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Kevin Roline is learning the 'community' part of school's community education

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

While he officially started as Staples Motley Community Education Director on July 1, Kevin Roline spent the month before that getting immersed in the places where education meets community.

"I'm still learning all the pieces that go with the position," said Roline.

As a native of Staples, Roline said he's surprised by everything community education covers. "I'm finding activities I'd never paid attention to before," he said. "I hope no one ever says there's nothing to do here, because the calendar is full of things. Staples and Motley are some busy towns."

He said he couldn't find a calender with a box large enough to put the things going on some days. In just his first couple of days on the job, he has helped with Railroad Days planning, Lamp Camp, alumni basketball tournament, softball camps and a quilting workshop. He's started scheduling the middle school play and helped coach pee wee baseball practice.

Roline has changed profession after 29 years as a local insurance agent. His father ran the same business for 23 years before that. "The American Family company is important, it's weird to see the family name leaving," he said. But he said his parents, who passed away last year, were big community supporters and would've understood his decision.

He decided to give up the insurance business because trying doing two things could've left one of them short. "Being able to focus my energy on my passion, something my heart is in, it's really neat," said Roline. "I've always had a passion for the community, education, kids and all the things the community has to offer."

While outwardly there isn't much in common between the insurance business and community education, Roline said he is finding some similarities.

"It's fun to work with people and talk with people," he said, "I got that visiting part from my dad. I like to hear their stories."

And many of the stories a community education director hears ends with a suggestion for a class or activity. "People are making suggestions all the time, I'm trying to tie things together," he said. "If people have classes they want, we'll try to get them here."

Roline's been involved in community education as a participant, parent, businessman and coach. He remembers playing as a kid and coaching t-ball as a parent. "I've done the same activities they're doing now," he said.

Roline's been an assistant coach for the varsity softball team for several years. He said he plans to be a hands-on community education director when he can. "I like to get involved, I don't want to just sit here in the office every day," he said.

Where his office might be located is still undecided. He's currently located in the district office. Plans are in the works to move either to the high school office or another location, with a decision to be made by Aug. 1.

Going out to the activities also helps keep him energized. "The baseball leagues have such good parents and help the kids out, they will brighten your day every time."

In learning the position, Roline praised Tricia Jasmer, who had been taking care of community education from the Staples Community Center and has helped him with the transition, along with people at the school. "It's a great community to work in," he said, "they're good, fun, positive people and they're more than willing to help me."

He's especially interested in the community aspect of community education, and how the school district facilitates so many things that are outside the system.

He said he hopes the community education position will be settled after a few years of changes. "I want a system that will work the cleanest, so that you only have to contact one person," said Roline.

Roline can be reached at 218-894-2497. He plans to keep office hours Monday through Wednesday; 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Fridays; 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., but added he will likely be available more hours, depending on what's going on.

"I still have the energy and excitement to look forward to coming to work every day," he said.



High Fives for base running

Staples Motley Community Education Director Kevin Roline celebrated his first week on the job by helping at the pee wee baseball practice, giving high fives to kids learning to run the bases. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Veterans memorial emphasizes healing

On June 29, members of the Staples All Veterans Park board, Bob Hamann, Huck Holst, Kevin Jenkins and Mel Daniels, along with Lee Jenkins and Joan Hamann, visited the Highground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville, Wisc.

Highground is more of a state park located in the center of Wisconsin. Like the veterans park in Staples, it is not a war memorial but embraces a mission to honor veterans and educate about the human cost of war. Healing is a central theme of the park.

Highground has a Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Korean War, honors nurses who served our nation, World War II, a Native American Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilot), a World War I featuring a bronze Doughboy, a Wisconsin Persian Gulf in the shape of a boot, a Dove honoring the POW and MIA and a Gold Star honoring families who lost a member as a result of their service; all tributes to those who served.

Highground has a unique living memorial of a Native American effigy mound. At the park MIA also means "Missing in America", those who are home in body, but are missing emotionally or in spirit. PTSD affects many veterans. For every person killed in our current wars there are 20 that came back home with PTSD. "They are our Missing in America," the park recognizes, "Missing an arm, a leg, a body part or part of their psyche, they no longer are the same person as before they went to war."

