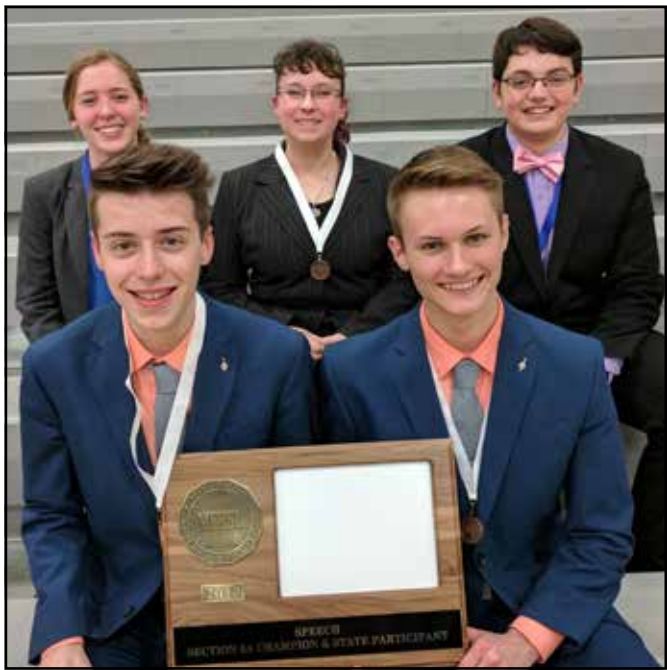




Heading to state

Staples-Motley High School competitors heading to the state speech tournament are: front, from left, Coleman Klimek and Elijah Sams; back, from left, Samantha Svendsen, Samantha Mrazek and Cade Bestland. See team photo on page 6a. (Submitted photo)

SMHS speech team is Section 6A Champs

The Staples-Motley Speech Team brought home the Section 6A Championship trophy April 8, from the Section 6A meet held in Underwood.

Staples-Motley registered 19 entries (21 speakers) with ten finalists and four entries advancing to the state competition. “That gave Staples-Motley a narrow victory at a very competitive tournament,” said head coach Brian Sams

Finalists advancing to state competition are: Cade Bestland, 1st Creative Expression; Elijah Sams and Coleman Klimek, 3rd in Duo; Samantha Svendsen, 1st Original Oratory; and Samantha Mrazek, 3rd Original Oratory.

Other team members were: Jonah Johnson, 4th Creative Expression; Kallee Abbas and Delaney Larson, 5th Duo; Krystal Yoder, 5th Drama; Alex Erickson, 5th Humor; Macy Judd, 5th Prose and Mardi Ophelm, 6th Poetry.

The state speech tournament will be held Saturday, April 22, at Apple Valley High School.

Making maple syrup is a sweet, family tradition

Leinbachs and Rensberrys collaborate in enterprise

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The sap is running in Minnesota, which means it's a busy time for the Leinbach and Rensberry families of rural Browerville.

For the past few years, they have teamed up to make maple syrup, producing dozens of gallons of the thick, sweet liquid each spring.

“Last year we did 3,000 gallons of sap,” Thomas Leinbach said, adding that once it was boiled down, they were able to bottle about 90 gallons of syrup.

From their experience, the Leinbachs and Rensberrys have found that there is generally a 40 to one ratio of sap to syrup (40 gallons of sap yields one gallon of syrup). “One year we got a 30 to one ratio,” Thomas said.

He’s not sure what makes the difference from year to year. Weather is a big factor of course, Thomas went on, noting that the amount of sunshine and snowfall in a given year can affect the flow of sap.

His business partner, Jesse Rensberry agreed, adding that sap flow will even vary from location to location. “I had sap flowing from trees in one area and



Sap-gathering time in the woods

The Rensberry family of Browerville is pictured April 1, gathering buckets of sap from maple trees they have tapped in the rural Cushing area. The Rensberrys partner with the Leinbach family, also of Browerville, in making maple syrup which is sold in area grocery stores; and at various crafts events and farmers markets. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

13 miles away nothing was flowing,” Jesse said.

As a rule, sap will run when the temperature is 20 degrees at night and 40 degrees in the day. “When you’ve got a ‘freeze, thaw, freeze, thaw,’ then it will run,” Jesse said.

One year, the temperature reached 70 degrees and, “it ran, and ran and ran,” which was unusual, Jesse went on.

The length of time sap will run also varies from year to year. “Sometimes it’s spread out over six

weeks; and last year it was over in 10 days,” Jesse said. “When the buds come out, it’s time to stop...it affects the taste of the syrup.”

Tapping the maple trees and gathering the sap are jobs the Rensberrys take

See **SYRUP** on page 8a

Hello, Readers,
On April 12, 1633, chief inquisitor Father Vincenzo Maculano da Firenzuola, appointed by Pope Urban VIII, began the inquisition of physicist and astronomer Galileo Galilei. Galileo was ordered to turn himself in to the Holy Office to begin trial for holding the belief that the Earth revolves around the Sun, which was deemed heretical by the Catholic Church. On June 22 the Church found Galileo guilty. Galileo agreed not to teach the heresy anymore and spent the rest of his life under house arrest. It took more than 300 years for the Church to admit that Galileo was right and to clear his name of heresy. Staples-Motley High School social studies students came to a different verdict last week when they reenacted “The Trial of the Century.” The high school jury found Galileo not guilty. See full story on page 3a.

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Obituaries
*Gladys “Peggy” Bredemeier
Leona Cronin
Caroline Kemp
Frances Mead
Georgina Macheel*

Staples Comprehensive Plan Visioning Session set

As the City of Staples develops the community’s Comprehensive Plan, they are interested in gathering input from area residents and business owners.

The Staples Community Visioning Session is one of the tools they’re using to collect this information. The visioning session will be an open house style and will be held Thursday, May 4, from 5-8 p.m. at the Staples Community Center.

Staples-area residents are welcome to

come any time during the event to participate in one-on-one discussions regarding Staples’ future.

Comments and questions regarding this plan can be directed to the Melissa Radermacher, Staples Economic Development Director, at mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us or 218-894-2550.

To learn more about the Staples Comprehensive Plan and process, visit <http://staples.govoffice.com/>.

Easter and Holy Week services at area churches

The following is information provided on special services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday, April 16.

Staples Alliance, Assembly of God, Thomastown Covenant and Staples Church of Christ will hold a community Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. at the Staples Assembly of God.

Motley Free Methodist Church
Good Friday service; 7 p.m. with communion.
Easter morning breakfast; 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Easter services at 9 and 10:30 a.m..

Motley United Methodist Church
Holy Thursday; 7 p.m. Re-enactment of the Last Supper with Holy Communion.

Good Friday; 7 p.m. Reading of the Passion from Gospel of John; extinguishing of candles.

Easter Sunday; 9 a.m. Worship, with special

music, message and Holy Communion.

Easter Breakfast; 8 to 8:45 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church, Staples

Holy Thursday: 7 p.m. Mass/ Eucharistic Adoration until 9 p.m.

Good Friday; 3 p.m. Scripture Service/ Adoration of the Holy Cross

Holy Saturday; 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Service/Mass, Blessing of the Easter Fire and Blessing of Paschal Candle

Easter Sunday; 8:30 a.m. Easter Mass, Renewal of Baptismal Promises

St. Michael Church, Motley

Good Friday; 7 p.m. Scripture Service / Adoration of the Holy Cross

Easter Sunday; 10:30 a.m. Easter Mass/ Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Staples Alliance Church

Good Friday Service; 7 p.m. at Staples Assembly

of God Church

Easter Breakfast; 8:15 a.m.

