speech Invitational held Feb. 25. Twenty-six teams participated, from both A and AA. Finalists and medal winners included: Cade Bestland, 1st - Creative Expression; Coleman Klimek and Elijah Sams, 1st - Dramatic Duo; Samantha Svendsen, 2nd - Original Oratory; Elijah Sams, 2nd - Creative Expression; Coleman Klimek, 2nd - Humor; Alex Erickson, 4th - Humor; Samantha Mrazek, 5th - Original Oratory and Andrew Bates, 5th - Storytelling.

Blue Ribbon winners, (next in for finals) included the Duo of Kallee Abbas and Delaney Larson. Red Ribbon winners for Excellence were: Jonah Johnson, Creative Expression; Julia Trantina, Prose; Rachell Fisher, Drama; Krystal Yoder, Prose and Drama; Delaney Larson, Poetry; Bryn Williams, Poetry; Samantha Mrazek, Prose.

Heather Sams and Tammy Johnson were the volunteer coaches for this tournament.



SM Speech Team 4th at Walker Tourney

The Staples-Motley Speech Team placed 4th and 1st place among the single A schools March 4, at the Walker-Akeley-Hackensack Chuck Beckman Memorial Speech Tournament, with 35 teams competing. "This was the largest and most competitive tournament of the year so far, with over 540 entries," said Coach Brian Sams. Medalists were: Coleman Klimek, 1st; Humor; Cade Bestland, 2nd; Creative Expression; Mardi Opheim, 2nd; Poetry; Elijah Sams and Coleman Klimek, 2nd; in Duo; Samantha Svendsen, 3rd; Original Oratory; Alex Erickson, 3rd; Humor; Elijah Sams, 4th; Creative Expression and Samantha Mrazek, 4th; Original Oratory. Honors finalists were: Macy Judd, 4th; Prose, Delaney Larson 2nd; Poetry, Ari Brings, 3rd; Great Speeches and Dario Sotelo, 6th; Extemporaneous Speaking. Red Ribbons: Delaney Larson and Kallee Abbas; in Duo, Jonah Johnson; Creative Expression and Krystal Yoder; Prose.



Above, front, left to right: Krystal Yoder, Macy Judd, Samantha Mrazek, Lillie Niemi, Ari Brings; second row: Alex Erickson; middle: Kallee Abbas, Delaney Larson, Coleman Klimek, Elijah Sams, Jonah Johnson, Julia Trantina, Torii Nienow; back row: Chris Hart, Mardi Opheim, Rachell Fisher, Cade Bestland, Dario Sotelo, Samantha Svendsen, Matt Fisher.

Left, medalists: Samantha Svendsen, Cade Bestland, front; middle: Alex Erickson, Samantha Mrazek, Mardi Opheim; back: Elijah Sams, Coleman Klimek (team captains).

Think-Off turns up thoughts on truth

The X-Files character, Fox Mulder believed "The Truth is Out There." Is the truth really out there to be found - something we can all agree on? Or is it all relative in life and metaphysics?

The 2017 Great American Think-Off question is "Has the 2016 election changed our perception of truth?" and armchair phi-

losophers from across the nation are invited to pick a side and defend it in a 750-word essay, which must be submitted by April 1.

How are we to know what the truth is in the post 2016 election world where we are assaulted with "fake news" and "alternative facts?" Does truth exist at all? Regardless of how you cast your vote, these pervasive questions may serve as jumping off points for your essay answering this year's Think-off question.

Essays can be submitted online at think-off.org, e-mailed to info@think-off.org, or mailed to The Great American Think-Off, P.O. Box 246, New York Mills, MN 56567.

Finalists will be selected, notified, and have their names released by May 1. The great debate will be held among the four finalists on Saturday, June 10, when the audience will vote to crown America's Greatest Thinker. Each of the four finalists will receive \$500 plus travel, food and lodging in New York Mills for the Think-Off weekend.

Be a part of history - submit your essay and join the throngs of truth-seekers, philosophers and thinkers who will answer the Think-Off's 25th Anniversary question.

The Great American

Think-Off began in 1993 as a philosophy competition designed to bring controversial and philosophical questions out of the ivory towers of academia and into the lives of everyday Americans. Controversies settled over the first 24 years include: "Is honesty always the best policy?" (1998), "Does immigration strengthen or threaten the United States?" (2008), and "Does technology free us or trap us?" (2015).