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Relaxing river run

The Crow Wing River was a great place to be July 8, with temperatures reaching nearly 90 degrees. Tubing down the river are teenagers from the Browerville area - Megan Carry, Harley May, Madison Kellen, Ali Bryniarski and Josie Brichacek. The girls said they started their trip at Uncle Bern's Campground and arrived at the landing near Motley two hours later. #11 Things to do: Tube the Crow Wing River. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

CLC's Charlier finds home in Minnesota

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Hara Charlier is finding everything she wants in a job and a lifestyle as President of Central Lakes College. "I grew up in rural areas and I love rural colleges," she said, "There is something about small town living, it is the fiber of America," she said.

In this rural setting, Charlier is finding the college also lines up with her educational mission, to connect with the community and business partners to provide student success. She loves CLC's existing connections with area high schools and wants to continue with all of their partnerships.

She previously had been an administrator at a college in Virginia, so coming to Minnesota was a big move. "It feels terrific, I'm excited to be in Minnesota and it is great for our family," she said. "The welcoming, the outreach of the faculty and staff, I can't even describe it, it has been profound."

Charlier first started learning about Minnesota years ago when a family member had a stay at Mayo Hospital in Rochester. "We talked to a lot of people and found them to be friendly and warm, proud and interested in the outdoors."



Hara Charlier

That seed was planted and when the CLC position came up, she found it to be a very good fit.

When she came for her job, interview Charlier said her tour of the Lakewood Health System facility in Staples stood out, both as an impressive facility and as a resource for the college. She plans to learn more about workforce needs from all the industries where CLC students typically find jobs after earning a degree. "What more can we do to get the students ready, are the industries getting the talent they need?" she said.

Another thing that attracted Charlier to the job is the school's stated mission, "To build futures."

"That so well captures what we want to do, we will not waiver from that," said Charlier.

She reiterated that Staples is an important part of the college. "We are very proud of renovation at Staples, now we have to find ways to get people onto the campus," she said.

"Staples has been such a hub for technical programming," said Charlier. "I expect it to remain that hub but I'm also identifying gaps and figuring how to fill them."

For example, she said they're looking at adding more general education classes in Staples. She also wants to get a permanent food service on campus.

She predicted there'll be other changes, but she wants to listen to others before planning anything specific. In six months and beyond, we'll hit the ground running with it," she said.

"In the next 90 days I want to build relationships, get to know people within the college, our partners and people in the community," said Charlier. "Together we can find opportunities we may not be capitalizing on, that's the exciting part of the job."

Charlier expects to spend a lot of time focusing on student success. While every college works on recruiting students, Charlier said retention is just as important.

"Whether they're going right to the workforce or going to transfer and get a four year degree or higher, we must make sure students are getting the classes they need," she said.

She said the college is

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Cool treats

With the weather hot and humid July 9, snow cones were a hit at the Pillager Fair. Pictured, from left, are Mason Schweitzer, Mya Vanek, Maddie Vanek and Madden Burkman, all of the Motley area. See more Pillager Fair photos on page 1b. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

