



Enviro-fest....life in the soil

Motley-Staples Middle School sixth graders participated in the Enviro-fest at Katterhagen Farm, south of Staples on Sept. 22, hosted by the Todd County Soil & Water Conservation District. The event was an environmental education experience for all sixth grade students in Todd County.

Above, Lily Albertson, Meghan VanAlst and Lily Crooker show classmates, Austin Weite and Micah Larson, the living things they discovered after digging through a soil sample. After discussing the organic items in the soil, they made a guess as to where the soil sample came from. See more photos on page 12a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Manderschied resigns as Wadena County EM Director

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

After 10 years of service to the Wadena County Sheriff's Department, the last three as Emergency Management Director,

Luke Manderschied is leaving full-time county service for work outside the law enforcement area. He will continue to serve as a part-time deputy as needed.

The announcement of Manderschied's resignation, effective Oct. 5, was made at the Sept. 20 county board meeting by Sheriff Mike Carr. Commissioners accepted Manderschied's resignation with regret and thanked him for his service to the county.

Commissioners and representatives of the sheriff's department will discuss hiring a replacement for Manderschied, with a job posting likely in November, with hiring in January 2017. Meanwhile, his duties will be covered by Sgt Bryan Savaloja and two other deputies.

Sheriff Carr told the board that Wadena County was one of the first counties to have a licensed police officer in the position of emergency management director.

Sheriff Carr and Missy Peterson discussed the Sheriff's Department 2017 budget request with the board. Carr and Peterson pointed out several reductions that would be made to the budget due to various duplicate entries and one error.

Earlier in the meeting, Savaloja announced the resignation of Jailer-Dispatcher Becky Wilhelm, effective Sept. 16. Commissioners accepted her resignation with regret and thanked her for her service. Dustin Anderson, who was working as a part-time jailer-dispatcher, will be hired full-time effective Oct. 1 to help cover Wilhelm's shifts.

Further discussion of the county's 2017 budget took place with Carr, Social Services Director Tanya Leskey, and Auditor/Treasurer Judy Taves. Commissioners deferred a final decision on the preliminary levy – due Sept. 30 – until the Sept. 27 meet-

ing. With the cooperation of all county departments, reductions in estimated expenditures have been made, decreasing the initially calculated preliminary levy amount.

After the preliminary levy is submitted to the State of Minnesota Department of Revenue, the county can make reductions in the levy, but cannot increase it. The final levy is due by Dec. 31, 2016, for 2016 property taxes payable in 2017.

A major sticking point in the budget discussions remains the determination of how much money from the social services fund can be withdrawn to fund the Wadena County Social Services Department in 2017, when revenues will not cover projected expenses. The State of Minnesota and the federal government have reduced the amounts that they will allocate to social services, leaving the department with an expected deficit.

Some commissioners want to withdraw a larger amount from the social services fund than other commissioners. The decision must be made by Sept. 30 so that the preliminary levy amounts can be set.

Also discussed with Leskey and Vercon representative Justin Maaninga was the proposed renovation of part of the social services building. Vercon estimated the total cost at \$269,107.80. Bids came in at \$264,728.80 – a savings of about \$5,000. Successful bidders for the nine bid packages were Jaataja Contracting, Central Concrete, Aaron Carlson, Gull Lake Glass, Central Door and Hardware, Cullen Home Center, Construction Supply Inc., Samuelson Laney, Davis Electric. Commissioners voted to approve the awarding of contracts to the successful bidders. Work will begin soon.

See **WADENA COUNTY** on page 3a

Verna Toenyan earns 50-over-50 ranking

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

She may have recently been honored as one of the 50 over 50 top leaders in Minnesota, but those who know Verna Toenyan know she is one in a million.

Those who know her also recognize that she is downright deserving of the recognition.

The inaugural (first time for this in Minnesota) 50 over 50 List "celebrates and recognizes Minnesotans over the age of 50 who have made significant contributions and achievements in their communities."

Toenyan joins the ranks of other such famous Minnesotans as "Famous Dave's" restaurant chain founder "Famous Dave" Anderson and Ann Bancroft (not the actress) who was the first woman known to make the trek to the North Pole.

Toenyan modestly accepts the fact that she has been recognized, but in a manner that is typical of her, she refuses to accept the recognition without recognizing those who helped her achieve it.

"To me, this is a recognition of all the time, talents and energy of those who work with me to create a better community. I don't see this as about me, but about all of us who work together...It is about the cohesiveness of a group



Community leader

Verna Toenyan is always thinking of the next thing she can do to help create a better community for everyone who lives here. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)

of people working on a mission with the desire of that group to better a community. Accepting this honor is a way of saying thanks to the people who have been behind me who

have helped with the senior and community projects through donations of time, talents and more," she said.

Toenyan was nominated for the award and received

See **TOENYAN** on page 11a

Hello, Readers,

On Sept. 30, 1889, the Wyoming state convention approves a constitution that includes a provision granting women the right to vote. Formally admitted into the union the following year, Wyoming thus became the first state in the history of the nation to allow its female citizens to vote. That the isolated western state of Wyoming should be the first to accept women's suffrage was a surprise. Leading suffragists like Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were Easterners, and they assumed that their own more progressive home states would be among the first to respond to the campaign for women's suffrage. Yet the people and politicians of the growing number of new Western states proved far more supportive than those in the East.

Public Notices
Freshwater Ed. District: 8A

Obituaries
*Dorothy Cote
Robert DeHoff
Joyce Dvorak
Judy Frank*

Thank you for subscribing!



Family outing

A pair of swans with three young swans (babies are called cygnets) paddle peacefully away from human observation on a blustery, cloudy Sunday, Sept. 25. The five were spotted southeast of Staples in a small cattail lined creek. The swans typically remain hidden during the day, foraging for water insects, small fish, fish eggs and small aquatic plants and roots. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Todd County board does not forgive Reichert loan

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The loan forgiveness request made at the Sept. 6 meeting of the Todd County Commissioners by representatives from the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership regarding the Reichert Place in Long Prairie was denied at their Sept. 20 meeting.

Background

At their Sept. 6 board meeting, the commissioners heard from Central Minnesota Housing Partnership Community Development Director Jason Krebsbach about hoping to refinance their first mortgage and their desire to have Todd County forgive a \$90,000 loan which was made to cover the costs of an environmental cleanup that was necessary when they rehabilitated the building in 2000.

He explained that the \$90,000 was originally supposed to be a grant, but since grant funds could not go toward equity, it had to be a low interest loan.

The refinancing they would be doing now would include rehabilitation

efforts including fixing the flat roof, some interior work like the flooring, the parking area and some external work, as needed.

Nothing had been paid on the loan to date.

Kircher had said that this whole thing about the \$90,000 was new to him and that he couldn't see that the county could just hand out \$90,000.

County Attorney Charles Rasmussen researched information about the loan and all he could find was the mortgage.

See **TODD COUNTY** on page 2a

School board candidates to meet in forum

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is hosting a forum for school board candidates Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Staples-Motley High School's Centennial Auditorium at 401 Centennial Lane, Staples.

Four candidates are running for three seats on the Staples-Motley School Board. They will be available to answer questions on issues facing the school district in a moderated forum setting.

erated forum setting.

The candidates are Creig Dobson, Greg Frisk, Chad Longbella and Bryan Winkels.

Longbella and Winkels currently serve on the board. Roy DiGiovanni holds the third seat and chose not to run again.

Questions will be taken from the audience. Members of the committee will collect the questions and organize for clarity and

to avoid duplication. All candidates will have the opportunity to answer questions within a specific timeframe.

Each candidate will also have a set amount of time for opening and closing statements.

The candidates have also been invited to stay for awhile after the formal forum to meet individually with members of the audience. This gives the public

an opportunity to further clarify a candidate's position or to seek responses to concerns not raised during the forum.

Part of the foundation's mission is to strengthen community resources. The forum was organized as another opportunity for community members to become informed voters for the Nov. 8 general election.



2016 Cardinal Homecoming Candidates

Staples-Motley 2016 Homecoming candidates were announced Sept. 26. Above; from left, queen candidates, Sam Schimpp, Kelsie Weite, Samantha Svendsen, Millie Klefsaas and Aleesha Carlson. Back; king candidates, Gavin Smith, Brian Sterriker, Hunter Berggren and Coleman Klimek. Not pictured, Matt Miller.

Homecoming week will kick off with coronation on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium. Other events include;

Tues., Oct. 4 - 3:30 -7 p.m. Tie-Dye party at football field under the lights, flag football and Quad County football 6 p.m., Little Cardinal Cheerleaders per-

form 6:45 p.m.

Weds. Oct 5- Homecoming royalty visits elementary, middle and SHAS schools, LHS Care Center and the DQ.

Thurs. Oct. 6 - 8:30 a.m. Pep Fest, noon: Powder Puff FB game, 2 p.m. Homecoming Parade, 4th St NE by Staples Community Center out to Staples-Motley Elemenatry.

Friday, Oct. 7 - 6 p.m. Tailgate party prior to football game

- 7 p.m. Homecoming game vs. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle.

9:30 p.m. Homecoming dance (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Region Five awarded NJPA branding project grant

Region Five Development Commission's Regional Branding project is the recipient of a \$100,000 Innovation Grant. The National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Funding Innovation Program engages representatives from cities and counties to rank applications and select awarded projects in Region 5.

The regional branding project will help the region highlight its assets, allow individual communities to maximize their impact, and build a culture of community collaboration.

The overarching goals of the proposed project are to:

- attract potential workforce - primarily millennials;
- attract businesses - either startups or relocations; and
- build a culture of collaboration among the municipalities of the region.

The proposed project will result in a brand that will build a favorable internal and external image of the region and its small cities - one that builds social capital within the

region, is owned by its communities and is attractive to those external to the region.

R5DC is currently conducting a survey, asking residents what they see as the assets of the five county region of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena. To complete the survey, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/R5DCMaster.

To learn more about the regional branding effort or to request a paper copy of the survey, contact Dawn Espe at despe@regionfive.org or 218-894-3233.



Looking like autumn

The Staples '93 Lions decorated the entrances to Staples and the four-way stop in downtown Staples. (Submitted photo)

TODD COUNTY continued from page 1a

Commissioners decide it was a loan, not a grant

gage and the promissory note.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that in the 2000 board notes there was mention of the loan, but no actual resolution or board action could be found on file.

The maturity date is Sept. 1, 2031.

CMHP Executive Director Deanna Hemmesch, who was a program director for CMHP at the time, said the county and the city wanted something done with the property. They needed a local contribution to get some of the funding sources they were applying for because asbestos and lead were found in the building so there needed to be an environmental cleanup.

Gaida asked Hemmesch why they don't refinance it for the amount they owe instead of asking the county for loan forgiveness, like a person would have to do if they were refinancing their personal mortgage?

Hemmesch said that there was not enough equity to pay everything off. She said they didn't have enough money in their reserve accounts and once they fixed the things that needed fixing, there wouldn't be enough money to pay off the \$90,000.

Current situation

Hemmesch said that in her search for more information, her understanding was that the county was going to "grant" the needed \$90,000 to CMHP as a one percent loan.

The county sits in the third lien position. There is currently \$675,000 of debt against the property and that is the main reason they are asking for loan forgiveness.

The actual cost of the lead and asbestos abatement exceeded the \$90,000 from the county.

After further discussion, Commissioner Randy Neumann made a motion to NOT forgive the loan

stating that he could not go back to his taxpayers and tell them they were raising the levy, but forgiving a \$90,000 loan.

Commissioner David Kircher made the second and agreed he could not tell his taxpayers that either.

Commissioner Gary Kneisl asked how the \$90,000 helped the CMHP?

Hemmesch said it was not an amortizing loan and would just sit on the books until it was due.

Rasmussen said that one of the reasons the county had helped was to get it back on the tax roll.

Chair Barb Becker said that the former county auditor contacted her and her understanding was that it was a loan, not a grant.

Commissioner Rod Erickson noted that not much had been paid off on the other loan amounts either.

"This is a larger amount of money. We've been struggling to maintain our budgets. We can't tell the taxpayers that we are throwing \$90,000 away,"

Kircher said.

Erickson said that they could look at it again at some point in the future.

"Our budget may look different in a year," he said.

Hemmesch asked if the county would consider deferring the loan or subordinating it?

Neumann said that there was a lot of state and federal funding out there and that the CMHP should pursue it.

Hemmesch said that they were subordinating the second loan, too.

The board voted unanimously to not forgive the loan.

In other business

• Todd County has been approached by Long Prairie Packing Company, LLC to consider selling two county owned parcels that contain the sheriff's impound lot, Veteran's Services garage and the Sentence to Serve wood sale lot.

The cost estimate to provide for full replacement of these lots which would be located in the City of Long Prairie's Industrial Park is

valued at \$277,183.

The sale of these parcels would provide for new county buildings, increased tax base and reduction of potential farm vehicle interaction on County State Aid Highway #56.

Further, the sale of these parcels will need to be sold on a public auction to provide opportunity for all interested parties to submit a bid for purchase.

The board approved the minimum bid for the sale of these parcels not be lower than the estimated replacement cost of \$277,183 and any associated legal real estate fees.

• Approved an easement request on the above property as Long Prairie Packing would like to move some overhead power lines to underground. They would be going across a county owned parcel. The easement is for Minnesota Power.

• Approved the continued part-time status of Lisa Herges as County Coordinator/Human Resources at 2/5 time and from week to week through Nov. 15, 2016.

Herges said she thought the county would benefit from a county administrator, but understood the contention this would cause. She said at this time she would recommend the board hire a coordinator, but have them be the director over the facilities and MIS departments.

Kircher said he would fully support hiring an administrator because this

is something they need because of the size of their staff and the size of their budget, but that controls would be put on that position and the commissioners would be the policy makers.

He urged the other commissioners to consider an administrator, too.

• Approved the resolution to set the preliminary 2017 budget at \$16,352,220 less program aids of \$1,350,255 therefore certifying the preliminary local levy at \$15,001,965.

• Reviewed and approved the continuation of the Region Five lease agreement for their offices in the county facility in Staples through Dec. 31, 2021.

• Set the fall road meeting date for Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 9 a.m.

• Approved the Big Swan Lake Improvement District five year budget plan, an assessment to 165 property owners in the amount of \$95 per property owner, totalling \$15,675 per year.

• The board heard from Solid Waste's Mike Hanen and Jeremy Clasemann on the market price for the solid waste management tax. The tax requires political subdivisions to identify by resolution a market price if the political subdivision subsidizes the cost of service at a facility.

The political subdivision will be liable for the solid waste management tax based only on the market price amount identified through this resolution.

The market price is identified in state statutes as the "lowest price available in the area" which is \$65 per ton at the Morrison County Landfill.

• Approved the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 energy assistance contract and internal controls.

Energy Assistance Coordinator Amy Zimmerman said that they have already received 406 applications. Last year the program in Todd County processed 1,203 applications in the amount of \$820,000 or an average of \$681 per household. An additional 232 households were helped with crisis funding.

• Approved the hire of Amanda Allen to fill an open position as a Child Protection Social Worker.

• Approved filling a full-time payroll specialist position.

The position has been vacant for an extended period of time and staff from other offices have assisted in ensuring payroll gets processed in a timely matter during this vacancy.

The position will also assist in the office as there is no support staff at this time.



StaplesFamily
Dentistry

Your smile is our style.



Dr. Dominic Gagnon is dedicated to providing gentle, personalized, and friendly dental care for children, teens, and adults.

Relax. Refresh. Restore.

Dominic Gagnon D.D.S.

218-894-2201

www.staplesfamilydentistry.com
info@staplesfamilydentistry.com

616 4th St. NE, Staples



NOTICE

Water Main Flushing

The City of Staples Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the City starting **October 4, 2016 and continuing for a couple of weeks.** You may experience cloudy water during this time. If this occurs, allow the cold water to run until it clears.