Resurrection Worship; 9:30 a.m. “One Day That Changes Everything.”

St. John’s Lutheran Church, Motley

Maundy Thursday Service 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service 7 p.m.

Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Easter Service 9:30 a.m.

First Congregational Church, Staples

Maundy Thursday / Holy Communion; 7 p.m.

Good Friday Service; 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service; 9:30 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant Church

Maundy Thursday; 7 p.m. with Communion

Good Friday Service 7 p.m. at Staples Assembly of God Church

Easter Sunrise Service; See **EASTER** on page 3a



Three crosses for Calvary

The artist who created and assembled these three crosses said his inspiration was “two little angels” who live in rural Browerville, Abby and Lily Brichacek. Their grandfather Daniel Schilling said the girls “wanted everybody to see the crosses and to know what Jesus has done for us and the gifts He has given us by His death and resurrection.” The piece, which stands 8 ft. 5 in. tall is painted with fluorescent paint, which can be seen day and night. The bottom cross is made from horseshoes, used for draft horses, the middle cross uses standard riding horseshoes and the top uses pony horseshoes. It’s located along Hwy 121, a main highway between Georgia and Florida, where Schilling lives. He said it was put in place Monday morning, April 10, and the traffic “has been crazy.” Abby and Lily are the daughters of Tom and Aimee Brichacek and the granddaughters of Rick and Marilyn Brichacek, all of rural Browerville. (Submitted photo)

Thank you for subscribing!

Bleess is retiring, successor sought

Aquatic Invasive Species prevention plan approved

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

Pete Bleess is retiring July 28 and the personnel committee recommended posting in-house to fill the Building Services Supervisor position as soon as possible. The request was made at the April 4 meeting of the Todd County Commissioners.

County Coordinator Joe Hatch explained that if someone internally filled the position within five days, then they would approve that hire and request filling that employee's position both at the next board meeting.

The board authorized administration to begin recruiting in-house for the Building Services Supervisor position.

In other business:

- An Aquatic Invasive Species prevention plan was developed by lake associations, county commissioners, county staff and others as part of a collaborative effort to develop a plan that, once implemented, would reduce the AIS risk to Todd County waters. AIS Prevention funds to implement this plan were obtained from the Minnesota State legislature with 2017 funds of \$154,769 and the 2016 carry forward funds of \$51,306.78 totaling \$206,075.78 available for implementation.

The board accepted the AIS Prevention Plan funds and the Todd County Aquatic Invasive Species Plan for 2017 as presented and authorized division staff to implement the plan during 2017.

- The AIS prevention program funded through special allocation to counties will largely be implemented through contracts for watercraft inspections. Two bids were submitted to conduct this work in four different zones of the county encompassing 26 lakes. Big Birch Lake Association's bid in the amount of \$28,000 for inspections in Zone 1 and WaterGuards, LLC bid in the amount of \$69,020 for work in Zones 2, 3 and 4.

Director Tim Stieber said that they will be keeping an eye on zebra mussels and weeds in the inspections.

Commissioner David Kircher said they're still not inspecting all of the lakes and that citizens would start going to the clean lakes.

Stieber said we're targeting the high traffic lakes.

Kircher said that mussels showed up in Lake Osakis and Birch Lake last year and said that

sometimes it feels like the inspections are a waste.

Stieber said that the inspections were about education and that it's a hit or miss with the inspections.

The board approved entering into contracts with Big Birch Lake Association and WaterGuards, LLC for services to help protect Todd County waters.

- Approved a gambling permit for the Long Prairie Hockey Association to hold gambling activities at Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township effective May 1, until revoked or otherwise cancelled as provided by law.

- Acknowledged receipt of Outlet Petitions to County Ditch 18 for parcels 13-0014600, 13-0016000, 13-0016200 and 13-0020600.

- Signed a proclamation naming April 2017 Sexual Assault Awareness Month as requested by Hands of Hope.

"In 2016, Hands of Hope Resource Center served 51 new victims of sexual assault, 12 of those victims were children, 26 were adult victims and the remainder were secondary victims, moms, dads, siblings, friends and extended family members, the bulk of whom are constituents of this county board. The other important factor we need to remember is that over 60 percent of sexual assaults are never reported," read the proclamation.

- Approved proclaiming April 2-8 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Todd County.

- Approved a proclamation declaring April Child Abuse Prevention Month and called upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

- Approved beginning the recruitment process for a part-time legal assistant for the county attorney's office.

- Commissioner Randy Neumann presented information about the dock that the Osakis Sportsman's Club donated to Battle Point Park.

It was suggested that Neumann find out the dollar amount that the county would have to pay Sauk River Watershed District for the 250 feet of the restoration project area from 10 years ago and request that the SRWD waive the amount.



Open places at the table for the 'listening session'

There was plenty of extra seating at the Staples-Motley listening session held April 10, at the high school cafeteria. Above upper left, is facilitator Lynn Dyer reading one of the group's suggestions. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Advice for school board? Put student needs first

cal study of all the school buildings. They hope to have a presentation ready for the school board by early May. With the low turnout at this meeting they were asked if they'd solicit other public input and they said they'll determine if more input is needed.

The first question asked was what great things the school district already has. Answers included extra-curricular activities, fine arts, college in schools, Jump Start kindergarten, Responsive Classroom program and the school's willingness to serve all socio-economic classes.

Much of the discussion was about technology, under the questions of challenges for education and education changes in the last 10 years.



Facility options, one dot at a time

Students and community members selected their favorite building suggestions at the listening session meeting held April 10.

There were various answers to the question "if you won the lottery and had to spend it on the school, what would you do?" Several people said they would build one new school, others said they'd update the athletic facilities or bring in more technology.

The group gave suggestions on the greatest facil-

ity needs, with the top selection, being listed in the first paragraph of this story. Other suggestions included improving the layout of the high school grounds and sports facilities, spending money to maintain facilities, updating classroom aesthetics and seating, displaying student accomplishments and improved seating in

the gymnasium. Other non-facility suggestions mentioned were retaining quality teachers, increasing community involvement and improving perception of the schools.

The final question was about giving advice to the decision makers. Comments included putting the needs of students first.

Staples Police answer variety of calls

The following are recent reports taken by the Staples Department.

March 21; Staples Police received a report from the Staples-Motley High School of a parent who was hostile and disorderly regarding an issue with the school.

March 22; Staples Police responded to a report of a suspicious person on the 200 block of 4th St NE that appeared to be a man sitting in a parked truck. It was unsure if he was sleeping or having another issue. The man was identified and reported he was wait-

ing for his wife who was at the dentist office. The man was agitated and stated he was ill and resting while waiting for his wife.

March 23; Staples Police received a report from Todd County Child Protection of an individual threatening to come to a residence in Staples to take his child who he no longer had parental rights of. The guardian will call police if the subject arrives or attempts to take the child.

March 26; Staples Police took a report of an assault at Twisted Sisters where a victim had to be taken to the hospital. Upon investigation, Nathan Kist, 32, and Patrick Neelan, 37, were arrested and charged with 2nd degree assault and disorderly conduct.