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Battling for every ball

Claire Wolhowe fights for a loose ball against Bagley. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Girls advance in section basketball

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team will play for the section championship on Friday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

The Cardinals defeated Barnesville 45-43 on March 7 and will play Roseau for the right to go to the state tournament.

In the first two rounds of the playoffs, Staples-Motley defeated Bagley 80-21 and Park Rapids 66-44. More details on the Barnesville game next week.

The playoff run started out well as the Cardinals kept hustling and playing as a team despite gaining an early lead against Bagley. "We got off to a great start and didn't look back," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "Our defense was stellar."

The team coasted after gaining a 45-7 halftime lead. Ten players scored, with four in double figures. "I like that we got everyone a chance to play in our last home game of the year," said Wolhowe.

The coach was anxious going into the Park Rapids game because despite beating them twice during the season, they have been playing better lately. Staples-Motley fell behind 9-2 in the first few minutes. "Then we settled in and starting playing," said Wolhowe. "We were locked in and played some excellent basketball."

Among those playing well was Sam Schimpp, wh "had a real nice game on both ends of the floor," said Wolhowe. "She was active

on defense and shot well from behind the arc."

He said Claire Wolhowe played a good defensive game, holding one of the top players in the area to 11 points.

Coach Wolhowe said Kelsie Weite was a monster on the boards, as she finished with 9.

"I really liked how our team played in a tough tournament game," he said.

Team results
Section 8AA playoffs, first round, March 2
Staples-Motley 80, Bagley 21

Scoring: Amber Robben 15, Ashley Smith 13, Kelsie Weite 10, Claire Wolhowe 10, Sam Schimpp 9, Jenna Trantina 7, Chelsea Nanik 6, Alix Peterson 4, Katie Smith 3, Kiera Dumpprope 3

Rebounds (44): Wolhowe 9, Schimpp 7, Weite 6, Dumpprope 6, A. Smith 5, Robben 5, K. Smith 2, Trantina 1, Nanik 1, Kiarra Storry 1, Lexi Johnson 1

Assists (18): Robben 4, Schimpp 2, Wolhowe 2, Weite 1, Dumpprope 1

Steals (21): Robben 6, Schimpp 5, Wolhowe 3, Weite 2, A. Smith 2, Nanik 2, Dumpprope 1

FG: 31-62, 50%; 3-pointers 6-17, 35%; FT: 12-18, 67%

Section 8AA quarterfinals, March 4

Staples-Motley 66, Park Rapids 44

Scoring: Wolhowe 17, Nanik 12, Schimpp 11, Weite 10, Robben 10, A. Smith 5, Johnson 1

Rebounds (28): Weite 9, Wolhowe 8, Schimpp 4, Robben 3, Dumpprope 2, A. Smith 1, Johnson 1

Assists (9): Robben 4, Weite 1, A. Smith 1, Nanik 1, Schimpp 1, Wolhowe 1

Steals (13): Wolhowe 5, Robben 3, Weite 2, Schimpp 2, A. Smith 1

FG: 25-53, 47%; 3-pointers 7-19, 37%; FT: 9-12, 75%

Cardinals right the ship in comeback win

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team had two up and down games in a row, but came out on top in one of them. The Cardinals lost to Detroit Lakes 80-66 on Feb. 28, then came back to defeat Barnesville 67-54 on March 3.

The Cardinals stayed right with DL for most of the game, but turnovers and defensive slips kept them from coming all the way back. Detroit Lakes made all their free throws at the end of the game to increase their lead.

The Cardinals did not have their best shooting night, making 5 of 18 three pointers and 20 of 45 two point shots. They also made just 9 of 20 free throws.

Gavin Smith had 10 rebounds and five assists, while Trey Skeesick added 9 rebounds.

Against Barnesville, Staples-Motley fell behind early and were facing an 11 point halftime deficit, 33-22.

They completely turned the game around in the second half, outscoring Barnesville 45-21 to earn a come from behind victory.

The team turned their

shooting around, making 16 of 29 two point shots and 17 of 28 free throws.

Skeesick pulled down 13 rebounds while Smith had 12 rebounds and five steals. Derek Kennedy led the team with three assists.