There are many ways to care for yourself.

Start with a Mammogram.

If you are over 40 years old, the best thing you can do for yourself and your loved ones is schedule your annual mammogram.

Join us this October for a Mammogram Party!

Thursday Evenings – October 6, 13 & 27 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Parties can accommodate up to 12 mammograms.



Tri-County
Health CareSM

PRE-REGISTER TODAY! 218.631.7466

TCHC.org

Now Offering state-of-the-art 3D Digital Mammography

Police arrest one in knife incident

On Sept. 13, at 12:20 a.m., Staples Police responded to Hwy 10 and 6th St NE for a report of a male yelling and bleeding from his arm.

Police located the subject at the ER at LHS Hospital after he had been given a ride by the reporting party. After speaking with the subject it was learned he had been assaulted with a knife and received a cut on his arm.

After investigation, police arrested Thomas Anderson, 29, of Staples for his role in the incident. According to the police report, Anderson said he had gotten into an argument with the victim and the victim had previously assaulted him. He also relayed a history of fights with the victim and stated he was afraid of him.

Later that evening, the victim made threats in front of Anderson's home but was not charged in the incident.

Other reports into the police department included;

Sept. 14; Staples Police responded to a property damage accident on 4th

St NE in front of Trinity Lutheran Church. A car pulling a trailer that came loose from the hitch, and hit a parked hearse owned by Brenny Funeral Home that was parked on 4th St NE. The crash caused the hearse to move forward, striking another Brenny Funeral Home vehicle. There was moderate damage to the hearse.

Sept. 14; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a report of gunshots and suspicious activity on Timberlane Rd. Police checked the area, along with the Todd County Sheriff's Dept, but no one was located.

Sept. 18; Staples Police received a complaint of two vehicles racing in the 300 block of 8th St. SE. Police identified both drivers after speaking to witnesses. Police contacted one of the drivers and advised him on the complaint.

Sept. 18; Staples Police responded to the 300 block of Nebraska SW for a report of a domestic. Both individuals involved were separated and one

agreed to leave the residence. Police will be forwarding reports to the city attorney to review for possible charges.

Sept. 21; at approximately 1 a.m., Staples Police responded to the Staples Depot, to assist with a subject who was on Amtrak, and was reported to be having mental health issues. The subject was advised by Amtrak staff that they could no longer ride the train, due to their behavior. The subject was assisted and advised by the police. Also responding was the Staples Ambulance.

Sept. 21; Staples Police conducted a follow up on an individual waiting to board the Amtrak after being removed from the train the night before.

Sept. 24; Staples Police received a report a day after an incident took place at Dower Lake Campground, where someone was shooting a small caliber rifle out a window of a black truck. They were shooting toward the woods on the east side of the park.



Overseeing feedlot construction

Tyler Fehr (left) of Riverview LLP, Morris; and rural Staples native Adam Adamietz, with Environment Control Systems, also of Morris, are pictured Sept. 23, at the construction site of a new livestock feedlot in Byron Township.

Adamietz, a 1999 graduate of Staples Motley High School, works for the general contractor of the project; and Fehr's company was pouring concrete that day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Construction underway for area hog feedlot

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Construction is underway for a new hog farrowing feedlot in Byron Township, located on 80th St. SW, just west of Hwy 64

in Cass County.

The name of the feedlot is Cass Crest, LLC; and will be home to two barns, a workshop; and below barn engineered concrete manure storage pits. It is owned by multiple individuals.

According to their permit application, the new farrowing barn will be 181' by 252' x 2' and will hold 416 farrowing sows for a total of 166.4 animal units; and the new gestation barn will be 123' x 574' x 8' for 2,080 sows or 832 animal units. Both barns will be total confinement.

Dave Labenz serves as farm manager of the project, with management services provided by Preferred Capital Management.

Construction is behind schedule, Labenz said, noting that the weather has contributed to this. "We've had a lot of set-backs due to rain; but we're hoping to be getting pigs in there by the end of the year."

The general contractor for the project is Environment Control Systems out of Morris. Several subcontractors have been working at the site recently as well, including Riverview LLP, Morris; and Giza Plumbing and Heating in Staples.



Nelson rewarded for reading 1,000 books

Payton Nelson read 1,000 books before kindergarten. "We come to the library every week," said her mother, Lacey Aguirre. The Staples-Motley Early Childhood Coalition and Staples Library rewarded Nelson with a stuffed animal and a book that goes along with it. Pictured, Beth Fabian of the Early Childhood Coalition holds the book Nelson chose, "On the Night You Were Born," while Nelson holds her stuffed polar

bear, Aguirre holds the 1,000 book certificate and at right is Angie Johnson of the Staples Library.

Children who haven't entered kindergarten are invited to pick up a book journal and book bag for the program, to help them count the number of books they read. "It's the best thing you can do for your kiddo," said Fabian. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

WADENA COUNTY continued from page 1a

County assessor's job discussed

Near the end of the meeting, commissioners considered whether to reappoint County Assessor Lee Brekke to his position for another four-year term. Commissioners discussed their thoughts about the reappointment, and several expressed their requirements that Brekke submit a plan for getting the county into compliance with state rules for assessing properties, submit an action plan for drafting supervisory duties for the Deputy Assessor, and explain how Brekke will implement more aggressive staff leadership.

The county is behind on the state's requirement that all properties be evaluated every five years. Carrying out this mandate involves considerable staff time. The county assessor's department has been short-staffed due to family and medical leave act (FMLA) requirements.

The Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) is a federal law requiring covered employers to provide employees job-protected and unpaid leave for qualified medical and family reasons.

With several staff members out of the office on leave for extended periods since 2010 and a staff resignation, Brekke asked the board repeatedly during the last six years for permission to hire temporary workers to evaluate properties. The board sometimes refused him permission, sometimes granted his requests and sometimes cut his requests in half, leaving Brekke unable to fulfill state requirements. Now commissioners will decide whether to vote for Brekke's reappointment as

county assessor.

A decision about reappointment will be made at the Sept. 27 board meeting.

In other business, the board

• Learned of the plan of the City of Wadena to create a TIF district and authorize the building of 49 housing units for seniors, half of which must be low-income housing units.



Auction gives to food shelf

Fran Mertens of the Staples Food Shelf, left, accepts checks that total \$888 from Rita Stone of the Congregational Church in Staples. The money was raised at the penny auction put on by the church during Railroad Days. A similar donation will be given to the Motley Food Shelf. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Avoid Event Conflicts

Check the Events Calendar online at www.staplesworld.com

Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com

ODD AND EVEN PARKING

Staples Residents: Save yourself \$10

NOTICE: Parking Restriction

(odd/even parking reminder)

Effective Oct. 1, 2016

THE CITY OF STAPLES

odd/even Parking Ordinance is in effect Oct. 1 and implements a calendar - or odd/even type - parking. The Ordinance is based on Street and Avenue house numbers. Even numbers are on the East side of Streets and the South side of Avenues.

Odd numbered houses are on the West side of Streets and the North side of Avenues. Vehicles may only park on the even side of Streets and Avenues on even days of the calendar, and may only park on the odd side of Streets and Avenues on odd days of the calendar. This Ordinance is in effect from October 1st to May 1st and from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m.

You must remember to park according to the calendar date as of midnight. Vehicles violating this Ordinance will be ticketed nightly, regardless of the weather. During snow removal periods, vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. This does not affect the downtown 2:00 a.m.-6 a.m. zones.

FOR EXAMPLE: If you live at 450 7th Street NE and arrive home at 8:00 p.m. on Oct. 1st, you must park your car on the even side of the Street or Avenue by midnight because that will be Oct. 2nd, an even day of the calendar.

For questions, call city hall or 800-794-5733.

Staples Police Department

REAL MEN SING!

REAL MEN SING jr!

A Choral Festival for Young Men

STAPLES AREA Men's Chorus

Sponsored by staplesmen.org

Saturday, Oct. 1

Staples Motley High School Gym

Workshops and rehearsals begin at noon.

Concert at 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m.

Guest Director

Bret Amundson, DMA
Director of Choral Activities and Director of General Education at the College of St. Scholastica

Guest Director

Sarah Cohen, DMA
Assistant Director of Choral Activities and Vocal Music Education at the College of St. Scholastica.

Tickets \$10

6 & under free

Family max. \$25

Purchase tickets online at www.staplesmen.org from chorus members or at Nelson Insurance Agency 325 2nd Ave. NE, Staples 218-895-5046

w38-ssw39c

STAPLES MOTLEY AREA CHORUS FESTIVAL

NRPA

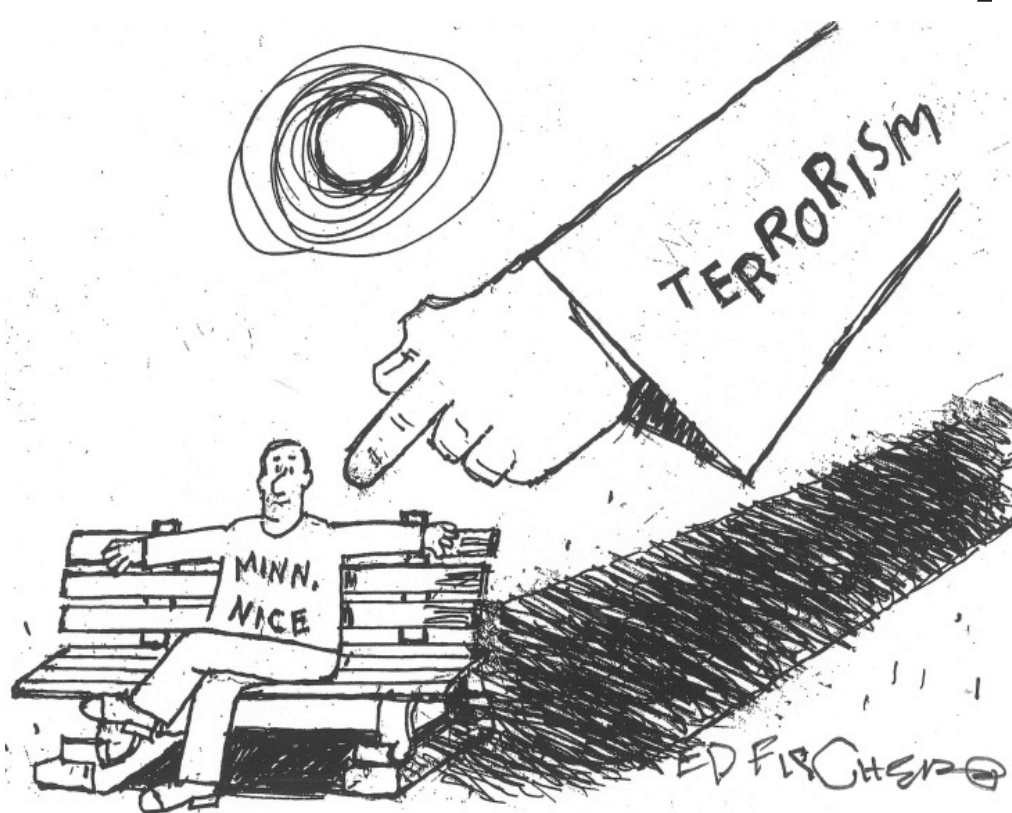
A

L

SALE

Partners

This project is made possible by a grant provided by the Five Wings Arts Council with funds from the McKnight Foundation supplemented with Legacy funds.



Free and Reduced Meal Program forms affect many funds

October 1 is a big day for all school districts in Minnesota. It's the day the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) uses to do a head count of our student enrollment and determine a lot of different funding streams.

It's the reason why school districts try several different types of communication strategies to ask parents that qualify for the Free and Reduced Meal Program (FRP) to fill out the forms. Parents must fill out new forms every year that they qualify.

We wouldn't do all this begging if it didn't mean so much to the financial stability of our district. Each child who is enrolled in the free or reduced-price lunch program leverages state "compensatory aid" funding, bringing additional dollars and resources directly into our classrooms to benefit all students. Compensatory funding really helped the Staples-Motley School District get through lackluster funding from the State of Minnesota during the "great recession."

There are other programs where funding is based on our FRP rate:

- Title I funding, which offers assistance to our K-5 students struggling with reading and math;
- E-Rate funding, helps our district obtain affordable telecommunications and

• Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klamm
Supt.

internet access; and,

- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables grant. Several area school districts lost this popular snack program due to a lowered FRP rate compared to other schools in the State of Minnesota.

As a school district, in order to access new funding opportunities from the Minnesota legislature, many times we have to apply for the funds through a grant process. This is true with Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, which we apply for every year. It was also the case with a Pre-K grant opportunity we applied for earlier this fall. We missed funding by a few percentage points.

The opportunity of receiving a grant is much higher if our FRP rate is at 50 percent or higher. Historically, Staples-Motley School District's FRP rate has been around 56 percent. At the present time, it is at 45 percent.

We ask parents to complete the application for free and reduced meal benefit forms and turn them in to any of our school offices. If you aren't sure if you qualify, don't hesitate to give our Director of Nutrition Services, Shelly Miller, a call at 218-894-5400, ext. 3164. All information is strictly confidential.

If you have already completed and handed in the forms - Thank you!

Defend the First Amendment: Read a banned book

By Michael Schaub
Los Angeles Times

It's the 34th annual Banned Books Week, a celebration of writing that has been challenged by would-be censors.

This year, the emphasis is on diversity, a nod to the fact that more than half of the books challenged or banned in American libraries and schools are by writers of color.

The Banned Books Week website features a list of frequently banned books dealing with characters with diverse backgrounds. It includes perennially challenged authors such as Sherman Alexie, Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou and Khaled Hosseini.

It's not just authors of color who are being targeted. The most recent American Library Assn.'s list of challenged or banned books includes several titles dealing with LGBT issues, including David Levithan's "Two Boys Kissing," Alison Bechdel's "Fun Home" and "I Am Jazz," a children's book co-authored by Jazz Jennings, a teenage transgender girl.

Libraries and bookstores across the nation are observing Banned Books Week by promoting literature by frequently challenged authors, often in innovative ways.

In Washington, D.C., the public library system organized a scavenger hunt leaving books across the city with black-and-white covers featuring no information other than the words would-be censors used to describe their contents. ("The Catcher in the Rye" is "anti-white," and under the cover boasting "filthy trashy sex novel" is John Knowles' "A Separate Peace.")

Skyline Books in Los Angeles will observe this year's Banned Books Week with an open mic featuring authors Steph Cha,

Natasha Deón and Chris L. Terry and a "blind date with a banned book sale."

In February, Banned Books Week chair Charles Brownstein noted the "alarming" trend of non-white authors being challenged, writing, "By shining a light on how these ideas are censored, we hope to encourage opportunities to create engagement and understanding within our communities, and to emphasize the fundamental importance of the freedom to read."

A recent report by PEN America echoed these concerns with "Missing from the Shelf: Book Challenges and Lack of Diversity in Children's Literature," addressing the issue of LGBT authors and authors of color being disproportionately targeted by those seeking to ban books.

"While book bans and challenges may seem like a thing of the past, they are alive and well in schools and libraries around the country," PEN America Executive Director Suzanne Nossel said in a statement. And they "disturbingly, tend to disproportionately target books that speak to the experiences of LGBT people and people of color."

The events are sponsored by a number of groups, including the American Library Assn. and the American Booksellers Assn. (AAP).

On AAP's website, project manager Olusina Adebayo explained why books with minority themes are so frequently challenged.

"Because the definition of diversity stems from what is considered to be outside the norm it has frightened parents who want to protect their children from overexposure," Adebayo writes. "The banning and censorship of books stifles constructive dialogue and promotes division over understanding. Unfortunately, our soci-

ety has characterized that which is different as being bad or off-putting."