March 28; Staples Police responded to a report of tires slashed at Pine Ave. Townhomes. The damage,

which occurred sometime during the overnight hours is believed to be a dispute between tenants.

March 28; Staples Police received a complaint of a domestic assault involving a juvenile.

March 29; Staples Police received a report of a burglary at an apartment building. The reporting party said someone had stolen prescription medication. The incident is under investigation.

March 30; Staples Police recieved a call of damage to property on the 200 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE. It was reported a car windshield was damaged and the hood of another vehicle was tampered with.

April 3; Staples Police responded to the Northern Pacific Railway Memorial Park for a report of harassment. Police investigated the issue and are sending

the report to the City Attorney for review.

April 7; Staples Police took a report of a school bus stop arm violation. A juvenile was cited for the offense.

April 8; at approximately 2:50 a.m., Staples Police were dispatched to a report of a child being found on the 400 block of 9th St.NE. The three year old child was returned home a short time later. Also assisting was the Todd County Sheriff's Department.

April 8; Staples Police assisted Wadena County Sheriffs Office with a domestic in Wadena County. Becky Pauley, 64, was arrested for domestic assault, 5th degree assault and disorderly conduct. Also assisting was Verndale Police and Todd County Sheriffs Department.

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Funded in part by the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.

History comes to life in re-enactments

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley history department staged two events recently for students to have the opportunity to live out a part of their curriculum.

On April 5 teachers Erik Johnson and Steve Fligge had their sophomore classes act out the trial of Galileo, who was accused of heresy by the Catholic Church.

On April 10 the freshman classes portrayed immigrants who were processed through a replica of Ellis Island.

Both reenactments had modern touches, as the Galileo trial was conducted like a modern courtroom, with lawyers giving objections and no one was taken out for questioning the pope.

For Ellis Island, Neil Diamond's "America," a song about immigrants, was playing loud to recreate the noisy atmosphere, at the immigration headquarters.

Trial of the (17th) Century

At the trial of Galileo, actors for the church had to prove that Galileo had written the book "Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems," intentionally promoting the view that the world revolves around the sun.

Galileo, played by Ryan Gerard, admitted to the

first two charges, that he had written the book and that he had been told by the pope not to teach or defend the world view, that the earth revolves around the sun. Although that theory was in the book, he said it was only there as a hypothetical theory, not intended to teach or defend that point of view.

The lawyers for the church, played by Evan Nanik and Zhichen Lou, asked if the book was not meant to teach that theory, what other purpose did the book have?

The trial was being conducted in the year 1633, but a lot of it revolved around an injunction, in 1616, by the pope preventing anyone from teaching that theory. There were differing accounts, no written documentation of that injunction, which became a factor in the jury's decision.

In a reversal of history, the jury, (a group of students) found Galileo not guilty of the crime he was accused of. They decided it was not proven without a doubt that the book wasn't hypothetical.

Immigrant experience

All the ninth graders, like the immigrants in the 1800s entering Ellis Island were sent for physical exams. In the reenactment, students rolled a dice to determine if they had a physical ailment.

At one station, students



The immigration line, the reenactment of Ellis Island

Kayla Yoder, SM 10th grader presents her immigration papers to teacher Erik Johnson at the Ellis Island reenactment held April 10, as other students wait in line. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

had to learn sign language as their way of communicating, to represent the immigrants who spoke a different language.

Immigrants were given a psychological exam, where they either passed or were given a code for certain ailments, such as X for a mental defect, S for senility or LPC for someone "likely to be a public charge," or in other words, a bum.

To finish their process, students had to pass a citizenship test, where the following day, students who passed the entire process took the oath of citizenship.



Learning a new language

At the Ellis Island reenactment, Isaac Christoffersen gives his name in sign language, representing the immigrants who came to this country speaking no English.



The 'trial of the century'.... Galileo

Evan Nanik and Zhichen Lou act as lawyers for the church as they grill Galileo Galilei, (Ryan Gerard). Teacher Steve Fligge, right, dons a wig and robe as the impartial judge in the trial.



The Pope takes the stand

Jacob Stangle, as Pope Urban VIII, complete with robe and hat (?), as he's questioned by Macy Judd and Deavon Olson, acting as lawyers for Galileo.

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Service times, places listed

7:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast; 8-9 a.m. Youth Fundraiser
Children's Egg hunt; 9 a.m.
Celebration of the Resurrection; 9:30 a.m.
Staples Church of Christ
Holy Thursday; 7 p.m. Communion service.
Good Friday Service; 7 p.m. at Staples Assembly of God Church.
Easter Sunday Sunrise service; 8 a.m. by the teens. Breakfast; 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School; 9:30 a.m. for all ages.
Worship service; 10:30 a.m. with Communion
Staples United Methodist Church
Easter Breakfast; 9-10 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship; 10:30 a.m. Special music, message, Holy Communion.
Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples
Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.; Divine Service/Holy Communion.
Good Friday 7 p.m.; Service of Tenebrae
Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.: Easter Vigil/Divine Service with Holy Communion.
Second Easter Service; 9 a.m. Divine Service/Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast; 7:30 a.m. served between services.
Faith Lutheran Church, Staples
Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m. "To Wash the World's Feet"
Good Friday Service; 1:30 p.m. Seven Last Words of the Lord.
Easter Sunrise Service; 6:30 a.m. Passion drama, special music, Holy Communion.
Easter Breakfast; 7:30 a.m. Hosted by the youth, proceeds go to Youth Ministry.
Festival Worship; 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Procession, special music, Holy Communion and message, "Christ is Risen! ... He is Risen Indeed!"
Lincoln Evangelical Church, Cushing
Good Friday Gathering; 6:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Worship Gathering; 10 a.m.
Staples Assembly of God
Maundy Thursday; 7 p.m. shared service with Church of Christ at the Church of Christ.
Good Friday Community Service; 7 p.m.
Easter Sunday Sunrise breakfast; 8:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday Worship; 9:30 a.m.

MDA launches Cropland Grazing Exchange

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has launched the Cropland Grazing Exchange. The new online tool can connect crop farmers and livestock farmers to improve soil health.

Livestock are an integral part of achieving optimal soil health. They convert forages to more available forms of nutrients and help break up residue material and stimulate soil microbial activity. As crop production has become more specialized, the lack of livestock impact has become evident in declining soil health.

"The Cropland Grazing Exchange is a simple solution to a sometimes

complex issue," said MDA Program Administrator Kelly Anderson. "Modern agricultural tools like portable watering systems, temporary fencing and remote solar energizers make it possible for livestock producers to graze their herds on a short-term basis. That gives livestock farmers more grazing options, and it also helps stimulate soil health for crop farmers. It's a win-win."

The online tool allows crop and livestock farmers to register their location by township and provide basic information about their fields or livestock. An interactive map shows available grazing sites and

livestock herds. Registered users may contact each other to initiate a conversation about grazing agreements.

Visitors to the Cropland Grazing Exchange website will also find information about writing a grazing lease, guidelines on herbicide restrictions and other considerations for custom grazing.

For more information

and to register, visit www.mda.state.mn.us/cge or contact Kelly Anderson at 320-808-4424.

The Cropland Grazing Exchange was created in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Sustainable Farming Association of Minnesota.