Team results
Staples-Motley 66, Detroit Lakes 80

Scoring: Gavin Smith 27, Jack Fietek 12, Josh Lombard 11, Trey Skeesick 8, Derek Kennedy 6, Max Giza 2

Staples-Motley 67, Barnesville 54

Scoring: Smith 28, Lombard 13, Skeesick 12, Kennedy 7, Fietek 3, Brayden Losh 2, Giza 2

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Erpelding wins state title

Miller third at state wrestling tournament

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Alex Erpelding is the 170 pound state champion and Spencer Miller placed third at 113 pounds during the state wrestling tournament March 3-4 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

The other four Cardinal wrestlers did not place, although Blayne Dumpprope won his first match at 120 pounds. Owen Bjerga, Eric Lisson and Jasiah Paske-witz each lost their first match and were eliminated after their opponents lost the next match.

Erpelding was second at state last year, so he was looking for the title this year. "It felt great, it was the ultimate goal that everyone wants to do, to win the state title," he said.

It was a fairly clear path to the title match as Erpelding scored two pins in the first two rounds and a 15-0 technical fall against Cody Dravis of Park Rapids. Erpelding said that might have been his best match, as he shot in for quick take-downs and scored several near falls.

It was a little different story in the championship match against Jeremiah Colon of Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial. "I didn't want to force anything, you only have to win by one point," said Erpelding. "He was a thrower and I wanted to be cautious."

He avoided tying up and took fast shots from a distance, scoring on single leg takedowns in the first period. In the later periods he scored back points on tilts but never threatened a pin. Colon only scored on escapes.

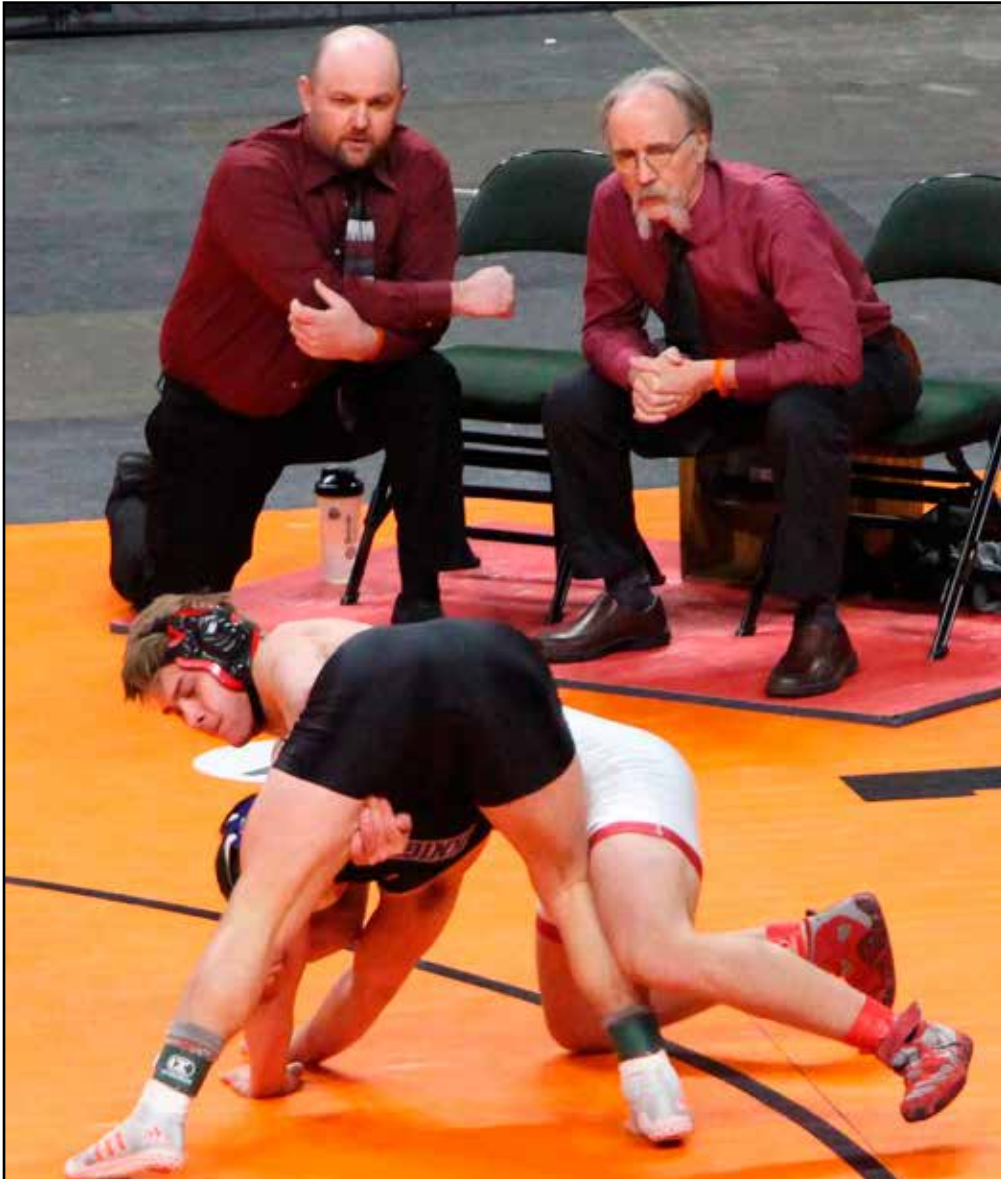
Once the clock ran out with a 10-4 win, Erpelding said "that felt pretty great, it was a big relief, all the nerves go away. All that hard work paid off." In addition, all that happened on his birthday. "It was the best birthday present I could get," said Erpelding.