The top ten most-challenged books of 2015

1) "Looking for Alaska" by John Green. Reasons: Offensive language, sexually explicit and unsuited for age group.

2) "Fifty Shades of Grey" by E. L. James. Reasons: Sexually explicit, unsuited to age group and other ("poorly written," "concerns that a group of teenagers will want to try it").

3) "I Am Jazz" by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. Reasons: Inaccurate, homosexuality, sex education, religious viewpoint and unsuited for age group.

4) "Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out" by Susan Kuklin. Reasons: Anti-family, offensive language, homosexuality, sex education, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group and other ("wants to remove from collection to ward off complaints").

5) "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon. Reasons: Offensive language, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group and other ("profanity and atheism").

6) The Holy Bible. Reasons: Religious viewpoint.

7) "Fun Home" by Alison Bechdel. Reasons: Violence and other ("graphic images").

8) "Habibi" by Craig Thompson. Reasons: Nudity, sexually explicit and unsuited for age group.

9) "Nasreen's Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan" by Jeanette Winter. Reasons: Religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group and violence.

10) "Two Boys Kissing" by David Levithan. Reasons: Homosexuality and other ("condones public displays of affection").

Letter to the Editor

Respect our opinion

Any time we are in an election season, we as voters have the right to make a choice. Is it always easy? NO, but Election Day comes along whether we are ready or not. Emotions run high, opinions solidify and somehow we make it through.

We have a right to vote, we have a right to our opinions and we have a right to express them verbally or in writing. This year's Presidential election is especially polarized and therefore emotions are definitely

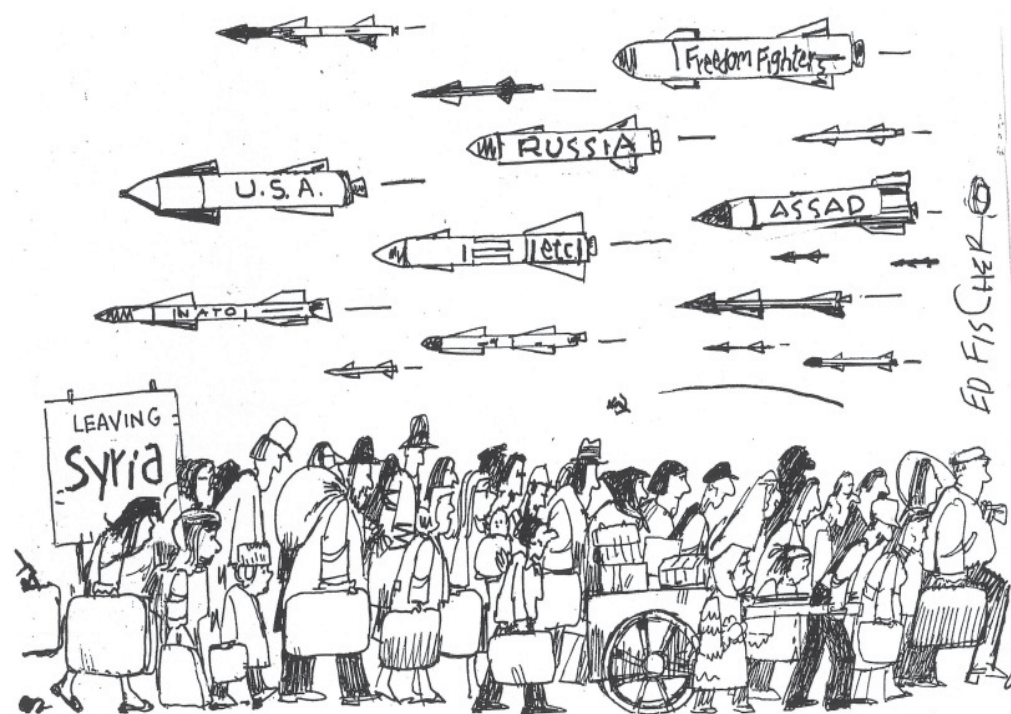
elevated. We have formed our opinion and are willing to express it through lawn signs and bumper stickers. YES, we support Donald Trump.

There seems to be those in our community that disagree and we respect that. What we do not accept is how some display their disagreement. We placed a Trump lawn sign on our front lawn and it was stolen within two days. We are sure everyone knows that even though a sign is not a big ticket item, it still is against the law to steal it. It steals our First Amendment rights as well.

We also have had a note put on the windshield of our car questioning (we assume) our Trump sticker on the back window. It said "ARE YOU SURE?" Would we have a sticker on the car if we were not sure? I don't think so.

As this highly unusual, and history making presidential campaign continues, we ask that our opinions and expressions of those opinions be respected as we will respect others.

Bruce and Beverly Nelsen
Staples, Minn.



Staples World

Established in 1890. USPS 518-760
©2016 Devlin Newspapers, Inc.
Published Thursdays by Devlin Newspapers, Inc.
Office located at 224 4th Street NE
Periodicals postage paid at Staples, Minnesota 56479.

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 100
Telephone: (218) 894-1112 - Fax: (218) 894-3570
Toll Free: 1-888-894-1112
www.staplesworld.com - E Mail: info@staplesworld.com

Official Newspaper for:
City of Staples,
Staples Motley School District,
Freshwater Education District and Todd County.



Publisher Devlin Newspapers, Inc.
General Manager Brenda Halvorson info@staplesworld.com
News Editor Mark Anderson editor@staplesworld.com
Advertising Representative Gary Mueller gmueller@staplesworld.com
Graphics/Photo Tech Janice Winter jwinter@staplesworld.com
Bookkeeping/Circulation
Front Office/Proofreader Kathy Odden kodden@staplesworld.com
CWC Reporter Dawn Timbs dtimbs@staplesworld.com
Front Office office@staplesworld.com
Courier Robert McKimmy

Subscription Rates:
Local: (Todd, Wadena, Morrison, Cass Counties) \$40 per year
Website: \$37 per year
Minnesota: \$45 per year - Out of State: \$50 per year
Foreign: \$60 per year Student Rate: (Sept. through Apr./in-state) \$29
There is a \$5 charge for address change from local to out of state.

Letters: Readers are encouraged to express their views by writing letters to the editor. Letters are verified for authenticity, so please include a name, address and phone number. Only the author's name and city will be published. Letters may be edited for spelling and grammar errors, libel, length and other factors. Private thanks, solicitations and libelous letters will not be published. Letters are printed on a space available basis. The editor reserves the right to reject letters.

The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday. Opinions expressed on this page do not necessarily represent the views of this newspaper.

Fairness: The Staples World tries conscientiously to report fairly and accurately. If you feel we fall short of this objective at any time, please direct your complaint to the manager whose name appears on this page.

Note to Advertisers: Advertisers should check their ad following first publication. This newspaper shall not be liable for failure to publish an ad or for the typographic error or errors in publication except to the extent of the cost of the ad for the first day's insertion. Adjustment for errors is limited to the cost of that portion of the ad wherein the error occurred. The publisher reserves the right to cancel any advertisement at any time.

Member: Minnesota Newspaper Association, National Newspaper Association, Heartland Market Group, MCAN Advertising

Staples City Council:

Chris Etzler, Mayor 218-894-2894
..... cetzler@isd2170.k12.mn.us
Doug Case 218-296-1288
..... dcase1338@charter.net
Mike Isenberg 218-330-3872
..... iceminn33@hotmail.com
Kevin Jenkins 218-820-2081
..... tmax95@charter.net
Roy Miles 218-296-1047
..... rkmls@icloud.com
Ron Murray 218-296-0910
..... ptman09@yahoo.com
Mary Theurer 218-894-3752
..... jmtheurer@charter.net
Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator 218-894-2550
..... jnelsen@ci.staples.mn.us

Public Notices

Eighty percent of people polled believe that governments should be required to publish public notices in newspapers. But for years, government has tried to "hide" public notices by either posting them on government websites only, or by not publishing them at all. Newspapers across the country are fighting for YOUR right to that information. *That's our job.*

Keep public notices public. Keep them in newspapers.
Support your local newspaper.

Source: 2011 Readership Survey by National Newspaper Association.



Lakewood Health System to offer flu shots

Lakewood Health System is encouraging all of their patients to get a flu shot, in an effort to protect themselves and those around them.

Starting Monday, Oct. 3, flu shots will be available during any regularly scheduled clinic appointments or by walk-in during regular clinic hours: 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday in Staples, Browerville, Eagle Bend, Motley and Pillager.

Flu shots will also be available in Staples on Saturday, Oct. 15, 8 a.m. - noon during the walk-in clinic; and Tuesday, Oct. 25, until 8 p.m.

According to studies

done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the nasal spray flu vaccine used in past years was found to be ineffective and the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted that it will not be used or distributed during the 2016 - 2017 flu season. Therefore, Lakewood will only be using traditional flu "shot" and recommends it for everyone six months and older.

Insurance billing for shots is available. For more information, call 218-894-1515 or go online to www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com.



Real Men Sing! and young men, too

The Staples Area Men's Chorus will host area high school and middle school boys at their Real Men Sing! Festival Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Staples-Motley High School gymnasium. A public concert is offered at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m.. The men practicing from last year's concert at the SMHS gymnasium remind you that #StaplesRMS (Real Men Sing). (Photo courtesy of Rex McDonald.)

Mark Your Calendar

Flu vaccination clinics available for veterans

A flu shot is an important part of staying healthy during the flu season, and this year the St. Cloud VA Health Care System is making it easier for Veterans to get a flu shot.

Free shots will be available during routine appointments, or at one of the many VA flu shot clinics offered throughout Central Minnesota. Bring your Veteran's ID card.

Clinics at VA facilities

Flu shot clinics are planned for Sept. 29, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Bldg. 96 at the St. Cloud VA Medical Center. During October, walk-in (no appointment needed) flu shot clinics are on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon west lobby of the main entrance (Bldg. 1).

Brainerd VA Clinic, flu shots will be given; Tuesday, Oct. 4 and Friday, Oct. 7; 1 to 4 p.m., and Tuesday, Oct. 18; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

Additional clinics

Working in coordination with local County Veteran Service Offices, additional mobile flu shot clinics are available in:

- Little Falls: Friday, Oct. 7; 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Morrison Cty Gov't Center, 213 SE 1st Ave, Mtg Rm 1.
- Long Prairie: Monday, Oct. 17, 9 to 11 a.m., American Legion, WM. T. Lewis Post 12, 714 Commerce Rd.
- Wadena: Monday, Oct. 17; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., VFW Elmer Goche Post 3922, 123 1st St SE.

Veterans attending the flu clinics are encouraged to bring a buddy and invite a non-enrolled Veteran to attend. Be sure to have them bring a copy of their discharge papers. While non-enrolled Veterans cannot receive a flu shot at these clinics, they can fill out an application for enrollment and learn about VA health care benefits.

All Veterans are encouraged to enroll in the VA health care system. For information on enrolling for VA health care, contact the St. Cloud VA HCS Eligibility Office at (320-255-6340).

Any changes to the flu vaccination clinic schedule will be announced on the flu shot information line at 320-255-6444. Stay informed, sign up for email updates at www.stcloud.va.gov.

Job seeker assistance available October 6

A Workforce Center staff person will be available to assist adults at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2-4 p.m.

A Workforce Center staff person is available the first Thursday each month to assist job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and other one-on-one assistance.

For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th

St NE Staples: the hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services for 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. It also provides Central Minnesota residents with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-639-1428.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-630-8976.

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

AL-ANON MTG Thursdays, 8 p.m., Staples United Methodist Church. For info., 218-296-1123.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY - ALCOHOLICS VICTORIOUS MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-640-5679.

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

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

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

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-

School board work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Oct. 3, at 7 p.m. at the middle school media center in Motley.

Agenda items include a review of student achievement data and a discussion on the facility study.

5228.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 3:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., TCHC, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-2352.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

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

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Thursday, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Senior Campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8393.

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-

5228.

SENIOR CITIZENS MTG AT LEADER HALL third Tuesday. Potluck lunch, 11:30 a.m.; blood pressures, 11:30 a.m.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

STAPLES MOTLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MTG second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smccc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 8 p.m., Church of Christ, Browerville. For info., 320-533-1119.

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

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

October 3

RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA MTG Mon., Oct. 3, 9:30 a.m., Staples City Hall. Superintendent Mary Klamm will provide the program.

October 5

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY & POST #70 JOINT DINNER Wed., Oct. 5. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. Speaker: David Anderson, Wadena County Veterans Service Officer. Separate mtgs to follow. Reservations required: 218-894-2254.

October 11

EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY

BOARD MTG Tues., Oct. 11, 1 p.m., Staples Community Center.

October 18, 19

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC Sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Oct. 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. Walk-in. For info., 218-547-1340.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM Sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Oct. 18, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Oct. 19, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340.

October 28

CHILD & TEEN CHECKUP-CLINIC Sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Fri., Oct. 28, Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., appt., 218-746-4009.

COZY THEATRE
Wadena, MN

Screen 1: Fri. thru Thurs. Sept. 30 - Oct. 6
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:00 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:00
Matinee Sun. Oct. 2 at 1:15 pm

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN Held Over 2nd Week!

Screen 2: Fri. thru Thurs. Sept. 30 - Oct. 13
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:25
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinee Sun. Oct. 2 at 1:15 pm

DEEPWATER HORIZON

Screen 3: Fri. thru Thurs. Sept. 30 - Oct. 6
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:15 & 9:30
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15
Matinee Sun. Oct. 2 at 1:30 pm

STORKS Held Over 2nd Hilarious Week!

Matinees and Tuesday Bargain Night
All Seats \$5.00!

www.cozytheatre.com

How Do You Spell Fun?

17 SATURDAY **B**
afternoons at Lefty's! **I**

DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN Starts **N**
2 pm - ? **Oct. 1**

HAPPY HOUR **G**
5 to 6 p.m. **O**

Lefty's **DON'T FORGET**
STAPLES **WE HAVE A FULL**
894-9979 **KITCHEN**
AVAILABLE

POOL & DART TEAMS
NOW FORMING

TEN HI

Motley / 352-6310
On/Off Sale/Off-Sale Specials

MEAT RAFFLE
Every Sat., 3 p.m.
Pull Tabs

WEDNESDAY
STARTING 6 P.M.
FREE Juke Box

HAPPY HOUR :)
Monday - Thursday
6-7 p.m. & 9-10 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 30
***FREE Jukebox**
Saturday, Oct. 1
***FREE Jukebox**

NO MINORS AFTER 8:00 P.M.

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING AT BRICKS

Best Homemade soup in the area from the best soup guy around!!

SOUP BUFFET
Every Tuesday 11am - 9pm

Soups that may be included: Bricks Cheese, Creamy Wild Rice, Old Fashioned Tomato, Cream of Asparagus, Chili, Broccoli Cheese And Many More!!!

BUFFETS
40 Plus Items
Fridays 11am - 9pm
Sunday Brunch 10am - 4pm
Sunday Buffet 4pm - 9pm

Hours: Mon-Sat. Open at 5:30am, Sun. 7am
Convenience Store open 24 hours

BRICKS
TRAVEL CENTER

218-352-6677
265 Hwy 10 W.
Motley



Schools to celebrate International Walk to School Day Oct. 5

Staples-Motley School District 2170 and Sacred Heart Area School will join schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 201.

Students from Staples-Motley High School, Staples-Motley Elementary School and Sacred Heart Area School will be walking to school along with parents, teachers and community leaders.

Everyone will meet at Northern Pacific Park, Iowa Ave and 6th St NE, in Staples and walk as three groups to their respective schools. They will leave the park at 7:50 a.m.

Walk to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion and concern for the environment. The events build connections between families, schools and the broader community.

