

City approves lot sale for Casey’s store

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a purchase agreement for two city-owned lots, between 7th and 8th St. NE, near Hwy 10, to Casey’s Retail Company, a convenience store business.

At their July 25 meeting, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they have set a closing date for Jan. 31, but they anticipate it being done earlier than that. He said Casey’s will have to purchase other lots from landowners and will have to request the alley be vacated, which will require a permit from the city. “There are some hoops to jump through,” said

Nelsen.

The property is zoned commercial so a special use permit will not be needed to build a business.

“This is a good commercial development and redevelopment of that property,” said Nelsen.

The council unanimously approved the sale.

In other news, Nelsen said the Staples Planning and Zoning Commission talked about rental codes at their last meeting and are moving forward to develop a recommendation for the city.



Early morning refreshment

A mama deer and her fawns stopped by a birdbath in rural Staples recently for a drink of water. From there, the family moved on to the nearby apple tree for a bite of breakfast. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

The United States became the first and only nation to use atomic weaponry during wartime when it dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. Though the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan marked the end of World War II, many historians argue that it also ignited the Cold War. Since 1940, the United States had been working on developing an atomic weapon, after having been warned by Albert Einstein that Nazi Germany was already conducting research into nuclear weapons. By the time the United States conducted the first successful test (an atomic bomb was exploded in the desert in New Mexico in July 1945), Germany had already been defeated. The war against Japan in the Pacific, however, continued to rage. President Harry S. Truman, warned by some of his advisers that any attempt to invade Japan would result in horrific American casualties, ordered that the new weapon be used to bring the war to a speedy end. A blast equivalent to the power of 15,000 tons of TNT reduced four square miles of the city to ruins and immediately killed 80,000 people. Tens of thousands more died in the following weeks from wounds and radiation poisoning. Three days later, another bomb was dropped on the city of Nagasaki, killing nearly 40,000 more people. A few days later, Japan announced its surrender.

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Friendly water balloon stand off

Staples Police Officer Jeremy Pape takes an official stance preparing to dodge a barrage of water balloons. The games were part of the fun, food and family time at the “Take Back the Night” event held August 1 at Northern Pacific Park in Staples. Officer Pape and Officer Ryan Walwick (out of photo range) participated in the balloon fight. They were part of the TBTN events along with local first responders, police, deputies, firemen, state patrol, EMS, DNR, mounted posse and supporting entities.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make neighborhoods safer, better places to live. See natw.org/about. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Comprehensive plan survey results listed

The City of Staples is in the process of developing a community vision and comprehensive plan update. Two electronic surveys were available for public input from May 15 through July 26, 2017.

The general community survey included the areas of transportation, housing, economic development, community vision, healthy communities, among other plan elements.

The parks, trails and open space survey studied areas related to community aspirations, accessibility, uses and possible project locations.

Survey respondents noted the top four elements that make for a healthy community as a healthy

economy, successful school district, low crime and safe neighborhoods, and access to healthcare.

Participants noted support towards:

- enhancing the community’s image,
- supporting local businesses,
- enhancing the trail network,
- maintaining the effective transportation system and
- capitalizing on Staples great-est assets.

A list of themes were also identified where change is desired:

- blighted neighborhoods and vacant storefronts,
- expanding housing choices,
- improving community collaboration and support,

- revitalizing the downtown,
- improving bicycle networks and connections and
- addressing growth and development challenges.

A total of 225 responses were received. These responses will form the foundation of the plan, ensuring that the goals and strategies are designed with the community in mind.

The project team will continue to analyze the results of the survey, which will form the foundation of goal and policy development efforts. A series of draft goals will be developed by the steering committee with aims of a second visioning session to be held in the fall for further participation and

public comment.

This plan is a long-range guiding document that will help the city in managing growth and development to 2035. It will establish a unified vision of the city’s future, directly fed by the guidance of the community.

Residents can follow the project’s process by visiting the project’s website at GOSTaples2035.wordpress.com. Here residents can read meeting minutes, review data and content, and converse with the project team via e-mail.

Any questions or suggestions can be directed to Melissa Radermacher, Project Manager and Economic Development Director, at 218-894-2550.

Bruce Drone retires after 32-plus years

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Bruce Drone has seen a lot of changes during the nearly 33 years he’s worked at Staples-Motley High School.

He recalled the year they tore down the 1920 building and added on the new gymnasium and locker room. During that time they also remodeled what had formerly been a technical college and converted it to what is now the high school.

“Then in 1990, Centennial Auditorium was built. That was another big change here,” Bruce said on July 31, his last day working at the high school.

He’s loved his job; but felt that it was time to retire.

“I’ve enjoyed meeting the different kids and staff members,” Bruce said,

adding that highlights included going on music trips with the high school music department as a chaperone.

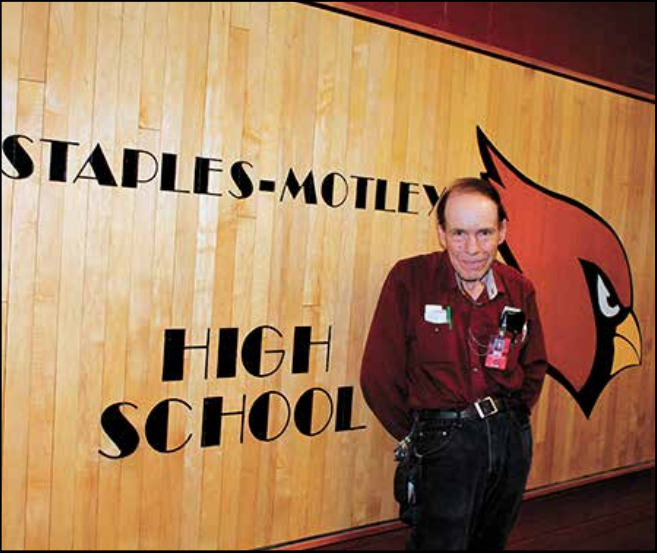
A 1970 Staples High School graduate himself, Drone has been loyal to the Cardinals for a long time.

Although he had been previously worked at the school through the government JOBZ program in 1983, Bruce said he was officially hired to work there in January of 1984.

“I started out working in the kitchen,” he said, adding that he had been interviewed by Bruce Hayenga and Dick Donat.

Two years after that, Mike Cizek hired him to be a part of the custodial staff. Early on, the focus of his job was in custodial maintenance, but in recent years it has been in custodial cleaning.

Some weeks are busier than others, Bruce noted,



Dedicated employee

Bruce Drone of Staples retired July 31 after 32-plus years of service at Staples-Motley High School. Most recently, Drone worked as a custodian. He has also worked at the school in the areas of buildings and grounds, food service, custodial maintenance and cleaning. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

mentioning the extra work that comes when there is a play, music event, or basketball tournament. That can be a challenge.

Bruce remembers when he first was hired there were 16 or 17 custodians for the high school and technical college. Today, there is one head custodian, three full-time custodians and one part-time custodian.

What does he plan on doing with all of his extra time?

“I want to do some traveling and possibly spend the winters in the South,” Bruce said. “I also want to get more involved in volunteer work and do some more golfing.”

As he thinks back on the past 32-plus years of work at SMHS, Bruce said, “It’s been rewarding. I want to thank Bruce Hayenga for hiring me in the first place... for giving me a chance; and Mike Cizek, too.”

Thank you for subscribing!



Gracie's Run

The 9th Annual Gracie's Run on July 22 raised \$8,000 for the CentraCare Health Foundation in St. Cloud to support parents with babies in the NIC (neonatal intensive care) unit and the pediatric unit of the hospital. The motorcycle run honors Grace Becker, infant daughter of Joe Becker and Rebecca Line, who died in 2009 when she was just eight months old. The funds raised will help parents with expenses associated with extended stays so they can be with their baby. Over the nine years \$25,000 has been raised. This year over 200 people on 102 registered motorcycles and other vehicles left from Twisted Sisters, Staples. Six vehicles carried the children. Children's activities were planned at each of the three stops on the 140 mile run. The route changes each year.

At left, Chris Chapman plays darts with his daughter Hadley at the first stop at the Sebekka Municipal. Samantha Motl, holding her two-year-old nephew Noah DeWald, keeps a watchful eye. In the background seven-year-old Vance consults with his mother Kayla Vejtasa.

The event is attracting more participants each year, according to Bonnie Line, one of the organizers. She credits "wonderful family and wonderful friends" for the success and promises that the 10th Annual Gracie's Run will be even more special. (Above, Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson. At left, submitted photo)



Summer cleaning

The custodial crew at Staples-Motley High School has been hard at work during the summer months, getting the entire facility 'deep cleaned' and ready to go prior to the first day of school in September. Pictured above, from left, are full-time custodians Bea Meech (left) and Travis Benson. Pictured below, moving a desk back into the science room, are Anita Hove, substitute custodian; Meech and Benson. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Custodians keeping it clean at SMHS

There seems to be a misconception that school custodians are taking it easy during the summer months.

"That's actually one of our busiest times...that and basketball season," said Travis Benson who has worked as a full-time custodian at Staples-Motley High School for the past seven years.

As soon as school lets out in May, the custodial staff kicks it into gear to make sure the facility is in tip-top shape before classes resume in the fall.

"Everything gets cleaned," said fellow-custodian Bea Meech, mentioning desks, chairs and cupboards, all of which get taken out into the hallways so that the classroom floors can be thoroughly cleaned.

The tables are heavy, Benson said, adding that they work together and also use a cart to move them. They scrape gum from the bottoms of desks, but Benson said they've been finding less gum than in other years. "So, that's good," he said.

