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NJPA honors Staples-Motley teachers for leadership

National Joint Powers Alliance Education Solutions recognizes the profound impact of educators and celebrated the work of several area educators from Region 5 schools recently at its fourth annual Educators of Excellence Awards Banquet held at Grand View Lodge, near Brainerd. Among those honored were Chris Kappler, Chris Trout, Jennifer Pantzke and Shawna Poncelet, all from the Staples-Motley School District.

Nominated by their respective schools for their commitment to excellence, these educators demonstrate best practices, leadership, and innovation in education, which leads to increased student success.

"NJPA is pleased to honor the hard work and dedication of educators throughout Region 5 schools," said NJPA Manager of Education Solutions Cassidy Rice. "We are inspired by their stories and thankful for their commitment to their students, schools and communities."

NJPA honored a total of 49 educators, including Teachers of Excellence, plus three additional awards: Leader of Educational Excellence (Stephen Jones, Little Falls Superintendent), Paraprofessional of Educational Excellence (Pam Hart, Pequot Lakes School District) and Team of Educational Excellence (Pine River-Backus REACH Team).

Chris Kappler Motley-Staples Middle School

Nominated by: Chris Halverson, Middle School Principal

"Chris Kappler brings a contagious enthusiasm to all he does. Whether it's in the classroom, gymnasium, weight room, or football field—his 'we-got-this' attitude can be heard and expected. Chris' playful demeanor complements his desire to see his students and athletes achieve. They simply feel dedicated to him and themselves once the goals are established. His praise for students is blended with an extension for them to achieve at the next level."

Chris Trout Connections High School

Nominated by: Mike Schmidt, High School Principal

"Chris Trout has played an incredible role in Connections High School over the past four years. Her calm, 'you-can-do-it' demeanor has served students well with their project-based learning pursuits. She's immediate with her attention when it comes to students' needs and her assistance is constantly met with strong guiding questions, which often lend themselves to higher achievements. She is a student-centered educator who cares deeply about their well-being and growth as young adults."

Jennifer Pantzke, Staples-Motley Elementary School

Nominated by: Kathy Johnson, Elementary Principal

"Jen Pantzke is a second grade teacher and true leader in her school and district. She took on flexible seating this year, which has had a great impact on her students. Allowing children this freedom of choice is creating a successful learning environment where Jen is then able to provide rich reading and math instruction in a differentiated format. Along with a new assignment, Jen is a peer coach, oversight committee member and a member of the CAT-school leadership/staff development team."

Shawna Poncelet Staples-Motley High School

Nominated by: Mike Schmidt, High School Principal

"Shawna has embraced her role not only as a caring and passionate educator, but colleague as well. She possesses a natural desire to seek and find the great in all we do with and for students and letting them be seen, heard and known. This past fall, she took to the ranks of Special Olympics as a coach. The emotion, care and love she brings to all of her ventures are a remarkable example to education and educators."

'In the fourth month of '17...'

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, four cones from the Silo.' Pictured above at the Olde Tyme Trading Post and Silo Ice Cream Parlor in Motley are, from left, Gayle Quinn, Judy Tryggeseth, Florence Berndt, Robin Kramer, recipients of the fourth gift from the giant lumberjack. Tryggeseth is the owner of the Olde Tyme Trading Post, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. To see a video performance of their song, visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com; or our Facebook page. The Staples World will be highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, 'The Twelve Months of '17,' sung to the tune of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.' Stay tuned to find out what Paul Bunyan delivers each month.

Below is a closer photo of our singers.
(Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



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Leadership profile developed for interim superintendent search

tion that does not identify them. Gundlach cautioned the board to talk about the candidates strengths and work history in broad terms.

"Treat them how you want to be treated and talked about in a public meeting," she said.

The first round of interviews has been set for Tuesday, May 23. The time is tentatively set for 6 p.m. but could be earlier depending on how many candidates the board chooses.

At the end of the interviews, which will likely last about 55 minutes each, the board will meet to choose who they will call

back for a second interview. Those will be held beginning at 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 30, with Wednesday, May 31, as a back up date. They expect to interview at least two finalists.

Between May 23 and May 30 it was agreed that board member Bruce Lund will conduct the reference checks.

Gundlach recommended calling two references listed by the candidate plus at least one other person who would have knowledge of the candidates' work history.

Following the May 30 and/or May 31 interviews the board will meet to

decide which candidate will be offered the job. The superintendent contract negotiating team of board members Mary Freeman and Bryan Winkels will negotiate the contract.

The intent is to have the contract approved at a special meeting at 7 p.m. just prior to the board's June 5 work session. The interim superintendent would begin July 1.

During the discussion of whether to seek an interim or a permanent superintendent, Gundlach pointed out the short timeframe and that it might be confusing to candidates to try to do both at once.

Winkels and Lund felt that having an interim would help get the district stable.

An interim could "set up the new person for success moving forward," Winkels said.

Winkels asked if Gundlach had any idea what the candidate pool looks like at this time.

She said a lot depends on where the district is located in the state.

"This is a good sized district so it could attract some experienced superintendents who want to advance or principals from larger schools," she said, adding that this is also a good location.

Gundlach noted that the pool is deeper in the fall and recommended the position be announced before Christmas to be closed by mid-January.

Leadership profile

To develop the leadership Gundlach distributed a list of 21 traits and skills that an interim superintendent should possess. She asked that each person choose six that they feel are most important.

Everyone chose these two as the top characteristics:

- Acts with honesty and in an ethical manner in dealings with the school board, staff, students, parents, and community.
- Has a strong and successful experience in school finance.

The next four traits each received the same number of votes:

- Has developed and directed an effective leadership team.
- Has a thorough knowledge of and successful experience in school district management practices.
- Has a history of promoting business and community involvement in schools.
- Has worked cooperatively with the school board and provided options and recommendations for the school board's consideration.

Part of the materials Gundlach distributed to the board included potential interview questions. She noted that all candidates must be asked the same questions, although a follow-up question requesting clarification of an answer could be asked.

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Mitch Pearlstein to speak in Staples May 16



Dr. Mitch Pearlstein

Mitch Pearlstein will speak Tuesday, May 16, at 6 p.m. at Twisted Sister's in Staples, located at 119 3rd St NE on the corner of 2nd Ave. and 3rd St NE. The event is sponsored by Crossroads Conservatives.

Dr. Pearlstein's topic is "Great Jobs Without A Four-Year Degree - What It Means for Students, Parents and Employers."

College debt has become a troublesome political issue in recent years. Many students enroll in college because they mistakenly believe a four-year degree is their only avenue to good jobs and solid middle-class careers when it is not. Such reluctant quests usually end sadly, with students not only dropping out, but routinely winding up unemployed or underemployed and in sizable debt. This is not good for anyone, the economy or for society itself.

Mitch Pearlstein is Founder and Senior Fellow at the Center of the American Experiment and served until 2015 as Center of the American Experiment's president for its first quarter century.

When Pearlstein was a kid from Queens (New York borough), he drove cross country with some friends during a college summer and came through the Twin Cities for the first time.

"I just loved the place, and I still do," Pearlstein said, and he started look-

ing for an opportunity to make a life there.

Before his 1990 return to the Twin Cities to lead the think tank, Dr. Pearlstein served for two years in the U.S. Department of Education, during the Reagan and (first) Bush administrations. Prior to his federal service in Washington, he spent four years as an editorial writer and columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, where he focused on foreign and national affairs.

He's been special assistant for policy and communications to Minnesota Gov. Albert H. Quie and assistant to University of Minnesota President C. Peter Magrath, among other posts.

Dr. Pearlstein's most recent book is "Broken Bonds: What Family Fragmentation Means for America's Future (2014)." He's also authored "From Family Collapse to America's Decline: The Educational, Economic, and Social Costs of Family Fragmentation (2011);" and "Riding into the Sunrise: Al Quie and a Life of Faith, Service & Civility (2008)," among other books.

He earned his Ph.D. in educational administration, with an emphasis on higher education policy, at the University of Minnesota. He did his undergraduate work in political science at Binghamton University. In 2006, the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota named him one of 100 "Distinguished Alumni" from the college's first 100 years.

The evening will be a dinner meeting, with activities beginning as soon as dinners are ordered and served.

To help with planning, reservations are appreciated. RSVP to: Diane Carlson at 218-296-1348. You may also respond by email to dcarlson1899@charter.net.



Support for healthy meals for students

Healthy Kids Collaborative members accepts the \$2,500 award from the First International Bank & Trust Live First Community Grant. From left, Hallie Bergeson, Marge Lelwica, Elizabeth Quillo, Heidi Chapman, Alicia Bauman, Kayla Miller, Jef Cichos, First International Bank, Katie Paine-Santos and Joe Roline, First International Bank. See story on page 1a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Speech banquet awards

Students who were given special recognition at the Staples-Motley speech banquet on April 30 included, front row from left, Samantha Svendsen, All-Pro and Top Speaker awards; Cade Bestland, Staples Lions Club award for outstanding speech at the state tournament; Alex Erickson, Most Dedicated; back row, Krystal Yoder, Team Spirit; Sadie Thompson, Rookie of the Year; Jonah Johnson, Most Improved. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Fifty years of success

"It's always fun for me to watch kids succeed. When I watch the kids at the tournaments and I think of the future, I think 'we're okay,'" said Frank Odell after getting a standing ovation at the Staples-Motley speech banquet on April 30. Odell is stepping down after 50 years as a speech coach. Odell noted the team's success, including 17 state champions, 260 state entrants, and the school is ranked eighth in the state in total medal winners. He gave credit to the community that supports the speech program. "It is not one person who does this, it is a group of people," he said. "What this community has done, this is justification for taxes paid to the school."



Drug box yields 153 pounds to be destroyed

Staples Police collected 153 pounds of prescription pills in the drug drop box located at the Staples Police Dept. The drugs were transported to the Todd County Sheriff's Office for incineration. The prescription drop box is emptied periodically as it gets full.