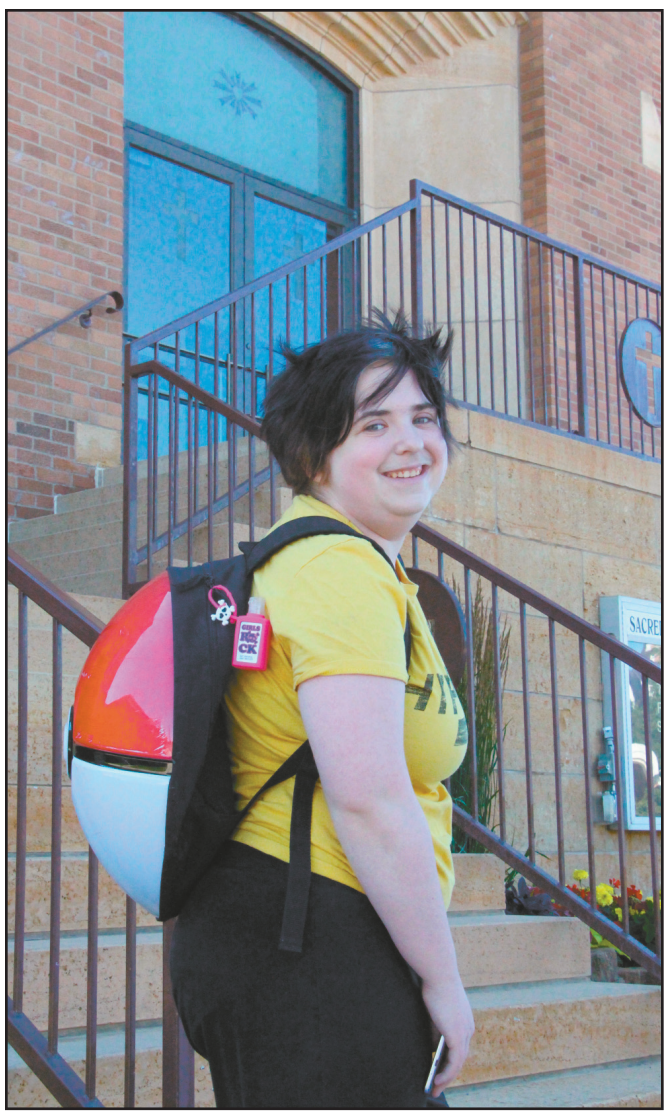
Hello, Readers,

On July 13, 1977, the city of Kinney, St. Louis County, secedes from the United States. The city council, frustrated by unsuccessful attempts to obtain a grant from the federal government for a water project, decides to secede and apply for foreign aid because "there is less paperwork." Passports are issued by sympathizers in New Haven, Connecticut. Although the United States did not recognize Kinney as a foreign country, Duluth's frozen food king Jeno Pauluccii did, giving Kinney a used Ford to replace the city police car (which no longer ran) and ten cases of frozen pizza for good measure.

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Pokémon Go in Staples

(#43 Things to Do in Staples, "Find things in your community and put them on social media and cell phone apps.")

Complete with her Pokeball backpack, Madalyn Youngbauer of Staples confirms that Staples has been invaded by Pokémon (pocket monsters), in the form of the online game Pokémon Go. The location-based mobile game requires players to travel on foot or bike to public places to collect Pokémon or other items. Youngbauer said she has gone out every morning since the Pokemon Go game came out July 10. She said Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples is one of the "gyms" which pokémon can battle against each other. "I just beat up a blue one at the water tower and put my yellow one there," she said. Several churches in Staples are also gyms, as well as the Staples Post Office, the cemetery and the plaque in front of the Staples Community Center where you can earn game items. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Local clinic to become Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

Nothern Pines Mental Health Center is one of six clinics are working to be Minnesota's first Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, a new model that improves and integrates care for people with mental illness and substance use disorder, through grants recently announced by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS).

"Finding the care you need for a mental illness or substance use disorder can be difficult," said Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper. "Typically, a person with a mental illness will need to contact several different agencies to obtain various services, and rarely can someone obtain both mental health and substance use disorder treatment through the same agency."

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are designed to change that. By offering a high level of coordination between primary care providers, chemical health providers, social services agencies, counties, tribes, veterans' programs and other key partners, the clinics are expected serve as a "one-stop-shop" and help people before they face a crisis. As a result, families will be more likely to avoid the emergency room and less likely to involve law enforcement.

More than $425,000 in grants will support the planning and development of this innovative delivery model. Six clinics will now start planning to be eligible to become a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic:

- Northern Pines Mental Health Center in the north-central part of the state
- Northwestern Mental Health Center serving seven northwest counties
- Wilder Children and Family Services in the Twin Cities metro area
- People Incorporated in the Twin Cities metro area
- Ramsey County Mental Health Center in the Twin Cities metro area
- Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center in Olmsted and Fillmore counties in the southeast

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics are a new demonstration program from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Minnesota is one of 24 states receiving funding for planning. Minnesota has until October 2016 to complete the planning process and certify at least two clinics (one urban and one rural) as eligible to become Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.

In January 2017 the federal government will select approximately eight demonstration states to begin providing services in July 2017.

Gov. Mark Dayton and the 2016 Legislature showed their support for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics by investing $8.6 million over the next three years to develop and pay for services.

"As we roll out more and more services we move closer and closer to filling the gaps in our state's continuum of care," Piper said. "We are working hard to make sure people don't receive inappropriate and expensive care, but instead get the right services at the right time."

CLC part of state scholarship campaign

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System has launched a second phase of the Access to Excellence scholarship campaign to raise $50 million for scholarships. This goal represents the most ambitious scholarship drive in the history of Minnesota State – more than double the goal of the previous scholarship drive.

At Central Lakes College, scholarships are more important than ever as nearly 65 percent of students fall below the federal poverty guideline.

"Many of them are working full-time, supporting families, and trying to make ends meet, all while furthering their education," said Jana Shogren, director of Resource Development & Central Lakes College Foundation. "Students who receive a scholarship often tell us that while the financial assistance was important, the fact that someone believed and invested in them was what really made the most difference."