There are approximately 34 classrooms at the high school, Meech said. "Plus the athletic end and all of the offices," she added, noting that it takes quite a while to get through every one.

Once those rooms are finished, the custodians will concentrate on cleaning the hallways. "We do those last," Benson said. "They are all scrubbed twice and then they get two coats of wax."

They're pretty much on schedule, Meech and Benson said. "School starts the day after Labor Day, so we have to be finished by then."



Youth baseball

The S-M Summer Recreation youth baseball program held their Little League championships on July 26, along with the National Anthem sung by Katie Ziegler, the lineups were announced and it was time to play ball. Above; Logan Robben at the bat, with Dillon Robben as catcher. At right, Owen Winter, outfielder, has a bead on a fly ball. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



SM Youth Baseball season wraps up

"It was a great summer for the Staples-Motley Youth Baseball," according to Kevin Roline, Staples-Motley Community Education Coordinator.

The Staples-Motley Summer Recreation program held their Little League championships July 26.

The Little League Champions were Staples Ace Hardware, over the Motley Dairy Queen by one run. In the bottom of the fourth with two outs, Natalie Kossan got a base hit to drive in the winning run.

Tower Pizza was the third place winner over STEP.

The Minor League Champion was; First International Bank & Trust, second place; Trident Seafoods and third place was Design Electronics.

"We had 45 ballplayers in the T-ball/PeeWee League, 34 in Minor and 41 in Little Leagues," Roline reported. "We were fortunate and had 11 local sponsors, who purchased t-shirts for all of the ballplayers."

T-ball/PeeWee League sponsors were; Central Building Supply, Holst Construction, Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union and TSR Construction.

Minor League sponsors were; Design Electronics, First International Bank

& Trust and Trident Seafoods.

Little League sponsors were; Motley Dairy Queen, Staples Ace Hardware, STEP and Tower Pizza.

"Thanks to all the sponsors, coaches, players and fans for making this a fantastic summer of baseball," Roline said. "A special thank you to Nyhus Chevrolet of Staples along with the Chevrolet Corporation for their financial support and donation of equipment. To all of you who participated in the Chevrolet Test Drive program in June, thank you. We were able to get an additional \$500 for youth baseball."

Applications open for \$8.6 million in Legacy grants for conservation

Groups wanting to restore, protect or enhance public land can apply for Conservation Partners Legacy (CPL) grants to help pay for work on Minnesota prairies, forests, wetlands or other habitat for fish and wildlife.

Nonprofit organizations and government entities are eligible to submit applications for traditional and metro grant cycles until 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, on the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website at mndnr.gov/cpl.

Projects must be on public land or land permanently protected by conservation easements. Applicants may request up to \$400,000 with a total project cost not exceeding \$575,000. Projects also must have a 10 percent match from a source outside a state agency.

In its first eight years of funding, over \$44 million has been granted through the CPL program for habitat projects throughout Minnesota. Funding comes from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, which was created after voters approved the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in 2008.

Three types of CPL grants

For fiscal year 2018, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council recommended allocating \$4.5 million for the traditional grant cycle, \$2.6 million for the metro grant cycle (for projects located in the seven-county metro area or within the city limits of Duluth, St. Cloud and Rochester) and \$1.5 million for the Expedited Conservation Projects (ECP) grant cycle. The ECP cycle is open continuously through May 11, 2018, or until funds run out, with the first funding round due Sept. 25.

More information about the three grant types can be found at mndnr.gov/cpl. Potential applicants are encouraged to review the request for proposal and the "how to apply" tab on the website, which guides users through the application process.

Questions can be directed to: Jessica Lee, CPL grant program coordinator for the DNR, jessica.lee@state.mn.us or 651-259-5233.

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Proposed 2018 health insurance rates released

Minnesotans can now see proposed 2018 rate information submitted by Minnesota insurers to the Minnesota Commerce Department for individual health insurance plans, including those that will be sold through MNsure.

All insurers that currently offer health plans in Minnesota's individual market have filed rate proposals for 2018.

The insurers' rate proposals, which are preliminary and must be reviewed by the Commerce Department, are available on the Commerce website (mn.gov/commerce). Also available are proposed 2018 rates for small group health plans that serve employers with 2-50 employees.

Final 2018 rates will be announced by Oct. 2. The 2018 open enrollment period to buy health insurance begins on Nov. 1 and is scheduled to continue through Dec. 15.

The individual market rate proposals apply only to Minnesotans who directly purchase their own health insurance policies. Most Minnesotans receive coverage from employer-based insurance or public programs such as Medicare, Medical Assistance (Medicaid) and MinnesotaCare.

As of April this year, about 166,000 Minnesotans

have coverage through the individual market.

This year, for the first time, insurers were required to submit two sets of proposed rates: One set with, and one set without, a new state reinsurance program.

Earlier this year, Minnesota enacted a law to create the Minnesota Premium Security Plan. This reinsurance program is designed to help stabilize premiums in the state's individual market, providing a financial backstop against especially high-cost claims.

Implementation of the reinsurance program is contingent on federal approval, which is pending. The state's application for what is known as a 1332 waiver application was submitted by the Commerce Department to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

"To date, we have received positive feedback from federal officials to get their approval for the reinsurance program," said Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman. "We are still waiting to receive that approval and hope federal authorities decide by the end of August in order to help finalize the lower rates with reinsurance for 2018."

Despite uncertainties about potential Congressional action on health reform, the Commerce Department instructed insurers to prepare their rate proposals based on existing federal laws and regulations that currently apply for 2018.

On behalf of Minnesota consumers, the Commerce Department will conduct a rigorous, thorough rate review of each insurer's rate proposal.

Rates must be justified both by the benefits that consumers receive for their premiums and by the insurance company's ability to pay expected medical claims costs based on premium revenue.

Insurers must also comply with state and federal laws that protect consumers, including coverage for pre-existing conditions and free preventive care, the adequacy of the provider network and the procedures an individual must follow to enroll or have a claim paid.

As part of the rate review process, the Commerce Department is accepting public comments on the insurers' 2018 rate proposals through Aug. 31. Minnesotans can submit comments to healthinsurance.ratecomments@state.mn.us.



New Habitat For Humanity location

The City of Staples agreed to purchase a house located at 705 Oak Ave. SW in Staples from the Todd County tax forfeited roll. The city's plan is to allow Habitat For Humanity to demolish the home and build a new one on the lot. The purchase cost was \$2,500. The Lakes Area Habitat For Humanity has helped renovate one home in Staples and has been looking for another project to start in the city. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples Police report variety of incidents

The Staples Police Department responded to the following incidents:

July 30 - ATVs were reported tearing up the road on Nebraska Ave. SW but were gone when police arrived.

July 30 - Juveniles were reported jumping off and swimming around the pier at Dower Lake and were given a warning. The juveniles and a supervisor said

they didn't see a "no swimming" sign. Police made sure the "no swimming" signs were in plain view at the beginning of the pier.

July 30 - A report was received of a suspicious vehicle on the 800 block of 8th St NE. Police located the vehicle and learned the driver was playing Pokemon.

July 29 - A dog bite was reported taking place on the 500 block of Long Prairie Rd. The dog's owner was served with potentially dangerous dog paperwork.

July 29 - The police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a domestic on Co Rd 21.

July 29 - The police assisted the State Patrol with a motorcycle accident on Hwy 10 near 321st Ave.

July 29 - A theft was reported on the 500 block of 5th St. NE.

July 28 - During a traffic stop police discovered Samantha Johnson had an outstanding Todd County warrant. Bail money was collected from Johnson and she was advised regarding further action.

July 28 - A green Huffy bike was found at the entrance of Pine Grove Park. The bike was brought to impound and can be claimed by calling SPD.

July 27 - A disturbance

was reported in the 500 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE in which a window was broken out of a residence. It was verbal argument and police remained on the scene until one of the parties left.

July 27 - A fight that had taken place earlier in the day on the 200 block of 6th St. NE was reported. Two juveniles were cited with disorderly conduct.

July 27 - Police assisted Todd County Sheriff's Office with a two vehicle crash at the intersection of Hwy 10 and County Rd 83. One vehicle struck a boat and knocked it off the trailer. One person had minor injuries.

July 26 - Police arrested Sara Tangeman on an outstanding warrant, in the 1400 block of 8th St. NE.

July 25 - Police received a report of a violation of an Order For Protection on the 400 block of 6th St. NE.

July 24 - Police were called to the 1400 block of 8th St NE for a report of marijuana plants growing in the area. The plants were removed and police are following up on the incident.

Other reports during the week included animal complaints and traffic stops.



Staples Host Lions Club donations total \$5,400

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated a total of \$5,400 to local organizations. These included Staples-Motley Community Education, \$1,500; Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce, \$500; Staples-Motley ISD 2170, \$400; and Staples Motley Area Arts Council (SMAAC), \$3,000. Pictured at top left is Staples Host Lions Club President Mike Gedde (left)

and Kevin Roline, Community Education Coordinator. Pictured top right is Mary Sperley, SMAAC President and Gedde. Pictured lower left is Gedde and Jaime Boesen, SM 2170 Business Manager. Pictured lower right is Steve Gertken (left), Chamber President; and Gedde. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Topp named new recruiter at CLC

Central Lakes College has hired Tambera Topp as its new recruiter. Topp, who received her BS in Accounting and her MBA from the Minnesota School of Business brings higher education and student service experience to the position. Her most recent role as Education and Employment Advisor/Data Coordinator for the RITA Grant at CLC.

Topp, is a Brainerd resident, and looks forward to making connections in the community and surrounding area as she visits high schools throughout the region, sharing the programs and options CLC has to offer.