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~Easter Sunday Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m.
~Youth Sponsored Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
~Communion Services - 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

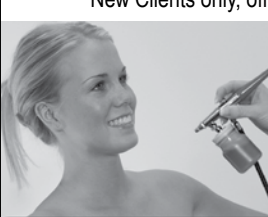
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Current Happenings

Legacy Chorale will stage Brahms' Requiem

The Legacy Chorale will perform 'German Requiem' by Johannes Brahms in Little Falls and Brainerd April 21, 22 and 23.

According to a press release, 'German Requiem' is deeply moving, profound and powerful. The performance will be sung in English and accompanied by a full chamber orchestra.

The concert dates, times and venues include:

- Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis Chapel, Little Falls

- Saturday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd

- Sunday, April 23, 3:30 p.m., Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd.

A pre concert talk will be held 20 minutes before each of the performances.

Honoring both the close of the 15th season and the 120th anniversary of the composer's death, Sarah Aamot, the founder and Artistic Director of the

Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota said she chose the piece, "because it's the most powerful music I've ever experienced, especially, the second movement when everyone, in unison in octaves, starts softly singing, 'Behold, all flesh is as the grass,' and then crescendos into full fortissimo."

"It's the perfect performance for the week after Easter," Aamot said. "It doesn't matter whether you're a Christian or what you believe. This is music that reaches us in ways words can't, putting together what we all deal with every day - our mortality. It's about death and life."

Brahms began working on this famous and beloved Oratorio after the death of his close friend, the composer Robert Schumann. The death of Brahms' mother a few years later compelled him to finish his largest single work. Audi-

ence members are strongly encouraged to attend the pre concert dialogue explaining how this requiem is different from all others and why it stirs ardent feelings of consolation and hope in listeners.

Tickets are available in advance and at the door. Advance tickets are available to purchase by cash or check: in Brainerd area at Brainerd Dispatch, Bethany Books and Gifts; in Little Falls at Morrison County Record and Good Book and Gifts; and throughout Central Minnesota from chorale members; or call 218-270-8020 to reserve tickets.

The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota is comprised of 50-70 vocalists at any time of all ages, they come from many communities throughout central and greater Minnesota. To learn more visit legacychorale.org or call 218-270-8020.



Old Wadena Society speaker

Dick Oehlenschlaeger, far right, will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting of the Old Wadena Society April 23 in Verndale. He regularly displays some of the animal and plant specimens he has collected over the years at the Old Wadena Rendezvous in August where he enjoys talking with the visitors. (Staples World file photo by Janice Winter)

Old Wadena Society to hold annual meeting

The annual meeting of Old Wadena Society will be Sunday, April 23, at Maasconi's Restaurant (formerly Bullseye) in Verndale. A buffet dinner will be available at noon followed by the program and annual meeting at 1 p.m.

Program speaker will be Richard "Dick" Oehlenschlaeger, an assistant curator at the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul. A native of Wadena County, he will speak on the Flora and Fauna of Wadena County. A very familiar figure in the area, he has attended the Old Wadena Rendezvous for many years, bringing with him numerous examples of the animal and plant specimens he's collected over the years.

Election of Old Wadena Society board members will follow the program. Memberships will be avail-

able at the meeting.

The public is welcome to attend, both the program and annual meeting.

The mission of the Old Wadena Society is to preserve and share knowledge of the natural and historical treasures of the Old Wadena area and to encourage the folk arts for the education and enjoyment of everyone.

The Old Wadena Society will once again conduct their annual Old Wadena Rendezvous and Folk Life Festival on Aug. 12-13 at Old Wadena Park, five miles northwest of Staples on the banks of the Crow Wing River. Already booked for the event are well known musicians John Gorka and Michael Johnson. Visit the organization's web site at oldwadenarendezvous.org for updates.

The Old Wadena site has

a rich history of human use. Evidence of Native American use for centuries has been unearthed in archaeological 'digs'. The site overlooking the Crow Wing was visited by the early fur traders in the late 18th century. One branch of the Red River Ox Cart trails, active in the 1840s and 50's, crossed the Crow Wing here. The site was a bustling river crossing settlement for a few years in the 1860s, but gradually disappeared when it was bypassed by the railroad.

Current members of the Old Wadena Board of Directors include Tom Crawford, president; Bob Schaffer, vice president; Darlys Hamburg, secretary; Jean Birch, treasurer; past president Tom Kajer and directors John Crandall, Jamie Robertson, Ralph Miller and DeeDee Neal.

Mark Your Calendar

April 12

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

April 18

BRainerd CHAPTER #738 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES Tues., April 18, Sawmill Inn, Brainerd. Social time starts at 11:30 a.m., lunch served at noon. Presentation by Meg Fuller, 'Capturing our Stories.' Open to all active and retired federal employees and their spouses.

April 19

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION MONTHLY BOARD MTG Wed., April 19, lower level of Twisted Sisters Bar & Grill, Staples, 5:30 p.m. Public invited.

April 24

MOTLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL MTG Mon., April 24, 6 p.m., BRICKS Travel Center, Motley.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Financial items including approving the capital outlay list and approving a resolution to serve as a fiscal agent for NJPA grants.

- Personnel items including approving contracts for a Title I lead teacher; Caitlyn Strusz, high school math; and Jenna Smith, payroll, human resources and risk management; approving retirement requests from Joyce Beilke-Vacek, Catherine Wiese and Jackie Hanson; approving the non-renewal of a contract for middle school probationary teacher Sarah Newkirk; and approving the list of Q-Comp positions.

- Policy items including approving the Chromebook handbook; first reading of a policy regarding parent volunteers and visitors and a policy on student surveys; and considering the formation of a policy committee.

Firearm safety classes begin April 17

Firearm safety classes, a Minnesota DNR certified program, will be offered in Motley and Staples April 17, 18, 20, 24, 25 and 27, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. each night.

The classes are free and open to youth ages 11 and older. Firearm safety classes and the field day experience allows students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the handling of firearms. It includes live fire on a rifle range. Students must attend all firearms safety classes and field day instruction to receive their certificate. The Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.

In order to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota, DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after Dec. 31, 1979.

Pre-registration is required and the class will be limited to 15 students.

Online classes are available in combination with Field Day.

Staples

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg
- Dates: April 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27
- Time: 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Locaton: Staples Sportsmen's Club
- Cost; Free

Motley

- Instructor: Bob Koenig
- Dates: April 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27
- Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Motley City Hall
- Cost: Free.

Field Day

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg/Bob Koenig
 - Date: April 29
 - Time: 9 a.m., online class students; noon, traditional class students.
 - Location: Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGivern Park)
 - Cost: Free
- For more information about the Staples and/or online classes, call Jon at 218-894-2255.

For more information about the Motley classes, call 218-352-6390.

April programs at Staples Public Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Tell us what you love about the library - April 1-30

April 9-15 is National Library Week, but we want to hear from you all month long. Drop by the Staples Library and help fill out our "Love Our Library" board. Pick up a treat at the desk when you submit a comment. For all ages.

Tween/teen poetry contest - April 1-30

Calling all budding poets: celebrate "National Poetry Month" by entering the Teen Poetry Contest. All tweens and teens are encouraged to submit two original poems in April. There will be two categories - 8-12 years old and 13-18 years old. All poems will be displayed in the library and the top three entrants in each category will receive a cash certificate. All participants will receive a gift certificate to a local business. Sponsored by Friends of the Staples

Library.