The event is being organized by the Safe Routes to Schools core planning team which is comprised of local school officials, community leaders, public safety officials and residents.

For additional local information, please contact Kevin Roline at 218-894-2497 or Kathy Johnson 218-894-2433.

For additional information, visit these websites:

- Walk to School Day in the USA at www.walkbiketoschool.org
- National Center for Safe Routes to School at www.saferoutesinfo.org

About International Walk to School Day

- Walk to School Day was established in the United States in 1997 by the Partnership for a Walkable America. Canada and Great Britain already had walk to school programs in place. In 2000, these three countries joined together to create International Walk to School Day.
- In May 2006, the National Center for Safe Routes to School was established to assist communities in enabling and encouraging children to safely walk and bike to school.

- The National Center for Safe Routes to School serves as the national coordinating agency for Walk to School and Bike to School activities in the United States.
- Walk to School Day began as a simple idea - children and parents, school and local officials walking to school together on a designated day. It is an energizing event, reminding everyone of the simple joy of walking to school, the health benefits of regular daily activity, and the need for safe places to walk and bike. Schools focus on health, safety, physical activity and concern for the environment.

- Organizations supporting International Walk to School Day in the United States include America Walks, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Highway Administration, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the National Center for Safe Routes to School, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Safe Kids Worldwide, and the Safe Routes to School National Partnership.



September birthdays

The September birthday party was held Sept. 13. Staples Senior Citizen's celebrating birthdays were, left to right: LaVonne Selleck, Douglas Grossman, Charles Crews and Lois Moe. The happy birthday song was sung and each received a small cake and a birthday card. A short program followed with prizes, and everyone enjoyed the noon lunch. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to James and Shannon Watkins, of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Jayme-Rae Bobbie weighing 10 pounds, 12 ounces on September 15, 2016.

Born to Kevin and April Denny of Baxter, a baby boy, Milo Joseph weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on September 17, 2016.

Born to Nicole Delahunt and Scott Deegan of Staples, a baby girl, Brooklyn Rose weighing six pounds, .8 ounces on September 19, 2016.

Born to Jordan and Jolene Hinkle of Wadena, a baby boy, Kellen Mark weighing seven pounds on September 20, 2016.

Born to Jeremy and Melissa Pape of Motley, a baby boy, Kaleb Jeremy weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on September 22, 2016.

Born to Ashley DeLong and August Anderson of Brainerd, a baby girl, Katherine Lucile weighing 10 pounds, two ounces on September 22, 2016.

Born to Amber Bandel and Dacotah Koloski of Brainerd, a baby boy, Daxton James weighing seven pounds, four ounces on September 22, 2016.

Born to Madelyn Castillo and Anthony Otterson of Brainerd, a baby girl, Alana Ann weighing six pounds, nine ounces on September 22, 2016.

Oct. senior site schedule

Whist: Tues., Oct. 4/Oct. 18, 12:15 p.m.

Penny Bingo: Weds., Oct. 5, 12, 19 following noon meal

Cards, 500: Thurs. Oct. 6, noon; Mon., Oct. 17, 24, 31, noon

Free legal aid: Thurs., Oct. 6, 1:30-3 p.m. For appointment call 218-894-2553

Board meeting: Mon., Oct. 10, noon

Birthday/Anniversary Party: Tues., Oct. 11, 11:30 a.m. Reservations can be made by calling 218- 894-2556 before noon the day before. All seniors are encouraged to attend.

Evening meals: Thurs., Oct. 13, 5 p.m. special speaker (RSVP for this meal by noon Oct. 7); Thurs., Oct. 20, 5 p.m., Oct. 27, 5 p.m.

Senior Halloween Party: Weds., Oct. 26, noon. Bingo/prizes, at the Staples Community Center.

Obituaries

Dorothy Cote



Dorothy Fae Cote, 96, of Staples, passed away September 22, 2016, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Congregational Church, Staples with Pastor Tony Romaine officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Dorothy was born July 4, 1920 in Tracy to Ben and Eva (Case) Hulloper. She was united in marriage to Hector (Bud) Cote on September 18, 1944 in Tracy. Dorothy joined the Staples Congregational Church in 1953 where she was an active member.

Dorothy is survived by one son, Darrel (Carrie Lyn) Cote of Brooklyn Park; two granddaughters; one great-grandson; four sisters, Marjorie Imker of Lamberton, Darlene Thaxton of Los Altos, CA, Phyllis Swedenburg of Glenwood and Joanne Vandeputte of Marshall; one brother, Gerald (Betty) Hulloper of New Richland; sister-in-law, Loretta Hulloper of Hendricks and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister, Mildred Miller; one brother, Donald; four brothers-in-law and special friend, Myrle Kupitz.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Staples Congregational Church.

w39c A00006B2016SP29

Robert DeHoff

Robert (Bobby) Walter DeHoff, 62, passed away September 14, 2016 in Staples.

Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, 2016 at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples, with visitation one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Bobby was born on June 23, 1954 in Atlanta, Georgia to Charles Virgil and Alice Marie (Rahlf) DeHoff. While his father served in the U.S. Air Force, the family lived in Atlanta, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Finley and Fortuna, ND. Bobby was confirmed while the family was stationed overseas in Crete, Greece. He attended Binford High School, Binford, ND and worked at Sheyenne Tooling, Binford Public Schools and Burlington Northern Railroad. Bobby enjoyed music and being with friends.

He is survived by four sons, Steven Dahl, Valley City, ND, Roy DeHoff, John DeHoff and Derek DeHoff, all of Rochester;



his parents, two brothers, David DeHoff, Moorhead and Charlie DeHoff, Binford; four sisters, Laurie (Steve) Fisher and Julie Keller, both of Valley City Tina (John) Rice, Alexandria and Angie (Chad) Sorensen, Larimore, ND; five grandchildren; 17 nieces, nephews; great-nieces and nephews, many aunts, uncles, cousins and special friend, Bonnie Reger.

Bobby is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Roy and Margaret DeHoff; maternal grandparents, William and Alice Rahlf; infant sister, Jane Marie and other extended family.

w39c A00006B2016SP29

CLC's Cultural Thurs: Iceland

CLC's Cultural Thursday event will feature Gary Payne, Sociology instructor at CLC, talking about his adventure through the countryside of Iceland.

This free event will be held at both noon and 7 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 6, room E354, CLC Brainerd campus (enter door 11, east side of the building, go left).

Payne is known for his insight on different cultures and societies and his photography. He will present digital images from Iceland.

For information, contact Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez 218-855-8183 or tkjimenez@clcmn.edu.



Joyce Dvorak

Joyce Eileen Dvorak, 86, of Staples, passed away September 24, 2016 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

Services for Joyce Dvorak and Judy (Dvorak) Frank will be held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services.

Interment will be at Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Eagle Bend.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Joyce was born July 19, 1930 in Todd County to William and Mildred Bedner. She graduated from Eagle Bend High School. She married Joyce James Dvorak, of Todd County in 1949. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, baking, traveling and Twins baseball. She enjoyed her family, friends and helping others.

She is survived by one son, Douglas Dvorak of Eagle Bend and one daughter, Victoria Dvorak of Staples.

Joyce is preceded in death by her parents; all of her siblings; her husband; and one daughter, Judy.



Judy Frank

Judy (Dvorak) Frank, 53, of Hastings passed away at her home, on February 2, 2010.

Judy was born, March 8, 1956 to Joyce James Dvorak and Joyce Eileen (Bedner) Dvorak in Bertha. She graduated from Bertha-Hewitt High School.

Judy was passionate about family, friends and pets. She enjoyed cooking, flower gardening, music and photography.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Allen Frank of Hastings; one daughter, Tiffany Marie; one brother, Douglas Dvorak of Eagle Bend and one sister, Victoria Dvorak of Staples.

w39c A00006B2016SP29



Brenny
FUNERAL CHAPEL &
CREMATION SPECIALISTS
800.824.5050

When someone we love becomes a memory; that memory becomes a treasure.



2016 Minnesota
Renaissance Festival
NEW FOR 2016!
Wizard's Flight School Zip Line
King's Karpool Competition • Renaissance Bingo
Bloody Mary Bar • Whiskey & Scotch Tastings
• Dancing with the Royals
Open Weekends • Aug. 20th - Oct. 2nd
Plus Labor Day & Festival Day, Sept. 30th
RenaissanceFest.com

Discount Tickets Available Online & At Participating

September 29

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Launette!



Hope you have a great one!
Your friends at the World

Hello, Billie... or do I mean "yard bird" ...? No... of course not! Why, it's Billie Bird Mueller!!



Happy Birthday!
9/29/16



DOING WHAT WE SAY SINCE 1935.
SEE FOR YOURSELF.

SIGN-ON BONUSES — UP TO \$7,500 — AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA!

Opportunities available in these divisions
VAN | DEDICATED
Team and Solo | Regional and Over-the-Road

COMPANY DRIVER BENEFITS
\$6,000 tuition reimbursement | Paid orientation and ongoing training
Medical, dental and vision insurance and 401(k) plan

SCHNEIDER  schneiderjobs.com
schneiderowneroperators.com
800-44-PRIDE | 800-28-LEASE

Care Center

October Birthdays

Leona Crider, Oct. 3; Joan Macheel, Oct. 7; Marvin Kuha, Oct. 8; Virginia Kay, Oct. 11; Marlys Nagel Oct. 16; Richard Ziegler, Oct. 21; LaVern Wohlert, Oct. 21; Gloria Norton, Oct. 25; Ken Jensen, Oct. 26; Thomas Hawes, Oct. 30

OCTOBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Sat., Oct. 1 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., Oct. 2 - 1:30 p.m. Word game; 2:15 Social time

Tues., Oct. 4 - 2:15 p.m. Church, Staples Congregational; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Oct. 5 - Bingo hosted by Church of Christ Quilters; Homecoming Royalty

Thurs., Oct. 6 - 9:30 a.m. Activity meeting; 2 p.m. Birthday Party, United Methodist Women

Fri., Oct. 7 - 9:45 a.m. Cappuccino time

Sat., Oct. 8 - 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Sun., Oct. 9 - 1:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., Oct. 10 - 2:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church Tues., Oct. 11 - 2:15 p.m. Church, Motley Free Methodist; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/

Marge Weds., Oct. 12 - 1:45 p.m. Memorial Service

CLC's Olander appointed to Department of Agriculture advisory committee

Keith Olander, Dean of Agricultural Studies at Central Lakes College, was appointed to serve on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Good Food Access Program Advisory Committee. He joins representatives from across the state on the committee.

Olander is also director of AgCentric, Minnesota State Center of Excellence in Agriculture, and Director of CLC Ag & Energy Center.

The Good Food Access Program (GFAP) was established during the 2016 legislative session to increase the availability of and access to affordable, nutritious, and culturally appropriate food, including fresh fruits and vegetables, for underserved communities in low-income and moder-

ate-income areas.

The GFAP Advisory Committee will assist the Commissioner of Agriculture in establishing program criteria, project eligibility guidelines, application processes and additional selection criteria, and annual monitoring and accountability mechanisms.

OWN IT!

Own part of a growing company that makes products providing solutions around the world. Own a lake-country quality of life. And, own an extra \$2,500 when you sign on with **FAST Global Solutions**.

WASP Inc. recently changed its name to **FAST Global Solutions** to reflect its growth in manufacturing products for more than 60 countries. Check out new career-launching positions and apply at FASTsolutions.com.

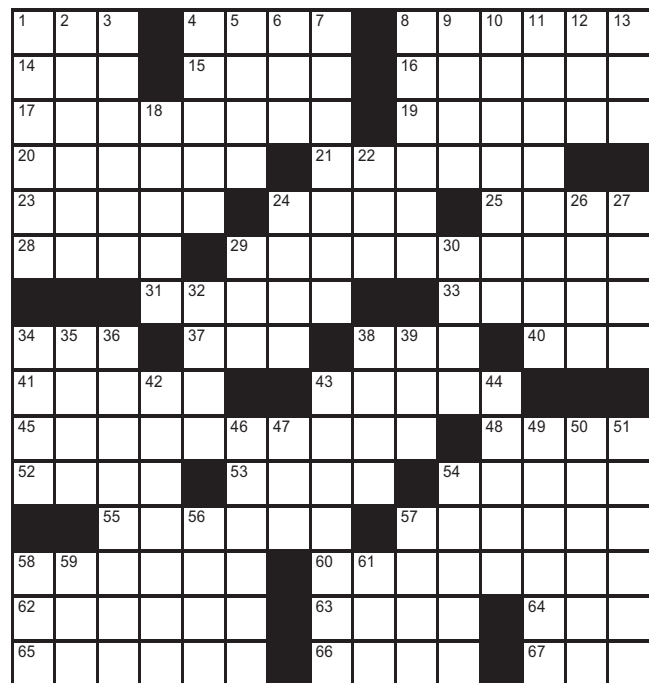
FABRICATOR // WELDER // MATERIAL HANDLER // PRINTER & PREP // ASSEMBLY
SUPPLIER QUALITY ENGINEER // BUSINESS ANALYST // ERP ADMINISTRATOR
COST ESTIMATOR // MECHANICAL ENGINEER // MANUFACTURING ENGINEER

20632 State Highway 55 // Glenwood, MN // 320-634-7398
EEO Employer/AA/M/F/Vet/Disabled // 100% Employee Owned

Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile

Week 39



- "Shifting Into Reverse" 43 To the point
45 Accepted brewless
brew? 7 Old-timer
4 Suspend, as curtains 48 With warts and all
52 "The Leaves of Life
8 Used glue keep falling one by
one" poet
14 Carnival city 53 Sushi selection
15 Perpetually 54 Peace offering
16 Women's 55 Venus's sister
sportswear line 57 Cartoonist Will
17 Enthusiastic 58 "How things
demanding star? stand..."
19 Covered with goo 60 Created runny
20 Marks sales prices cheese?
21 Character 62 Unflinching folks
23 Mountain crest 63 Victorian
24 Goods: Abbr. 64 Earlier
25 Invitation letters 65 Dazed
28 British wheel 66 Adjusts, as a clock
29 Keep away outcast? 67 Asian capital
31 Football coach Don
33 Words of wisdom
34 Promising words Down
37 Switch settings 1 Noah's landfill
38 Quirky 2 Driver's attire
40 Senate vote 3 Hang out
41 Recess 4 Shrub border



Last Week's Answers
"HOT IN HERE"

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Jeff Snuggins, 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 Bob Ford
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

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

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
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. Megorden
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
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion
1354 Café Coffee Fellowship.....9:13 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 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.
Sunday Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S., Motley.....218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School & 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 Bob Ford
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3769
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Children's Church.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes.....11:15 a.m.

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189

Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Bible Study groups, all ages

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.

God is working

Pastor Dan Crocker, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

"For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances. And you will live in the land I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 36:24-28).

It's important to look at the order of this prophecy. First, God gathers His scattered people. Second, He makes them clean. Third, He removes their hard heart and gives them a new heart and a new spirit. Finally, He puts His Spirit

in them which causes them to walk in His statutes and observe His ordinances, and live in the land of promise.

My wife, Michelle, and I just returned from Israel. We witnessed the first parts of the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy above written around 2,600 years ago. Jewish people are returning to Israel in unprecedented numbers. New construction and agriculture is popping up, even in "waste places" (Ezekiel 36:33-34), and Israeli pastors are witnessing some openness to the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit is calling people around the world to Yeshua (Jesus). Not because anyone of us is worthy, but for the sake of His great name and so the world will know Yeshua haMashiach (Jesus is Messiah, see Ezekiel 36:22)!

God is working! Are you joining Him?