Miller learned how to win the close matches to get his third place medal. He won his first match 14-4, then came out on top in a tight 5-3 win in the quarterfinals. "It was a big relief after I won the quarters, that meant that I was going to place. A big weight lifted," said Miller.

But his best wrestling was yet to come. In the semifinals, he gave a scare to state champion Jeron Matson of Kenyon-Wanamingo. Miller dodged a couple of shots from Matson and then earned the first takedown with a headlock. The period ended 2-2 after Miller gave up a reversal. Miller slipped on another takedown try in the third period to lose 5-2.

"I might have come into it with a different mindset if I knew how well I could do against him," said Miller.

In the wrestlebacks, Miller again got the first



Championship teamwork

Alex Erpelding keeps the pressure on late in the championship match as Staples-Motley coaches Derek Holst and Dave Anglin watch him earn the title. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Wrestling against the best

Spencer Miller had the upper hand early against state champion Jeron Matson of Kenyon-Wanamingo. (Submitted photo)

takedown and turned it into a five point move. He controlled the rest of the match close and won 6-1. That put him in the third place match against Brant Buyse of Minneota. After a scoreless first period, Miller allowed an escape in the second but then got a takedown. He earned an escape of his own in the third period then blocked a series of late shots to win the third place medal.

"That's how all my matches seem to go," Miller said about the close wins.



Keeping a hold

Owen Bjerga ties up his opponent in his state tournament match. (Submitted photo)



Early nerves

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Rules as likely to have foes as friends

One of the most persistent themes of the last presidential election was criticism of government regulations. Regulations are issued by such federal agencies as the Department of Labor, the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of the Interior and so on. Regulations can deal with things like who should receive overtime pay, how a business partnership should be taxed, or even rules for hunting or fishing in national parks or on national wildlife ref-

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uges. The official purpose of regulations is to interpret laws that are passed by Congress, but there's no denying that sometimes regulations seem more like new laws than an explanation of old ones. "Legislation by regulation" is the way some describe it when regulations seem to go beyond the intentions of the U.S. Congress, the branch of government that's supposed to be the source of our laws. In political circles it's become popular to refer to regulations issued by government agencies as "job killing regulations." The logic is that if a business has to follow new rules, it will result in a drop in profits and cost someone their job. No doubt there are some regulations that make it harder to succeed in business, and some reg-

ulations that do not. But politicians do not always trouble themselves with the details. It's a lot easier to present arguments in black-and-white terms, which makes it easier for a citizen to cast their vote without thinking too deeply. Our present Congress, since convening in January, has undertaken a process to kill a number of regulations that were issued during the last part of 2016, under the previous president. Congress has the authority to "disapprove" of regulations within a period of 60 days after they were issued. Congress can also reset the disapproval clock - like a fresh "shot clock" in basketball - when a new session begins, as it did in 2017. There is a double-handful of such regulations that Congress is in the process