Book club - April 27

Read the book and get in on the discussion on Thursday, April 27 from 6-7 p.m. For teens and adults.

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

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. The hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

Educational Opportunities

April 25

'I CAN PREVENT DIABETES' COURSE - FREE offered by Tri-County Health Care. The spring session kicks off April 25., held Tuesdays, 9-10 a.m., for 16 wks. at TCHC, Wadena. Community-based, lifestyle change program, that offers diabetes prevention ed. and support for people with pre-diabetes and those at high risk for pre-diabetes. For info., to pre-register, 218-632-7115.

Spring Chicken Dinner
Wed. Apr. 19
4:30-6:30pm
Adults \$10,
ages 6-12 \$5,
5 & under free
Motley United Methodist Church
847 3rd Ave. S.
218-352-6466

Stacy Westfall

Minnesota Horse Expo
April 28-30
MN State Fairgrounds
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Easter Sunday April 16
3 Meat Buffet
*Ham *Pork *Turkey
with all the fixings, plus dessert
Serving 10:30am - 2pm
Close at 2pm
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218-352-6771
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Motley

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The Spot Cafe

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With all the trimmings and Dessert
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Staples-Motley Speech Team

Front, left to right: Mardi Opheim, Kallee Abbas, Delaney Larson, Krystal Yoder, Coleman Klimek, Elijah Sams and Rachell Fisher. Middle: Sadie Thompson, Macy Judd, Lilly Niemi, Julia Trantina, Dario Sotelo, Samantha Mrazek, Ari Brings, and Bryn Williams. Back: Samantha Svendsen, Andrew Bates, Alex Erickson, Jonah Johnson, Alex Brings and Cade Bestland. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Austin and Trinda Beier of Wadena, a baby girl, Hadley Laverne weighing eight pounds, six ounces on April 1, 2017.

Born to Matt and Andrea Johnson of Backus, a baby girl, Hannah Ellen weighing seven pounds, five ounces on April 2, 2017.

Born to Tony and Karen Roers of Parkers Prairie, a baby boy, Colt Easton weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on April 3, 2017.

Born to Kalli Cuppy and Ben Anderson of Motley, twins, a baby boy, Oliver Jeffrey weighing seven pounds and a baby girl, Arabella Kate weighing six pounds, two ounces on April 4, 2017.

Born to Valoria Salfisberg of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Aloralei Rose weighing eight pounds, five ounces on April 4, 2017.

Born to James and Tiffany Roberts of Brainerd, a baby girl, Melanie Elizabeth weighing six pounds, five ounces on April 5, 2017.

Born to Jenissa Jasmer and Aaron Karlson of Wadena, a baby boy, Korbin Alexander weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on April 5, 2017.

Born to Roni Senner and Jacob Denning of Nisswa, a baby boy, Owen Kenneth weighing nine pounds on April 6, 2017.

Born to Matthew and Karlee Chenoweth of Browerville, a baby girl, Jaymee Rae, weighing four pounds, nine ounces on February 15, 2017 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Welcoming her home are big sisters, Ameara and Lydia and big brother, Devin.

Grandparents are Lisa and Paul Wick of Staples; Greg and Roseanne Haglin, Mount Juliet, TN; John Chenoweth and Sheryl Chenoweth, both of Staples; great-grandparents are Anne Sadusky, and Virginia Chenoweth, both of Staples; Douglas and Kathleen Storzinger, Cushing.



Loves to read

The Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition (SMECC) and the Staples Public Library announce that Annika Weber, daughter of Chris and Tracy Weber of Staples, is the newest recipient of recognition in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. With Annika is Beth Fabian representing the SMECC. (Submitted photo)

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, JERRY!!



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Speaking of Leader Dogs

A visiting Lion member, Bunny Tabatt from Leader Dogs for the Blind spoke to the Staples Host Lions recently about her journey through life with her Leader Dogs. Her current leader dog, Dixie, (pictured) dozing on the floor next to her, is her seventh. She thanked all Lions for their donations and support to help make this program a success. (Submitted photo)

TC Historical Society museum news

The purchase of mannequins for the museum was part of the discussion at the Todd County Historical Society's meeting April 3.

The museum director said that three mannequins - two men and a child - had been purchased for \$228.93. She's also repairing fingers for some of the female mannequins.

Other items discussed included:

- The WWI traveling trunk will be at the museum for three weeks in May for the 4th grade tours.
- There'll be a cleaning day; Wednesday, April 19, beginning at 1 p.m.
- We need to do our annual audit.
- Maybe we should apply for a grant to purchase approximately 50 three-ring binders and a lot of sleeves to complete our country school project and begin several other projects.
- All the microfilm of the Staples paper has arrived. We have a volunteer who will go through all the film to find all the obituaries so they can be catalogued.

The membership was reminded of our plant sale May 19 and they were asked to save their extra plants.

There's still room on the bus for the Pine City trip on June 22. Anyone interested should call the museum at 320-732-4426.

Some of the styrofoam sealer has blown out of the ridge cap on the fairground's building. Sentence to Serve will be asked to replace it.

Following the meeting Gary Stracek showed a short 1939 color film of the farm where he was born.

Respectfully submitted
Alice Siegle, secretary

Obituaries

Gladys Bredemeier

Gladys "Peggy" Bredemeier, 93, of Staples passed away April 3, 2017, at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Services were held April 7 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples with Pastor Saul Stensvaag officiating.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Peggy was born April 17, 1923 to Charles and Martha (Wooch) Hildebrand in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. As a young adult, she lived out her passion for history by serving as a docent at the Villa Louis, a national Historical Landmark in Prairie du Chien. Following her graduation from Prairie du Chien High School, she was employed as an executive assistant to the CEO at Prudential Securities in Chicago, Illinois. Peggy married Virgil "Brad" Bredemeier, December 20, 1947 and worked as the office manager at his optometric practice in Staples.

Peggy was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Staples, she participated in women's groups, taught Sunday School, confirmation classes, served as Sunday School Superintendent, helped with the parish library and wrote the church history for the 100th anniversary celebration. She served as a board member for Luther Crest Bible Camp, as Worthy Matron for Eastern Star, was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and served Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed playing golf, Bridge, reading and traveling.

Peggy is survived by two daughters, Brenda (David Light Shields) Light Bredemeier of St. Louis, MO and Julie (Ryan) Jagim of Duluth; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister, Irene Ertle and brother-in-law, Orvis Ertle.

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Leona Cronin

Leona A. Cronin, 98, resident of Brainerd, passed away April 5, 2017, at Good Samaritan Society - Bethany, Brainerd.

Mass of Christian Burial was April 11, 2017 at St. Francis Catholic Church in Brainerd.

Burial was at Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Nelson-Doran Funeral Home in Brainerd.

Leona was born June 30, 1918, in Hartman, AR to Frank and Marie Soerries and grew up on a farm. In 1943, she met Charles Bernard Cronin at a USO dance. Charles was in the U.S. Army stationed at Camp Chafee, Fort Smith, AR. They were married on May 14, 1946 in Hartman following his return from overseas. They made their home on a farm at Staples. Leona had large gardens, sewed clothing and toys, enjoyed woodworking, hand quilting quilts, crocheting and embroidery.