"My knowledge of student services and support, as well as my experience as a non-traditional student, have given me an understanding of what our prospective students go through," Topp said. "It's very exciting and inspiring



Tambera Topp

to watch someone decide to enroll in college and witness them changing their life."

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Herrera-Torres sought treatment for knife abrasions

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Officers found Herrera-Torres' Focus in the hospital parking lot with red stains and smudges, according to the complaint.

Herrera-Torres was transferred to the St. Cloud Hospital. While he was in his hospital bed, he asked an officer, "How is Dominga doing?" according to the complaint.

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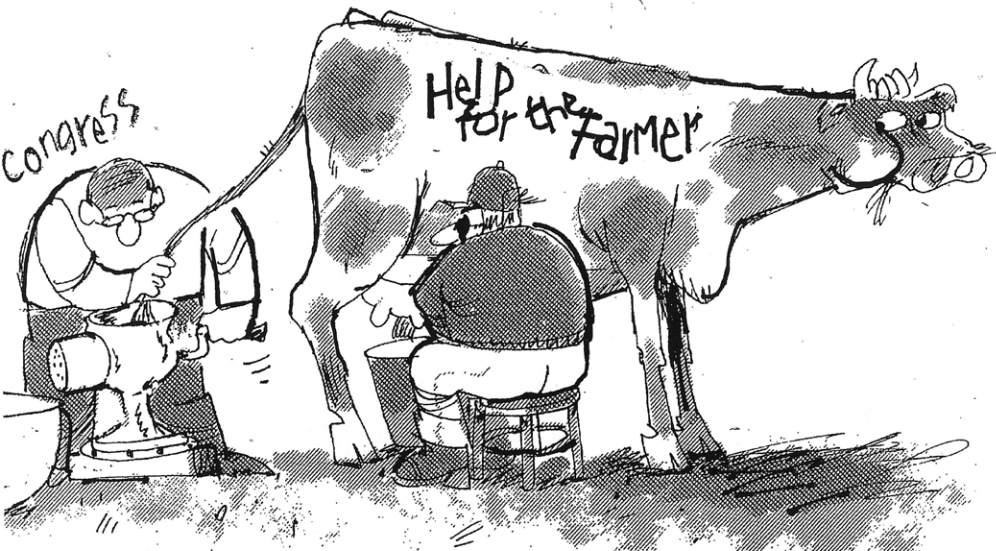
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Minnesota death tax is out of step with most states

By Peter Nelson

Minnesota is one of 18 states and the District of Columbia that levy either an estate or inheritance tax, often called death taxes. Among these states, a new report by the Tax Foundation shows Minnesota imposes the sixth most burdensome death tax in the country, making Minnesota a real outlier.

Comparing state estate and inheritance taxes is complicated because there are so many variations in how these taxes are levied. To help compare states, the Tax Foundation calculated the effective estate tax rate each state applies to four different values of estates—\$2.5 million, \$5 million, \$10 million and \$20 million. The report also calculated effective inheritance tax rates states apply to bequests of \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1 million.

The table below combines the Tax Foundation information on both effective estate and inheritance tax rates and ranks states from the highest rate to the lowest rate. As the table shows, Minnesota imposes the sixth highest effective death tax rate in the country for three of the four estate/bequest values and ranks fifth for estates/bequests valued at \$5 million.

Minnesota's estate tax burden is even more of an outlier when compared regionally. Minnesota and Illinois are the only states that impose an estate tax outside the Northeast and the Northwest coasts. Minnesota is further isolated by the fact that Illinois imposes a tax on estates valued at \$10 million at about half the effective rate as Minnesota.

There are economic con-

sequences to Minnesota being such an outlier. As the Tax Foundation report explains, "Studies show that economic decision-making is, in fact, affected by inheritance and estate tax regimes." The report then itemizes several economic ramifications, including reduced hiring, business divestiture, less entrepreneurship, less saving, less investment, lower GDP growth, and years of lost tax revenues from wealthy people moving to avoid the tax.

To this last point on people moving, wealthy people are clearly avoiding Minnesota. American Experiment's 2016 report, Minnesotans on the Move, analyzed a new set of IRS migration data. These data irrefutably show Minnesota is losing high income earners. Looking at migration by income level between 2011 and 2014, the second largest net loss of people came from households earning \$200,000 or more. The largest loss came from people earning \$100,000 to \$200,000. With few exceptions, this net of loss people go to lower tax states.

Pull all the evidence together - the economic studies, the economic theory and the migration data - and it becomes clear Minnesota's outlier status on the estate tax impacts the economy. From the perspective of many economists, the economic costs of the estate tax outweigh the modest revenue states collect. And the revenue is modest. In FY 2017, Minnesota's estate tax brought in \$130 million - just 0.6 percent of state revenues.

Many state lawmakers do understand the severe economic costs of Min-

nesota's estate tax. This year legislators proposed a number of bills to eliminate or reduce the estate tax. The first tax bill vetoed by Governor Dayton would have raised the estate tax exemption amount to the federal level, which is currently set at \$5.49 million compared to Minnesota's \$1.8 million exemption. As a compromise, lawmakers settled on raising the exemption amount to \$3 million by 2020.

This is certainly a step in the right direction, but it's only a small step. If other states maintained their current estate taxes, then Minnesota's effective tax rate ranking might improve by four or five spots by 2020. However, several states ranked just below Minnesota are currently phasing in much larger reductions to their estate tax. New Jersey's estate tax will be eliminated next year. Maryland's exemption amount will match the federal amount by 2019 and the District of Columbia's exemption amount is also set to reach the federal amount in 2018, so long as certain revenue conditions are met.

With New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia all reducing estate taxes by more than Minnesota, Minnesota's effective tax rate will likely only improve relative to Rhode Island (and partially Connecticut) after the exemption amount rises to \$3 million. Thus, Minnesota will undoubtedly remain an outlier without further action to reduce the estate tax.

Peter Nelson is a Senior Policy Fellow at Center of the American Experiment in Golden Valley, Minn.

Public invited to CLC Ag & Energy Field Day

By Keith Olander

The Ag & Energy Research Center will hold its Field Day Friday, Aug. 25, from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We invite everyone to come and see what's happening, get updated on our research and programming.

Who should attend?

The 2017 Field Day will appeal to five audiences:

- **Local Foods/Growing Food:** This audience can expect to see some of the latest work in the areas of pears, garden vegetables, apple orcharding, high tunnel use and several berry species.

- **Another audience appeal:** Farmers who grow agronomic crops to see the work in the area of in-furrow treatments, nitrogen application rates and their affects on plant growth, and several variety trials with representative exhib-

iting during the day.

- **A third audience focus** is in the area cover crops, grazing, and combining livestock into crop rotations. This tour will start and end at the ag and energy center. You'll also see a couple off-site applications of this land use concept.

- **Fourth audience** - those who wish to learn about water quality, environmental impacts of farming on coarse sandy soils. Come and share in the tour of the Byron site. The bus leaves at 10:30 a.m.

- **Finally,** we invite those who want to come and just "see" agriculture, drive some new equipment, bring your children to participate in the children's program where they'll be able to ride a tractor, dig and take potatoes and experience flying a drone. Adults will have much of the same activities to learn about the industry of agri-

culture.

For all who attend there's a complimentary lunch and the ice cream social at Living Legacy Gardens. Bring a sample of your tap water to have it tested free for nitrate content.

Senator Paul Gazelka will be joining us at the luncheon program along with other staff from our federal legislators who will be sharing during lunch as well.

All are welcome to attend. For more information call 218-894-5141/218-894-5123 or visit: <http://www.clcmn.edu/events/field-day/>

See you August 25!

Olander, the Director of AgCentric, MN State Center of Excellence in Agriculture; Dean of Agricultural Studies; Director of CLC Ag & Energy Center in Staples. 218-894-5163 or kolander@clcmn.edu.

Provide for cover crops in insurance guide

By Anna Johnson
Center for Rural Affairs

Farmers manage crops, maintain equipment, and market products, often while balancing a second job and family demands.

Adding a dispute with a crop insurance company is the last thing farmers need.

Kevin Glanz, a farmer near Manchester, Iowa, has planted cover crops for five years. Cover crops are usually grasses or legumes planted between crop rotations to suppress weeds, manage soil erosion, and help soil quality.

Last year, his crop insurance agent raised concerns. After three in-person inspections as part of a quality control audit, Kevin understood if he filed a claim in the fall, his loss may not be covered due to a cover crop practice.

Crop insurance is managed by the federal government, which underwrites policies. In addition, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has established "Good Farming Practices" to help define good crop management and stewardship.

However, "Good Farming Practices" does not address cover crops, so there is an additional set of guidelines that direct when farmers should terminate cover crops before planting their main crop to remain eligible for crop insurance.

In 2015, the government spent nearly \$8 billion on administering crop insurance, including support for farmers' crop insurance bills (or premiums), indemnities, and expense reimbursement to crop insurance companies.

Congress is beginning work on the next farm bill, and we urge our elected representatives to consider policies that encourage crop insurance companies to support conservation practices, such as cover crops.

Farmers and good stewards like Kevin need to know they can depend on

their crop insurance.

Johnson can be reached at annaj@cfra.org. Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.



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'40 Days for Life' info meeting

Sacred Heart Church in Staples will host an informational meeting regarding the '40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil' Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 7 p.m.

According to a press release, this is a peaceful vigil of prayer and fasting for the end of abortion.

Beth Bohannan, Alexandria; and Lisa Boie, Staples, will be sharing their experience with organizing prayer vigils in Walker and Florida. Refreshments will be served.

"Come learn, ask questions and be encouraged about how prayer works and how it is an honor to pray for the gift of life." More information is available online at www.40daysforlife.com.