During the 2015-16 academic year, the CLC Foundation awarded 644 scholarships totaling $336,100.

"When you make a gift to a scholarship fund at the CLC Foundation, you are investing in a student's future," Shogren said.

Steven Rosenstone, chancellor of Minnesota State, said, "Everything we do, everything we believe in, is focused on providing an opportunity for all Minnesotans to create a better future for themselves, for their families, and for their communities. To make good on our commitment to being a place of hope and opportunity, we must keep higher education affordable. That is why scholarships are absolutely critical. They are a key to access, they enable students to focus on their studies, and they are central to student success. Scholarships change lives."

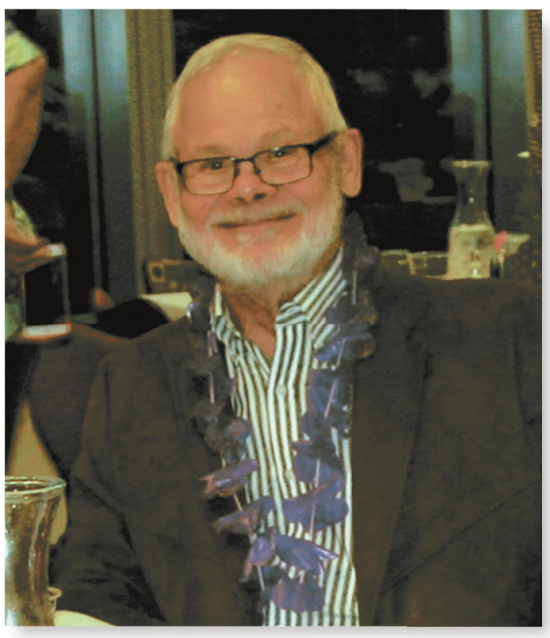
The announcement of a $50 million goal for Access to Excellence follows a successful two-year campaign ended in June 2015 that raised $39 million and funded 28,387 scholarships. In that campaign, every college and university foundation in the system exceeded its individual goal.

"As we begin this next Access to Excellence campaign, I have every confidence in our ability to achieve this new goal," continued Rosenstone. "We have demonstrated our ability to think and act differently, and to maximize our collective strengths, resources, and talents by working together for the benefit of our students. This work will make a difference in the lives of tens of thousands of Minnesotans across the state. We can do this – provided we do it together."

Availability of scholarships is a key factor that contributes to making the colleges and universities of Minnesota State the most affordable, accessible higher education option in the state. Other factors include a tuition decrease this fall at the 30 state colleges, and a tuition freeze this fall at the seven state universities. After changes to the Minnesota State Grant Program take effect this year, all Minnesota State students who benefit from the State Grant will see a decrease in net tuition. After state and Pell grants, the average tuition cost for full-time students (two terms at 15 credits per term) for the academic year 2017 will be as low as $402 at Minnesota State colleges and $775 at Minnesota State universities.