Other reports into the Staples Police Dept. included:

May 1; Staples Police responded to a report of damage to property at Wayne's Electric at 1311 8th St NE. A vehicle had torn up the lawn and gravel driveway. It also appeared

that ATV's were also involved with the damage to the gravel in the parking lot. Rocks from the gravel hit the building, causing damage to the building. Police will do additional patrols in the area. A neighbor reported that a BMW was involved in the incident.

May 1; Staples Police responded to the 100 block of Roosevelt St SW for a report of a carbon monoxide detector going off in the residence. Police arrived and advised the homeowner and also contacted the Staples Fire Dept. The fire department found the

level of carbon monoxide inside the residence to be unsafe, and the homeowner was advised.

May 2; Staples Police assisted the MN State Patrol, with traffic control at a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Hwy 10 and Cty Rd 83.

May 2; Staples Police responded to the 500 block of Warner Rd NE for a welfare check. The reporting party stated that they could hear shouting and children crying at the residence. Officers arrived on scene and heard loud shouting, crying and a sound similar to a slap.

Officers made contact with a male at the residence and determined he was too intoxicated to be watching the children. Officers called the mother at work and advised her to come home to care for the children. Officers reported the situation to social services.

May 3; Staples Police received a complaint of two dogs left in a truck for long periods of time near the Pine Avenue Townhomes. The dogs appeared aggressive and barked when anyone came

near the truck. The caller wanted the dogs removed as they're a nuisance to the tenants. Police spoke to the owner of the dogs and advised them on the animal and noise ordinances and advised them to get the dogs out of the parking lot and truck. The caller was advised to notify the property management firm as well.

May 4; Staples Police took a report of a possible domestic assault that occurred in January. Police are investigating.

May 5; Staples Police received a report of a female texting and driving in a red Chevrolet Impala. Police were out of position and were unable to locate the vehicle.

May 6; Staples Police observed a vehicle parked by the taxiway on the north end of the Staples airport. A subject was located near the vehicle and was going to fly a remote control airplane at that location. The subject was advised to relocate to the tarmac portion of the airport.

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Students and parents have education choices

Over recent years, there's been many new choices in educational programs. Some examples are project-based learning, online school, open enrollment, post-secondary option, CIS (College in the Schools) or the traditional school setting. It's enough to make parents and educators alike ask, "What exactly is best for our children?" One thought we can all agree on is that educational choice is best for our students.

One such choice in the Staples-Motley School District is the Connections High School Program. The program offers a small learning community and uses project based learning to meet state standards. Connections is open to all students, 9th to 12th grades, regardless of the school district. Enrollment requirements are: GPA of 2.0 or better, good attendance record, a good discipline record and a highly motivated independent learner. Students complete their core classes within Connections, with the opportunity to take elective and CIS classes within SMHS. What students would fit well into the

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Chris Trout
Connections High School

Connections Program? Creative students who want the freedom, within Minnesota State Standards, to learn in an individualized manner; or independent learners who want to direct their own learning, with personalized assistance from advisors.

Students who are in the program have this to say:

- I like that our own leadership team has a big say in what happens here. (Shelby, Jr.)

- Connections has been life-changing. (Brian, Sr. and Megan, Sr.). Projects have allowed me to explore topics I'm interested in.

- I like Connections because what I learn doing projects sticks with me. (Tyler, Freshman)

When considering all the educational choices, families need to have the facts. ISD 2170 offers many choices and one is the project-based learning setting within Connections.

For more information, contact the counselor's office or call Connections directly at 218-894-5400, ext. 3168.

Letter to the Editor

Too much cutting

While observing politics the last fifty years it seems one of two things happen. When the Republicans are in power, they cut too much. The Democrats get control and spend too much. The cutters are in control this year.

There are things that may need cutting, but on \$30 million from environmental services.

Environmental issues include many different areas. Here are some:

- Environmental clean-up of polluted areas.

- Enforcement of laws for polluters and in the DNR for fishing and hunting.

- Recreation services - this includes state parks, boat ramps, four wheeler trails and probably others I don't know.

- Monitoring of lakes to try to keep out invasive species.

- Education of people to try to stop invasive species. Then there is research to try to get rid of the invasive species we have.

We all know the multiple threats the environment is facing. There are zebra mussels, spiny water flees, curly pond weed and Eurasian milfoil to name a few in lakes. On land there is European buckthorn, oak wilt, emerald ash borer and garlic mustard, to name a few.

We also have more still coming - huge hog farms with little regulation. Minnows imported from southern states that could have grass carp or jumping carp in them.

As Minnesotans we have always supported the environment. We may be cutters or spenders, but this is where we live. We need to keep the environment livable for our kids and grand kids.

Let your legislator know this is too much cutting.

Gary Martin
Long Prairie, Minn.

We need your support for Ag2School credit

An open letter to Rep. Poston and Kresha and Sen. Gazelka

In 2016 and now in 2017, rural legislators from both sides of the aisle fought hard to create a fairer state share of school facility costs by targeting property tax relief to farm property for taxes paid on school bonds. This Ag2School 40 percent property tax credit gained broad support among education and agriculture organizations in Minnesota.

But we couldn't realize the benefit because it was in the tax bill vetoed last year and a special session never occurred. This cannot happen again. Our community needs Ag2School and it is positioned again for you to bring it home.

Gov. Mark Dayton included the Ag2School 40 percent tax credit in his budget and tax proposals this session. A strong coalition including the Minnesota Rural Education Association, the Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Corn Growers Association, Schools for Equity in Education and others locked

arms at the Capitol and helped advance Ag2School to the final negotiations now underway at the Capitol.

We need you to see this through. Starting in 2018, Ag2School would deliver on average \$129.30 in property tax relief per \$500,000 of agricultural land value and privately managed forest land across Greater Minnesota and help improve farmers' economic outlook.

In our Staples-Motley School District school district, Ag2School would reduce 2018 property taxes by \$22.06 per \$500,000 per value of agriculture and privately managed forest land. This will total an estimated \$18,944 of tax relief for farmers with land in the Staples-Motley School District.

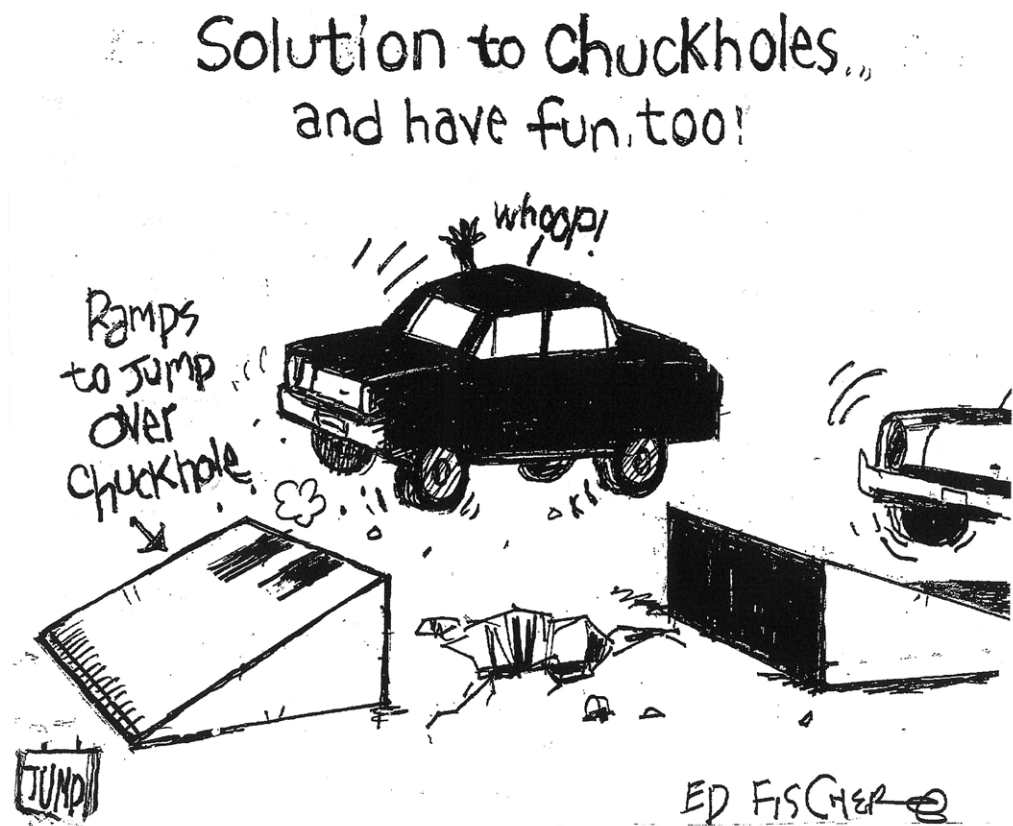
Many schools in rural Minnesota have pressing facility needs that are necessary to provide high quality educational services in their communities. Ag2School will also create a healthier environment for communities to solve their school facility needs

with a reduced financial impact to our farmers.

At the present time, we have three buildings that house 1,120 students. Seventy-five percent of our high school is 45 years or older. Two major sections are as old as 1935 and 1950. Seventy-five percent of our elementary school is over 50 years old, with the "new addition" at 20 years old. Sections of our middle school have been added on to every decade from 1954-1995. The majority of the building is 40 years or older. As a result, we are in the process of completing a comprehensive facility assessment that will help us determine how to more efficiently deliver education to our students.

As you can see, we have considerable need. We cannot afford to go without Ag2School. Don't come home without this tax credit signed into law. Our farmers, our school district, our students and our community deserve it.

Mary Klamm
Superintendent of Staples-Motley School District



Republicans take critical first step to protect health insurance coverage

By Peter Nelson

After a couple of false starts, Republicans in the U.S. House passed a bill to follow through on their promise to repeal and replace Obamacare.

Getting this bill passed was a critical first step in saving health coverage for the millions of Americans who are experiencing the collapse of the individual health insurance market under the weight of Obamacare's regulations.