For more information, call Rosie Blessing at 218-894-2337.

Auditions set for 'My Fair Lady'

Auditions are scheduled for "My Fair Lady," a musical to be staged by Pequot Lakes Community Theater, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21 and Tuesday, Aug. 22 in the Pequot Lakes High School auditorium.

"My Fair Lady," is based on George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion," with book and lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe.

This beloved musical will be directed by Gary Hirsch, choreographed by Wendy DeGeest with music direction by Renee Anderson. Performance dates are Nov. 10, 11, 12 and 17, 18, 19.

The story concerns Eliza Doolittle, a Cockney flower girl who takes speech lessons from Professor Henry Higgins, a phoneticist, so that she may pass as a lady.

"My Fair Lady" appeared on the Broadway stage in 1956 with a list of hit songs, "Wouldn't it be Lovely," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in

Spain," and "On the Street Where You Live."

The cast of characters includes Professor Henry Higgins, Colonel Pickering, Eliza Doolittle, Alfred P. Doolittle, Freddy Eynsford-Hill and a large number of supporting roles along with a good-sized chorus. Ages 15 and older are welcome.

Hirsch promises "Many, many good roles will be cast. We'll rehearse Monday through Thursday evenings beginning August 24."

Hirsch asks that those auditioning arrive early enough to fill out the audition form. "Dress to move, bring tap shoes if you have them and prepare a song you think will make you sound good. It does not need to be from the show," he advised.

For information go to www.glapa.info or call Pequot Lakes Community Education at 218-568-9200.

School board special meeting, work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a special meeting Monday, Aug. 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the school district office. At 7 p.m. or immediately following the special meeting the board will hold a work session in the high school media center.

At the special meeting the board will first meet in an open session to review a grievance of Staples-Motley Support Staff Contract provision.

They will adjourn into a closed session pursuant to attorney client privilege.

When the board reconvenes into an open session they will discuss potential action related to the grievance.

After the special meeting adjourns the board work session will begin. FJJ (Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc.) will present their findings and recommendation from the facility study they have been conducting in the district.

Mark Your Calendar

August 3

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Todd County Health & Human Services, Thurs., Aug. 3, Lakewood Health System Sr. Campus, Staples. For info., to make an appt., 320-732-4500.

CHILD & TEEN CHECK-UP CLINIC sponsored by Todd County Health & Human Services, Thurs., Aug. 3. For info., to make an appt., 320-732-4500.

WIC CLINIC sponsored by Todd County Health & Human Services, Thurs., Aug. 3, 9 a.m. - noon; and 1 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Sr. Campus, Staples. For info., 320-732-4456.

August 9

FAMILY FUN NIGHT sponsored by Motley Free Methodist Church, Wednesday, Aug. 9, 6 - 8 p.m., at Pioneer Park in Motley. Picnic supper, games. All are welcome.

August 15, 16

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Aug. 15, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Walk-In. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Aug. 15, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Aug. 16, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider requests from Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce for Railroad Days Activities
- Consider resolution authorizing participation with the Community Concern for Youth Program with Todd-Wadena Community Corrections for 2018.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

Educational Opportunities

August 15

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT REFRESHER COURSE sponsored by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues., Aug. 15, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294.

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Folk/rock musician

Minnesota singer/songwriter Ted Feyder will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m. (Submitted photo)

Ted Feyder is next at 'Music in the Park'

Minnesota singer/songwriter Ted Feyder will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, Aug. 6, at 7 p.m.

An accomplished musician, Feyder plays guitar, mandolin and harmonica; and is known for his rich singing voice. His songs are inspired by the northwoods, family and faith.

Feyder grew up north of Hibbing in the Side Lake community. His family lived on Big Sturgeon Lake and it was there that he first was introduced to music and the outdoors, both of which would become passions of his. At age 10, Ted started learning guitar; and he continued studying music and performing throughout high school and college.

During the 1980s, Ted lived in Alaska, which inspired a number of self-penned tunes featuring nature and family topics. In 1989, he moved back to Minnesota and for 10 years was part of the esteemed folk-rock duo, Feyder and Everhart, which he formed with college-friend Glen Everhart. During that time, the duo performed full-time, entertaining at colleges, corporate events, resorts, etc. They also recorded four CD's, including "Goin' Up North," which has become a favorite of Minnesota outdoors enthusiasts; and been featured on radio and television stations throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Since 2007, Ted has worked as the worship pastor at Lakewood Evangelical Free Church in Baxter. He still performs some of his earlier music on occasion and is looking forward to the upcoming concert in Staples.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 13. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the Staples Motley Public Schools and the City of Staples.

Peter Geye set for Book Ends

Book Ends, the monthly meet-the-author event held in Wadena will welcome Peter Geye as the next guest on Aug. 12.

Geye, a Minnesota native, has authored three novels where the state and its people figure prominently. He showcases the north shore of Lake Superior in its splendors, dangers, mysteries and its challenges.

His three novels are "Safe From the Sea" (2010), "The Lighthouse Road" (2012), and "Wintering" (2016). "Wintering" won the 2017 Minnesota Book Award for Fiction.

Geye writes of what he knows, having spent childhood vacations in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. After a bumpy youth as a student in Minneapolis, he accepted a challenge from a high school English teacher to read a book if he hoped to be as smart as he acted. He read Hemingway and the rest is literary history.

With his writing, Geye hopes to inform his children about their father's values and to inform parents about loving their children in different ways.

Book Ends begins at



Peter Geye

11 a.m. at The Uptown in Wadena and concludes with lunch. The format includes the author discussing his novels and the writing process in general, short readings from his books, followed by a question and answer time, book sales and autographs.

"We're fortunate to have booked Peter before he won the Minnesota Book Award," says moderator and Nimrod author Jerry Mevissen. "He's a busy man. If you love a tight novel with strong characters and a Lake Superior's north shore setting, be sure to join us."

Firearm safety classes offered

Firearm safety classes, a Minnesota DNR certified program, will be offered in Staples Aug. 14 - 18, from 6 - 9 p.m. each night, at the Staples Community Center.

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.

Field day will be held Saturday, Aug. 19, 9 a.m. -

noon, at Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGivern Park). Free.

Mark Holper is the instructor for both the classes and the field day.

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 24 students.

Online classes are available in combination with Field Day.

Register online at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us and follow the Community Education link. Register for both classroom AND field day. For more information, call 651-553-7631.

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AUCTION

Sale held at the Motley Fairgrounds, Motley, MN. Shelter if rain.

Saturday, August 5, 2017

SALE TIME: 10 A.M. RESTROOMS LUNCH AVAILABLE

As we have sold our home and moved out of state we will sell the following items at auction:

Ford 9N Tractor w/ loader, runs good WF-FF #228098	*Cub Cadet riding lawn mower, w/4 deck, Super LT1554, 27 hp. Sears Craftsman riding lawn mower. Special Edition, 22 hp, 42" cut	2003 Ford Explorer 4x4 w/2 key fobs, 134,822 mi, nice, runs good, little rust	14' 1978 Greger boat and trailer
2 vintage Victorian sofa	2 seat settee - vintage	2 oval picture frames	2 wooden wall storage boxes
Victoria Secret box w/2 vintage women's hats	Decorative (LOVE) clock	Roll of new carpet	Headboard
Box of candle holders, 1 doz.	2 bundt pans (gold)	Antique Singer treadle sewing machine	Cym bags
Large glass bowl	2 burners (gold)	Wooden roll away kitchen w/ station	Old sm. end table
Glass bottle with cork cap	Burn cards	Wooden utensil tray	Engine hoist
Glass jar w/colored pine cones, flowers, etc	1 jar & 1 gold	Line hope chest (1972) w/keys	6 gal. water jug, blue
2 y. candles in containers, 1 jar & 1 gold	Bas of misc. candles	2 oval picture frames	Rico tiller
Whitegold trim creamer & sugar set	Bag of Scentsy candle wax	Round quilt frame	Scott's fertilizer spreader
Electric candles for Scentsy candles	Up, computer bowl, glass w/etched design	12" Hammer drill (new)	Earthway seed & fertilizer spreader
Antique biscuit jar, white w/purple flowers	4 purses, 1 blk. & wh., 2 red, 1 brown	Master Mechanic power tool	Window well, foundation protector
10 assorted picture frames	Antique round drum table w/drawer	18" Chicago drill	Mini Mac chain saw
3 crocks	2 brown leather Lane recliners	Black & Decker vibrating sander	Gopher getter
2 pink flower pictures - Home Interior	3 books by Bodie & Brock Thorne	DeWalt biscuit cutter	Blue soil conditioner
Sm. round mahogany color table	Set of bunk beds	7 pc. laser level kit	3-1/2 of cement mixer
Set of bunk beds	Round patio table	Wood 7x10 scroll saw	Galv. pan - bucket
Sm. round mahogany color table	Round patio table	Old carpenter box w/wood tools	2 bench rest bags
Sm. outdoor patio table	Round quilt frame	3 hard case rifle totes	Old syringe
Brass umbrella container	Wooden box - seasons greetings - shoe repair, standards & lunch box	Guaranteed pistol & ammo. cases	Breaker panel w/breakers
Outdoor platform for air conditioner	High-quality American-made electronics	Shower/bathtub w/curtain	2 lawn mowers for parts
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			Garbage can
			Wayne pump, used one summer
			Gray chest with wire
			Poly wall cabinet
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			2 planes with sanding roller attachment
			2 Plano fishing boxes w/duff
			Oak wood
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			Shovels
			Surf pole
			Grease gun
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			Mike and Bonnie Wagon
			2 car ramps
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Lakewood board members earn trustee certification

Ten hospital trustees from across Minnesota, including Robert Mueller, Sally Grove and Linda Dietrich from Lakewood Health System, were recognized recently for earning certification through the Minnesota Hospital Association's trustee certification program.