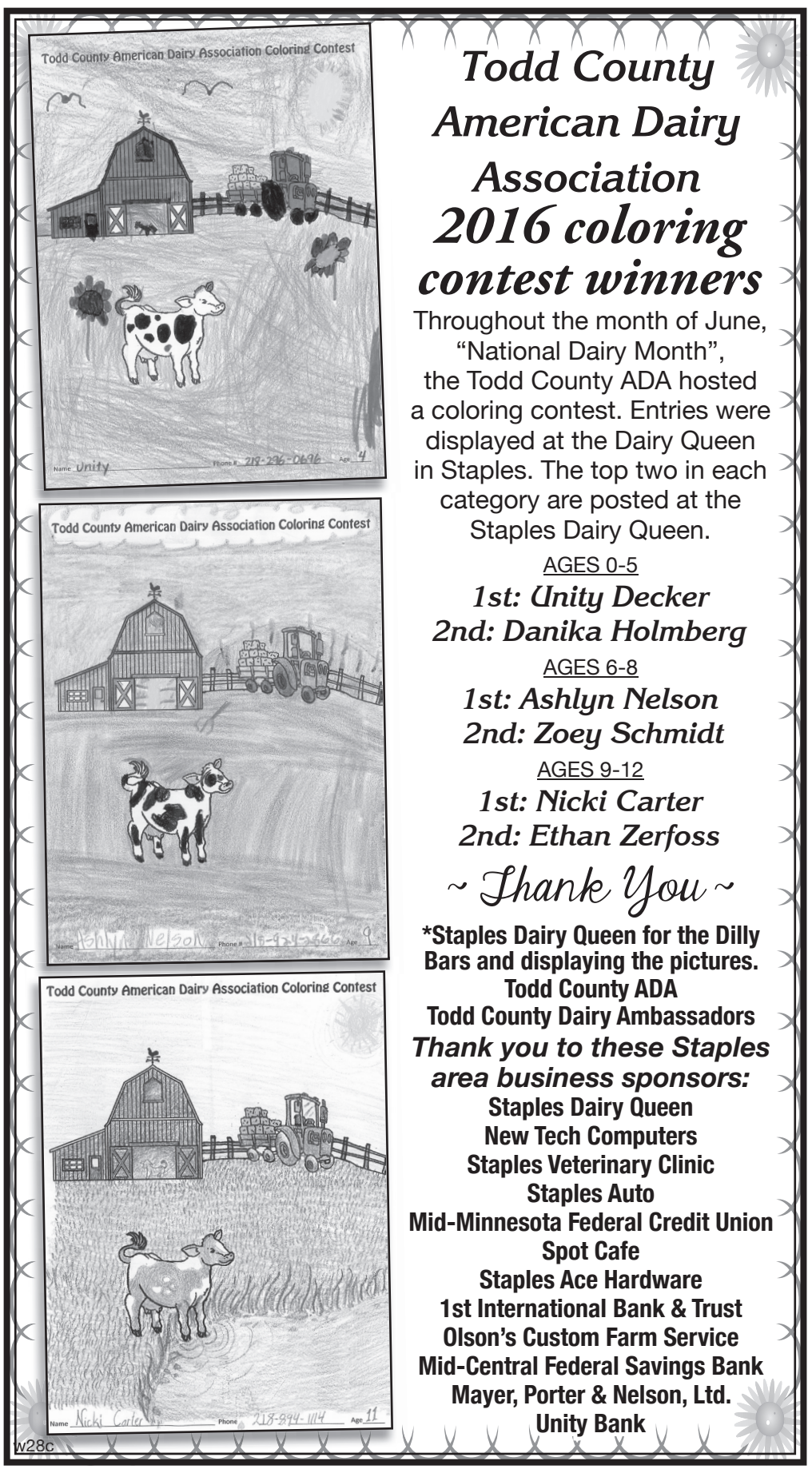
Online gifts can be made at www.clcmn.edu/scholarships/make-a-gift/. Checks can also be mailed to: Central Lakes College Foundation at 501 West College Drive, Brainerd, MN 56401 with "scholarships" listed in the memo line.

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Gulf War presumptives for veteran treatment

By David Anderson
Wadena County Veterans Service Officer

For Gulf War veterans, VA presumes that unexplained symptoms are related to Gulf War service if a veteran has experienced them for six months or more. The "presumptive" illness(es) must have first appeared during active duty in the Southwest Asia theater of military operations or by Dec. 31, 2016, and be at least ten percent disabling.

If you are a Gulf War veteran who may experience a cluster of medically unexplained chronic symptoms that can include fatigue, headaches, joint pain, indigestion, insomnia, dizziness, respiratory disorders and memory problems, VA presumes that some health conditions were caused by military service.

In practical terms, Gulf War veterans who meet certain criteria don't have to prove an association between their illness and military service. By assuming a link between symptoms and military service, it can simplify and speed up the application process for benefits.

Gulf War presumptive illnesses

- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: A condition of long-term and severe fatigue that is not relieved by rest and is not directly caused by other conditions.
- Fibromyalgia: A condition characterized by widespread muscle pain. Other symptoms may include insomnia, morning stiffness, headache and memory problems.
- Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders: A group of conditions marked by chronic or recurrent symptoms related to any part of the gastrointestinal tract. Functional condition refers to an abnormal function of an organ, without a structural alteration in the tissues. Examples include irritable bowel syndrome, functional dyspepsia and functional abdominal pain syndrome.
- Undiagnosed Illnesses: With symptoms that may include but are not limited to: abnormal weight loss, fatigue, cardiovascular disease, muscle and joint pain, headache, menstrual disorders, neurological and psychological problems, skin conditions, respiratory disorders and sleep disturbances.