Several state insur-

ance markets are in the throes of a death spiral - a situation where a market implodes after cycles of rising premiums prompt healthy people to abandon the market, leaving behind an unsustainably sick and expensive pool.

The benchmark plan the Kaiser Family Foundation uses to compare premiums across states shows eighteen states experienced double-digit premium increases in the past year. Since 2014, fifteen states experienced a 50 percent or higher increase and five states posted a jump exceeding 100 percent. Markets cannot sustain this level of premium increases.

In the last day, news surfaced of even more trouble stirring in state insurance markets. Aetna announced it will no longer serve the Virginia market. Already, people living in one in three counties in America have only one insurer available. Aetna's departure from Virginia could add another 27 counties to this list.

Going down to one insurer is bad enough, but several counties in Iowa may have no insurance options in 2018. Last month Aetna and Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield announced they would pull out of the market in 2018 and Medica just threatened to follow suit. The Des Moines Register reports that "the carriers' exit could leave more than 70,000 Iowans who buy their own coverage without any options for 2018."

The rise in premiums

and the decline in choice across so many state individual insurance markets in 2017 represents a watershed moment. Many of these markets now look nothing like they did before Obamacare, which goes to show Obamacare isn't just failing, it's failed. Republicans have no choice but to fix it.

Unfortunately, the next leg of the road to getting a good bill to President Trump's desk looks even bumpier than this first. The Senate has a much thinner majority and includes four members who have already published a letter stating they "will not support a plan that does not include stability for Medicaid expansion populations or flexibility for states."

While the House dealt with divisions between moderates and conservatives over how protect people with pre-existing conditions, the letter from the four senators suggests the Senate will now need to address divisions over how to cover low-income households.

Though the road ahead will be difficult, Republicans do seem to be catching on to the urgency and the necessity of getting a good bill passed. With each new announcement of an insurer abandoning a state market, the road to repeal and replace should get smoother.

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See new businesses at CEO Trade Show

Two people have formed a partnership to offer "Chicken in a Box."

"Two Guys in Polos" are working together to develop a video game.

One person is offering cello lessons and performances; another has a small engine repair service. Other businesses include Brittany Spaniel sales, custom home decor signs and custom engraved labels.

All of these are new business ventures. The remarkable feature these have in common is that all of these entrepreneurs are seniors in high school.

They are enrolled in the the Central Minnesota CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class offered at Staples-Motley and Wadena High schools.

The program enables high school students in rural areas to become self-reliant, enterprising individuals who will start

successful businesses and contribute to the ongoing economic development of their communities.

The CEO program is more than a textbook course. Rather, students are immersed in real life learning experiences with the opportunity to take risks, manage the results and learn from the outcomes.

These students have been touring businesses to hear about the challenges and the career opportunities. They've also been meeting with mentors, financial advisors and small business development professionals to develop business plans for their own ventures.

Those businesses will be featured at a free trade show, Tuesday, May 16, 5:30-7 p.m. at Maasconi's Char & Bar, 210 West Service Dr., Verndale. The event is open to the public.

Refreshments will be available.



Ready for the art shows

From left, Kelsey Opheim (with pottery bowl), Aleesha Carlson (with barn quilt and portrait), Mardi Opheim (with painting) and Norah Anderson (with clay sculpture) are four of the Staples-Motley High School students who will show their artwork in the Freshwater/NJPA Art Show May 11-12, and in the Staples-Motley High School Art Show May 18-19. Both shows will be in the Centennial Auditorium lobby.

The Freshwater/NJPA show will feature art by students in grades 4-12 in school districts in the Freshwater Education District and NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) service areas. The show is open to student groups Thursday afternoon and all day Friday. It is open to the public Friday, May 12, from 6-9 p.m. A SMHS concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

The high school art show will remain up for the Commencement Concert at 7 p.m., May 19, so attendees are invited to come early to view the art. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Lakewood Emergency Medical Services Dept. to hold open house

The Emergency Medical Services department at Lakewood Health System, Staples will be hosting its second annual open house Monday, May 22, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The open house will take place near the ambulance bay and heliport at Lakewood's Main Campus (49725 Cty. 83). Attendees are asked to park in the clinic parking lot, as there's limited space due to construction.

The open house will feature ambulance and helicopter tours, distracted driving and concussion goggle demonstrations; and a hot dog picnic.

The open house will be celebrating EMS week, which is May 21-27. May is also Stroke Awareness month, so information about the stroke services at Lakewood Health will also be available.

If you'd like more information about the event, contact Scott Braith at scottbraith@lakewoodhealthsystem.com or at 218-894-8824.

Local grower, Scheer to speak about apples

The next Minnesota Voices program will be held May 18 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Wadena County Museum. This month's guest is Kent Scheer, local grower and owner of Green Island.

Scheer has recently produced a booklet called "Core Knowledge." This is a compact guide for the budding apple fancier in west central Minnesota. Thanks to his years of research you may never lose a tree if you fully use what is known and now condensed in Kent's charming and witty pamphlet.

Minnesota Voices is a series of free programs from the Wadena County Historical Society. It fea-

tures book signings and interviews with Minnesota writers and is held the third Thursday of the month at the Wadena County Museum.

Next month's featured writer will be Colin Mustful. The author of several historical novels, Mustful has compiled his research into one comprehensive resource titled, "Confronting Minnesota's Past: A Resource to Test Your Understanding on the U.S. - Dakota War of 1862."

Educational Opportunities

June 5

PAINT WORKS CLASS taught by Amanda Olson, Mon., June 5, 6 p.m., at the Staples Community Center. Everything you need is supplied except refreshments, bring a beverage of your choice. Offered by Staples Motley Community Education. Class limited to 15 participants. For info., to register, call 218-894-2497.

Mark Your Calendar

May 17

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION Mtg. Wed., May 17, 5:30 p.m., in the lower level of Twisted Sisters Bar and Grill, Staples. Public invited.



Bluegrass gospel band

The Hartley family of Arkansas will perform at the Motley Free Methodist Church on Sunday, May 21, 6 p.m.; and at Central Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Micah, Abby, Deb and Tom Hartley. (Submitted photo)

Hartley Family bluegrass concerts

The Hartley Family bluegrass band will be performing at two area churches the week of May 21. These include:

- Motley Free Methodist Church on Sunday, May 21, 6 p.m. The church is located at 33 Wellwood St E in Motley.
- Central Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m. The church is located on Cty Rd. 26 six miles north of Hwy 10.

Hailing from Arkansas, the band will offer a mix of traditional bluegrass, gospel and original music. Expect to hear a variety of instruments and family vocal harmonies.

The Hartleys have been performing for several years at a variety of venues including bluegrass festivals, churches, state parks, schools and special events. Their goals are to honor God, bring joy to people; and encourage others.

A free will offering will be taken at both concerts.

Todd County DFL meeting

The DFL of Todd County will hold their annual meeting Saturday, May 20, at 1 p.m. at the Browerville Community Center. Business items will in-

clude election of officers and directors.

Elected and party dignitaries have been invited. For more information see www.toddcountyclf.org.

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 Fri. thru Thurs. May 12 - 25
 Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:30
 Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
 Matinee Sun. May 14 at 1:25 pm

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Sunday, May 14
Brunch \$12.99
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Seniors gather for scholarship photo

Staples-Motley seniors gathered for a group photo following the Dollars For Scholars awards night on May 3. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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DFS scholarship awards night at SMHS

ship, Dwaine and Noreen Johnson Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction

Carlson, Hunter - Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Carlson, Aleesha - Motley Lions Scholarship

Converse, Taylor - Tammy Nyhus Memorial Scholarship

Crist, Nicholas - Motley Lions Scholarship

Cushing, Emily - Staples REAM Scholarship

Daly, Rebecca - Health Occupations Scholarship, Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Masonic Lodge #207 Scholarship,

Erpelding, Alex - Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Wrestling Club Scholarship

Fietek, Jack - Tower Pizza Scholarship, Orth Insurance Agency Scholarship

Gerard, Blake - Cross Country Scholarship, Staples '93 Lions Scholarship, Staples Amateur Baseball League Scholarship, Staples Host Lions Scholarship, First International Bank and Trust Scholarship, Wrestling Club Scholarship

Han, Noah - DFS Pass Punt and Kick Scholarship, Jason Rohr Memorial Scholarship, Jack and Marion Edwards Memorial Scholarship, Don Sanda Memorial Scholarship, DFS Academic Scholarship, Masonic Lodge #207 Scholarship

Hart, Christopher - Mid Central Savings Bank Scholarship, Royal B. and Eleanor M. Arvig Memorial Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship,

Heldman, Taylor - DFS Pass Punt and Kick Scholarship, Robert Paskewitz Memorial Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction

Helling, Tyler - Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Holub, Brady - American Legion Post 0124 Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship

Huepenbecker, Kyle - 3M Scholarship, Brian Nelson Memorial Scholarship

Jasmer, Dylan - Staples '93 Lions Scholarship, Mid Central Savings Bank Scholarship, Staples Host Lions Scholarship

Johnson, Alexis - Staples '93 Lions Scholarship, Staples Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship, Paul and Ardith Reed Scholarship, Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Johnson, Alisha - Don Droubie Memorial Scholarship, Staples REAM Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship

Johnson, Maddison - Staples Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Jordan, Reyd - Tower Pizza Scholarship, Staples-



Harold Griffiths' scholarships

Recipients of the Harold Griffiths scholarships were photographed along with Staples-Motley Principal Mike Sc-

midt, from left, Kelsie Weite, Dominic Nistler, Schmidt and Lacey Koval. (Submitted photo)

Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Klefsaas, Emmeline - Staples-Motley Activities Association Scholarship, Crow Wing Power Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction, Motley Lions Scholarship

Klimek, Coleman - Don Sanda Memorial Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction, Motley Lions Scholarship

Koval, Lacey - 3M Scholarship, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Precision Polishing and Plating Scholarship, Sacred Heart Area School Scholarship, Harold Griffiths Scholarship; 2 year