The comprehensive certification process prepares hospital trustees to effectively meet the growing demands of serving on a hospital board and to be strong health care and community leaders.

By participating in MHA's voluntary certification program, hospital trustees receive training on current health care trends, governance best practices, ethics, government regulations, patient safety and quality. Participants undergo 35 hours of coursework, making Minnesota's initiative the most comprehensive in the nation.

"In Minnesota, more and more hospital trustees are formally preparing themselves to address the often-complicated issues facing hospitals and health systems today," said Lawrence Massa, MHA president and CEO. "Our trustee certification program proactively ensures that hospital leaders are well-prepared to make good decisions."



Received recognition

Three hospital trustees from Lakewood Health System were among those recognized recently for earning certification through the Minnesota Hospital Association's trustee certification program. These included: Robert Mueller, back row, third from left; and Sally Grove and Linda Dietrich, front row, second and third from left, respectively. (Submitted photo)

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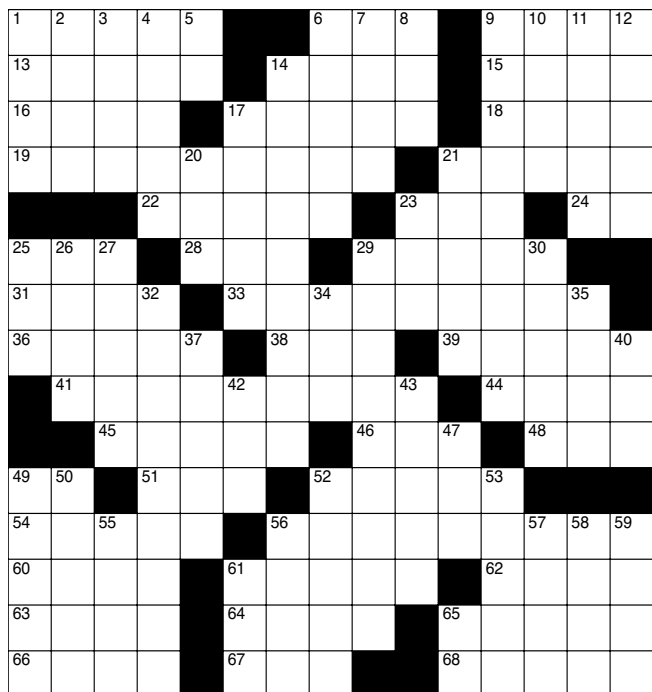
"With so many changes in health care policy and practice, especially under federal and state health care reform, hospital trustees want this kind of support to be strong leaders in their organizations," Massa said. "Earning this

certification demonstrates a trustee's commitment to the patients and communities the hospital serves."

The training helps trustees brush up on leadership skills and governance best practice methods. It also verifies trustees' efforts to be informed about health-care issues. As participants, Mueller, Grove and Dietrich completed 35 education units in topics such as ethics, government regulations and patient safety and quality.

Crossword Puzzle

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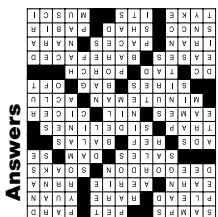
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- A dog is one
- Medieval feline
- Appeal emotionally
- Uncommon
- Chinese currency
- Gain as interest
- Habitat
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 2015 NL batting champ
- Makes wet
- Discounts
- Beavers build this
- Between south and east
- Promotional materials
- Arbiter
- Ancient Greek ruler
- Ruse
- Where coaches spend their time
- LA landmark __ House
- Nothing
- Chickpea plant
- Revolutionary War
- militia member
- Civil rights organization
- Fathers
- Carries things
- Frequently
- Location of White House
- Small amount
- A structure forming a covered entrance
- Sooths
- Shameless
- Middle Eastern nation
- Footsteps
- Russian river
- Once-influential student organization
- Jags owner Khan
- Bura-__: Nigerian language
- Small boy
- Belonging to a thing
- Mosses

CLUES DOWN

- Went too fast
- Protruding ridge on worms
- Insignificant
- Pains
- South Dakota
- Greek island
- Emerald Isle
- Golfers know this well
- Desire to set fire to things
- A glow
- Levels
- Enzyme
- Explains again
- City in South of France
- Paddle
- Salian
- Split pulses
- Consumed
- Small drink of spirits
- Indigenous people
- Elaborated
- Painting technique
- Repentance
- Not bright
- Kansas hoops coach
- Koran chapters
- Dead end
- Foul-mouthed bear
- Nostrils
- Game Cache File
- One who believes in a supreme being
- Carnival worker
- Gnawing animals
- German town
- Conquer
- Thai money
- Taxis
- __ Clapton
- A form of Persian
- Pounds per square inch
- Nighttime

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Hints of Haggard

Country singer/songwriter Geoff Elvee (right), joined by electric guitarist Dan Neale, brought a taste of classic country to 'Music in the Park' in Staples July 30. Elvee performed a number of original tunes, as well as a few from country music writers who have influenced him over the years, including Waylon Jennings, Kris Kristofferson and Merle Haggard. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Born to Mikayla and Zackery Skarolid of Brainerd, a baby boy, Emmett Jordan weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on July 21, 2017.

Born to Samantha McCormack and Tyler Mortenson of Wadena, a baby boy, Damian Jerome weighing nine pounds, two ounces on July 21, 2017.

Born to Kristin Bollin and Dahlton Frank of Burtrum, a baby boy, Zachariah Roger-Keithly weighing four pounds, 15 ounces on July 22, 2017.

Born to Amy Lindsey and John Peterson of Wadena, a baby girl, Alaina Evelyn weighing seven pounds, five ounces on July 22, 2017.

Born to Nicole Berttunen and Bryan Peterson of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Oaklynn Ashley weighing six pounds, eight

ounces on July 24, 2017.

Born to Angela Ziegler and Trevor Hove of Staples, a baby boy, Bennett Trenton weighing eight pounds, four ounces on July 24, 2017.

Born to Maggie and Darrel Dukek of Staples, a baby boy, Darrel Lee weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on July 25, 2017.

Born to Allison and Dustin Oldakowski of Pierz, a baby girl, Aubree Rose weighing eight pounds on July 25, 2017.

Born to Samantha Mitchell and Devon Charpenter of Brainerd, a baby boy, Korbin Ray weighing eight pounds, three ounces on July 27, 2017.

Born to Renee Hood and Logan Taylor of Brainerd, a baby boy, Ronan John weighing eight pounds, two ounces on July 28, 2017.

1,000 books Before Kindergarten

Everett Allen, son of Dale and Jennifer Allen, was the latest child to receive a certificate for reading 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. The program is sponsored by the Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition and the Great River Regional Library in Staples. The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a reading program designed to increase the awareness of the importance of early literacy. Above: Beth Fabian, left, coordinator of 1,000 Books Before KG, Everett Allen and Mary Sperley, staff member at the Staples Library. Everett chose the Paddington Bear and book as his reward. (Submitted photo)



Care Center

Obituary

August Birthdays

Gladys Boe, August 2; Delores Arrigoni, August 3; Hal Totz, August 7; Arlene Stokes, August 8; Delores Hutchison, August 8; Marion Fuller, August 30

AUGUST SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Thurs., Aug. 3 - 10 a.m. Bible Study, Pastor Brown; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by Staples Alliance Church; 6:30 p.m. Cards and games

Fri., Aug. 4 - 10 a.m. Capucino

Sat., Aug. 5 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., Aug. 6 - 1:30 p.m. Word Games; 2 p.m. Social Time

Mon., Aug. 7 - Round Dancers

Tues., Aug. 8 - 10 a.m. Sing-Along w/Bruce; 2:25 Church - Staples Assembly

of God; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Aug. 9 - 9 a.m. Casino trip; 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Staples Alliance

Fri., Aug. 11 - 9:30 a.m. Church - Faith Lutheran

Sat., Aug. 12 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Aug. 13 - 1:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., Aug. 14 - 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church; Round Dancers

Tues., Aug. 15 - 9:30 a.m. Magic Forest Daycare; 2:15 p.m. Church - Motley UMC; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Aug. 16 - 2 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Thurs., Aug. 17 - 10 a.m. Bible Study - Pastor Collins; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6:30 p.m. Cards and games

Fri., Aug. 18 - 2 p.m. Entertainment - Doug Sparks

Sat., Aug. 19 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Aug. 20 - 2 p.m. As-

sembly of God Singer

Mon., Aug. 21 - 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Alliance; Round Dancers

Tues., Aug. 22 - 1 p.m. Trip to see Barn Quilts and ice cream at Don and Dave's Store; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Aug. 23 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Trinity Church

Thurs., Aug. 24 - 6:30 p.m. Cards and games

Sat., Aug. 26 - 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., Aug. 28 - 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church; 7:15 p.m. Round Dancers

Tues., Aug. 29 - 2:15 Church - Staples Church of Christ; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Weds., Aug. 30 -- 10 a.m. Bingo

Thurs., Aug. 31 - 4 p.m. Cheers; 6:30 p.m. Games



Janelle Webster

Janelle Webster, 43, of Moorhead, passed away July 26, 2017 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester following a courageous battle with cancer.