Chronic multi-symptom illness (CMI) describes the presence of symptoms in two or more body systems that last or recur regularly for more than six months. This term was first used in 1998 in the article describing the symptoms of Gulf War veterans and its use and meaning has evolved over the years.

According to the Institute of Medicine, CMI was a general term that applies to a diverse mix of conditions. Some examples of CMI include:

- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
- Fibromyalgia
- Gulf War Illness
- Irritable Bowel Syndrome

If you suffer from CMI, consider reaching out to VA to get help. VA is actively strengthening its support of veterans with CMI through enhanced recognition, education and monitoring of their needs. Through an improved system of care and a well-prepared workforce, veterans with CMI will find the clinical care and additional benefits they need to optimize their health and quality of life. (Source: Gulf War Newsletter | Winter 2016 ++)

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



New Lions sign west end of Staples

The Staples '93 Lions and Staples Host Lions clubs have installed new signs at the four ends of town. Pictured above with the sign on the west end of Staples are, from left, Joann Schornack, incoming president of Staples '93 Lions; Kay Mueller, outgoing president of Staples '93 Lions; Tom Danculovich, outgoing president of Staples Host Lions; and Tom Honek, incoming president of Staples Host Lions. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Business owners often targeted by 'Vanity Awards'

Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota ® (BBB) is warning area businesses of questionable notices they might receive saying they've won a 'Best of' award for the city they're located in. However, to receive their award, business owners are told they must make a payment to purchase their plaque or award. Such awards are called vanity awards, and entities that offer them are nebulous at best, and entirely fraudulent in most cases.

"Recognition is appreciated by all business owners, but it's important to be able to identify a real award from one conjured out of thin air," said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota. "If someone came up to you on the street and told you that you'd won an award but would need to pay them cash to receive it, you'd run far away. That's what we're advising business owners to do in this case."

Though other markets across the country have seen an uptick in these types of "offers," BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota only recently received their first report of it from a local business owner through BBB Scam Tracker. The award notice, received via email, directed the business owner to a website where a plaque or crystal award honoring them could be purchased for $150 and $200, respectively – plus shipping charges.

The website, which lists the business behind the awards as simply Award Program, is fairly generic and lists no physical address for the entity which purports to offer these awards. An Internet search revealed the website is registered to a Chicago entity called Award System. The physical address listed for them appears to be that of a virtual office – space which can be leased or rented by anyone, anywhere.

"This type of scheme tends to hit our area once or twice each year," added Badgerow. "We hope business owners recognize the offer for what it is."

BBB recommends the following tips to avoid a vanity award scheme:

- Check the company's BBB Business Review at bbb.org to ensure the offer is legitimate.
- Learn everything you can about the award's origination. If it is coming from a mystery company, chances are they simply want your money.
- If you didn't apply for an award, the award is likely not legitimate.
- Be aware that most awards don't come with associated costs for the recipient. If there is a fee for receiving a certificate or plaque it is likely a scam.
- Ask specific questions about how your company or organization was chosen for an award and find out how many similar awards are given each year. Businesses and organizations that offer legitimate awards will be willing to provide detailed information on why a specific company received the award.
- If the announcement for the award leads to a website, do not enter any personal information on that site unless you are positive of the company's legitimacy and the award's validity.

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Charlier is committed to Staples campus

identifying clear pathways for students to take, from high school and beyond and make sure they're taking the specific classes they need to make that pathway successful.

"This is a great college and we can make it an outstanding college by working together," Charlier said. "The future is absolutely bright, I have found the right place here."

Charlier said she will spend at least one day a week at the Staples campus, but other members of her administrative team will be on campus every day. "This campus is central to our mission, we need to have a presence here every day."

She said that Rebekah Kent will remain as interim dean for one year, when they will do a more formal search. "Rebekah has done a great job and we decided we want continuity for a year," said Charlier.

Charlier and her family have moved to a home near Brainerd. Her husband Russ is a watchmaker and found a job with E.L. Menk in Brainerd. They have one daughter who will attend CLC and another will go to high school in Brainerd.

Already one neighbor has invited Charlier over for coffee and another has brought homemade jam. "It feels special when they do things like that," she said.

That welcoming feeling is returned, as Charlier said she would like to hear from people with ideas for the college. "I'm eager to have those conversations," she said.

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Open Meeting Law upheld in Motley case

An opinion from Minnesota Department of Administration Commissioner Matthew Massman ruled that the Motley City Council complied with the Open Meeting Law when they closed a meeting on March 21.