The Staples Area Church Directory is sponsored by these area businesses:

Central Building Supply

Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Ernie's Food Market

Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic

"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

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

Longbella Drug Store

"The Prescription Store"
2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

Staples World

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

Tower Pizza

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

Staples True Value

"Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

Their Price

Crestor™

\$794.70

Typical US Brand Price for 20mg x 90

Our Price

Rosuvastatin™

\$78.30

Generic equivalent of Crestor™
Generic price for for 20mg x 90

Viagra™ \$2011.91

Typical US Brand Price for 100mg x 40

VS

Sildenafil™

Generic Price for 100mg x 40

\$136.00

Get an extra \$15 off plus FREE SHIPPING

Get An Extra \$15 Off & Free Shipping On Your 1st Order!

Call the number below and save an additional \$15 plus get free shipping on your first prescription order with Canada Drug Center. Expires December 31, 2016. Offer is valid for prescription orders only and can not be used in conjunction with any other offers. Valid for new customers only. One time use per household. Use code 15FREE to receive this special offer.

Call Now! 800-259-1096

Please note that we do not carry controlled substances and a valid prescription is required for all prescription medication orders.



Canada Drug Center
Your Choice For Affordable International Medications

Use of these services is subject to the Terms of Use and accompanying policies at www.canadadrugcenter.com.

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 3, 2016

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 3rd day of May, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with 9.1 AMC County Program Aid changed to a BAF instead of Discussion item.

Routine Business

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Auditor Warrants number 227127 thru 227258 in the amount of \$837,760.19.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 43243 through 43354 in the amount of \$64,020.45 and Health & Human Service Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$109,435.84.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted

by unanimous vote: To approve acknowledgement of Benson Air Ag, Inc of Benson, MN for spraying of tent worms in Todd County in the calendar year 2016 along with the public shall be notified within 48 hours prior to spraying.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve an On Sale, Off Sale, and Sunday Liquor License for Eagle's Landing at the address of 13218 County 103, Burtrum, MN in Grey Eagle Township beginning May 14, 2016 through March 31, 2017.

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

GAMBLING PERMIT FOR EAGLE BEND FIRE DEPARTMENT RELIEF ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Eagle Bend Fire Department Relief Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for Eagle Bend Fire Department Relief Association to hold gambling activities at Double Eagle Golf and Grille in Burleene Township at the address 31886 County 3, Eagle Bend, MN until revoked as provided by law.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agreement for prosecution services between the Todd County Attorney and the City of Bertha to be in effect from April 2016 through December 2016.

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

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK PROCLAMATION FOR TODD COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, emergency medical services is a vital public service, and;

WHEREAS, the mem-

bers of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and;

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

WHEREAS, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, educators, administrators, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, and others; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners in recognition of this event to hereby proclaim the week of May 15-21, 2016 as Emergency Medical Services Week with the theme, EMS Strong: Called to Care, and encourage the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

Public Works

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR 2016 BITUMINOUS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on April 22th, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director for SP 077-610-010, SAP 077-602-019, SAP 077-610-011, SAP 077-650-004 and CP 77-16-01, said projects for bituminous highway construction work at various locations in Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Hardrives, Inc., Rogers,

Minnesota: \$3,034,940.39
Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$3,134,724.15

Duininck Construction, Prinsburg, Minnesota: \$3,320,820.76

Knife River Corporation, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota: \$3,366,685.16

Anderson Brothers Construction, Brainerd, Minnesota: \$3,542,374.27

Tri City Paving, Little Falls, Minnesota: \$3,670,559.34

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects to Hardrives, Inc. of Rogers, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$3,034,940.39.

Assessor's Office

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve abatement for Mr. Robert Kottschade to correct a postal service error which affected the home- stead classification on his parcel.

South Country Health Alliance

Presentation given by Leota Lind from South Country Health Alliance for the County Board.

Todd County Medical Examiner

Dr. Strobl from the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office presented the 2015 Summary Report to the County Board.

Association of Minnesota Counties

Presentation of topic and discussion by Julie Ring from AMC and Jake Sieg the Lac Qui Parle Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator concerning a Letter of Support on AMC County Program Aid.

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

AFFIRMING TODD COUNTY'S ENDORSE- MENT OF THE REVISED COUNTY PROGRAM AID FOR- MULA DEVELOPED BY THE ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA'S COUNTIES' COUNTY PROGRAM AID WORK GROUP

WHEREAS, Minnesota's counties are mandated by the state to provide essential services in many

program areas including human services, public safety, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, counties depend on County Program Aid ("CPA") for the financial sustainability of these state-mandated, county-administered services; and

WHEREAS, the current structure of the CPA formula, pursuant MS Chapter 447A.0124, creates considerable volatility in the fund's distribution, interfering with counties' abilities to accurately budget for essential services; and

WHEREAS, the current formula's inadequacies have also resulted in the dramatic reduction of funding for one-third of counties, that have lost at least 50 percent of their funding since 2005; and

WHEREAS, despite fluctuations over the past ten years, the state appropriation to the 2015 CPA is equal to the 2005 appropriation making it greatly depressed in terms of inflation; and

WHEREAS, a revised CPA formula in conjunction with additional funding will enable counties to continue to provide quality services that may also translate into reductions in county levies, decreasing the tax burden of Minnesota residents; and

WHEREAS, in October 2014, the Association of Minnesota Counties assembled the CPA Work Group including leadership from twenty counties and representatives from the Metropolitan Inter-County Association and the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus to analyze and develop a CPA formula that reflects the pressing needs of Minnesota's counties; and

WHEREAS, the CPA Work Group unanimously approved a revised CPA formula that benefits all Minnesota counties by reducing volatility and ensuring a fair distribution of CPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Association of Minnesota Counties that represents the diverse interests of Minnesota's 87 counties, voted to support the proposed CPA formula revisions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners endorses the following revisions to the Minnesota County Program Aid formula:

•A funding increase of \$40 million;

•The creation of a funding floor that guarantees each county \$350,000 in tax base equalization aid ("TBEA");

•Adjustments to the TBEA formula factors to slow down counties' loss of TBEA funding, including; an increase of the per capita factor to \$190 and a decrease of the county adjusted net tax capacity (ANTC) factor to nine percent (9%);

•The elimination of special funds and transition aid; and

The creation of a five percent (5%) cap on annual CPA losses; ensuring no county will lose more than five percent (5%) of its funding each year.

Sheriff

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher voting against: To approve to post in-house and advertise for 3 full-time deputies.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Jacob Weishair as a Seasonal Recreational Assistant at the current minimum wage of \$9.50 per hour with an effective date of May 3, 2016.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Amanda Michael as a Seasonal Recreational Assistant at the current minimum wage of \$9.50 per hour with an effective date of May 3, 2016.

On motion by Erickson

and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Tavis Bergmann as a Seasonal Recreational Assistant at the current minimum wage of \$9.50 per hour with an effective date of May 3, 2016.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann voting against: To approve the request for TCHHS to recruit and hire a Nursing Supervisor to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Heidi Brings.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve notification to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Todd County's intent to administer and deliver the Energy Assistance Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2017.

Human Resources

Discussion was held on the Payroll Position vacancy.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was adopted by majority vote with Kircher voting against:

ESTABLISH COUNTY COORDINATOR/ HUMAN RESOURCES POSITION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners held several discussions related to hiring a County Coordinator/Human Resources position and the Personnel Committee has recommended a position be established and;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Sections 375.48 and 375.49, the Todd County Board of Commissioners may establish the office of County Coordinator. The Board may assign whatever title to the county coordinator that it decides is appropriate and prescribe the duties and responsibilities it deems fitting for the position.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve the establishment of the County Coordinator/Human Resources position.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher voting against: To authorize Human Resources to begin advertising for the County Coordinator-Human Resources position.

Auditor-Treasurer Report

Tax payment reminders have been published. Tax preparers will be available in the Historic Courthouse on May 12 and 13 to assist with M1PR forms. Candidate filing will be open from May 17 - 31 for federal, state, county, and judicial offices with full details published. Quarter 1 budget reports are currently being put together for review. Clifton Larson Allen will be presenting Audit information to the board at the May 17 meeting.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Adjourn

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the meeting was recessed until May 17, 2016.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
COMPUTER	
PROFESSIONALS	\$4,417.00
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION INC	3,261.79
RESOURCE TRAINING	
AND SOLUTIONS.....	215,454.00
VERIZON	4,093.84
Payments less	
than \$2,000	10,099.72
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK	34,792.07
CARD SERVICES	
COBORNS	3,666.12
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK	4,013.20
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,412.00
MN DEPT OF FINANCE...	6,022.50
MORRISON COUNTY.....	21,254.35
PETERS &	
CHURCHWELL.....	6,281.50
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL	

See **TCC** on page 9a

Public Notices

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MEETING

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, October 3, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. at the Todd County Office, 200 First St. NE, Staples, MN.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant
39pnc

Freshwater Education District

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER ED DIST. # 6004 STAPLES MN AUGUST 24, 2016

CALL TO ORDER at 5:36 p.m. by Charles Funk, Chair

Board Present: C. Funk-Sebeka; P. Benning-Browerley; C. Wolf-Long Prairie-Grey Eagle; R. VanDenheuvel-Bertha-Hewitt; J. Fiemeyer-Wadena-Deer Creek; R. Thalmann-Henning; S. Veronen-Verndale; C. Hasbargen-Menahga; A. Bailey-Eagle Valley; B. Lund-Staples-Motley, Others: D. Fjeldheim-Sebeka; L. Westrum-Wadena-Deer Creek; J. Nesland, L. Murdock, L. Wick and S. Thiel.

APPROVAL OF PAST BOARD MINUTES- MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded BY Bailey to approve the 6/22/16 minutes as presented. VOTE- UC.

APPROVING THE AGENDA- MOTION BY Hasbargen, seconded BY Veronen to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE- UC

STAFF PRESENTATION- L. Wick, ECFE/SR Cord.

OLD BUSINESS

REVIEWED the 6/21/16 and 8/16/16 Supt Mtg summaries, Past Levy's, and 8/16/16 Principals Mtg Agenda.

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded BY Benning, to name BHH Partners of Perham, MN, the Facility

Project Architect Firm. VOTE- UC

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT & CONSIDERATIONS: Policy #721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources was reviewed.

MOTION BY Lund, seconded BY Bailey, to approve the 17-SY Student Handbook for the Leaf River, White Pine and Elm Tree Academy. VOTE- UC

ALC & TARGETED SERVICES/CREDIT RECOVER REPORT: Norman Cty West School Dist. will start Targeted Services in Sept. as an Outreach site. Report of Students served in Summer TS-1160 and CR Programs-292.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT: Supts and FED Network Cord. are discussing the benefits if the FED hosts the Network Connections.

COMMITTEES & CONSULTANTS REPORTS

REVIEW of minutes of the following meetings; 7.26.16 Annual Tri-County Hospital/FED/Lakewood Technology Wide Area, 7.26.16 Supervising Supts Ad Hoc Tech and 20/20 Planning Workgroup.

MOTION BY Hasbargen seconded BY Fiemeyer, to officially recognize the revised F-17 Carl Perkins CTE Plan and Grant Award in the Secondary amounts of \$187,279.72 Basic Allocation and \$30,420.09 for the revised Secondary Reserve

Allocation. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Benning, seconded BY VanDenheuvel, to apply and recognize the MDE OCCS Mini Grant Award in the amount of \$2,000 to \$3,000 to be used for work-based learning, advisory committees and CTSO leadership development. VOTE- UC

TODD COUNTY COLLABORATIVE: The TCC Annual Board Mtg was held on 8/24/16.

FINANCE, BUSINESS, AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded BY Veronen, to approve the 6/18/16 through 8/18/16 cash reports and payments of checks numbered 118406 thru 118618. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded BY Bailey, to approve the FY17 PSEO tuition agreement with the CLC at \$198.60 per college credit per student. VOTE- UC

REVIEW OF 2018 FACILITY ON US 10 UPGRADE OPTIONS: Space needs were discussed.

REVIEW OF THE DRAFT FACILITY LEASE WITH CLC: Programs to be moved to CLC are the S-ALC, Staples Itinerants, and the Staples Business Office. These programs will move in the spring of 2017. The Todd-Morrison ABE program is already at the CLC site.

BOARD Member A. Bailey left meeting for previous commitment.

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel seconded BY Fie-

meyer, to approve the consulting agreement with M. Ward, effective 10/1/16. VOTE- UC

PERSONNEL TOPICS AND CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS- The Chair pulled out the Agency Wide Accounts Receivable/Payable vacancy due to the request of Member VanDenheuvel.

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded BY Benning, to approve the following personnel items as follows:

Resignation of D. Achermann, M. Carstenson, K. Brown, M. Jorgenson, M. Wright, Authorization to advertise and fill vacancies of: ECSE Program Para, Level IV Para, Voluntary reductions for E. Weber, Increase in hrs. for B. Andrews, Hiring of M. Jensen, S. Holper, G. Newman, H. Jasmer, T. Borders, Lane Change for S. Speed, and Reassignment of L. Noll.

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded BY Veronen to approve the Hiring of Stacey DeMars, AP/AR.

Voting Yes: Funk, Benning, Wolf, Fiemeyer, Thalmann, Veronen, Hasbargen, and Lund. No: None.

Abstention: VanDenheuvel.

ADJOURNMENT- MOTION BY Hasbargen, seconded BY Wolf, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. VOTE- UC

Respectfully submitted:

Jil Fiemeyer, Clerk
Freshwater Education
District #6004

39pnc

TODD COMMISSIONERS continued from page 9a

SOLID WASTE AUTH	47,560.89
STEP.....	4,962.50
TECH SALES CO.....	3,477.99
WILDLIFE FOREVER.....	3,248.00
WONDERLICH/S	
COTT A.....	3,417.00
Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	12,110.63
CHAFFIN CONSTRUCTION	
& REMODELING.....	2,150.00
MADDEN GALANTER	
HANSEN, LLP.....	5,256.38
MINNESOTA POWER &	
LIGHT.....	11,786.40
STOECKEL JAHNER	
INC.....	9,250.00
WADENA SWCD.....	5,000.00
ZAYO ENTERPRISE	
NETWORKS.....	3,534.87
Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	10,339.22
AMERICAN HERITAGE... 1,162.01	
CENTERPOINT	
ENERGY.....	2,711.66
GENE-O'S COUNTRYSIDE	
REST LLC.....	7,730.75
OTTER TAIL COUNTY	
TREASURER.....	127,658.04
RESOURCE TRAINING	
AND SOLUTIONS.....	227,645.50
STAPLES ADVANTAGE ... 3,301.61	
TODD CO AUD-TREAS 12,685.50	
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A 2,022.00	
Payments less than	
\$2,000.....	7,981.15
Final Total.....	\$637,760.19

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CLIFTON LARSON	
ALLEN, LLP.....	\$4,000.00
HILLYARD.....	2,169.25
LONG PRAIRIE	
MACHINERY CO INC.....	3,375.27
MCCC, MI83.....	5,511.53
MN DEPT OF	
TRANSPORTATION.....	3,366.20
MORRISON CO PUBLIC	
HEALTH SERV.....	2,035.40
MOTOROLA.....	12,952.27
TURNKEY/THREE	
SQUARE MARKET.....	2,901.15
PAYMENTS LESS THAN	
\$2,000.....	27,709.38
TOTAL.....	\$64,020.45

HHH WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
COMMUNITY AND	
FAMILY SRVS LLC.....	2,708.28
MERIDIAN SERVICES	
INC.....	2,689.83
MID MINNESOTA	
DRUG TESTING INC.....	4,470.00
NEXUS INC.....	5,203.35
NORTH HOMES INC.....	15,878.44
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH CTR.....	51,359.50
PARENT EDUCATION	
SERVICES.....	2,554.50
STEP.....	6,366.08
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	8,957.39
WACOSA.....	2,191.45
WEST CENTRAL REG	
JUVENILE CTR.....	3,312.50
PAYMENTS LESS THAN	
\$2,000.....	24,309.72
TOTAL.....	130,001.04

HHS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT.....	21,203.89
MORRISON COUNTY	
SOCIAL SERVICE.....	2,800.00
OTTER TAIL CTY	
HUMAN SERVICES.....	3,430.00
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	15,551.06
SHI CORP.....	2,538.00
TODD COUNTY AUDITOR/	
TREASURER.....	15,096.10
WILLIAMS DINGMANN	
FAMILY FUNERAL -	
LONG PRAIRIE.....	2,200.00
PAYMENTS LESS THAN	
\$2,000.....	39,533.59
TOTAL.....	\$109,435.84

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 3, 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 6, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
39pnc

MINUTES
TODD COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
MAY 17, 2016

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 17th day of May, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with 11.3 CUP Thomalla and 13.1 Approve Jail/Dispatcher Units Labor Agreement removed.