Services were held August 1, at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Interment was at St. James Cemetery in Philbrook.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Janelle was born January 31, 1974 in Moorhead, to George and Eleanor (Smith) Webster. She graduated from Staples High School in 1992 and Moorhead Technical College, in business management and marketing. Janelle worked for Wal-Mart as a Field Project Supervisor in Store Planning, traveling all over the United States for her job, as well as for pleasure when she had time off. She volunteered for the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, Girls and Boy Scouts, the local food pantry and the Giving Tree at Christmas. Janelle enjoyed shopping, especially for others. Most important was her family, especially her nees and nephews, treating them as though they were her own.

Janelle is survived by her mother; three sisters, Karen (Garry) Carpenter, Staples, Linda (Lloyd) Stoll and Susie (Mark) Ecklund both of Glyndon; three brothers, Leland "Butch" Webster, Philbrook, George Webster, Fargo, ND and Duane (Shannon) Webster, Puyallup, WA; many nieces, nephews; aunts, uncles and her Wal-Mart family.

She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents.

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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 5, 2017

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 5th day of June, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with the addition of 5.6 Ag Society Grant Update.

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2017 as presented.

To approve an On Sale Wine (Strong Beer) License for MB Thomes Enterprises LLC dba Head of the Lakes Resort at the address of 15080 Gardenia Drive, Osakis, MN in Leslie Township effective August 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the June 2017 Auditor Warrants number 229747 through 229907 in the amount of \$3,038,793.52.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 46388 through 46481 in the amount of \$66,405.29.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512738 through 512754 in the amount of \$11,621.05 and Warrants number 700787 through 700942 in the amount of \$129,139.63.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Tyler Carlson to the Sauk River Watershed District Board of Managers for a three year term beginning July 1, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Scott Braith as the EMS Advisory Committee member and Russell Vandenheuvel as an alternate EMS Advisory Committee member effective immediately until December 31, 2018.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To move forward with the proposed building addition project utilizing the Legacy Grant

funding awarding the bid to RJ Construction for the project costs not to exceed grant dollar funding.

Community Corrections
On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the enclosed 2017 Budget Amendment and Agreement to specifically reflect an increase of \$11,099 in state funding.

Public Works
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached engineering proposal from Widseth Smith Nolting for \$15,048 and approve the attached Todd County Budget Request Form (which transfers a portion of the remaining unused funds from the construction of the new Todd County Industrial Park Building to the Road and Bridge Fund).

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority roll-call vote with Neumann, Becker and Erickson voting yes and Kircher and Kneisl voting against:

Addition of CSAH 9 & CSAH 35 Paving Projects to 5 Year Construction Plan
WHEREAS, County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 9 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 35 are the only two remaining CSAHs on the entire system that do not have a paved surface; and

WHEREAS, Todd County currently manages its limited road improvement investment funds on all aggregate surfaced routes based on traffic volume, with the current threshold for paving the surface being 150 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, traffic volumes on CSAH 9 and CSAH 35 currently do not exceed the paving threshold recommendation; and

WHEREAS, Todd County has received multiple requests to pave the surface of each road from residents that live adjacent to and around the vicinity of CSAH 9 and CSAH 35; and

WHEREAS, the current economic condition of road construction costs and geographical proximity of other County road construction projects warrant the discussion and decision of potentially paving CSAH 9 in FY 2018 and CSAH 35 in FY 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners instructs the County Engineer to place the paving of CSAH 9 and CSAH 35 on the 5 Year Public Works Construction Plan with the CSAH 9 Project being scheduled in FY 2018 and the CSAH 35 Project scheduled in FY 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners instructs the County Engineer to fund the FY 2018 CSAH 9 Project using the following funding sources:

1. Road and Bridge Cash Reserves \$100,000.
 2. 2018 Local Levy Increase (estimated to be +1%) \$150,000.
 3. State Aid Rural Construction Funds (Variable) \$220,000.
 4. Budget Reduction of Annual New Long Prairie Shop Savings Deposit \$150,000.
 5. Budget Reduction of Capital Expenditures (Heavy Equipment) \$100,000.
 6. Local Option Sales Tax (allocated for CSAH 9 Gravel Project) \$70,000.
- NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners instructs the County Engineer to fund the FY 2019 CSAH 35 Project using the following funding sources:
1. Road and Bridge Cash Reserves \$100,000.
 2. Local Levy Funds from 2018 Levy Increase \$150,000.
 3. State Aid Rural Construction Funds (Variable) \$220,000.
 4. Budget Reduction of Annual New Long Prairie Shop Savings Deposit \$80,000.
- Ditch Inspector**
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement to install a private crossing on CD33 from Ken Hayes in section 24, Leslie Twp.
- On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of a Hold Harmless Agreement to install a private crossing on CD18 from Kimberly Stach in Section 34, Iona Twp.
- On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
- HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - DITCH MAINTENANCE & TWO PRIVATE CROSSINGS - COUNTY DITCH 33**
WHEREAS, Pete Bosl is requesting to replace a culvert crossing, install a new crossing, and maintain approximately 7,600 feet of CD33 that is located on his parcels - 20-0037000, 20-0037300, 20-0037400, 20-0035300 & 20-0035900. The maintenance will be done at his own expense. A Hold Harmless Agreement has been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority, and;
- WHEREAS**, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP, and;
- WHEREAS**, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch. On parcel 20-0037300, one existing 24" culvert crossing on the west ditch line will be replaced with a longer 24"

culvert and one new 36" culvert will be installed on the east ditch line. Culverts will be placed at original ditch bottom elevation. Pete has also gotten permission from the TEP to maintain approximately 1,130 feet of private ditch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Pete Bosl to replace an existing culvert crossing, install a new culvert crossing and maintain approximately 7,600 feet of CD33 that is located on his property, at his own expense.

Planning and Zoning
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow full implementation of the Buffer Law.

Discussion was held on the proposed changes to the logo for SWCD and its recommendation for adoption on district materials.

Health & Human Services
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the Mardag Foundation award to support the Hilltop Regional Kitchen renovation.

Administration
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the hire of Mitchell Johnson on Grade 10, Step 3/\$25.17 per hour.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve MaryAnn Woeste's retirement effective September 1, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the waiver of the 90 day waiting period and begin recruitment for a part-time administrative assistant for the Extension Office.

MCIT
Robert Goede, MCIT Risk Management Consultant provided a 2017 summary report of Todd County's usage statistics.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report
The Auditor-Treasurer had nothing to report at this time.

Commissioner's Report
The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report
The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in progress including the insurance rebid progress with Gallagher, upcoming work session topics, NeoGov software implementation progress and the Todd County Employee Appreciation luncheon scheduled for July 19, 2017.

Adjourn
Commissioner Erickson recessed the meeting until July 18, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CLIFTON LARSON	

ALLEN, LLP	\$2,300.00
COMPUTER PROS	4,587.00
TODD CO AGRI. SOC.	9,201.06
TODD SOIL & WATER	
CONS DIST	2,505.52
27 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	10,282.88
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK.....	68,689.89
CARD SERV. COBORN.....	3,994.76
CELLBRITE INC.....	3,700.00
FLEET SERVICES/	
WEX BANK.....	5,537.74
GENE-O'S COUNTRYSIDE	
REST LLC	6,510.95
GREAT RIVER REG.	
LIBRARY	84,348.25
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	4,677.85
LONG PRAIRIE	
SANITATION, INC.....	2,379.90
MINNESOTA POWER	
& LIGHT	11,486.45
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	7,174.50
MORRISON COUNTY	28,629.90
MOTOROLA	9,319.92
NORTHERN SALT INC.....	55,161.75
PETERS LAW	
OFFICE, P.A.	2,482.00
RESOURCE TRAINING	
AND SOLUTIONS.....	241,696.50
SCEPANIAC INC/	
WILLIAM D	216,050.68
SHIRLEY'S GAS &	
GROCERIES	2,063.12
STEP	4,266.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	7,331.50
TRAFFIC MARKING	
SERVICE INC	65,584.65
TRI CITY PAV. INC.....	1,937,225.92
UPDATE BUILDING	
SUPPLIES LLC.....	33,713.87
WATERGUARDS, LLC	6,134.00
35 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	12,862.85
AMERICAN HERITAGE.....	6,564.88
BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOC. 2,565.82	
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE 27,294.03	
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,519.00
GUSTAFSON/JEAN M.....	5,057.50
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	3,267.99
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	20,730.01
VOYANT COMM., LLC.....	3,487.96
35 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	3,418.87
AMERICAN HERITAGE	
BANK.....	30,814.39
MITCH'S FUEL SERV	12,525.00
REGENTS OF THE	
U OF M	32,377.02
US BANK NATIONAL	
ASSOC	15,500.00
VERIZON.....	2,790.09
24 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	9,981.55
TOTAL.....	\$3,038,793.52

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CDW GOVT INC.....	\$3,166.29
DELL MARKETING L.P.....	3,750.00
M-R SIGN CO. INC.....	2,034.00
MORRISON CO PUB.	
HEALTH SERV.....	5,280.01
NOW MICRO INC.....	3,125.00
PHELAN CPA/ FRANCIS.....	2,775.00
TODD CO PUB. WORKS	3,000.00
TRUENORTH STEEL.....	9,833.88
86 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	33,441.11
Total.....	\$66,405.29

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CENTRAL MN COUNCIL	
ON AGING.....	\$2,534.00
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX	
OFFENDER PROG.....	5,735.00
DHS - SWIFT	39,870.75
ITEN FUNERAL HOME -	
2 BURIALS -	
BROWERVILLE	5,849.28
PERISH/ ALAN	2,198.15
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	18,602.10
TODD COUNTY MIS	
DEPT.....	19,262.80
149 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	35,087.55
TOTAL.....	\$129,139.63

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH CTR	\$3,297.00
WEST CENTRAL REG.	
JUVENILE CTR	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	4,844.88
TOTAL.....	\$11,621.05

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 5, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on July 18, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd
County
Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

ORDINANCE NO. 512
AN ORDINANCE
REGARDING THE
SALE OF PROPERTY

THE CITY OF STAPLES
DOES ORDAIN
AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 1 The City of Staples is hereby empowered to sell the following real estate located in the City of Staples, County of Todd, State of Minnesota in accordance with the sale price authorized by the City Council:

Legal Description:
Lot 1 & Lot 10, Block 25, STAPLES MILL (Original Townsite), City of Staples, Todd County, Minnesota. Said parcels contain 14,700 square feet, more or less, and are subject to all easements, restrictions, and reservations of record, if any.