Lisson, Eric - Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Wrestling Club Scholarship

Longworth, Kaitlyn - Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Maciej, Travis - DFS Annual Meeting Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Hoop Shoot Scholarship, Crow Wing Power Scholarship

Marlowe, Taeleigh - Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Marsh, Silence - Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Miller, Matthew - Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Miller, Alexandra - Cross Country Scholarship, Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Nanik, Chelsea - Staples-Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship, First International Bank and Trust Scholarship

Nistler, Dominic - Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Gordon Schernian Memorial Scholarship, Staples Host Lions Scholarship, Harold Griffiths Scholarship; 2 year, Motley Lions Scholarship

Opheim, Mardi - Dollars for Scholars Hoop

Shoot Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction, Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Rislund, Erik - Motley Lions Scholarship

Sams, Elijah - Don Sanda Memorial Scholarship, Motley Centennial Scholarship

Sauber, Mikayla - Cross Country Scholarship, Knights of Columbus Scholarship, Mayer Porter & Nelson Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship

Schimpp, Samantha - C. Richard/Chad Longbella Community Service Scholarship, DFS Pass Punt and Kick Scholarship, Staples Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship

Skeesick, Trey - DFS Annual Meeting Scholarship, DFS Pass Punt and Kick Scholarship, Staples Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship, Staples Motley Football Boosters Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Hoop Shoot Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction

Smith, Ashley - DFS Student Representative Scholarship, Staples Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship, The Original Stomping Grounds Scholarship, TWEA Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction

Smith, Gavin - Staples Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship, VFW Post 3922 Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship

Smith, Kylee - DFS Annual Meeting Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship, Wrestling Club Scholarship

Sterriker, Brian - Jack Nelson Scholarship, Lamplighter Community Theatre Scholarship, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Staples '93 Lions Scholarship, DFS Student Representative Scholarship, Staples

Host Lions Scholarship, First International Insurance Scholarship, Robert Krenelka Memorial Scholarship, Don Sanda Memorial Scholarship

Strickland, Zachary - C. Richard/Chad Longbella Community Service Scholarship, Lakewood Physicians Scholarship, Dick Donat Scholarship, Don Sanda Memorial Scholarship, Duane Lund NHS Scholarship, Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship

Svendsen, Samantha - Staples Rotary Perry Atwood Memorial Scholarship, Don Sanda Memorial Scholarship, Duane Lund NHS Scholarship

Trantina, Jenna - Carolyn Held Memorial Scholarship, Unity Bank Central Scholarship, Staples Amateur Baseball League Scholarship, Staples Motley Area Women of Today Scholarship, Staples Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship, First International Bank and Trust Scholarship, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction

VanAlst, Grace - Nelson Insurance Agency Scholarship, Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Vogt, Maren - Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship,

Weite, Kelsie - American Legion Post 0124 Scholarship, Staples

Motley Basketball Boosters Scholarship, Staples Motley Education Association Scholarship, Dollars for Scholars Hoop Shoot Scholarship, Harold Griffiths Scholarship; Health Occupations, Staples-Motley DFS Scholarship, Payroll Deduction, Motley Lions Scholarship

Zetah, MacKenzie - Alice Hotchkiss Memorial Scholarship, Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars Scholarship

Zetah, Melissa - Bernie St Pierre Scholarship, Motley Lions Scholarship

Obituaries

Carol Preisinger

Carol M. Preisinger, 67, of New York City, New York, passed away on February 11, 2017 after her battle with breast cancer.

A memorial celebration of her life will be held Friday, May 19, at 2 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Carol was born on February 24, 1949 in New Ulm to Arnold and Loretta Windschitl. She grew up on a farm near Stewart. She was salutatorian of her high school class and went on to study at the University of Minnesota. Carol moved to New York City and attended graduate school at Columbia University. Carol changed careers and went into banking. She retired as managing director of credit risk management at BNP Paribas. She was the vice chair of the New Jersey City Development Fund Board of Directors where she endowed a generous scholarship fund. Carol enjoyed gardening, baking and was a part of a group of friends from Columbia University who've been celebrating Thanksgiving together for over 40 years.

Carol is survived by her mother, Loretta Windschitl; eight brothers, Gary Windschitl, Ralph Windschitl and Leo (Cyndi) Windschitl all of Motley, Tony Windschitl of Menahga, Bob Windschitl of Marble, Paul (Beth) Windschitl of Sioux Falls, SD, Tom Windschitl of Fridley and Roger (Rebecca) Windschitl of Columbia, MD; two sisters, Joan (Tim) Arango of Knoxville, TN and Rita Miller of Baxter and 24 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arnold and one brother, Jim Windschitl.



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Delores Smith

Delores "Susie" M. Smith, 69, of Philbrook passed away May 6, 2017 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, May 11 at 11 a.m. at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Motley, with visitation one hour prior to services at the church on Thursday.

Interment will be at St. James Cemetery in Philbrook.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Delores was born on June 16, 1947 in Mandan, North Dakota to Casper and Pauline (Weber) Berger, the youngest of 16 children. Susie was an active member of St. Michaels Catholic Church in Motley. She worked as a nurse's aide at Lakewood Health System, cleaned houses and worked at Madden's in Brainerd. She enjoyed crocheting, quilting and gardening.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence; two sons, Leonard (Lisa Nobel) and Paul (Michelle); three daughters, Connie (Jeff) Bello, Stacy (Tom) Beckner and Carol (Derrick) Longworth; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Clara Wirtz, Mae Steele, Virginia Jones; one brother, Albert Berger; many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, John, Monica, Isabel, Tony, Anna Mary, Kenneth, Richard, Joseph, James, Kasper and Leveratus.

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Agnes Johnstone

Agnes Johnstone, 94, of Ada passed away May 8, 2017 at the Benedictine Living Community of Ada.

Funeral services will be held a 2 p.m. Sunday, May 14 at the Stenshoel-House Funeral Home in Crookstone with Pastor Karen Finnegan of Faith United

Church, Ada officiating. Visitation is one hour prior to the funeral.

Interment will follow the service in the Oakdale Cemetery, Crookston.

A full obituary will be included in next week's Staples World.

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Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD will hold its spring commencement program May 12, in the university's Nemzek Fieldhouse. Local graduates include:

- Andrew Nelson, Staples, Bachelor of Music.
- Zachary Schmitz, Staples, Bachelor of Science.

• Devin Strack, Pillager, Bachelor of Science.

• Kristina Walsh, Staples, Bachelor of Nursing.

• Edward Ziegler, Jr., Pillager, Bachelor of Science.

Book fair at SMES

A "BOGO" Book Fair will be held at the Staples-Motley Elementary School Library in Staples on:

- Thurs., May 18, 3 - 8 p.m. The Book Fair, Color Run Fundraiser and Quarter Carnival will all be held at one location.
- Fri., May 19, 3 - 6 p.m.
- Mon., May 22, 3 - 7 p.m.
- Tues., May 23, 7:30 a.m.

- 8:30 a.m.

BOGO is "Buy One Get One for equal or lesser value for free". The event is sponsored by The Staples-Motley Parent Teacher Connection. Proceeds go towards field trips, dances, festivals, carnivals and other PTC sponsored events.

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Wife, Fae

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Son Brian, (Shelly)

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Great-grandchildren, Nathan, Savannah, Isabella

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Engagement



Nundahl, Elvir

Traci Lyn Nundahl and Jorge Juis Elvir together with their parents, Scott and Susie Nundahl of Aldrich; Rosemary and Jorge Chavez and Cipriano Carrillo, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The wedding celebration will take place on June 3 at “The Landmark Inn” in Staples.

Veterans Choice Program phone line imposter

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

It's come to the VA's attention that a phone line's been set up by an unknown party to "mimic" the Veterans Choice Program phone line. This imposter phone line may be intended to reach veterans who inadvertently dial the Veterans Choice Program number incorrectly.

We want you to know that we're taking this seriously and to keep you aware of the steps we're taking. Veterans Health Administration Office of Community Care (VHA CC) has reported the "mimic" line to the VA Office of Inspector General for a possible civil or criminal investigation.

'Mimic' phone line

The phone line established to "mimic" the Veterans Choice Program phone line is 1-800-606-8198. You know you've reached the wrong Veterans Choice Program phone line when:

- The phone line offers callers a \$100 rebate if the caller provides a credit card.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Beau and Charity Sarazin of Staples, a baby boy, Jaxton James weighing six pounds on April 28, 2017.
Born to Tom and Rylee Savage of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Onnika Shae weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on April 28, 2017.
Born to Adam and Brianna Olson of Clarissa, a baby girl, Layne Emmarie weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 28, 2017.
Born to Jeremiah and Sara Schwanke of Verndale, a baby boy, Otto Thomas weighing eight pounds, one ounce on April 29, 2017.
Born to Ramon and Estefania Trigueros of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Isaac Ramon, weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on April 30, 2017.
Born to Jeremy and Jessica Winkler of Wadena, a baby girl, Kyleigh Irene Rogue weighing eight pounds, three ounces on May 1, 2017.
Born to Michael and Katie Johnson of Motley, a baby boy, Hunter Allen weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on May 1, 2017.

Hello World

Born to Kaycee Goerlich and Jacob Rice of Backus, a baby girl, Willow Kay weighing eight pounds, on May 1, 2017.
Born to Guy and Kaitlin Weckwerth of Akely, a baby girl, Adelyn Dawn weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on May 2, 2017.
Born to Gregory and Laura Chase of Menahga, a baby girl, Phoebe Love weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on May 4, 2017.
Born to Justin and Nicole Gunderson of Baxter, a baby girl, Halle Ann weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on May 4, 2017.
Born to Kari Maijala and Shawn Martin of Pillager, a baby girl, Madilynn Rose weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on May 4, 2017.
Born to Matthew and Nichole Ackerman of Pine River, a baby girl, Natalee Ann weighing seven pounds, one ounce on May 4, 2017.

Born to Brittany Johnson and Dustin Jones of Dent, a baby boy, Cooper Vaughn Jones weighing six pounds, 13 ounces on May 1, 2017 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital, Wadena.