Routine Business

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number

43355 through 43470 in the amount of \$171,340.92 and Health & Human Service Commissioner Warrants in the amount of \$90,865.96. On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: to approve the Election Services Agreement with SeaChange for election-related services in Todd County to be effective from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2020.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING A
COUNTY ABSENTEE
BALLOT BOARD, UOCAVA
BALLOT BOARD &
MAIL BALLOT BOARD

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners passed resolution #2008-08/05-96 which authorized one of the ballot boards required for use during the election processes, and ;

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statute 203B.121 requires any governing body with responsibility to accept and reject absentee and mail ballots to establish an Absentee Ballot Board, UOCAVA Ballot Board and Mail Ballot Board, and;

WHEREAS, this authorization will bring uniformity in the processing of accepting or rejecting absentee and mail ballots returned to the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office and;

WHEREAS, these boards would consist of a sufficient number of election judges trained in the handling of absentee and mail ballots or Deputy County Auditor-Treasurers/Clerks who have received training in the processing and counting of these ballots pursuant to MN Statute sections 204B.19 to 204B.22.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby established an Absentee Ballot Board, UOCAVA Ballot Board and Mail Ballot Board and furthermore authorizes the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer to implement and manage these Boards processes and procedures during 2016 election cycle and forward.

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

MEMORIAL DAY
APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted for 2016 an appropriation to help with expenses for conducting Memorial Day Services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2016 payment of \$10 to the Evergreen Cemetery Association of Long Prairie for the care of County lots in said Evergreen Cemetery, and;

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

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

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER
APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, Todd County has budgeted for 2016 an appropriation of \$200 per Senior Citizen Center in Todd County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the 2016 payment of \$200 for each Senior Citizen Center located in Todd County.

Public Works

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

AWARD OF
CONSTRUCTION
CONTRACT FOR
2016 COUNTY ROAD 57
PAVING PROJECT

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on May 10th, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director for CP 16-57-01, said project for bituminous paving work located on County Road 57 from County State Aid Highway 2 to County State Aid Highway 4, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Central Specialties, Inc., Alexandria, Minnesota: \$452,962.70
Hardrives, Inc., Rogers, Minnesota: \$456,176.90

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction projects Central Specialties of Alexandria, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$452,962.70.

Assessor's Office

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve abatement for Mr. Bradley Braaten on parcels 07-0018400, 23-0007300, and 33-0001800 as presented.

Sheriff

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the retirement of Don Burns.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Chris Gorr as a full-time Investigator.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Dalton Reinke as a Part-time Jailor/Dispatcher.

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

APPROVAL OF MASTER
SUBSCRIBER
AGREEMENT WITH
STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF
STATE COURT
ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Sheriff's Office relies on the State of Minnesota electronic court records system for report and case records management; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota is moving to a new, improved electronics court records system, and the Todd County Court Administration has already started the transition to the new court records system; and

WHEREAS, all local law enforcement agencies, in order to operate effectively with local and state courts, must transition to the new system to access local and state court records and to submit documents to the courts; and

WHEREAS, agencies must enter into new Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Government Access with the State of Minnesota, Office of State Court Administration to use the system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the above referenced and attached agreement with the State of Minnesota, Office of State Court Administration for the new Master Subscriber Agreement for Minnesota Government Access and access thereto

and use thereof by the Todd County Sheriff's Office is hereby approved and the Sheriff is authorized and directed to execute the same on behalf of the County of Todd.

Veterans Services

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the bid of \$29,201.72 from Nelson Auto Center for the purchase of a new vehicle for Veterans Service.

Solid Waste

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Agreement between Crow Wing County and Todd County for the Operation of a Household Hazardous Waste Program.

MIS / GIS Office

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation from Danica Mazurek with an effective date of 05/13/2016.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve waiving the 90-day waiting period and allow Human Resources to begin the process of recruiting, interviewing, and recommending hire to fill the GIS Technician vacancy.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the purchase of new technology equipment for Assessors staff, for desktop and field use.

Planning and Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Conditional Use Permit for Joseph Eischeid. Site address: 32390 454th St, Motley, MN. Parcel 25-0037300. SECT 35 TWP-133 RANG-32 S2 NW4 & NW4 NW4 EX W 650 FT OF N 750 FT 108.81 ACRES AND SECT-35 TWP-133 RANG-32 NE4 NW4 40.00 ACRES. Granted with the following conditions: 1.) No increase in cattle to be allowed until the proposal is fully approved and appropriately permitted as governed by Todd County Zoning Ordinance and the MPCA. 2) If and when properly permitted under feedlot rule, under no circumstances shall there exist more than 999 head or beef cattle or 999 animal units on this site without first obtaining the necessary state and/or federal permits for a feedlot operation consisting of 1,000 animal units or more and/or 1,000+ head beef cattle. 3) Existing septic system(s) on this parcel undergo a compliance inspection prior to expansion. This motion is a clarification of previous action made by the County Board during the April 19, 2016 meeting.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Zoning Amendment for Wayne Carstensen on Parcel 12-0014602 to change the zoning district of the E2 of the SE4 of Section 10 of Hartford Township from R-10 to AF-1 for the purpose of allowing a five (5) acre subdivision.

Health & Human
Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Dena Payne to the position of part-time home health aide/homemaker contingent upon successful completion of required background checks, C.N.A. certification and/or employee physical.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl,

the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Donna Werner to the position of part-time Homemaker contingent upon successful completion of required background checks and/or employee physical with the ability to reclassify as a home health aide/homemaker when the individual has received the appropriate certification and client needs arise.

Clifton Larson Allen

Doug Host, Principal at Clifton Larson Allen, presented the Audit Presentation Exit Conference for Year Ending December 31, 2015

Auditor-Treasurer
Report

Candidate filing will be open from May 17th - 31st for federal, state, county, and judicial offices with full details published.

Commissioners'
Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the meeting was recessed until May 24, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS	
FOR BUSINESS	\$10,074.69
BUSKER CONCRETE	3,250.00
CLIFTON LARSON	
ALLEN, LLP.....	33,200.00
GRANITE ELECTRONICS	
INC.....	22,544.00
HENGEL READY MIX	
AND CONSTRUCTION ..	6,800.00
LAMAR CO	10,229.00
SHI CORP.....	2,430.00
SIGNS PLUS BANNERS ... 4,019.91	
STAPLES WORLD.....	16,530.54
STOECKEL JAHNER	
INC.....	3,000.00
TODD COUNTY COUNCIL	
ON AGING.....	11,825.38
TURNKEY/THREE	
SQUARE MARKET.....	2,089.65
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC.....	6,692.65
ZIEGLER INC	2,196.60
ZUERCHER	
TECHNOLOGIES LLC ... 8,670.00	
PAYMENTS LESS THAN	
\$2,000.....	27,788.50
TOTAL.....	\$171,340.92

HHS	
HEARTLAND GIRLS	
RANCH.....	\$2,852.07
#1911.....	2,170.50
KINDERCARE	
EDUCATION LLC 2,331.00	
KINDRED FAMILY	
FOCUS.....	6,407.30
NORTH HOMES INC.....	14,124.32
#14051.....	3,358.80
PINEHAVEN YOUTH	
& FAMILY SRVS.....	7,404.60
PORT OF CROW	
WING GIRLS HOME.....	4,806.00
VILLAGE RANCH INC.....	8,668.50
PAYMENTS LESS THAN	
\$2,000.....	38,742.87
TOTAL.....	90,865.96

On a motion by Erickson and second by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 17, 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 6, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
39pnc

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL CLOSED
BOARD MEETING
OF THE TODD
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
MAY 24, 2016

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 24th day of May, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present, however, Commissioner Erickson was absent.

Chairperson Becker asked for a motion to close the board meeting to proceed into a Closed Meeting for Department Head Evaluations.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher the meeting was closed at 9:01 a.m. Closed session was held within the small

Commissioner's Room.

In the small Commissioner's Room, the recording was started and closed session began under recording.

After department evaluations were complete at 1:49 p.m., on motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher the meeting was reopened to regular session.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann the board adjourned the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 24, 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 6, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
39pnc

MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TODD
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
MAY 31, 2016

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 31st day of May, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

This special meeting was called for one action item and no other actions were considered for this agenda.

Administration

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

TEMPORARY
CONTRACTED
SERVICES TO ASSIST
HUMAN RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Director is currently on intermittent leave, and;

WHEREAS, it is uncertain when the Human Resources Director will return to full-time status, and;

WHEREAS, there are no internal staff to fulfill and assist with the day-to-day operation of the department.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Todd County to hire a qualified temporary assistant to ensure the essential duties of the Human Resources department can be carried out to avoid disruption of County business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a temporary contracted service agreement with NJPA to provide assistance to the Human Resources Department.

Adjourn

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the meeting was adjourned for the month of May, 2016.

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 31, 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on September 6, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
39pnc

Railroad Days photos
available to order at:
staplesworld.dotphoto.com
Color; B&W; class reunions, more
Many other photos available.
Staples World



Several construction projects underway in Motley



Storage units going up

Gary Christensen (left) and his father, Roger Christensen, with G & L Builders of Ottertail, were at work Sept. 23, putting up new storage units at the corner of Eledredge and Hwy 10 in Motley. The project, featuring 32 storage units, is estimated to be completed by mid-October, according to owner Steve Bickford of Motley. In 1990, Bickford

had built a car wash at that location; but he said he decided to tear it down due to a lack of business. "I work for UPS and I've seen that there is a need for storage units, so I decided to give that a try," Bickford said, adding that he plans to build storage units in Pillager sometime next spring. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Dollar General coming to Motley

Construction is underway in Motley for a Dollar General store, located along Hwy 10 on the south end of town. John Hentges, with BJ Baas Builders Inc., of Cambridge is the construction supervi-

sor for the project which is estimated to be completed by the end of the year, depending on the weather. Pictured above at work on Sept. 23, is Dan Barthel with Ultra Concrete out of Cokato.



New pavement's in

Steve Kobliska with Ideal Construction of Staples, helped put in a bituminous parking lot near the new diesel island (with satellite pumps) at BRICKS

Travel Center in Motley recently. The diesel island is located at the back of the establishment and is estimated to be up and running in the near future.

Absentee ballot options in Cass Cty

Voters may apply now for absentee ballots for the upcoming Nov. 8, 2016 statewide general election online, in-person, by mail, or by submitting a completed application via fax or e-mail. For information, application, in-person absentee voting; and a complete list of Cass County absentee ballot locations, contact the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 218-

547-7260, or visit the Cass County website at [www.co.cass.mn.us Elections/Voting](http://www.co.cass.mn.us/Elections/Voting) link. Normal business hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. the office is located at the Cass County Courthouse, 303 Minnesota Ave. West, in Walker. Absentee ballots require a "witness." A witness may be any registered voter of Minnesota, including a spouse or relative; a notary public; or any person having authority to administer an oath. The witness must include a complete street address and sign the voter's absentee ballot envelope in order for the ballot to be accepted. All absentee ballot locations will have extended

hours for absentee voting for the upcoming general election on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and on Monday, Nov. 7, until 5 p.m. Assistive voting equipment is available at all in-person absentee voting locations. Voters in mail ballot precincts not currently registered to vote may pre-register no later than 5 p.m. on Oct. 18, to have a ballot mailed to them automatically, or after that date may register and apply to vote by absentee ballot, or in-person on election day no later than 8 p.m., Nov. 8, 2016. New voters can determine their precinct and method of voting by visiting mnvotes.org or the Cass County website Election/Voting link.

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following: Sept. 21 - The MPD stopped a vehicle at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210 in Motley for not having a rear plate. The driver was from Minot, N.D. The driver stated he had been arrested in Ramsey County on a Clay County warrant and sat there for 14 days. The vehicle had been impounded, he said, and the plate had fallen off on the road prior to his arrest. Sept. 19 - The MPD received a call regarding a strong smell of marijuana at the Country Terrace Apartments in Motley. Sept. 17 - MCSO Deputy Al Yoder responded to a report of a vehicle that had driven into the front entrance of the Countryside Restaurant in Motley. The driver, Richard Fox, said he did not really know what happened; he had tried to brake but it was too late. Sept. 16 - MPD Officer Jason Borash arrested Jonelle Barker and transported her to the Morrison County Jail. According to

the report, officer Borash located Barker at her residence on Pine Ave. S. in Motley and served an active Wadena County warrant on her. Sept. 21 - The MCSO received a call from Michelle Jeziorski, who reported hitting a deer on Bugle Road by Ridge Rd in Motley. She did not want the deer. Deputy Yoder arrived at the scene and issued Amber Hollermann a permit for the deer. Sept. 18 - The MCSO received a call from Douglas Laddusaw who reported a theft at his hunting land on 330th St. in Motley. Laddusaw said that someone broke into his camper and stole several items, including three sunflower heaters, space heater, electric heater, microwave, gun stand and dishes. Sept. 15 - The MCSO received a call regarding a deer that had been hit by a vehicle on Dove. Rd. in Cushing. The deer was still alive. The responding officer dispatched the deer; and a passerby, James Turnbaugh, stated he would like a permit for the deer.