The Staples World asked for the opinion from the Information Policy Analysis Division (IPAD) because the council closed the meeting for the discussion of a separation agreement with their city clerk, citing "attorney-client privilege," but they refused to give a specific reason for that privilege.

The advisory opinion confirmed everything that the Staples World challenged, but information that was not part of the original meeting closure was sent to the commissioner several weeks after the opinion was requested.

In the Motley City Council's response to the commissioner, their city attorney, Adam Ripple of Rinke Noonan, wrote: "Issues had arisen with the clerk working for the City of Motley. Her attorney had threatened litigation."

That was the first time the Staples World had heard that bit of news. When we objected to the closed meeting, we specifically asked if there was any pending or threatened litigation and the council's labor attorney Pamela Steckman of Rinke Noonan told us no.

The commissioner's opinion agreed with that, saying "Neither the attorney nor the council indicated there was any pending or threatened litigation when asked ... The council provided the commissioner with additional information that was not available to the Staples World when it requested this advisory opinion."

We wondered why, if there was threatened litigation, the council would not disclose it at their meeting, especially when they were asked that exact question. Why would their attorney bring it up only after reading the Staples World's documentation in the request for an opinion?

The commissioner's opinion included some guidance for what the council did wrong: "It would have been helpful for the council to include the fact that there was threatened litigation" in the closed meeting notice.

Indeed, if the council had told us there was litigation when we asked, we would have said "thank you," let the matter drop and gone home. But their attorney stood her ground, basing the closed meeting on a generalized "attorney-client privilege" that does not exist under the open meeting law.

The attorney-client privilege has to have specific grounds, not just because an attorney shows up. Attorneys give advice in open meetings all the time, they are not required to go into closed meetings to discuss the law. They especially should not go into closed meetings to help the council make a decision on an issue, that is the whole purpose of the Open Meeting Law.

"The opinion's conclusion that the meeting was properly closed is based on information that was provided to IPAD but not to you. Although the opinion mildly chastises the council for not providing this information, I think that part should have been expressed in much stronger terms," said Mark Anfinson, an attorney specializing in media, communications and First Amendment law. "How can the public and media properly determine if officials are complying with the Open Meeting Law if they don't provide the facts that support the decision to close a meeting?"

The opinion goes on: "The commissioner encourages public bodies to make the required statement clearly and unequivocally."

The council did make a statement clearly, that they did not have litigation pending. That "litigation" was only brought up many weeks after we asked about it.

Finally, "The commissioner opines that public bodies should make the statement on the record in open session, prior to closing the meeting." Which is exactly the provision we were challenging.

"The opinion will have considerable ongoing value around the state, because the 'guidance' noted in the opinion about what information officials can and should provide when they propose to close a meeting is far more important than the conclusion that this particular meeting could be closed," Anfinson noted. "The opinion is also an important reminder to government bodies in your area about your commitment to insuring that the public access laws are followed."

Although the commissioner's final opinion said that the council complied with the Open Meeting Law, the Staples World feels vindicated because we forced them to comply with the law, which is the only thing we wanted in the first place.

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Advance directives: First step, but not enough

By Kim Callinan

My grandmother died feeling betrayed, frightened and utterly powerless in a bleak hospital room.

She'd completed an advance directive about her end-of-life goals, preferences and values, including a do not resuscitate order (DNR). But when an emergency landed her in the hospital, the emergency room team ignored her advance directive and resuscitated her back to "life" just long enough for her to realize they had ignored her documented wishes.

She died shortly after being resuscitated, but not before she let the healthcare team know she was angry.

Unfortunately, my grandmother is not alone in her life ending so tragically. In conversations with supporters of the end-of-life choice advocacy organization that I work for, Compassion & Choices, I often hear similar tales of an end-of-life healthcare system that has failed to meet their needs. Furthermore, there is increasing evidence that advance directives alone are not enough to ensure that people's end-of-life goals, priorities and values are honored. Below are some of the shortcomings:

- **Lack of Participation:** Only one in four Americans (23 percent) have an advance directive in place, according to a 2014 study in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine.
- **Lack of Coordination:** The dying person and healthcare proxy often have not discussed the patient's goals, preferences and values. In fact, fewer than three in ten people have actually talked with their loved ones about end-of-life care, according to a survey conducted by the conversation project.
- **Lack of Relevance:** Since advance directives are by definition written in advance - sometimes many years in advance - they often lack relevance to current events and decisions near the person's end of life.
- **Lack of Access:** It is an all-too-common scenario that the advance directive along with the DNR order is locked away in a desk or safe when a life-threatening emergency arises, leaving family members and medical providers unsure whether an advance directive even exists.
- **Lack of Enforcement:** Doctors are not held accountable for following advance directives. Until they are enforced, physicians are unlikely to follow them because they are trained to do everything possible to keep a terminally ill person alive, regardless of whether the treatment only prolongs an agonizing dying process.