Lucas Benefit: May 13

*Silent Auction **TEN HI, MOTLEY SPAGHETTI, salad, bread and dessert 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$10/plate**
Nancy (Mott) Lucas and Dennis Lucas were cutting down a large tree when it landed on Nancy breaking 10 ribs, injuring her back and breaking her scapula. She has undergone 5 levels of fusion and more. She has returned home to continue healing and therapy. As the sole caretaker, she is unable to work. Dennis suffers from Parkinson's Disease.
Donations: Anita Sutton, 218-838-0414; Sandy Griebel, 612-203-3062

Pine Cones & Cinnamon
Springtime at the cabin Sale!
Thursday, May 11, 4 - 7 p.m.
Friday, May 12, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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*REPURPOSING *FURNITURE *PLUS MORE!
Also our Dollar Store will be OPEN with many one-of-a-kind crafts, craft supplies, more!
2870 Wilderness Drive, Pillager
From Staples: 2-1/2 miles E of Pillager on Hwy. 210; turn North on West Sylvan Dr., go 2 blks., turn right on Wilderness Dr. Or 8-1/2 mi. West of Brainerd. Signs posted.
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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:15 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
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
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaat
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 a.m.
United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich
Congregational, 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. Magorden
Loy Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free
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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
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Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.

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

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Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

A heart of gratitude

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

My heart is filled with gratitude for the blessing of a good mother and wife...

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. -Ephesians 6:1-4

Real Love

A little boy declared that he loved his mother "with all his strength." He was asked to explain what he meant by "with all his strength." He said, "Well, I'll tell you. You see, we live on the fourth floor of this apartment building; and there's no elevator, and the coal is kept down in the basement. Mother is busy all the time, and she isn't very strong; so I see to it that the coal bin is never empty. I lug the coal up four flights of stairs all by myself. And it's a pretty big bin. It takes all my strength to get it up here. Now, isn't that loving my mother will all my strength?"

Ephesians 5:25-29

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to

Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

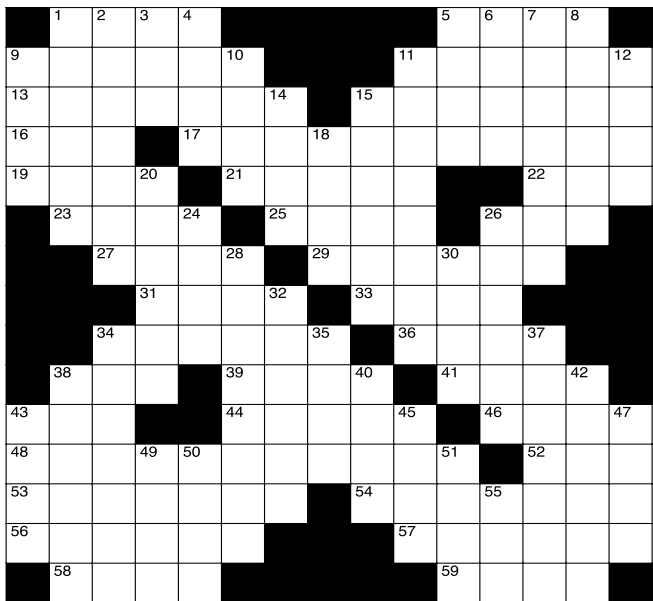
Blooming Marriage

On leaving the home of a new friend, I noticed a stately evergreen in her yard. I told her it was one of the most beautiful trees I had ever seen. Some years ago, she confided, her marriage had been threatened by boredom and neglect. It was then that her husband had planted a young spruce. If the tree died, they decided, they would get a divorce, but if it grew they would stay together. "You now," she said, we caught each other carrying water to that tree."

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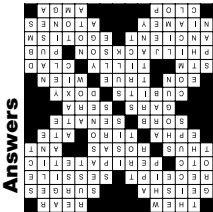
Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS
- Muscular strength
 - Not the front
 - Japanese female entertainer
 - Soars up
 - Proof you paid
 - Immobile
 - Type of drug
 - Traveling from place to place
 - So
 - Los Super Seven member Cesar
 - Small insect
 - Ancient Hebrew measure
 - Beginner
 - Consumed
 - Fruit of the true service tree
 - Part of Congress
 - Needlefishes
 - Blood serum of an

- animal
- Ancient measure of length
 - Concubine
 - One billion years
 - Not false
 - Vienna (German)
 - Short-term memory
 - Actresses Meg and Jennifer
 - Clothed
 - Basketball's "Zen Master"
 - Irish bar
 - Age-old
 - Pride
 - Niger's capital
 - Makes amends
 - Sound made by horses
 - Russian river

- CLUES DOWN
- Cut the baby teeth
 - Reflexes
 - Midway between east and southeast
 - Beat
 - Sign of aging
 - Goidelic language of Ireland
 - Raise public concern
 - Make new again



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Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday May 25, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Kevin and Kathy Kremers:** GAARE'S SUBDIVISION (7-130-32) LOTS 16 & 17 BLK 1

Site Address: 29256 King Road. PIN: 16-0037800

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

2. **Todd Bussman:** LOT-3 BLK-1 Bitz Subdivision (23 & 26-127-33)

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

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

3. **James Adamek:** Sec-11 Twp-128 Rng-33 NE4 SW4 & Part of NW4

Site Address: 26968 County 48. PIN: 21-0013200

Variance request to reduce setback from 150 feet to 90 feet from Schwanke Creek for proposed dwelling.

4. **Roy Higgins:** Lot-3 Blk-2 Lindberg Point (34 -129 - 35)

Site Address: 13585 Falcon Dr. PIN: 15-0078100

Variance request to reduce the structural setback from 10 feet to five feet for proposed garage.

5. **Jerome Klinnert:** Lot-12 Blk-1 Dorosh's Subdivision (33-131-33)

Site Address: 33752 251st Ave. PIN: 26-0039400

Variance request to reduce the setback from the lake from 150 ft to 118 ft for proposed deck.

6. **John Fruetel:** Lot-5 Michael's Subdivision (4 & 5-128-35)

Site Address: 12972 Faraway Lane. PIN: 10-0044900 and 10-004500

Variance request to 1) reduce the setback from 75 feet to 50 feet 2) increase the impervious roofed surface from 15% to 17% for an addition to an existing dwelling

7. **Dwight and Sharon Anderson:** Lot-9 of Anderson's Subdivision of Gov't Lot 2 (Sec-23 Twp-127 Rng-33)

Site Address: 27611 Amber Lane. PIN: 03-0050400

Variance request 1) Reduce the setback from the OHWM of the lake from 100 feet to 53 feet. 2) Reduce the side setback from 10 feet to 8 feet. 3) Increase the height requirement from 18 feet 20 feet for proposed replacement of existing dwelling.

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

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair

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**TODD COUNTY
ATTENTION
LANDOWNERS:
NOXIOUS WEED
SPRAYING**

Legal Notice is hereby given that there will be **Noxious Weed and Brush Spraying of County Road Rights of Way.** The spraying will begin sometime after May 15, 2017.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Todd County Ditch and Agricultural Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, 320-533-4651, nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us.

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**PUBLIC HEARING
FIVE WINGS ARTS
COUNCIL**

The Five Wings Arts council will be holding a public hearing on their FY 2018 - 2019 Arts Plan and Budget on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Five Wings Arts Council Office at 121 4th St. NE in Staples, Mn.

The Plan covers the counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena and may also be viewed at www.fwac.org. Contact: Mark Turner at mark.fwac@arvig.net or 1-877-654-2166 for more information.

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**STATE OF
MINNESOTA
DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF CASS
NINTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
Case Type:
Harassment
Court File No.
11-CV-17-517**

**Kirstie Ann Gottfried-
Klinkhamer,
Petitioner
vs
Steven Wayne Tressler,
Respondent**

**NOTICE OF
ISSUANCE OF
HARASSMENT
ORDER FOR RELIEF
BY PUBLICATION**

To Respondent named above:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Harassment Order For Relief has been issued in the above matter.

You may request a hearing on this matter if you file a Request For Hearing with the Court within 45 days of issuance of the Harassment Order For Relief. You may obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief from the court administrator's office at the following address: Cass County Courthouse, 300 Minnesota Avenue, Walker, MN 56484.

Failure to appear at a scheduled hearing or to obtain a copy of the Harassment Order For Relief will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's order.

Dated: May 4, 2017

Lori L. L. Hudson,
Deputy Court
Administrator

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**TODD COUNTY
GENERAL NOTICE
TO CONTROL
OR ERADICATE
NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Notice is hereby given this 8th day of May, 2017, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 1 (2009), that all persons in Todd County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they occupy or are required to maintain (landowners must control noxious weeds on CRP lands. Please call the FSA Office for control requirements). Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method, but the method(s) applied may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice, Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.83, Subdivision 2 (2009), will be issued.

An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with an individual notice may mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected.

You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and the members of the appeal committee from your County Agricultural Inspector. You can also obtain this information from your Local Weed Inspectors. Local Weed Inspectors include the township supervisors, city mayors or their appointed assistants.

More information regarding the MN Noxious Weed Law and a list of County Agricultural Inspectors and County Designated Employees can be obtained from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's Web Site: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/en/plants/pestmanagement/weedcontrol/callist.aspx>.

The noxious weeds that need to be Eradicated are: Palmer Amaranth, Oriental Bittersweet, Diffuse Knapweed, Brown Knapweed, Yellow Starthistle, Meadow Knapweed, Black Swallow-wort, Grecian Foxglove, Common Teasel, Cutleaf Teasel, Giant Hogweed, Japanese Hops, and Dalmatian Toadflax.

Controlled are: Common Barberry, Narrowleaf Bittercress, Plumeless Thistle, Spotted Knapweed, Canada Thistle, Leafy Spurge, Purple Loosestrife, Wild Parsnip, and Common Tansy.