of undoing, some dealing with issues dear to the hearts of many outdoors people. One, for example, is a regulation prohibiting mining companies from dumping their waste near rivers and streams, waste that potentially leaches into waters that not only support important fish populations, but at some point downstream may become part of the human water supply. Limiting this source of dangerous pollution seemed like a good idea, but - because it could complicate mining practices - this regulation is in the process of being killed. It's not only new regulations that can come under attack. Any regulation that has been issued can be undone if there's enough political muscle directed against it. It's done by proposing a new regulation that overrides the old one. The public gets an opportunity to comment on the proposed change, and the issuing agency is supposed to pay attention to the public's comments. But it doesn't always work out that way. This is happening with a regulation issued in 2015 that interprets part of the federal Clean Water Act, a law that dates back to 1972. This 2015 regulation stated that even streams and wetlands that may be seasonal - meaning, they may not be connected, or may not have substantial flows throughout the entire year - are nevertheless covered by the Clean Water Act. Under the Act, they are deserving of protection from de-

structive or polluting land uses near them and recognized as being important to maintaining and purifying our water supply, important to wildlife and to recreation. This is a regulation that is now being targeted by the administration to be overturned. According to one of the nation's most respected conservation organizations, 60 percent of stream mileage and 20 million acres of the nation's wetlands would lose the protection of the Clean Water Act if the administration overturns this regulation. Closer to home, Minnesotans too, routinely see conflict over rules intended to protect our environment, rules that may require people to follow new conservation practices. Minnesota's "buffer law" was enacted in 2015, then amended in 2016. Its purpose is to require grasses or other perennial vegetation as a ground cover on land adjacent to public waters - like lakes, wetlands and streams - and bordering public ditches. The objective is to trap pesticides, herbicides, fertilizer and topsoil runoff before it can enter and contaminate our waterways. The law requires a 50-foot vegetation strip next to public waters and a 16 and one-half foot buffer next to public ditches. Ditches on private land are not covered. Buffers are particularly important on agricultural land, which - vital as Minnesota agriculture is - contributes more

surface and groundwater pollutants than other commercial enterprises or residential property. The deadline for complying with the requirements is November 1, 2017, for public waters, and November 1, 2018, for public ditches. A number of Minnesota counties have indicated they don't intend to enforce the law unless the Minnesota legislature appropriates tax money for their efforts. Others feel that farmers should be compensated for planting ground cover next to waterways instead of crops. With a shift in power in the Minnesota Legislature after last November's elections, the pendulum seems already to be swinging the other way. Legislation has been introduced in 2017 in the Minnesota Senate to delay the buffer rules by two years. The bill would also require that funds dedicated by law to other conservation purposes be stripped from those uses to pay farmers who will no longer be able to plant crops right up to public waters. Challenging rules has a long history, with familiar sayings like "rules are made to be broken" and "rules are for the other guy." But there are also sayings about our responsibility to maintain the health of the world we inhabit, even if doing so - by obeying reasonable rules - interferes with business-as-usual. Sayings like "We've not inherited the Earth from our ancestors; we've borrowed it from our children."

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Unified Special Olympics game played at Pillager

The Pillager Huskies Unified Special Olympics team played their first home game Feb. 17, taking on the Menahga Braves. Leading the Huskies were seniors Shelby Wilson and Ethan Hines, who scored eight points and four points respectively. Andrew Tabor added four points and Tate Boelter, six. Adding defense were Connor Mason, Emma Sebasky, Domenik VanAllen and Josh Smith. Unified partners on the Huskies team included Ridge Hunstad, Gabby Martin, Hailea Books, Aaron Klein, Eli Shingledecker, Erik Peterson, Jordyn VanVickle. Pictured above are members of both the Pillager and Menahga teams. Row 1, from left:

Henry Hultberg, Olive Byman, Madison Patton, Connor Mason, Andrew Tabor, Emma Sebasky. Row 2: Brianna Patton, Leah Schwartz, Mackenzie Kako, Alayna Lake, Erik Peterson, Aaron Klein, Tate Boelter, Coach Kim Lund. Row 3: Coach Isaiah Hahn, Kevin Jones, Nathan Fix, Will Peterson, Lindsay Hendrickson, Ashton Buchette, Ethan Hines, Shelby Wilson, Domenik VanAllen, Ridge Hunstad, Josh Smith, Coach Jeanne Kilian. “Despite the close loss, memories were made that will never be forgotten and we put on a great show for the crowd,” said Huskie Coach Kim Lund. (Submitted photo)