Public Notices

STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION

1. PUBLICATION TITLE: Staples World
2. PUBLICATION No. 518-760
3. FILING DATE: September 26, 2016
4. ISSUE FREQUENCY: Weekly
5. No. of ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY: 52
6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: \$40 local
7. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (NOT PRINTER): 224 4th St. NE - P.O. Box 100, Staples, Todd County, MN 56479
8. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICE OF PUBLISHER (NOT PRINTER): 224 4th St. NE - P.O. Box 100, Staples, Todd County, MN 56479
CONTACT PERSON: Brenda Halvorson
TELEPHONE: 218-894-1112
9. FULL NAMES AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESSES OF PUBLISHER, EDITOR AND MANAGING EDITOR: PUBLISHER: Devlin Newspapers, Inc. P.O. Box 100, Staples, MN 56479
EDITOR: Mark Anderson, 1005 Park Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479
MANAGING EDITOR: Brenda Halvorson, 305 Ravilla Avenue, Staples, MN 56479
10. OWNERS: Devlin Newspapers, Inc., 224 4th St. NE, P.O. Box 100, Staples, MN 56479; Russell W. Devlin, 73 Breakneck Hill Rd., Southborough, MA 01772; William R. Devlin, Box 505, Finley, ND 58230; Marjorie A. Devlin, Box 505, Finley, ND 58230; Patrick A. Devlin, 3605 Hampstead Ct. NW, Kennesaw, GA. 30144;
11. KNOWN BONDHOLDERS, MORTGAGEES, AND OTHER SECURITY HOLDERS OWNING OR HOLDING 1 PERCENT OR MORE OF TOTAL AMOUNT OF BONDS, MORTGAGES, OR OTHER SECURITIES: None
12. TAX STATUS (FOR COMPLETION BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED TO MAIL AT NONPROFIT RATES): NA
13. PUBLICATION TITLE: Staples World
14. ISSUE DATE FOR CIRCULATION DATA BELOW: Week 36 September 8, 2016
15. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION:

AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUE DURING PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	No. COPIES OF SINGLE ISSUE PUBLISHED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
a. Total No. Copies (Net press run)	1,849
b. Paid Circulation (By	1,846

Mail and Outside the Mail)
(b1) Mailed Outside-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on Form 3526
623 608
(b2) Mailed In-County Paid Subscriptions Stated on Form 3526
590 589
(b3) Sales Through Dealers and Carriers, Street Vendors, Counter Sales, and Other Non-USPS Paid Distribution
474 496
c. Total Paid Distribution
1,687 1,693
d. Free or Nominal Rate Distribution (By Mail and Outside the Mail)
(d1) Outside-County as Stated on Form 3541
0 0
(d2) In-County as Stated on Form 3526
0 0
(d3) Other Classes Mailed Through the USPS
0 0
(d4) Free Distribution Outside the Mail
43 50
e. Total Free or Nominal Rate Distribution
43 50
f. Total Distribution
1,730 1,743
g. Copies not Distribution
119 103
h. Total
1,849 1,846
i. Percent Paid
98% 97%

16. ELECTRONIC COPY CIRCULATION:

AVERAGE	ACTUAL
a. Paid Electronic Copies	67 48
b. Total Paid Print Copies (Line 15c) + Paid Electronic Copies	1,754 1,741
c. Total Print Distribution (Line 15f) + Paid Electronic Copies	1,797 1,791
d. Percent Paid (Both Print & Electronic Copies)	98% 97%

I certify that 50% of all my distributed copies (electronic and print) are paid above a nominal rate.

17. PUBLICATION OF STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP WILL BE PRINTED IN THE September 29, 2016 ISSUE OF THIS PUBLICATION.

I certify that all information furnished on this form is true and complete. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits material or information requested on the form may be subject to criminal sanctions (including fines and imprisonment) and/or civil sanctions (including civil penalties).

Brenda J. Halvorson, General Manager, September 26, 2016 39pnx

Young woman dies in rollover crash on Hwy 10

An 18-year-old woman was killed in a one-vehicle crash along Hwy 10 in Morrison County Sept. 24. The incident occurred around 1 a.m. near milepost 151. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Cloe Crabtree of Prior Lake was driving a 2004 Cadillac CTS southbound on Hwy 10 when it entered the median and rolled over onto the northbound lanes. Road conditions were dry and no alcohol was detected in her system. Crabtree was wearing a seat belt. Alexander Myhre, 21, of Mankato was a passenger in the car but had no apparent injuries from the crash. He was wearing a seat belt at the time. The Morrison County Sheriff's Office and the Royalton Police Department assisted.



Harvest dinner

St. Michael's Parish in Motley hosted a Harvest Dinner following Mass Sept. 25. The meal featured roast beef, turkey and all the fixings; plus an assortment of pies. Pictured above serving, from left, are Wanda Lutzke, Sherri Zetah, Steve Lorber, Dave Pogreba (hidden) and George Heroux in background. A total of 230 people were served, including Karen and Tom Zetah, pictured in center of top photo. Pictured below, enjoying lunch, are Katie Bettis, Verndale; Wendy, Brooke and Brent Hansen, Staples; and Charlotte Stern, Staples. Wendy Hansen noted that she is a cantor at St. Michael's and her son, Brent, is an altar server. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Swamp creatures

Isaac Moulton, Tahlia Craft, and Micah Larson sift through wetland samples looking for water invertebrates as part of the Enviro-fest held Sept. 22.



Bear trap demo

Sixth grade students check out a bear trap demo that was part of the wilderness station at Enviro-Fest. Instead of bears, the trap held some of their classmates.



Boy in a bubble

Seth Larson stands still as classmates pull a giant bubble up and around his body, one of the activities at Enviro-Fest held Sept. 22.



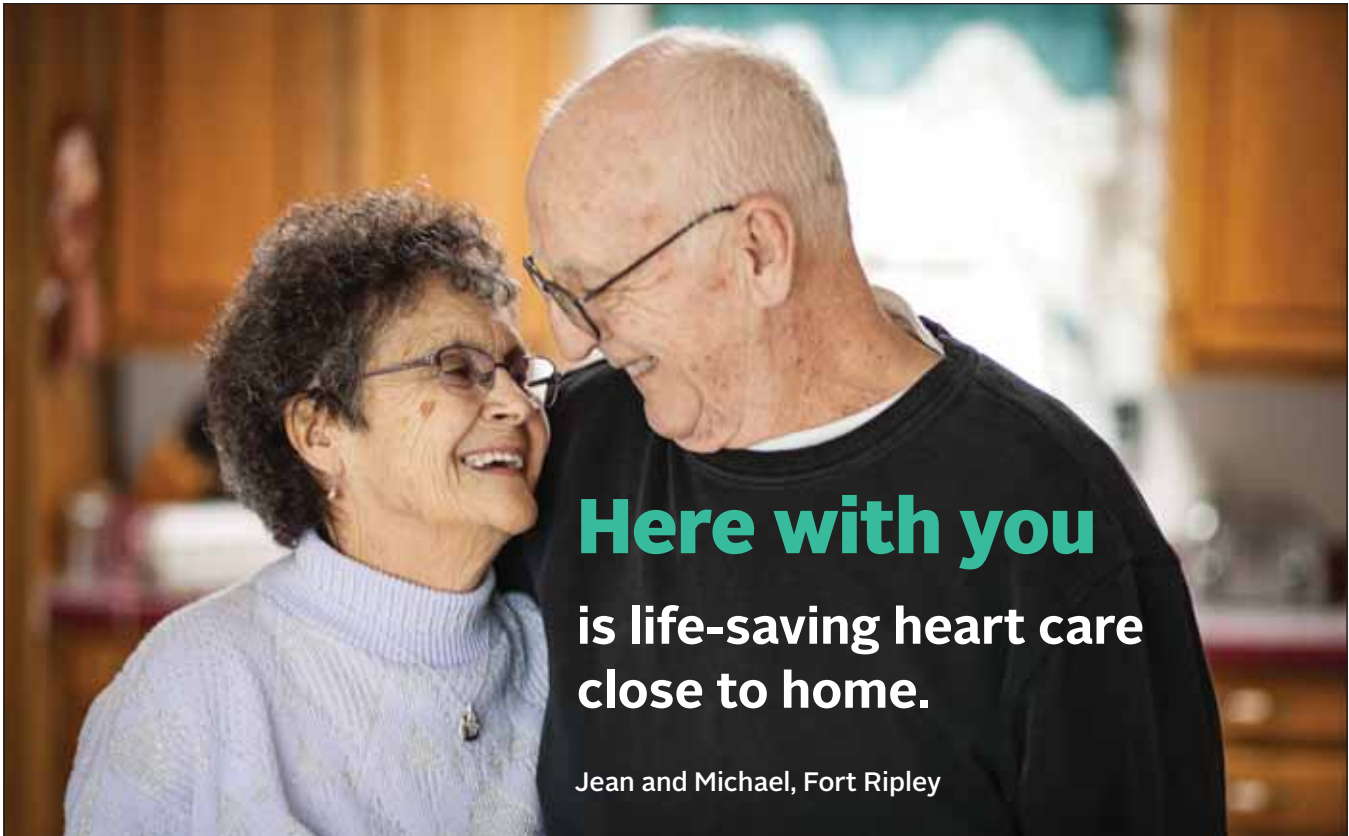
Obstacle course... teamwork style

Brandon Hove, Justin Mollner, Taylor Serich, and Hunter Miller learn the value of working together, to navigate hay bales in an obstacle course while their feet are bound together with rubber bands. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Long chute for habitat

From left, Isaac Greenwaldt, Westen Bjerga, Dakota Hennagir, Dylan Smith, Georgia Kruchten, Megan Franson, Joshua White, and Jayma Lawson work together to form a chute for marbles and small balls to go from one end of the chute to the other. The exercise represented working together to maintain connected animal habitat in the wilderness. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Here with you
is life-saving heart care
close to home.

Jean and Michael, Fort Ripley

Marilyn Covey Heart & Vascular Center Team

Shoveling snow last winter Jean wasn't feeling right and sought care at Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd. It was discovered that blood flow was completely blocked to one part of her heart, and her life was in danger. Fortunately, the team was ready in the cardiac catheterization lab where a stent was expertly inserted into Jean's heart just 34 minutes after she arrived at the hospital. Jean continues her recovery by participating in the cardiovascular rehabilitation program and enjoying life with her husband of 60 years.

For appointments call
218.828.7580

EssentiaHealth.org/HeartVascular



Lisa Abrahams, MD
Cardiologist



Albert Deibele, MD
Cardiologist



Michael Rich, MD
Cardiologist



Amanda Carroll, CNP
Cardiology



Rebecca Wirtz, CNP
Cardiology



Essentia Health

Here with you

THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) HELPS PAY HOME HEATING COSTS AND FURNACE REPAIRS FOR INCOME QUALIFIED HOUSEHOLDS.

EAP is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Grants are available for renters or homeowners, with household income at or below 50 percent of the state median income, and is based on household size, income, fuel type and energy usage. Services may include payment of energy bills, help with utility disconnections or necessary fuel deliveries, education on efficient and safe use of home heating energy, and repair or replacement of homeowners' malfunctioning heating system.

The average energy assistance grant in Todd County is \$681 per household. Households with an income less than 50% of the state median income (\$47,192 for a family of four) may qualify; those who qualify are served on a first-come, first-served basis while funds last. People have until May 31, 2017 when the program year ends, to apply for EAP

EAP pays the utility company directly on behalf of eligible households. Qualifying families must apply for assistance at the local service provider in their area.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT TODD COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AT 320-732-4516 OR TOLL FREE AT 888-838-4066.

If you signed up for the Cold Weather Rule through your energy provider, this protection ended on April 15, 2017.

Other forms of assistance may be available through county social service programs, community-based organizations and nonprofit agencies. See the Minnesota Department of Commerce webpage at mn.gov/commerce for resources and energy saving tips.



Swimmers show competitive fire in two close meets

The Staples-Motley swim team had two competitive meets but came up short in both, losing to Fosston-Bagley 91-79 on Sept. 20 and dropping 51-34 to Holdingford.

“It was a tough loss because they came really close to having their first win,” said Coach Amanda Olson about the Fosston meet, “but I couldn’t have been more blown out of the water by their performance.”

Olson said the team’s strong races and positive attitudes are a good sign for the future.

Meet highlights included:

First place in the 200 medley relay (Emily Veronen, Lili Schneider, Autumn Nelsen, and Brianna Hinman)

Veronen first place in the 100 backstroke (1:10)

Schneider first in the 100 breaststroke (1:20)

Schneider (2:23) and Joelle Bounds (2:32) were 2nd and 3rd in the 200 freestyle.

Veronen (2:42) and Brianna Hinman (2:42) were 2nd and 3rd in the 200 individual medley.

Nelsen (30.46) and Jaden Engebretson (31.01) took 2nd and 3rd in the 50 freestyle.

Nelsen (1:16) and Hannah Hinman (1:22) took 2nd and 3rd in the 100 butterfly. Engebretson (1:08) and Adriana Dickey (1:12) were 2nd and 3rd in the 100 freestyle.

Bounds set another personal best and took 3rd in the 500 freestyle (6:53)

The team finished up with a 2nd and 3rd place in the 400 free relay (Veronen, Engebretson, Nelsen, Schneider / Aleeah Halverson, Hinman, Dickey, Bounds)

Against Holdingford, the team was without four of their strong swimmers due to illness. “The girls got in that pool and pushed themselves regardless,” said Olson. “I love seeing



Improving swim strokes

Top photo, Autumn Nelsen swims the 100 butterfly; middle, Joelle Bounds swims the freestyle; lower photo, Jaden Engebretson swims in the 400 freestyle relay. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

the girls go and do their best despite setbacks.”

Highlights included Veronen (2:24) 1st in the 200 free followed by Nelsen

(2:30) in 3rd.

Bounds dropped another five seconds in her 500 freestyle, placing 3rd (6:48).

Minnesota duck hunters enjoy seasons within a season

For many who hunt, the start of the 2016 Minnesota duck season this past weekend was like an early Christmas. There are few specialties within hunting that offer more opportunities to eagerly prepare and hopefully anticipate than does duck hunting; from boats to blinds, decoys to dog training, duck calling to specialized armament, not to mention the varied natural histories of the many species a duck hunter encounters. A duck hunter can keep busy with some dimension of the sport virtually the entire year.

There are fewer Minnesota hunters who buy duck stamps than once did, fewer who motor or paddle out in the pre-dawn to set up their blinds and decoys and await the morning flights. Minnesota hunter numbers overall – not just duck hunters – have declined, though we have fared better than most states in terms of hunter retention.

The start of the Minnesota duck season has changed radically since I began hunting as a teenager. I remember most duck seasons beginning with opening day shooting commencing at noon, the logic being that the ducks would have a chance to acclimate to the sudden arrival of intense hunting pressure. That, and giving hunters who had not been in the blind for almost a year a chance to re-establish identification skills, so important with harvest restrictions based on duck species and sex.

Then the shooting hour on opening day was moved to nine a.m., and last to a half-hour before sunrise; just like every other day of the season. Gone was the mindset of letting the ducks get used to hunting gradually. The management logic now, for better or worse, is to maximize hunter

success on opening weekend. The apparent rationale is that the more hunters who bag ducks during the most heavily hunted weekend of the season, the more likely they are to remain among the ranks of duck hunters. Time will tell.

This is the first of the seasons within a season. Bluewing teal, earliest migrants among the state’s most abundant ducks, are generally one of the top three bagged by opening weekend hunters; along with mallards and wood ducks. Wood ducks generally also migrate early. The bag limit on woodies was increased from two birds daily to three several years ago, and that has in turn boosted hunter success. The mallard limit has been liberalized, as well.

The season-opening weekend for most of my hunting lifetime was the Saturday closest to October 1st. October openers were the norm. Now, as is the case this year, it’s not uncommon to have an entire week of duck hunting in September, the better to make these early migrants available to hunters. It’s hard to look at the Minnesota waterfowl regulations these days and find many rules that would be called “conservative.”

Most years, the availability of ducks diminishes after opening weekend; certainly after the second, barring unseasonably wintry weather that pushes northern migrants southward ahead of schedule. “The lull,” a period when there seem to be relatively few birds – and gun-shy ones at that – can last as much as several weeks. Some duck hunters will still go through the motions, knowing that those diminished numbers of ducks still have to feed and rest. There is always a chance your decoys will be the ones chosen for a visit.

Here in the North, the last 10 days of October quite consistently bring an influx of fresh migrants from the border country and southern prairie Canada; a second productive season, as it were. Many ducks’ year-to-year migration timing is consistent, and they can be counted on to show up

at traditional stops along their migratory route on similar dates each year. The factor many believe is most responsible for this predictability is “photoperiod,” the balance of daylight to darkness. These species seem genetically programmed to migrate when a certain daylight to darkness ratio arrives with fall’s advance.

There are always some ducks, however, that seem to move just ahead of the line of freezing marshes and lakes, as ice-up gradually progresses southward. American or common goldeneyes are often among these, their tuxedo-like black-and-white plumage standing out in bright contrast to the leaden waters and skies of November. On one such late season morning, my partner and I watched a lake’s gentle swells roll as smoothly as if they were made of oil. We imagined that when the 15-degree daytime temperature dropped that coming night, only a strong wind would keep the lake from being ice-bound by next morning.