Sec. 2 The net proceeds from the sale shall be used pursuant to Section 11.05 of the Staples City Charter.

Sec. 3 This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

APPROVED:
Chris Etzler, Mayor

ATTEST:
Phil Lindaman, City Clerk

First Reading: July 11, 2017
Second Reading: July 25, 2017
Adoption: July 25, 2017
Published: August 3, 2017
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NOTICE OF
AUGUST 2017
MEETING FOR
BYRON TOWNSHIP

Please be advised that Byron Township will be holding a monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubel,
Clerk

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NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at the Wadena County Courthouse Auditorium, 415 Jefferson Street South, Wadena, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant

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Freshwater Education District (FED) will be having an excess sale of school equipment and supplies on **August 25, 2017** on the premises of the former Freshwater Education District Office Building, 1100 NE 5th St., Staples, MN 56479. Hours of 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Jerry Nesland at jnesland@fed.k12.mn.us or 218-894-2439 ext. 1001.

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Gardening at Summer Learning Camp

Children attending the Summer Learning Camp at Staples-Motley Elementary School are learning about gardening along with their other curriculum.

Above, from left, are Olivia Lynch, Jackson Odden, Kris Huebsch, teacher Kim Berggren, Kaylee Perius, Isabelle Dobson, Kiya Pope and Hannah Holker. Berggren is explaining how to prune a tomato plant.

Below, from left, are Jocelyn Lenk, Jack Tetlie, Kiya Pope, Kaylee Perius, Suhaila Mikhaeil (partially obscured), Jackson Odden, Olivia Lynch, Ticianna Janssen and Isabelle Dobson. These students are waiting in line to pick a bowl of lettuce to enjoy as part of their lunch.

(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Now you see me . . . now you see me again

Painting, drawing, weights and measures are part of the learning experiences at Summer Learning Camp at Staples-Motley Elementary School. Keira Mevissen, left, and Jada Ellingsen, paint in the outlines they drew of themselves. Students then are learning how to be weighed and measured. The pictures will be hung in the school. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Send children back to school protected

Back-to-school season is here. It's time for parents to gather school supplies and back packs. It's also the perfect time to make sure children are up to date on their vaccines.

Child care facilities, pre-school programs, schools and colleges are prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases. Children in these settings can easily spread illnesses to one another due to poor hand washing, not covering their coughs, and other factors such as interacting in crowded environments.

To celebrate the importance of immunizations for people of all ages, and make sure children are protected with all the vaccines they need as they go back to school, Todd County Health & Human Services is joining with partners nationwide in recognizing August as National Immunization Awareness Month.

Todd County Health & Human Services will be holding immunization clinics on Tuesday, August 1st and Monday, August 28th from 9 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m. There will also be a late afternoon and early evening clinic held on Wednesday, Aug. 30 from 3:30-7:30 p.m.

"Getting children all of the vaccines recommended by CDC's immunization schedule is one of the most important things parents can do to protect their children from serious diseases," said Samantha Cofell. "If you haven't done so already, now is the time to check with your child's doctor to find out what vaccines your child needs."

Vaccines protect against a number of serious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for diseases and can also spread diseases to others in their classrooms and community- including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer or other health conditions.

Talk to your child's doctor to find out which vaccines are recommended and required for them before going back to school.

Parents can find out more about the recommended vaccines at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/ or call Todd County Health & Human Services at 320-732-4500 for more information.

Starry Trek 2017: Volunteers needed for science event

Volunteers from across Minnesota are needed Saturday, Aug. 5, to participate in a statewide search for starry stonewort, Minnesota's newest aquatic invasive species. Hundreds of volunteers will gather at rendezvous sites statewide to learn how to identify starry stonewort and search for it in area lakes.

Starry stonewort is an invasive algae that was first found in Lake Koronis in 2015 and has since spread to nine Minnesota lakes. Early detection of this species is critical for control.

"This event is a terrific way for local community members to get outdoors, learn more about starry stonewort and other aquatic invasive species and truly make a difference in the health of their area lakes," said Megan Weber, Extension Educator with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center. "The information we gain at this event will help researchers and managers understand its current distribution and potentially take action if new infestations are found."

No experience or equipment is necessary to participate in Starry Trek. Expert training on monitoring protocols and starry stonewort identification will be provided on-site. This event is free, but registration is requested. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

"We're delighted to be partnering with the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center for this event," said Shannon Wettstein with Todd Soil and Water Conservation District. "Protecting our lakes for future generations is really important to us all, and we want to do make sure we're doing the best we can to prevent the introduction and spread of AIS."

There will be over a dozen rendezvous sites around the state, including Todd County's at the Sauk River Watershed District Office in Sauk Centre. Volunteers will meet at their local rendezvous site for training, then be sent to nearby lakes to check for starry stonewort. At the end of the day, they'll return to the rendezvous site to report their findings. For a full list of the sites and other FAQs, please visit www.StarryTrek.org.

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Getting ready to weed



Ed Bartle stopped by the Motley Community Garden recently, to check on the vegetables he's planted and to weed in areas where it was needed. Bartle said everything has been growing very well this summer. In lower photo, he stands between rows of corn that stand taller than he is. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Community Garden provides a way to 'give back'

Garden plots available to the public

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

This is the second summer that Ed Bartle of Cushing has grown vegetables at the community garden in Motley, located next to the food shelf at 697 3rd Ave South.

He's enjoying the process, Bartle said. Plus, it's a way for him to give back to the community.

"I've got five plots," Bartle said recently, mentioning that each plot measures 12' x 18.'

He's planted a variety of vegetables, including red and white onions, green beans, potatoes, Indian corn; and Kohlrabi, which has already been harvested.

After experiencing "crop failure" his first go-around at the garden, Bartle is pleased to see how green and healthy the crops are looking. He's also planted some gladiolus flowers to add color; and a few American flags decorate the corners of his

plots. "I'm a navy veteran," Bartle shared.

This is only the sixth time Bartle has had a garden, so he still considers himself a novice gardener.

"I don't have a green thumb," Bartle went on, shaking his head as to why everything appears to be growing so well. "I usually stop by here every evening to water or weed," he said. The food shelf provides access to water, which Bartle is grateful for.

He gets a lot of advice from his mother, Helen Bartle, who has been an avid gardener for years. "She gives me a lot of tips," he said.

Some of the vegetables he'll keep for himself, but he plans on giving most of what he harvests to the food shelf. "It's a way for me to give back," Ed Bartle said, sharing that when times have been tough in the past, he's utilized the food shelf.

He's found that he really enjoys being outside,

working in the garden. "I'd rather be doing this than sitting in a bar, especially since I don't drink anymore," Bartle said.

The Motley Community Garden was started in 2010 by Sharon Stone, the previous director for the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS). A total of 14 garden plots are available.

In addition, each spring Cheryl Koll of Motley puts together 'grow kits' that are given to both the Motley and Staples food shelves. These kits contain tomato and pepper plants, onion bulbs and garden seeds. Clients of the food shelves really appreciate getting them, said Sherry Miller Frisk, MAFS director.

For more information about the Motley Community Garden and to inquire about securing a plot for next summer, contact the food shelf at 218-352-6344 or Frisk at 218- 352-6137.

Law enforcement reports, Motley

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

July 26 - The MPD received a call from an employee at a Motley business reporting a scam phone call. The complainant stated that the caller claimed to be a representative from Minnesota Power and that they demanded a bill be paid within 45 minutes or the power would be shut off at their business. The employee called Minnesota Power and was told that there was no bill to be paid and that they would not make a phone call like that.

July 20 - 24 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Jennifer McCarthy, 38; Courtney Bussmann, 28; Linnea Treitler, 47; Alissa Olson, 24; Bridget Corrigan, 37; James Glen, 50; Joshua Weizenegger, 27; Lauren Hagen, 24; Steven Schmidt, 66; Guy Blechinger, 60; Lizabeth, Desmarais, 61. James Cowell, 24.

July 21 - The MPD re-

ceived a report of a telephone scam from a Motley resident. Caller stated she had been notified by someone named Eric Fischer claiming she had won a Publishers Clearing House prize. She was instructed to send him a check to begin the proceedings, which she did. That check was cashed by someone named David, from Walker, Texas. She then received five checks each in the amount of \$2,500 and was instructed to keep one for herself and send the others to people in different states. When she went to her bank with her check, she was asked if she knew the person who wrote the check. She said she lied and said she did. The check subsequently turned out to be written from a closed account, which resulted in her account being overdrawn. The last time she heard from Eric Fischer was July 14, when he asked her for \$100.

July 26 - The MCSO received a call regarding a theft of wood at a residence at the 2200 block of

W. Shamineau Dr. in Motley.

July 25 - The MCSO observed a vehicle drive onto private property at 330th St. and Dove Rd. in Cushing. The deputy reported that he knows the owner of the property and did not recognize the vehicle. He proceeded to make contact with the subjects in the vehicle and they stated they did not know who owned the land and that they were just looking for agates. The deputy advised them that they were on private property and they left.