The benefits of reading



Fourth and fifth graders at Motley-Staples Middle School who met their reading goals during ‘I Love to Read Month’ were given the opportunity to throw pies in the faces of some good-natured faculty members. Pictured above, Emma Lamke takes aim at Principal Chris Halverson. At left, Michelle Jeziorski and Jim Klammer get their

taste of whipped-cream pie, thanks to pie-throwers Addisyn Cichos and Mason Nielson (below). In bottom photo, students are having a great time during the activity. Other participating faculty members included Deb Ferdon, Alina Robinson, Lisa Przybilla, Laurie Trout, Barb Branchaud, Robin Rothstein. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Century Farm applications open

Minnesota families who have owned their farms for 100 years or more may apply for the 2017 Century Farms Program. Produced by the Minnesota State Fair in conjunction with the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, the Century Farms Program was created to promote agriculture and honor historic family farms in the state. More than 10,000 Minnesota farms have been honored since the program began in 1976.

Family farms are recognized as Century Farms when three requirements are met. The farm must be: 1) at least 100 years old according to authentic land records; 2) in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years (continuous residence on the farm is not required); and 3) at least 50 acres. A commemorative certificate signed by the Minnesota State Fair Board of Managers President Sharon Wessel, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap and Governor Mark Dayton will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign signifying

Century Farm status. Applications are available online at mnstatefair.org (click the “Recognition Programs” link at the bottom of the home page); at fbmn.org; by calling the state fair at; 651- 288-4400; or at statewide county extension and county Farm Bureau offices. The submission deadline is Monday, April 3. Recipients will be announced in May. Previously recognized families should not reapply.

Information on Century Farms will be available at the Minnesota Farm Bureau exhibit during the 2017 Minnesota State Fair. A Century Farm database is also available at fbmn.org.

The Minnesota State Fair is one of the largest and best-attended exhibitions in the world, attracting more than 1.9 million visitors annually. Showcasing Minnesota’s finest agriculture, art and industry, the Great Minnesota Get-Together is always 12 days of fun ending Labor Day. Visit mnstatefair.org for more information. The 2017 Minnesota State Fair runs Aug. 24 - Labor Day, Sept. 4.

Law enforcement reports

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

March 1 - The MPD issued a citation to James Crawford, 58, for driving with a revoked license. Feb. 23, 24 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Nicholas Brozak, 26; and Joshua Mohs, 31; Hannah Krupke, 20; Steven Harrison, 26; Wayne Schertler, 53. Feb. 26 - The MCSO responded to a call regarding a juvenile party at a resi-

dence on the 5000 block of 240th St. in Cushing. All juveniles were given a PBT, parents notified and juveniles cited.

Feb. 26 - The MCSO received a call from the Cass City Sheriff’s Office regarding a six-vehicle accident on Hwy 64 by mile marker 13. Motley First Responders and Motley Fire Department notified.

Feb. 24 - The MCSO responded to a call regarding a domestic situation at a residence on the 33000 block of Birch Ln. in Motley.

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 Stensvaag
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship 9:35 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:45 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church

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

Seventh Day Adventist

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

Thomastown Covenant

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

Trinity Lutheran

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

United Methodist

310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC

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

Balsamlund Lutheran

19550 490th Street, Aldrich
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. Megarden
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..... 10:30 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.

Verndale United Methodist

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

Central United Methodist

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

“Seek God For The City”

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

In our community there are several churches joining together to pray prayers of Biblical hope. The guide we are using is called, “Seek God For The City”. It encourages us to pray for different people groups in the world and for a wide variety of needs.

When we think of prayer we sometimes make it so complicated that we do not pray at all. I found the following article in Cathedral Press that may help you and would like to share it with you:

Five-Finger Praying

Have you ever discovered that you’re neglecting someone for who you should be praying? A Christian woman worked out her solution to this problem.

Holding up her left hand, the woman explained: “When I’m ready to pray I look at my hand. I notice that my thumb is the finger closest to me. This reminds me to pray for those near me - my family, my friends, my neighbors.”

Pointing to her index finger, she added: “My teachers used to point at us in school. Sometimes the preacher points at us, so as I come to this finger, I pray for my teachers, the preachers and others who have been my guides.

“My middle finger is my largest one. It stands above the others. This brings to mind the rulers of our country, the officials of our city. So I pray for them.”

“The next finger is called the weak finger. When I come to it I think of the weak, the sick, those who are poor and need help. I ask God to help them.”

Coming to her little finger, she concluded: “Last is my little finger. This stands for me. I finish praying for myself and the things I need.”

“Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”

--Philippians 4:6

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