Creators of duck hunting literature and lore have written about the so-called “grand passage,” when thousands of ducks fill the skies as they migrate in unison ahead of winter’s icy grip. Ornithologists (bird scientists) who specialize in waterfowl will tell you that is the exception rather than the rule.

Sometimes, however, an exceptionally strong cold front with high north winds will push legions of ducks and geese into a rapid migratory escape. Such a weather event happened in November of 1995, when so many large flocks of ducks and geese appeared on flight radar that it was difficult to tell waterfowl and aircraft apart. Some 90 million ducks and geese were estimated to be airborne in that grand passage.

Whatever the character of the coming waterfowl migration, duck hunters who appreciate both the sport’s tangible rewards and its many intangible joys will find it a grand passage through the season.



High flying hits

Mackenzie Zetah, left, and Ashley Vasquez, right, go up to attack the ball. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

VB team in win column

The Staples-Motley volleyball team beat Bertha-Hewitt 25-22, 25-21, 25-22 on Sept. 26, beating a team they had lost to earlier in the season.

Before that, the Cardinals lost to Pillager 22-25, 16-25, 16-25 on Sept. 20 and to Pequot Lakes 12-25, 18-25, 25-27 on Sept. 22.

The Cardinals started playing well in the third game against Pequot Lakes. Mackenzie Zetah had two kills to get the ball rolling and then she had five ace serves in a string of eight points, building a big early lead. But the team couldn’t keep the lead and ended up dropping the third game.

Zetah continued her hot streak in the win at Bertha-Hewitt, leading the team with 11 kills.

Team results
Staples-Motley 0, Pequot Lakes 3

Mardi Opheim - 4 Digs, 5 Assists, 1 Kill, 1 Block; Mackenzie Zetah - 5 Ace Serves, 5 Digs, 4 Kills; Ashley Vasquez - 4 Digs, 1 Kill; Camryn Banaka - 3 Ace Serves, 7 Digs, 7 Assists, 1 Kill; Chelsea Nanik - 15 Digs, 1 Assist, 2 Kills; Paige Kittleson - 1 Dig, 4 Kills, 1 Block; Taylor Heldman - 4 Digs, 5 Kills; Alex Davis - 1 Ace Serve, 10 Digs, 4 Assists, 1 Kill; Jenna Trantina - 4 Digs, 1 Assist

Staples Motley 0, Pillager 3
Opheim - 7 Digs, 3 Assists, 1

Block; Zetah - 10 Digs, 1 Assist, 5 Kills, 2 Blocks; Vasquez - 1 Dig, 1 Assist, 3 Kills; Banaka - 1 Ace Serve, 3 Digs, 12 Assists, 1 Kill; Nanik - 5 Digs, 1 Assist, 2 Kills; Kittleson - 1 Ace Serve, 6 Digs, 5 Kills; Heldman - 2 Digs, 4 Kills; Davis - 1 Kill; Trantina - 2 Digs

Staples-Motley 3, Bertha-Hewitt 0

Opheim - 2 Digs, 2 Assists, 4 Kill, 1 Block; Zetah - 1 Ace Serve, 17 Digs, 1 Assist, 11 Kills; Vasquez - 4 Digs, 6 Kill; Banaka - 11 Digs, 17 Assists, 1 Kill, 1 Block; Nanik - 1 Ace Serve, 19 Digs, 1 Assist, 3 Kills; Kittleson - 5 Kills, 2 Blocks; Heldman - 2 Ace Serves, 2 Digs, 1 Assist, 7 Kills; Davis - 2 Ace Serve, 7 Digs, 13 Assists; Trantina - 2 Digs



CC teams gain big meet experience

The Staples-Motley cross country teams competed against hundreds of runners at the Milaca Mega Meet on Sept. 24.

The boys team placed 16th out of 41 teams while the girls were 12th out of 34 teams. There were 290 finishers in the boys race and 251 in the girls.

Only the varsity teams ran in this meet.

Boys results: 20. Emmet

Anderson 17:35, 37. Hunter Klimek 18:08, 139. Jack Tyrrell 19:24, 141. Tanner Robben 19:26, 190. Coleman Klimek 20:12, 214. Nicholas Tabbatt 20:48

Girls results: 5. Kira Sweeney 19:50, 61. Addison Lorber 22:00, 106. Ameara Chenoweth 23:11, 133. Taylor Yungbauer 23:49, 139. Kaitlyn Smith 23:55, 151. Mikayla Sauber 24:23, 175. Madysen Hull 25:15

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



Coleman Klimek



Taylor Yungbauer

Thursday Twilight League Bowling

Wadena Lanes		High Ind. Series*	
		Mason Bros	585
SEPTEMBER 22, 2016		High Ind. Series/ HIGH GAMES	
Staples Vet Clinic	10-2	Ruth Lugert	510 180
Spectrum Marketing	9-3	Betty Klingaman	473 183-160
Lefty's	8-4	Jackie Perius	462 156-151-155
Ted and Gen's	4-8	Marge Harrison	184
Mason Bros.	3-9	Deb Pundt	178
Ghost Team	2-10	Judy Tiede	168-162
High Team Series*		Deb Shake	160
Staples Vet Clinic	1,579	Shirley Wegscheid	160

Early scores keeps football team on winning streak

The Staples-Motley football team scored three touchdowns in the second quarter and then held on to defeat United North Central 30-14 on Sept. 23. The victory is the third straight win for the Cardinals, running their record to 3-1.

At UNC, Eric Lisson opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 10 yard touchdown run.

Early in the second quarter, Hunter Berggren blasted off a 66 yard touchdown run. On the next possession Mason Rychner threw a 17 yard touchdown

pass to Matt Miller. Lisson capped the first half with a 27 yard touchdown run and the Cardinals were ahead 24-0 at halftime.

UNC scored twice in the second half but Berggren put the game away late in the fourth quarter with a 20 yard touchdown run.

Despite the offensive outburst, Staples-Motley failed to convert any of their extra points.

The Cardinals play a big game at Ottertail Central on Friday, Sept. 30.

Team results

SM 6 18 0 6 - 30

UNC 0 0 6 8 - 14

Total yards: SM 381, UNC 287

Rushing: SM 321, UNC 215

Hunter Berggren 14-192, 2 TD; Eric Lisson 15-91, 2 TD; Mason Rychner 12-20; Zac Carlson 3-18

Passing: SM 60, UNC 72

Rychner 3-9, 34 yards, 1 TD, 2 INT; Lisson 1-1, 26 yards

Receiving: Matt Miller 3-34, 1 TD; Isaiah Ross-Bahn 1-26

Tackles: Alex Erpelding 14, Braden Tyrell 12, Trey Skeesick 8, Josh Lombard 6, Kyle Serich 6, Hunter Carlson 6, Berggren 5, Luke Schmieg 3, Miller 2, Isaac Swensrud 2, Mason Nyhus 2, Carlson 2, Scout Strickland 2, Derek Kennedy 1



4H shooting sports at state competition

The Wadena County 4H shooting sports team competed in the Minnesota 4H State Shoot at Alexandria Shooting Park, Sept 9-11. Above, front ; Autumn DeLeon, Taylor Horton, Katie Benson, Xander Lincoln, Otto Mattson, Rashad Lincoln, Ethan Trout and Melissa Trout; back; archery coaches Anita and Kevin Hoeper. Missing from the photo Steve Benson; shotgun/air rifle/pistol instructor, Jon and Darlys Hamberg; black powder/air rifle/pistol instructors,

Emma Malone, Jack Benson, Alexzander Burckhardt, Nathan Burckhardt, Jack Adamietz and Vincent Berglund, 4-H participants.

Top finishers included:

- Jack Adamietz: int. trap, 9th
- Katie Benson: sr. trap 8th
- Jack Benson: int. skillathon 1st
- Ethan Trout: int. Class C archery 9th
- Int. archery team, Jack Adamietz, Ethan Trout, Jack Benson, Melissa Trout; 3rd. (Submitted photo)

Fall is perch time

By Ray Gildow

I am a huge perch fishing fan and I make no excuses for it. Yes, I know they seldom make for heart stopping trophy photos, but they are the best eating fish we have in the Upper Midwest and the time to catch them starts now in the early fall.

Perch numbers in Minnesota are mysteriously

dwindling, but perch numbers in North Dakota and South Dakota are doing very well and attracting more attention from anglers than ever before. There are still great lakes for fishing perch in Minnesota including the bigger ones like Winnibigoshish, Leech, Red Lake, Lake of the Woods and Mille Lacs. Devils Lake in North Dakota has become a great destination for perch too, as have some select areas in South Dakota.

The lifespan of a yellow perch is 13 years. They've been caught up to 18 inches long and a record yellow perch caught in New Jersey weighed a whopping four pounds, three ounces. However, for most of us, catching one over 10 inches long means we got an eater. Perch are found in a wide variety of warm and cool habitats over a wide range of territory, although they are primarily lake fish. North Dakota and South Dakota are stocking perch in farm ponds where they have been doing really well when they have ample feed.

Adult yellow perch feed on larger zooplankton, insects, young crayfish, snails, aquatic insects and in the fall, they often can be found chasing schools of small shiner minnows. They also feed on fresh water shrimp. They constantly move when feeding and feed during daylight hours when they are not as vulnerable to being eaten themselves.

I start fishing perch around the end of August and don't stop until I put my boat away just before the deer season opener. I like to fish them with very small jigs tipped with plastic imitation insects or small fish. Some days they only bite on live bait. On those days I tip my jigs with crappie or fathead minnows. I also cast tiny lures and small spinners. Cold fronts, high winds, storms and other weather conditions can shut down the perch bite just like it does for other fish. The best place to search for perch is around weed beds. They are almost always near the bottom and they are always on the move. I start in shallow water, three-five feet, and work my way into depths of 9-13 ft until I find active feeding fish. It's also important in shallow water to be quiet. On days with no wind it's easy to visually spot perch in shallow water just sneaking up on them.

Perch are not great fighters, but with really light tackle, two-three pound test line, they're really fun to catch. Some days it takes catching over 100 for enough eaters for lunch, but that's the best part...just catching them.

Ray Gildow, Staples, is the author of "Legends & Legacies, A History of the Nisswa Guides' League" and is owner of Gildow Guide Service. More information can be found at raygildow.com.

GARAGE SALES

701

HUGE STAPLES '93 LIONS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: Fri., Sept. 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Lions' bldg., 402 Wisconsin Ave., Staples. ssw39p

HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Fri., Sept. 30-Sat., Oct. 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Staples: 2 mi. W Hwy. 10 (Frontage Rd.) 25034 US Frontage. Household, sm. appliances, kitchen gadgets, 100's of cookbooks, clothing: women's plus sz.; purses, DVDs, VCR tapes, antique dresser, fall decorations, depression glass, pressure canner, desktop computer, McCoy pottery, lamps, queen bedroom set, jewelry, a lot of misc. ssw39p

14 plus tables full! Don't miss this sale!!

GARAGE SALE: Staples Rental Units, 1/2 mi. W of CLC, Staples (26484 Cty. Rd. 2). Furniture, appliances, tools/toolboxes, computers, games, toys, books, magazines, etc. Sat., Oct. 1, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. w39-ss40p

LARGE GARAGE SALE: Fri., Sept. 30-Sat., Oct. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. From Staples: 1 mi. S on Hwy. 210, to Cty. Rd. #7, 8 mi. to 430th St. Watch for signs. w39p

GARAGE SALE: Staples: at our other garage, 310 8th St. SE. Thurs., Sept. 29, Fri., Sept. 30, Sat., Oct. 1, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Clothing: women's XL tops, sz. 16-18 pants, men's XL shirts, sz. 36-38-40 pants; knick knacks, Christmas décor, lawn statues, hot water heater, tools. Something for everyone! Come, see! Kaye, Bill, Chad, Pawnya. If cold/rain, use side door. w39p



Hunter Klimek



Madysen Hull

The Staples-Motley tennis team cruised through two matches on Sept. 20, beating Wadena-Deer Creek 6-1 and Crosby-Ironton 7-0. They then placed third in the Litchfield Invite on Sept. 24.

At the tournament, Izabella Edin and Sam Schimpp won their brackets. Edin defeated players from Owatonna, Litchfield and Crookston, winning the championship match 8-3. Schimp beat players from Benson, Litchfield and Owatonna, winning 8-1 in the final.

Team results

Staples-Motley 6, Wadena-Deer Creek 1

Singles: Izabella Edin W 6-0, 6-0; Ashley Smith L 4-6, 2-6; Kelsi Peterson W 6-1, 6-1; Sam Schimpp W 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: Lexi Johnson/Claire Wolhowe W 7-6 (8-6), 6-4; Katie Benson/Kelsie Weite W 6-1, 6-3; Bryn Williams/Anna Wilgoths W 6-0, 6-0

Staples-Motley 7, Crosby-Ironton 0

Singles: Edin W 6-0, 6-0; Peterson W 6-1, 6-1; Weite W 6-1, 6-0; Schimpp W 6-0, 6-0

Doubles: Johnson/Wolhowe W 6-1, 6-2; Benson/Smith W 6-0, 7-5; Williams/Wilgoths W 6-1, 6-1

Litchfield Invite

Owatonna 33, Litchfield 27, Staples-Motley 24, Chanhasen 17, Crookston 13, Benson 12, Annandale 11, St. Peter 10

Singles: Edin 3-0, 1st place; Smith 0-3, 8th place; Peterson 2-1, 5th place; Schimpp 3-0, 1st place

Doubles: Johnson/Wolhowe 2-1, 2nd place; Weite/Benson 2-1, 2nd place; Williams/Willgoths 1-2, 6th place



Steady shot

Sam Schimpp swings a forehand shot against Crosby-Ironton. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Katie Benson



Lexi Johnson

HELP WANTED

ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION

Gregory, SD is seeking a qualified General Manager. This is a three location energy, agronomy, propane, and retail store cooperative with sales of \$20 million. Successful agricultural business management experience desired. To Apply: http://tinyurl.com/jkg93v9 For more info contact David.lemmon@chsinc.com or call 320/219-0270

Classified Advertising that is Easy!

THE MINNESOTA CLASSIFIED AD NETWORK

Make an impact with your advertising dollar with classified advertising that reaches over 3 million readers!

mcAn

STAPLES CLASSIFIEDS

The 2nd Network is a program of the MNA, phone 800-270-2978

FURNITURE

THAT FURNITURE OUTLET (A+ BBB RATING)

Minnesota's #1 furniture outlet. Statewide delivery available or bring your own truck or trailer. 7427 Washington Ave. South, Edina. www.thatfurniture.net 952/808-8876

HEALTH & FITNESS

ALL BACK PAIN & SCOLIOSIS

are caused by injury created "Hidden Tension". See pictures of my spectacularly wonderful results with my child: www.ScoliosisReversal.org

MISCELLANEOUS

STOP OVERPAYING FOR YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS!

Save up to 93%! Call our licensed Canadian and International pharmacy service to compare prices and get \$15.00 off your first prescription and free shipping. Call 800/259-1096

MISCELLANEOUS

DISH NETWORK

New flex pack! Select the channels you want. Free installation. Free Streaming. \$39.99/24 months. Add internet for \$14.95 a month. Call 800/297-8706

LUNG CANCER?

60 or older? If so, you and your family may be entitled to a significant cash award. Call 800/918-0376 to learn more. No risk. No money out of pocket.

GOT KNEE PAIN?

Back Pain? Shoulder Pain? Get a pain-relieving brace - little or no cost to you. Medicare patients call health hotline now! 800/755-6807

DONATE YOUR CAR

truck or boat to Heritage For The Blind. Free 3-day vacation, tax deductible, free towing, all paperwork taken care of 800/439-1735