July 24 - The MCSO received a call from a resident at the 31000 block of Fish Trap Lake Dr. in Cushing reporting a theft. Caller stated that someone had siphoned \$40 worth of gas from two boat gas tanks. In addition, there was damage to his kayak.

July 20 - The MCSO arrested Hubert Emanuel Wolbeck, 31, at the 33000 block of Aspen Ln. in Motley on an active warrant. Wolbeck was subsequently transported to the Morrison County Jail.



Leading the Growler's Gathering parade

Commander Tom Ladwig and members of the Motley American Legion kicked off the Growler's Gathering Parade in Leader last weekend. Prior to the start of the parade, Cody Hanson of Leader sang "The Star Spangled Banner."



Blood drive in Motley

Thirty donors stopped by the Motley United Methodist Church recently to give blood to the American Red Cross, including Monica Pilgrim (above), who has donated nearly four gallons over the past few years. The Motley UMC has been hosting these events for the Red Cross for five years, with several church members volunteering their time, including the Men's Club and the Circle of Friends. Pictured below, from left, are church volunteers Robin Kramer, Sherry Miller Frisk and Janet Greig. (Submitted photos)



One man dead in ATV accident

A Little Falls man is dead following an ATV accident July 30, in Belle Prairie Township.

According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, 30-year-old Justin Bateman was traveling northbound along Haven Road, when he hit a driveway approach and was ejected off an ATV, a 2000 Honda EX. During the course of the investigation it was determined that Bateman was not wearing a helmet.

Life-saving efforts were performed but were unsuccessful. Bateman was later pronounced deceased at the scene.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Little Falls Police Department, Gold Cross Ambulance and North Memorial Air Care.



Yummy treats

Emma Trees of Nisswa, 14, enjoyed drinking a shaved iced treat at the Growler's Gathering in Leader July 29.



Birthday boy's balloon

The Amazing Charles the Magician (far right), aka Chuck Perry, was busy making balloon creations during the recent Growler's Gathering in Leader. He is pictured creating a special balloon shape for Josh Pfaff, Jr. of Little Falls (center), who was celebrating his 12th birthday on July 29. "He was born on Growler's Day in 2005," Pfaff's mother shared.

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Dawn Timbs

VBS at Bethany Lutheran, Cushing, August 14-17

Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cushing Monday, Aug. 14 - Thursday, Aug. 17, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This year's VBS theme is "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose." Children four years old through sixth grade are welcome. Older children and teens are welcome to volunteer as helpers.

Each evening a light supper will be served. Offerings will be taken and be used to help provide clean water where it is not available. Crafts, games, Bible adventures, are on the agenda.

Pre-registration is preferred. Contact Shauna Stokes at 218-821-3344 or email olsonshauna@hotmail.com; or register at the church.

Bethany Lutheran is located at 25430 Bison Road in Cushing, one-half mile south of Hwy 10 on Morrison County Road 11. For more information, call Roxie Flicek at 320-749-2026.



Growler's Day, Vegas style

'Vegas' was the theme of this year's Growler's Gathering event in Leader. Pictured above is one of the floats in the Growler's Parade, which had the Leader Vegas Queen (Keyra Mittleider of Washburn, N.D.) and her attendants riding in it. The attendants included Hannah Heschke, standing in back; and Alyssa Christmann, Bella Ehlenfeldt and Tori Pfaff, seated on the tailgate.

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August's arrival begins countdown to hunting

It may be true, as English poet Alfred Lord Tennyson penned, that "In spring a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love." But it's similarly true that in August the fancy of many, myself included, turns to thoughts of fall and the arrival of the hunting seasons.

Of course, there are still plenty of fishing opportunities to be pursued, with the odds of good days a head actually improving as the day-night balance continues to shift in favor of the dark hours, and the accompanying temperature swing begins to cool the lakes.

But after all, it's been two-thirds of a year - give or take - since many of us last hunted, and many will agree that for this favorite activity, truly, "absence makes the heart grow fonder." A number of things can trigger this turn of mind, one of the more predictable being the arrival of the fall hunting catalogs. Thankfully, for the old-fashioned like me, they're still printed by several of the mass-merchandisers of outdoor gear and goods.

There have always been long-distance mail order outdoor gear providers, like the venerable L.L. Bean, the original Eddie Bauer and Orvis, and - for a good many years - Herter's, based right here in Minnesota.

Eventually the success of "big box" local retailers - the Fleet Farms, Targets and the like - became the business model for hunting, fishing and outdoor gear - with firms like Cabela's, Bass Pro Shop or Gander Mountain - and the writing was on the wall for many small, independent brick-and-mortar retailers of such things, though exceptions continue to prove the rule.

These catalogs that accelerate the shift in our thinking began arriving during the last week of July. One might think that the only marketers who benefit from our renewed hunting consciousness are those whose glossy, professionally designed and photographed catalogs arrive in our mailboxes. But there's less retailer loyalty than brand loyalty, and for many of the best products there are multiple places to get them. I might see a great looking hunting coat or chest-high waders in one catalog, and without much effort learn that I can get it from another retailer just a 15-minute drive from home. This retailer didn't pay for the advertising, but might get the sale.

When it comes to hunting gear, some of us have a hard time drawing a bright line between "need" and "want." It's easy when poring over alluring catalog pages to find new or superlative virtues in a product that might be little different from one you already own. That's when you begin rehearsing your defense, before the crime of unnecessary purchase has even been committed.

Duck decoys are that kind of weakness for me. I own easily over a hundred, if you count the cruder fakes from earliest pur-

chases. In all honesty, my hunting partner and I seldom set out more than four dozen at one time. But last fall, as the duck season was winding down, I gave in to the persistent voice that since the arrival of the 2016 catalogs had urged me "Go ahead, buy them."

I negotiated an end-of-season-fire-sale price for a dozen and a half of the most realistic looking new decoys I have yet to see. Not that the life-like glint in their glass eyes, or beautifully sculpted and painted wing feathers, will be as much appreciated by the ducks as they will by my hunting partner Jim and me. Our best defense is that, with competition from skilled, well-equipped waterfowlers where we hunt, "One can't have too many really good decoys!"

Game Fair will prime your pump

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Game Fair runs for two three-day weekends, August 11-13 and 18-20. Its events include five-stand and "flurry" clay target shooting, instructional shooting seminars, dog training seminars as well as competitions for your hunting dog, duck and goose calling seminars and competitions - contest winners qualifying for the World Championships in Stuttgart, Arkansas - archery shooting range and seminars, various small game, big game, and bird hunting seminars, hunting equipment vendors, even an angling seminar for those who desire a momentary break from the hunting focus. Wildlife art displays, food concessions, special events for children; no doubt I've missed one or more of the many Game Fair events.

An admission fee is charged. More information can be had at gamefair.com, or by calling 763-427-1771.

Shoot now or regrets later

If you're not someone who shoots regularly in a sporting clays, trap or skeet league, nor have from time to time this summer visited a shooting range on an informal basis, the best advice that can be given is "Hey, it's August; what are you waiting for?"

We may be asking the eternal question "Where has the summer gone," but it's less than four weeks to the start of the first bird hunting season; mourning doves, on Sept. 1. Then early goose season begins Sept. 2, Youth Waterfowl Day is tentatively set for Sept. 9, ruffed grouse and archery deer hunting open Sept. 16, and - still tentative, but likely, based on past years - the general duck and goose hunting season will open Sept. 23.

Uncharacteristic of me, I motivated myself early

to shoot several rounds of trap in May and June, with mixed results. A busy July has been a poor excuse for a month-long hiatus, and getting back to the range is high on my priority list to correct some of those inexplicable - if forgivable - June misses on easy chances.

Better to correct easy misses now on clay targets that cost a box of shells and \$8 per round of 25, than to miss those easy chances on a hunting trip in which you may have invested considerable gas, meal and lodging money, to say nothing of the time and personal effort that go into a hunt.

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Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday6:30 p.m.
Wednesday8:30 a.m.
Saturday7:00 p.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lone, Motley218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service9:00 a.m.

Oylen
Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship11:00 a.m.

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone218-746-3839
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 p.m.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Children's Church9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Ames Self218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship8:45 a.m.
Worship9:10 & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Ministry Groups/Bible study

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Winrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

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Reformation 500 - "Sola"

For we hold that one is justified by faith alone apart from works of the law. -Romans 3:28

Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples

"Sola" the Latin word meaning: ALONE; and it was a touchstone Word of the Reformation. The key idea, seen in the verse above, is that a person is justified before God, declared righteous by God, through faith ALONE - you can contribute nothing because you cannot keep God's Law perfectly.

But "Faith Alone" - "Sola Fides" - is not the only "Sola" of the Reformation. There are in fact five (5) "Solos" which are interdependent and interrelated. They are:

Grace Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, to the Glory of God Alone.

The way they all fit together is like this.

You are justified before God by faith. But you cannot generate faith on your own. It must be given to you, a gift. That's GRACE - a gift,

something that you do not, cannot earn no matter how hard you might try. God's GRACE and thus FAITH, is given to you by God through His Word. God doesn't just zap you with faith out of the blue; rather it comes through hearing God's Word. (Romans 10:17). And this FAITH, given by God's GRACE, through the hearing of His WORD, is in CHRIST ALONE. For Christ is the ONLY WAY to the Father (John 14:6); He has finished all that was needed to redeem you from sin and death (John 19:30).

This all is to God's glory because God ALONE HAS done everything necessary for your salvation; winning it for you and giving it to you by His grace, through faith, by His Word, in Christ, ALONE.

To God be the glory. Amen.

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