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Buckthorn, Black Locust, Multiflora Rose, and Tatarian Honeysuckle.

Specially Regulated Plants are: Poison Ivy, Japanese Knotweed, Giant Knotweed, Japanese Barberry Cultivars, and Amur Maple.

We appreciate your help in controlling and eradicating Noxious Weeds in Todd County.

Nancy Uhlenkamp,
Todd County Ditch and
Ag Inspector
Located at Public Works,
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**NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.46, subdivision 6, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** by the Todd County Board of Commissioners, Todd County, Minnesota, of a public hearing to be held as follows:

Date: May 23, 2017

Place: Commissioner's Board Room of the Historic Courthouse, 215 1st Ave. S, Long Prairie, MN 56347
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Said hearing will be conducted by the Todd County Board of Commissioners, regarding the dissolution of Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools) ("EVPS") and the attachment of its territory to one or more adjoining school district(s).

EVPS will not be able to maintain a PK-12 education program as of July 1, 2017, for the following reasons:

1. The Secondary Tuition Agreement with Independent School District No. 787 (Browerville) will expire on June 30, 2017 and will not be renewed;

2. EVPS has been unable to secure a Secondary Tuition Agreement with an adjoining school district to educate its students in grades 7-12 and EVPS does not have the staff, revenue or facilities to provide its students with a secondary education;

3. The Minnesota Department of Education is withholding EVPS's State aid;

4. EVPS has been experiencing declining student enrollment over five consecutive years;

5. EVPS is unable to repay Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2016A; and

6. Other good and sufficient reasons.

Interested individuals are invited to attend and will be offered the opportunity to present information at the public hearing, and the Board of Commissioners, at a subsequent regular or special meeting, will make a final decision regarding the dissolution of EVPS and the attachment of its territory to one or more adjoining school district(s).

By: /s/ on file
Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer Clerk to the Board

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Meal prep

The kitchen at the Eagle Bend Senior Center put out an astounding 61,000 meals in 2016. (Photo by Karin Nauber)

Unemployment comp. entitlement for veterans

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

If you are a service member separating from active duty you may qualify for unemployment compensation if you are unable to find a new job.

In Fiscal Year 2016, the Army paid just over \$170 million into this program which is the lowest it's paid in 13 years. The Unemployment Compensation for Ex-service members (UCX) program provides benefits for eligible ex-military personnel.

The program is administered by the states as agents of the federal government. You are eligible if:

- You were on active duty with a branch of the U.S. military, you may be entitled to benefits based on that service.

- You must have been separated under honorable conditions.

- There is no payroll deduction from your wages for unemployment insurance protection. Benefits are paid for by the various branches of the military.

Receiving separation pay may also influence your receipt of unemployment compensation. (Retirees will almost certainly receive a lesser amount, or no amount, since the

weekly amount of retirement pay is usually "offset" against the amount of unemployment compensation.)

Your state employment office handles unemployment compensation. Benefits vary from state to state. Because of this, only the office where you apply will be able to tell you the amount and duration of your entitlement. The nearest state employment office is listed in your local telephone directory.

To receive unemployment compensation, you must apply. The best time to do that is when you visit the Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) at the state employment services office for assistance in finding a new job.

To apply for unemployment compensation, you must bring your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), your Social Security Card and your civilian and military job history or resume. [Source: Military.com | February 2013 ++]

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

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‘And the dish ran away with the spoon’

Hilltop Regional Kitchen update

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

If you’ve been “hungry” for some new information about the Hilltop Regional Kitchen, then you’re going to “eat up” this article!

A lot has been happening since the last update several months ago. The walls have been going up inside what was once the automotive shop area of the former Eagle Valley High School.

Now’s the time for the facility to grow into its new name and home as the demand for meals - home delivered and other - sky-rockets.

Rick Hest, president of the Eagle Bend Senior Center, said, “We went from serving about 30,000 meals a year five years ago to 61,000 meals in 2016.”

As the population ages, and especially in Todd, Wadena and Morrison counties, the need of more services such as home-delivered meals, will increase.

More and more baby boomers are turning 65 as the beginning of the “silver tsunami” begins to grow.

During the recent update held April 10, Todd County Health and Human Services Community Planning Unit Manager Katherine Mackedanz asked, “What event is predicted to happen in 2020 that has never before happened in the history of our state?”

The answer was that Minnesota will have more 65+ residents than school-age children, 5-17.

The trend is even higher for Todd County and our neighboring counties of Wadena and Morrison.

While the state is anticipated to reach a plateau of this number as late as 2045 and topping out at an average of 26.8 percent of the population ages 60+, Todd County is predicted to have a much higher plateau at 33.9 percent as soon as 2035.

Morrison County will see numbers around 32.6 percent in 2030 and Wadena will see numbers similar to Todd County’s - 33.8 percent - in 2030.

That leaves us with several nutritional challenges related to our aging population, including:

- Fixed incomes, 13.5 percent are below the poverty level.

• Nearly one in three residents age 65+ are living alone, 25.7 percent below the poverty level.

• Reduced food intake and lack of variety in the foods consumed.

• Impact of chronic diseases which are all greatly affected by diet.

The current Eagle Bend Kitchen has been providing meals for congregate dining and Meals on Wheels for several years and includes service to Long Prairie, Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Bertha, Hewitt, Wadena, Verndale, Motley and Staples.

Todd County is one of only two counties in the state that provide Bundled Meals which includes 14 frozen meals that are delivered every two weeks to rural residents.

The meals produced by the small kitchen in Eagle Bend have gradually increased over the years and are expected to grow as the need grows.

The Hilltop Regional Kitchen fundraising has grown from the initial funds and has included grants from the South Country Health Alliance



Celebrating the progress

From left are Clayton Mohr, Central Lakes Restaurant Supply; Rick Hest, President of the Eagle Bend Senior Center; David Rolstad, Vice President of the Eagle Bend Senior Center; Terri Weyer, Lutheran Social Services; Carol Winkler, Head Chef; Katherine Mackedanz, Todd County Health and Human Services and Kevin Hess, Eagle Bend City Administrator. They shared a moment of lightheartedness as they discussed the recent work done on the Hilltop Regional Kitchen facility. (Photos by Karin Nauber)

of \$465,400; \$100,000 from the National Joint Powers Alliance Innovative Funding; \$26,000 from the USDA; \$120,000 from Live Well at Home; a pending grant of \$20,000 from Mardag Foundation and well over \$107,000 raised locally from over 80 different donors including individuals, businesses, churches and service groups.

Perhaps none of this would have happened, though, without the initial funding of \$10,000 from the Initiative Foundation for early planning and another for \$10,000 for a feasibility study that actually named the former high school as a site for the new regional kitchen.

Surely, without the pushing for the need for this year’s ago from Todd County Aging Coordinator Verna Toenyan, the kitchen would not be where it is today.

Groundbreaking for the new facility took place on Oct. 19, 2016.

Construction began at the facility in January and is expected to be completed by June of this year. The hope for the opening is in late summer or early fall.

There’re several future plans for the Hilltop Regional Kitchen including; community use, rental, education offerings and serving the entire region.

Hest pointed out that additional ongoing fund-

raising is needed and that donations can be made to the City of Eagle Bend.

When all is said and done, the expected total cost for the facility will be around \$900,000 and perhaps a bit higher if the funds can be raised for a parking area and vestibule.

One thing is certain, when people work together, there’s much that can be accomplished.



Fund raising continues

The entry to the Hilltop Regional Kitchen will be in approximately the middle of the former automotive shop wall. The grassy area will be for parking. The hope is that additional fund raising will provide for a paved parking lot and vestibule area.

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Eagle Valley School District dissolution hearing set for May 23

is approximately \$20 million which is down \$10 million from last year’s reserve amount. They are still above the regulatory percentage of 200.

Most of the members who are using SCHA are in the Minnesota Care Program or the Prepaid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP). These represent the biggest losses to the company.

Minnesota Care was at a \$2,047,391 deficit and PMAP was at a \$6,543,864 deficit. Both of these numbers were before applying the Premium Deficiency Reserve. The bottom line for all the programs SCHA offers (like Medicare and the above programs as well as a few others) resulted in \$10.2 million of the loss.

An addition to SCHA as of May 1 is that Medica will no longer be serving the area with their insurance for these services and so those clients - about 723 - will now be served by SCHA. They do anticipate a \$400,000 plus (to the good) to the books from the Medica transition.

Overall, they expect 5,689 PMAP members and 655 Minnesota Care members.

SCHA will also receive the default assignment now that Medica is no longer in the picture.

So far for the first three months of 2017, SCHA is showing an \$864,020 loss.

Schufman said that this doesn’t make a “trend” and does not include the Medica transition numbers yet.

Commissioner David Kircher said that he “gets nervous when we talk about losses all the time.”

He said because SCHA reserves were going down, he was worried that the

counties may get a cash call.

Lind agreed that the way things have been going would not be sustainable over time.

She said that there’s a number of issues with the losses including insufficient rates from the state.

“While the rates are declining, we still have over-arching medical claims,” said Lind.

She cited a number of ways that SCHA would work to alleviate the problems including ensuring adequate rates, focusing on more control, working with the providers and more efficiency in managing care.

She said they’re looking at two consecutive years of losses. SCHA had done a capital cash call at the end of 2009 after three consecutive years of losses.

“We now have reserves, but we have to do everything we can to build those reserves,” said Lind.

“This seems to be a real moving target that we can’t place a finger on. If you do a cash call we have to dip into our reserves or into the Health and Human Services budget,” said Kircher.

“We’re cautiously optimistic that the rates will improve this year. We hope to have the final rates before the 2018 budget. If not, we’ll need to make some hard decisions. It’s too early right now to determine (the rates),” said Lind.

Kircher thanked SCHA for what they did and acknowledged that they faced a big challenge.

Schufman said their goal for 2017 is to not have a loss.

“Then we can start looking at giving out community grants again,” he said.

Kircher commented that it appeared the legislature did not understand county based purchasing and that they would like to see “us go under.”