She was a member of St. Michael Catholic parish in Motley; a 70 year member of the Christian Mothers (CCW-Council for Catholic Women) and St. Monica's Circle. She was a founding member of the St. Theresa Rosary Makers group; was active in the Motley American Legion Tri-County Post #124 and its auxiliary serving as president. Following her husband's death in Leona moved to Brainerd in 1980, where she joined St. Francis Catholic Church. In 2007 she moved to Bethany Senior Living Apartments and in 2015 to Bethany Nursing Home.

She is survived by two daughters, Agnes (Jerry) Stevens of Brainerd, Helen Helseth of Dade City, FL; three sons, Joseph (Patricia) of Milaca, Leonard (Yvonne) of Rochester, Howard (Karen) of West St. Paul; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four sisters-in-law, Teresa (Bernard), Betty (Roman), Rhoda (Raymond), Patty (Leo) Soerries, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son-in-law, Kim Helseth; 12 siblings, Hilda (Ferdinand) Oberste, Martha Soerries, Bernard Soerries, Rita (Edwin) Lindsay, Paul (Mabel) Soerries, Rosemary (Robert) Nitz, Florence (Raymond) Wiederkehr, Raymond, Roman, Herman, Leo Soerries, Sr. Margaret Soerries, OSB.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to: St. Francis Catholic Church Building Fund, 411 N. Tenth St, Brainerd MN 56401; Bethany Good Samaritan Society Auxiliary, 804 Wright St, Brainerd MN 56401, or the charity of your choice.

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Frances Mead

Frances Jane Mead, 75, of Wadena passed away March 30, 2017 at her home.

Funeral services were held April 7, at the Oylen Alliance Church.

Burial was at Wing River Cemetery, Bluegrass.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Funeral Home.

Frances was born February 17, 1942 in Benson to Clarence and Gladys (Mills) Eblen. She attended a private country school. Frances married Donald Bowen in 1961. They had five children. She married Russell Mead in 1969 and they had four children.

Frances enjoyed gardening, yard work and being around horses and cattle. She especially loved spending time with her family and friends.

Frances is survived by four sons, Terry Bowen of Oylen, Jerry (Jenny) Bowen of AZ, Alfred (Jennie) Mead of Verndale and Dick Mead of Wadena; four



daughters, Susan Bowen of Browerville, Jane Verbeck of Staples, Clara Mead of Browerville and Lois Mead of Wadena; many grandchildren, cousins and other loving family members.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; parents; one son, James Bowen; daughter-in-law Tammy Bowen; son-in-law Delroy Verbeck; brothers, sisters and great-grandchildren.

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Farm Bureau visits

Nearly 100 Farm Bureau members from Minnesota met with state legislators at the state Capitol in St. Paul on March 28 during one of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Days on the Hill. Farm Bureau members from Cass and Todd County were among those attending. Farm Bureau members' message to legislators focused on changing Minnesota's property tax system to lessen the impact on agricultural land while maintaining quality education programs and facilities for Minnesota's school children, passing legislation further clarifying the state's buffer law, legislative passage of needed transportation infrastructure investment, including rural roads and bridges, and seeking farmer friendly and realistic solutions to mowing road ditches along state highways. Pictured left to right is Miles Kuschel, Representative John Poston (R-Lake Shore) and Debra Durheim. (Submitted photo)

Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1. Adenosine triphosphate, 4. Plane, 7. Plant cultivated for its tubers, 10. Wreath, 11. Equal, prefix, 12. Type of fish, 13. Measuring instrument, 15. High-pitched crying noise, 16. Chilean seaport, 19. Make in advance, 21. Where planes land and take off, 23. Nicaraguan capital, 24. Reprint, 25. Evergreen genus, 26. Vale, 27. Not the most dry, 30. There are four of them, 34. Pie __ mode, 35. At or near the stern, 36. Attached to the side of a motorcycle, 41. Soft-bodied beetle, 45. ÒRule, BritanniaÓ composer, 46. __ of March: rough day for Julius Caesar, 47. A way of changing taste, 50. Bubbled up, 54. Remedy, 55. Barrooms, 56. Henry Clay __, industrialist, 57. A citizen of Thailand, 59. Cove, 60. One and only, 61. Ó __ death do us part, 62. Zero, 63. Thus far, 64. Brew, 65. Crunches federal numbers, 13. Revolutions per minute, 14. Small constellation, 17. Vineyard, 18. Consumed, 20. Pitchers need to get them, 22. Educational assn. (abbr.), 27. No longer is, 28. PeytonÓs little brother, 29. Small amount, 31. An awkward stupid person, 32. Popular pro sports league, 33. Píppen, 37. Type of head pain, 38. ÓJímínyÓ is one, 39. Diarist Frank, 40. Boat race, 41. Can be split, 42. Thought, 43. Staggering, 44. Baltic country, 47. Sunscreen rating, 48. Paddle, 49. Togetherness, 51. Beat-influenced poet Anselm, 52. Midway between northeast and east, 53. Fall back, spring forward, 58. Afflict, CW16C310

Answers to crossword puzzle. 1. ATP, 4. Plane, 7. Potato, 10. Wreath, 11. Equal, 12. Fish, 13. Ruler, 15. Scream, 16. Valparaiso, 19. Advance, 21. Airport, 23. Managua, 24. Reprint, 25. Spruce, 26. Vale, 27. Arid, 30. Sides, 34. Pie, 35. Stern, 36. Fender, 41. Beetle, 45. Handel, 46. April, 47. Change, 50. Foam, 54. Remedy, 55. Barrooms, 56. Henry Clay, 57. Thai, 59. Cove, 60. One, 61. Death, 62. Zero, 63. Thus, 64. Brew, 65. Crunches, 13. RPM, 14. Small, 17. Vineyard, 18. Consumed, 20. Pitchers, 22. Educational, 27. No longer, 28. Peyton, 29. Small, 31. Awkward, 32. Popular, 33. Píppen, 37. Type, 38. ÓJímíny, 39. Diarist, 40. Boat, 41. Can, 42. Thought, 43. Staggering, 44. Baltic, 47. Sunscreen, 48. Paddle, 49. Togetherness, 51. Beat-influenced, 52. Midway, 53. Fall, 58. Afflict, CW16C310