Lind said she’s been meeting with several legislators and it’s getting better.

“It’s challenging to run a business when you don’t get paid for three months,” she commented in regard to the length of time they have to wait for payments at certain times of the year.

Acting Chairman Randy Neumann said that a relative of his in a health related field told him that the legislators don’t understand.

“They think they’re cutting and saving money, but who they’re really hurting is the less fortunate. Those who can’t afford insurance,” said Neumann.

He said they needed to keep educating the legislators because their actions were hurting people in Todd County.

Lind agreed saying that Senator Paul Gazelka is a strong supporter.

In other businessm the board:

- Approved setting the date for the Dissolution Hearing of Independent School District 2759 (Eagle Valley) on May 23 at 7 p.m. in the county boardroom.

Kircher expressed his concern that the county boardroom would not be large enough to house the number of people he thought would come to the meeting but County Coordinator Joe Hatch thought it would be.

County Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that the boardroom was neutral ground and that holding the meeting here

kept the authority at the county level.

Later in the meeting, Gaida noted that they should hold open work sessions as they work on the dissolution so that things do not get missed.

• Due to concern over the appropriateness of the regulatory 55 MPH speed limit on County State Aid Highway 10, a resolution was approved to request the Minnesota Department of Transportation to conduct a speed limit study on CSAH 10 in order to determine and establish a reasonable and safe speed limit.

The portion of road in question is near Lake Osakis.

• Heard the annual medical examiner’s report from Dr. Quinn Strobl. She reported that her office dealt with 123 deaths in Todd County in 2016 which resulted in a need for 11 autopsies.

She reported that they have seen more illicit drugs in Todd County cases than in the past, but so far no heroin.

• Approved requesting the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to help county staff reach resolution on a significant shoreland violation that occurred in the spring of 2016 on Big Birch Lake at 30202 Aspen Drive. The property owned by Blake Elliot had significant shoreland alterations completed resulting in numerous violations of Todd County Ordinance, wetland violations and public water fill violations.

In a letter to Ken Zeik, Area Hydrologist for the DNR at the Little Falls location, the county stated, “Since the spring of 2016 Planning and Zoning staff

have worked to resolve the violations mentioned above. A restoration order was prepared with the assistance of West Central Technical Service engineers and Minnesota Native Landscaping staff. The case went to court with the landowner pleading guilty on two counts and was ordered to restore the site to the specifications listed in the Restoration Order. This needs to be completed by June 30, 2017. Some work has been completed on the site but no professional restoration practitioners have actively been involved in the completed work.

“Todd County Commissioners request assistance from MN DNR specialist(s) to evaluate the site and restoration work completed to

determine what additional work needs to be completed to stabilize and restore the site. If DNR Specialists can provide their professional review of the site, then Planning and Zoning staff will follow up and work with the landowner to get the needed restoration completed.”

Commissioner Gary Kneisl said that Planning and Zoning Director Tim Steiber had been talking about how they could get the authority to deal with this.

Kircher said that he was “disappointed that they had to ask the DNR to help” with this issue, since they own the waters.

The restoration order in place has to do with the fill that Elliot put into the lake.

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EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Guardian angel is given credit for contented life

the music, Vernon went on to study violin, although the school band wasn't sure what to do with him. Later, he took up the trombone, the instrument his buddies Jack Duncan and Fred Worle were playing.

In addition to music, Vernon's parents introduced him to the Lutheran church. "I'm now the oldest baptized member at Faith Lutheran in Staples," Vernon shared, going on to say that he remembers when the original Lutheran church in town held Norwegian services once a month.

When he was 16, Vernon started working for the railroad as a crew caller. Ten days after graduating from high school, Vernon joined the army. Later, he

attended the University of Minnesota Ag School.

Although he had contemplated a career in farming, Vernon ultimately moved back to Staples to work as a clerk for the railroad. During this time, he also attended St. Cloud Business College and took a crash business course that included Gregg shorthand.

Looking back on those years, Vernon says he can see that his guardian angel was still at work. There was the time in the army where he landed a typing job in the finance unit; and he escaped a number of mishaps while handling 350-pound barrels working on the railroad. "Both the barrels and the floor were slippery and one slip when

I was tipping the barrel over and I wouldn't have celebrated my 90th birthday," Vernon wrote.

In 1957, Vernon and Marlys Paulson were married at Faith Lutheran. They went on to have four children together: Ann, Paul, Carl and Keith. "We lost Carl Robert when he was 12 days old," Vernon said, mentioning the baby had died of a heart disease.

When the medical staff inquired about Vernon's family history, he wrote in the word, 'unknown.'

Although he was grateful to have been adopted by the Drakes, Vernon said that that was one time he really wanted to know more about his birth parents.

One of the boys who initially discovered him in the outhouse was the late Pete Card, Sr., Vernon said. "Pete Card always claimed that he knew who my birth father was but he would never tell anyone, including my mother or me."

Except for wanting to know about his medical history, Vernon said he never had any desire to

meet his birth parents. "I knew that I had things better (with the Drakes)."

Vernon recalled that shortly before he started grade school, his mother sat him down and told him that there were two types of babies in the world... born babies and adopted babies. "And I was an adopted baby. She didn't want me to find out at school."

He never doubted his parents' love for him, Vernon said. Because of them, he has had a blessed life. In addition to their children, he and Marlys have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Vernon's dad passed away in 1972; and his mom in 1978. "She died on Mother's Day," he recalled.

He can't thank them enough for all they did for him, Vernon said.

As noted in the Staples World archive article dated March 24, 1927, "For luck Vernon Stanley has them all beat, from an outhouse Sunday morning to a fine home Tuesday is a pretty hard record to beat, and what is more he is the only child in the family."



Content

Vernon Drake of Staples, 90, has had a rich life. Adopted as an infant by Victor and Clara Drake, Vernon went on to get an education, work for both the railroad and credit union; and raise a family with his wife, Marlys. Along the way he has had several adventures and a few close calls, but claims he's had a guardian angel looking out for him. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Adventurous spirit

Vernon Drake of Staples, on right, was hooked on flying ever since he was five years old and had the opportunity to sit in a WWI surplus plane owned by his uncle. Years later, Vernon got his pilot's license and owned his own airplane. His mother would never go up in the plane, but his father would. Now 90, Vernon no longer flies but still enjoys muzzle loading hunting with his sons, Paul and Keith; and harvested a deer last year at the age of 89. (Submitted photo)

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Rosie has been mentoring children throughout her life. She taught for 36 years and is still subbing. Rosie has a heart for children, whether sharing a memory of walking in the park, working in the garden, baking, bowling, or dinner out with Maykayla there is love in her eyes and a joyful giggle that Rosie is known for.

Maykayla loves animals. Rosie said one of her most precious memories was when they found a baby bunny the size of her fist under the cucumber leaf. Maykayla wanted to pick up the bunny but decided to leave it in its natural surroundings. Together they would visit and admire the bunny as it stayed snuggled under the leaf.

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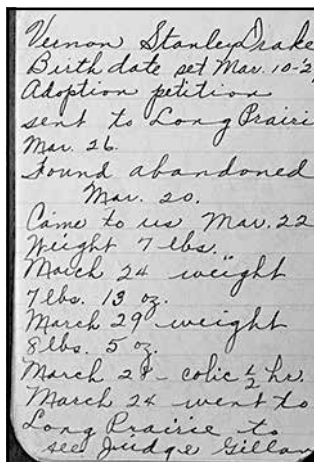
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Notes

Vernon Drake's mother, Clara, kept a detailed account of his growth, as well as adoption proceedings, during the first year of his life. Found abandoned on March 20, 1927, the baby was brought to the home of Victor and Clara Drake two days later; and officially adopted the following October. The Drakes set his birthdate at March 10; and named their new baby Vernon Stanley Drake. "My mother would roll over in her grave if she heard people call me 'Vern,'" Vernon laughed recently at his house in Staples.



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Special bond

Vernon Drake of Staples has fond memories of his mother, Clara. A former school teacher, she taught him the importance of education and also instilled a love for reading and music. Most importantly, Vernon said, she taught him how to pray. (Submitted photo)



Mom

The late Clara Drake of Staples devoted her life to raising her son, Vernon. She died in 1978, on Mother's Day.

Earlier days

Vernon Drake, who grew up in Staples during the Depression era, had a very happy childhood. He is pictured above on his tricycle; and below, with one of several cats his family had over the years. (Submitted photos)



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Softball stars

In their 9-5 win against Wadena-Deer Creek on May 4, The Staples-Motley softball team relied on several big plays. Clockwise from lower left, Jenna Trantina slides into home plate to beat the tag for a run; Lisa Kossan hammers a ball to the outfield for a double; Mackenzie Zetah charges in to snare a fly ball; Sam Schimpp applies the tag to get a runner out at home. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Motley ace

Peter Cote of Motley got his first hole in one at the Pine Ridge golf course in Motley, May 5. Cole was using a 6 iron on the par three 15th hole when his shot rolled in.



Cobber celebration

Lexi Johnson is surrounded by friends and teammates while she signs a letter of intent to play tennis at Concordia College in Moorhead. (Submitted photo)

Cardinals run into hot team

The Staples-Motley baseball team traveled to Wadena-Deer Creek on May 4 and played well but got nowhere in an 8-0 loss. "They are a very talented team," said Coach Mitch Anderson. "Their pitcher had our number as we were unable to generate any offensive production." WDC picked up a couple

of runs in several different innings. "Isaac Swendsrud pitched the entire game and pitched very well," said Anderson. Swendsrud gave up 10 hits in seven innings. But the Cardinals had a few players reach base on walks, but their bats couldn't advance the runners.