SMHS Honor Roll

Staples-Motley High School announces their honor roll. A Honor Roll: Grade 12: Norah Anderson, Katie Benson, Hunter Berggren, Cade Bestland, Hunter Carlson, Alessia Corti, Ethan Ehresmann, Noah Han, Taylor Heldman, Kyle Huepenbecker, Reid Jordan, Emmeline Klefsaas, Matthew Miller, Dominic Nistler, Mardi Ophem, Austin Ploshnick, Kelsie Weite, MacKenzie Zetah. Grade 11: Nicholas Allshouse, Reid Busker, Zachary DeMars, Chelsea Hofmann, Zhichen Lou, Kelsi Peterson, Alyssa Vanderhoof, Cassidy White, Anna Willgoths, Claire Wolhowe. Grade 10: Jack Adamietz, Andrew Bates, Jack Benson, Jordon Carlson, Hannah Dolezal, Kiera Dumpprope, Finn Erholtz, Matthew Fisher, Ryan Gerard, Shaime Guggenberger, Brooklyn Kovach, Amy Michel, Nancy O'Rourke, Torrence Salcido, Lilian Schneider, Kiara Storry, Sadie Thompson, Heather Wonders, Krystal Yoder. Grade 9: Tasha Achermann, Tiffany Achermann, MacKenna Bjerga, Owen Bjerga, Elizabeth Boyer, Marie Brings, Isaac Christoffersen, Izaiah DeMars, Nita DeWald, Aleecia Fall, Jaydon Friedel, Kailyn Gelle, Victoria Jenkins, Elizabeth Kobliska, Thomas Koval, Amber Longworth, Benjamin Olander, Alixandra Peterson, Riley Peterson, Rylie Rau, Brandon Rubink, Cade Schmidt, Kaitlyn Smith, Alana Sullivan, Morgan Swecker, Jack Tyrrell, Izabelle VanAlst, Ryan Wick, Emmitt Winkels, Kayla Yoder. Grade 8: Tabettha Allen, Rebecca Brown, Abbigail DiGiovanni, Beck Erholtz, Rose Han, Jadyn Kincaid, Alex McIlravy, Torii Nienow, Amber Shequen. B Honor Roll: Grade 12: Tesla Anderson, Aud-Helen Bjaanesoe, Megan Campbell, Edilia Chinbaeva, Nicholas Crist, Rachel Daly, Corey Ekholm, Christopher Hart, Braxton Hirschey, Dylan Jasmer, Alexis Johnson, Coleman Klimek, Jacob Krueger, Eric Lisson, Taeleigh Marlowe, Chelsea Nanik, Haley Payne, Joseph Pugsley, Erik Rislund, Samantha Schimpp, Brian Seamann, Zachary Strickland, Ezra Trantina, Taylor Yungbauer, Melissa Zetah. Grade 11: Mitchell Braith, Hillary Eblen, James Ehresman, Elizabeth Flansburg, Natilee Gabel, Maxwell Giza, Sydnie Johnson, Gage Kieffer, Jonathon Lisson, Stephanie Mitchell, Autumn Nelsen, Sara Oberlander, Hope Ratajczak, Colton Rau, Cesar Sotelo Aportella, Jakub Suchopar, Isaac Swendsrud, Bryn Williams. Grade 10: Kallee Abbas, Jeffrey Allen, Benjamin Bartczak, Bentley Christensen, Brayden Christensen, Blayne Dumpprope, Del Eckman, Colton Fraley, Nicholas Franzen, Addison Hirschey, Larken Hirschey, Derek Kennedy, Joshua Lombard, Spencer Miller, Evan Nanik, Deavon Olson, Chastitiy Runge, Jakob Stangle, Scout Strickland, Jeffrey Sundstrom Jr, Sydney Wallace. Grade 9: Alexis Beach, Nathaniel Belsaas, Ashley Black, Jasmine Braith, Cadee Carlson, Zeke Cline, Kaila Erbe, Tyler Gosch, Dominic Hamann, Ethan Holmberg, Aidan Jaeger, Jonah Johnson, Isaac Kern, Hunter Klimek, Issac Kronenberg, Valeria Lozano, Isabella Martin, Zachary Mikkelsen, Tyson Miller, Peter Nelsen, Paul Peterson, Jacyn-da Rodeman, Alexander Rosenthal, Trevor Rudenick, Madeline Rutherford, Cael Sams, Nathan Stiner, Jeremy Stultz, Shayliegh Sumey, Joshua Trantina, Nathan Trantina. Grade 8: Emmet Anderson, Payton Bjerga, Abigail Brown, Conner Dobson, Cole Greenwaldt, Brooke Heldman, Hannah Heschke, Daniel Lozano, Katherine Michel, Elizabeth Noble, Libby O'Neil, Adam Oberlander, Ava Schneider, Kira Sweeney, Logen Weite, Cole Winkels, Zaynie Zigmund.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Area Church Directory listing various churches and their services. Churches include: Trinity Lutheran, Staples Alliance, United Methodist, Maple Hill Lutheran, Motley Free Methodist, Aldrich Congregational, UCC, Balsamlund Lutheran, Cushing Bethany Lutheran, Lincoln Evangelical Free, Sacred Heart Church, Seventh Day Adventist, Thomastown Covenant, Faith Lutheran, Congregational Church, UCC, Church of Christ, Church of the Nazarene, Hope Chapel Alliance, Family Life Church, Verndale United Methodist, Central United Methodist, Pillager First Lutheran Church, Casino Assembly of God, Longbella Drug Store, Ernie's Food Market, Staples Veterinary Clinic, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Central Building Supply, Staples World, Tower Pizza, Staples True Value.

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The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota Presents Requiem By Johannes Brahms With Chamber Orchestra. Sarah Aamot, Director, Laura Raedeke, Accompanist, Bob Nelson, Baritone and Cathy Taylor, Soprano. Friday, April 21, 2017, 7:10 p.m. Pre-concert Dialogue • 7:30 p.m. Concert. Sacred Heart Chapel • Franciscan Sisters Convent, Little Falls, MN. Saturday, April 22, 2017, 7:10 p.m. Pre-concert Dialogue • 7:30 p.m. Concert. Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd, MN. Sunday, April 23, 2017, 3:10 p.m. Pre-concert Dialogue • 3:30 p.m. Concert. Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd, MN. Ticket Information: Adults/Seniors \$12.00 Pre-Sale \$15.00 At The Door. Students 18 and Under: Free. Pre Sale Locations: Brainerd Dispatch, Bethany Bookstore, Lakes Printing, Morrison County Record, Chorale Members.

The purpose of the cross. Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ. I may have mentioned in the past, a cross I have with three square nails. It hangs on a leather strap on my study wall as a regular reminder of "The Old Rugged Cross" that Jesus was executed on. I have occasionally worn this cross around my neck and under my t-shirt. It rarely stayed on for more than a few days because inevitably, I would be overwhelmed once again at my unworthiness to be bearing a symbol of the extreme cost of Jesus' death in my place for my sin. In fact, if the truth be known, each time, I am overtaken by my hypocrisy in wearing Jesus' death symbol. Please hear me out. I am not suggesting that this needs to be anyone else's story or reason to NOT wear or display a cross. I do hope that with whatever crosses we have on a wall, we wear, or display in any way, that it never becomes an end in itself or an ornament to ooh and ahh over. Actually, in meaning, a cross needs to be both an agony and a hope. We should never "become comfortable" in the meaning of the message of the cross. It needs to always be an opportunity to reflect on our extreme need for Jesus to have come to earth to uniquely pay a price for sin that only He, as God-Man, could pay. Any one of my sins and all of my sins cost Jesus His perfect, sinless life. As with the apostle Paul in I Timothy 1:15 (NIV), even though completely forgiven, he never forgot that "Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst." Hopefully, you and I would recognize that we equally are there with Paul. The cross is a message of hope also. Often, Jesus would make a sweeping statement that He would be turned over to the officials to be crucified and then, three days later, would rise again. The first part of that prediction was so "out in left field" for the apostles to process, they didn't even "hear" the last part of it until after Jesus' resurrection. But, as always when Jesus says He is going to do something, He DID rise again! The cross is empty and so is His tomb! The cross, occupied and then empty, is why we rightfully are humbled and hope-filled. The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses: Longbella Drug Store, Ernie's Food Market, Staples Veterinary Clinic, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Central Building Supply, Staples World, Tower Pizza, Staples True Value.



**NOTICE
VILLARD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION**

**Important information
Regarding Property
Assessments**
This may affect your 2017
property taxes

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Villard Township will meet on Monday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the Villard Town Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The Villard Town Board regular meetings from May 2017 through October 2017 will be held at the Town Hall in Philbrook on the second Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Connie Mosack, Clerk
Villard Township
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**NOTICE
STAPLES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION
MEETING AND
ROAD TOUR**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Staples Township shall meet on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall for the purpose of determining whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor and to determine whether corrections need to be made for 2017.

All persons considering themselves aggrieved by said assessment, or who wish to complain that the property of another is assessed too low, are hereby notified to appear at said meeting and show cause of having such assessment corrected. No complaint that another person is assessed too low will be acted upon until the person so assessed, or his/her agent, shall have been notified of such complaint. The meeting will be scheduled by appointment only. Please contact the Todd County Assessor's Office to schedule an appointment. Phone: 320-732-4430.

The annual road tour will immediately follow.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
14-15pnc

**NOTICE
CITY OF MOTLEY
SPECIAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Motley City Council will meet on Monday, April 17, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will take place at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ongoing compensation study.

Lacey Smieja
City Clerk
15pnc

**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF APPEAL
AND EQUALIZATION**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Fawn Lake Township will meet on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 9 a.m. at the Fawn Lake Town Hall. Contact the Todd County Assessor, Christopher Odden, (320) 732-4430 for an appointment.

Any other questions contact the clerk at (218) 531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
15pnc

**NOTICE
TO THE
RESIDENTS OF
MOTLEY TOWNSHIP**

**Meeting Schedule
(April 2017 - March 2018)
Motley Township Hall
7:00 p.m.
(Unless otherwise noted)**

- April 10, 2017
- April 28, 2017 (Board of Appeal and Equalization at 9:00 a.m.)
- May 8, 2017
- June 12, 2017
- July 10, 2017
- August 14, 2017
- September 11, 2017
- October 9, 2017
- November 13, 2017
- December 11, 2017
- January 8, 2018 (Board of Audit at 7:00 p.m., followed by Regular Board Meeting)
- February 12, 2018
- March 13, 2018 (Election 5-8 p.m., followed by Board of Canvass, Annual Meeting and Regular Board Meeting)

Ken Swecker, Clerk
Motley Township
15-16pnc

**NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
HOUSING AND
REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plan is available for review at the Authority's office at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville. The agency plan may be reviewed Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held on May 31, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts for any comments on the plan or 2018 Capitol Fudning.

Kim Wallace
Executive Director
15pnc

**NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY
HALL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Leader Community Hall board will hold a special meeting on Monday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. at the hall to discuss requirements and authorization to remove mold and repair water damage in the building.

Mark Strom, Secretary
14-15pnc

**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP
ROAD TOUR**

Fawn Lake Township will hold it's annual road tour on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at approximately 9:30 a.m., following the Board of Equalization.

Interested parties should meet at the town hall. Call the clerk with any questions at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
15pnc

**NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK
TOWNSHIP
ROAD REVIEW**

Meadowbrook Township will hold their annual road review Friday, April 21, 2017. The board will meet and start the review 9:00 a.m. at the Leader Community Hall. Meadowbrook residents with concerns are encouraged to attend.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
15-16pnc

**NOTICE
MORAN TOWNSHIP
ROAD INSPECTION**

Moran Township will hold it's annual road inspection tour on Saturday, April 22 at 8:00 a.m. Interested parties should meet at the town hall.

Theresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township
15pnc

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Rensberrys tap the trees; Leinbachs make the syrup



Boiling the sap

Thomas Leinbach, Browerville, stokes the fire that heats the maple tree sap in his boiler, which he built out of an old fuel barrel. This is one of the steps taken in making maple syrup. Leinbach said that he boils 20 gallons of sap an hour, with the temperature reaching about 219 degrees. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

ownership of. Processing the sap into the syrup is then done by Thomas Leinbach and his family. Once the syrup is bottled, both families sell it at area grocery stores, as well as farmers markets and crafts events.

He puts out about 530 taps, Jesse said, using mostly double taps (two taps and one bucket per tree). Trees must measure at least 10 inches in diameter before they can be tapped. "We generally look for 12-inch (diameter) trees because we use the double tap," Jesse explained.

Once the sap is flowing, Jesse's entire family gets involved with collecting it, including his wife, Monica, and their five children: sons Jalon, six; Joel, five; Jared, four; Jethro, two; and daughter Jemima, 10 months old.

"It's been a great opportunity for our kids to learn about work," Jesse said.

The Rensberrys tap trees located on land they rent from a family in the rural Cushing area. "It's actually a Randall address," Jesse said, adding that they give five percent of the finished syrup to the land owner.

Jesse's 76-year-old father, Howard Rensberry, comes all the way from Saskatchewan to help them every year. "He enjoys helping with the syrup, but I also think he comes to see

the grandchildren," Jesse said.

Monica grew up in Northern Wisconsin, in an area where maple sap was plentiful. "We had 40 acres in our woods and we made a lot of maple syrup," she said. It's something she never grows tired of. "I use it in making strawberry smoothies, maple milk... there's also a good recipe for making maple syrup caramel corn," Monica shared.

They enjoy being outside in the woods together as a family, Jesse said. The older boys help their parents gather the buckets that have filled with sap. These are first of all poured into 60 gallon containers (strained with a towel) and then pumped into a 325 gallon tank, which is then delivered to the Leinbachs, who are ready to take over the syrup-making process.

The sap is first transferred into large tanks and then gravity-fed through copper tubing into the boiler unit. In order to preheat the sap before it reaches the boiler pan, Thomas has designed a system using a water jack on the chimney, with water heating the copper coil, which in turn heats the sap as it is fed into the boiler. It was a design a friend of his came up with, Thomas said.

In addition, Thomas

built the boiler using an old fuel barrel that he cut in half. A fire box is located in the bottom of the barrel, which he and his wife, Delores, keep stoked with wood. The sap is constantly flowing and this step in the process can take at least nine hours.

Using a bulb hydrometer, Thomas keeps an eye on the temperature of the sap. When it reaches 219 degrees, it has become syrup.



Ready for pancakes

The Leinbach siblings hold up bottles of pure maple syrup that their father, Thomas Leinbach made at the family farm in Browerville. Pictured from left are Julian, two; Dallas, 11; Cynthia, seven. The Leinbachs (Thomas, his wife, Delores; and their three children) sell their syrup at farmers markets, as well as at several area grocery stores.



Checking out the sap

Delores Leinbach holds up her two-year-old son, Julian, in order for him to see the sap that has just finished boiling and will next be filtered before it is bottled.



Getting closer

Above: Thomas Leinbach checks the hydrometer which measures the temperature of the boiling sap and indicates whether enough water has been removed during the boiling process. When it reaches approximately 219 degrees, the sugar content is where it needs to be, indicating that it has been converted from maple sap to maple syrup. At this point, the syrup will go through a finishing process before it is finally bottled.



Little helpers

Six-year-old Jalon Rensberry (left) and his younger brother Jethro, two, help empty buckets of sap gathered from trees their parents, Jesse and Monica, have tapped.



Emptying a bucket

Jesse Rensberry, right, pours a bucket of maple sap into one of the 60-gallon containers, with a little help from his oldest son, Jalon.