Girls golf team shows great improvement

The Staples-Motley girls golf team started climbing their way towards the front of the pack in several meets over the past week. It started May 3 at Park Rapids, when three Cardinals broke 100 and the team placed fifth out of 16 teams. Leah Bestland shot 45 and 48 for an 18 hole total of 93, to place 11th in the tournament. Adriana Dickey shot 97 and Bo Erholtz 98, with Ava Schneider at 107 and Alix Peterson 109. On May 6, Staples-Motley played against big schools at the Alexandria

tournament, placing fifth out of seven teams. Dickey shot 96, Erholtz 102, Peterson 103, Bestland 103 and Schneider 104. The Cardinals continued their good play at the pre-section meet on May 8, but did not have a complete team with only three golfers. Dickey continued her hot hand with a 97, Peterson shot 108 and Erholtz shot 111. The girls golf team is made up of all 7th, 8th and 9th graders, so in most meets they are competing against more experienced

teams. The Staples-Motley boys golf team also had one meet, placing fifth out of eleven teams at the Park Rapids Invitational on May 5. Beck Erholtz led the team with 77, Tyler Helling shot 81, Finn Erholtz 82, Jack Benson 100, Alex Giza 101 and Jack Adamietz 112. The boys also played at the Bemidji Invitational on May 8, placing 9th out of 15 teams. Beck Erholtz shot 79, Finn scored 88, Helling and Benson shot 93, Giza 107 and Adamietz 128.

Track teams getting ready for big meets

The Staples-Motley girls and boys track and field teams competed at Pillager May 4, as they prepared for the true team section meet held May 9. SM has a meet at Melrose May 11 and will host the Mid State Conference meet Tuesday, May 16, starting at 4 p.m.

Team results

Girls results

Becker 183, Pierz 131, Holdingford 77, Pillager 73, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 70, Ottertail Central 54, C-I 47, Staples-Motley 35, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 27, New York Mills 100 - 5. Jordan DeChaine 13.74, 6. Amber Robben 13.79, 20. Heidi Lombard 14.61, 200 - 9. DeChaine 29.12, 12. Robben 29.38, 400 - 14. Camryn Banaka 1:10, 18. Libby O'Neil 1:18, 19. Sydney Wallace 1:21, 800 - 6. Kiera Dumpprope 2:40, 9. Kelsie Weite 2:43, 20. Mikayla Sauber 3:08, 1,600 - 5. Addison Lorber 6:01, 7. Dumpprope 6:03, 20. Malaya Reem 7:02, 3,200 - 3. Kira Sweeney 12:35,

12. Abby Brown 14:32, 100 hurdles - 20. Addison Hirschey 19.70, 22. Ashley Vasquez 20.82, 300 hurdles - 18. Hirschey 1:00, 19. Isabelle Mikel 1:02, 4x100 - 4. S-M 54.47, 4x200 - 8. S-M 2:01, 4x400 - 8. S-M 4:39, 4x800 - 6. S-M 11:22, High jump - 8. Aleeah Halverson 4'6", 18. Weite 4'2", Long jump - 14. Robben 14'4", 22. Brooke Ferdon 12'10", 28. O'Neil 10'9", Triple jump - 16. DeChaine 26'9", 17. O'Neil 25'7", 22. Sauber 22'7", Shot put - 9. Weite 28'2", 22. Tabetha Allen 23'3", 24. Toni Brings 22'7", Discus - 6. Brings 86'9", Boys results Holdingford 158, Becker 141, Ottertail Central 98, Staples-Motley 72, Pillager 63, C-I 54, Pierz 49, Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale 44, New York Mills 17, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 3, 100 - 3. Matt Miller 11.64, 9. Josh Lombard 12.42, 200 - 10. Jordan Carlson 25.08, 14. Zac Carlson 25.22, 23. Logen Weite 27.24, 800 - 13. Garrett Carlson

2:24, 17. Coleman Klimek 2:26, 1,600 - 3. Hunter Klimek 5:07, 10. Bentley Christensen 5:21, 19. Isaac Christoffersen 5:35, 3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 10:27, 6. Jack Tyrrell 11:38, 10. Christoffersen 12:16, 110 hurdles - 10. Scout Strickland 21.63, 11. Sam Jennissen 22.72, 300 hurdles - 1. Max Giza 42.27, 9. J. Carlson 47.53, 4x100 - 1. S-M 46.31, 4x200 - 7. S-M 1:41, 4x400 - 3. S-M 3:36, 4x800 - 6. S-M 9:41, High jump - 5. Derek Kennedy 5'4", 7. Weite 5'0", Pole vault - 2. Giza 13'6", 11. Strickland 8'6", 12. Jennissen 8'0", Long jump - 9. Noah Han 18'0", 10. Miller 17'7", 15. Mason Rychner 16'9", Triple jump - 6. Han 38'10", 15. Kennedy 34'9", 19. Daniel Lozano 29'10", Shot put - 8. Hunter Carlson 38'7", 11. Luke Schmieg 36'6", 13. Hunter Berggren 35'9", Discus - 12. Berggren 99'2", 13. Strickland 98'1", 14. Schmieg 97'11"

Each fishing opener is both different and the same

One of the predictabilities of Minnesota's general fishing opener is that, more often than not, it coincides with Mother's Day weekend. For some, "coincide" may mean "conflict," especially if one spouse cares little for fishing, but cares a lot about Hallmark-inspired holidays. For a lucky minority, the fishing opener is a shared ritual. I actually know someone who got married on the weekend of the Minnesota fishing opener, on an island in a lake where they happened to be fishing. That certainly says something about the possibilities.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has tried to put a positive spin on this coincidence, in effect making lemonade for those who might feel soured by the holiday conflict. The DNR built upon its successful Take-a-Kid Fishing promotion by introducing Take-a-Mom-Fishing Weekend, which is always on the general fishing opener weekend. On this weekend, a resident mom can fish for free without a license. How a conservation officer would actually confirm a person's "mom" status is unclear, especially in this age of blended families, and considering that many "maiden names" change with marriage. But in the end, the idea is simply to get more people on the water. Anyone who's spent the better part of a lifetime as an angler can tell you a thing or two about the extremes of Minnesota fishing openers. I attended one Governor's Fishing Opener when the ice had gone out just two days before on the lake where we

fished. It's not impossible to catch walleye under such conditions, but that couldn't be proven by our results, a proverbial "goose egg." Of course, that's when flexible, creative anglers should consider changing tactics, perhaps pursuing more cooperative fish, like crappies or northern pike, instead. There have also been snow flurries, and ice forming in the fishing rod guides, on more than one opener.

And then there are fishing openers like the one facing anglers this year, a year of amazingly early ice-out on lakes from border to border. In case one has not been paying attention, the definition of "early" is probably about due for resetting. While ice-out still fluctuates from year to year, the long-term trend is toward shorter periods with Minnesota's lakes under a cover of winter ice. The trend is toward later icing over in the fall, and earlier melting in spring. Lake Bemidji, for example, has had ice-out dates officially recorded since 1932. Average ice-out dates have gradually moved from the third week in April to the second week in April. Other lakes across the state show comparable trends.

This year's early ice-out should yield a population of walleye that's completed spawning and this - the experts say - should mean fish that are more inclined to feed actively. Along with that mood change, however, walleye are likely to be more scattered, requiring more skill, luck - or some combination of the two - to find and catch them. "Skill" has over time become somewhat redefined, with less experienced anglers getting a big assist from fish-finding technology, as well as a wealth of vicarious experience and knowledge passed on to the inexperienced through fishing media. More and more anglers are better at finding and catching fish, which places a premium on practicing catch-and-release.

More and more, as a famous fisherman once said, our most prized fish "are too valuable to be caught only once."

An interesting piece of philosophy was shared recently by one of Minnesota's best-known outdoor writers, who contrasted Minnesota to other states whose fishing seasons do not close, but remain open year-round. The effect of a season closure, followed by a subsequent re-opening, is to give Minnesotans one of the prized events of the sporting year. Like our deer hunting opener, there's something special about the anticipation, planning, preparation and finally the arrival of the fishing opener. It's a celebration that's often its own reward, worth taking part in even when the fishing gods fail to smile on us.

Most popular fishing areas have one or more "hubs" where anglers converge pre-opener to purchase bait and tackle, plumb the proprietor's knowledge of local waters and deduce that opener's likely conditions. I recall once such place just a stone's throw north of Brainerd, in the small Crow Wing County community of Nisswa. The day and evening before openers the convergence of anglers and guides more resembled a convention than a place to procure minnows or Lindy Rigs or spool new line on your reel. If anyone needs proof that excitement's contagious, they'll find proof in such places. This famous angling emporium has passed into Minnesota fishing history, but the rite and ritual are carried on at many other such places, the same in spirit if not in scale.

What's new this year? For one thing, the Minnesota DNR's fishing regulations include new northern pike rules. Their purpose is to reduce the number of small, so-called "hammer handle" northerns that are so common in some waters, particularly in the Central part of the state. The

downside of too many small northerns is fewer perch, smaller bluegills and crappies, and lower survival of stocked walleye.

Get ready to use your tape measure. New size regulations are set to apply on a region-wide basis on all lakes that are not already designated for special northern pike management by size or possession limit. In northeastern Minnesota, essentially above a line from Duluth to International Falls, only two northerns can be kept. All northerns from 30 to 40 inches must be released and only one above 40 inches can be kept.

South of that Duluth-to-International Falls line and above a line that essentially cuts east-to-west through the Twin Cities and its suburbs, is the zone where the problem is apparently greatest. Here the limit is ten northerns; yes, 10. But only two larger than 26 inches can be kept and all from 22 to 26 inches must be released. The hoped-for effect of this radical prescription is to cull many small northerns and boost the numbers of catchable mid-sized fish, preserving these larger fish through mandatory catch-and-release. Working against this intensive harvest strategy is the common angler attitude of "throw 'em back to let 'em grow," a mind-set that actually contributes to the problem of overabundant small northerns.

In Southern Minnesota, below that line roughly through the Twin Cities area, the northern limit is two, but with a minimum of 24 inches. Like far Northeast Minnesota, the southern tier of counties doesn't seem to have the undersized northern problem so widespread in Central Minnesota. Depending on where you fish, it might be wise to add a good map and a GPS unit to that tape measure.

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