Federal policymakers need to address the growing demand for reform by passing legislation that advances the delivery of person-centered care. A good first step would be for Congress to pass the bipartisan Care Planning Act (S. 1549), sponsored by Senators Mark Warner (D-VA) and Johnny Isakson (R-GA).

The legislation would require providers to include prominently in the patient's medical record the content of an advance directive. In addition, the bill gives patients the option of signing a "portable treatment order" to give providers specific instructions about patient preferences in receiving care.

Medicare-certified providers would be obliged to comply with these orders in any care setting, including the home, that could stop unnecessary and unwanted medical treatments.

The bill also would require Medicare-certified healthcare providers to comply with a patient's verbal and nonverbal treatment instructions. When a patient lacks decisional capacity, the provider must adhere to a patient's advance directive. In the absence of a directive issued in the state where care is being provided, the provider must respect an advance directive signed by the patient in another state to facilitate the ease and adherence to advance directives across state lines.

If the Care Planning Act had been in effect when my grandmother was dying, it would have increased the likelihood that her end-of-life wishes were honored. It's too late to help her now, but it is not too late to pass this legislation to ensure that we honor the end-of-life wishes of millions of Americans in the future.

Kimberly Callinan is chief program officer of Compassion & Choices, the nation's largest end-of-life choice advocacy organization with 450,000 members nationwide. She holds a Master's degree in public policy from Georgetown University.

This oped originally was published in The [Norfolk] Virginian-Pilot.

Letters to the Editor

Applaud law enforcement

Since the late 1800s a member of my family has been involved with law enforcement through each generation in some shape or form. The first was my great-grandfather as a constable in Mitchell, S. Dak.

I have worked with police in this town in years past and with other departments across the state. My brother recently retired from the department in Rockford, Ill., and I also worked with vice in that particular city.

I guess the reason I am writing this is to assure this department that, as a member of this community, I have the greatest respect for the positions of police officers and would gladly step in to assist in any way I could to ensure their safety.

As a community we should all do that. Are there bad cops? Yes. But the majority are great men and women who are doing a very difficult and dangerous job. I applaud them.

Kerry West
Staples, Minn.

Relay = hope

Relay for Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those with cancer will be supported and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

A small group of volunteers are dedicated to making these goals come true at the Staples-Motley Relay for Life on Friday evening, July 22, beginning at 5 p.m.at the Motley fairgrounds.

Relay is a family friendly event. We celebrate with food, games, music and silent auction starting at 5 p.m. At 7 p.m. the program begins with a speaker educating the audience about what it is like to have had cancer. There is a walk honoring survivors and one for caregivers.

We remember those surviving cancer and those lost to cancer by lighting of the luminaries at dusk. We fight back taking action against cancer by getting active, eating right, not smoking and by protecting our skin from the sun.

Teams, organizations and individuals join together to raise funds for the American Cancer Society for cancer research, education programs, advocacy and services to local people who have cancer.

Relay is symbolizing the battle waged around the clock by those facing cancer so Relay lasts all night for the teams. The goal is to engage more community members in these efforts.

Bring your family and support the cause Friday evening, July 22, at the Motley fairgrounds.

Barb Peterson
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Menten, Nye & Max to perform at NP Park



Seasoned performers

Menten, Nye & Max will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 17, at 7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Jeff Menten and Paul Nye. They will be joined by bassist Richard Max. (Submitted photo)

Menten, Nye & Max will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 17, at 7 p.m. The concert will feature violinist Jeff Menten and guitarist Paul Nye, accompanied by bassist, Richard Max. Join them for a slice of festive fun punctuated by musical mastery entertainment at its finest.

As seasoned veteran musicians, Menten, Nye and Max have individually logged tens of thousands of miles and performed nearly as many shows in their respective musical careers. Audiences will enjoy their eclectic style that cleverly weaves modern and old time classics and Celtic tunes with ragtime and blues, plus some of Nye's originals.

Menten graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota, Mankato with a music degree in violin performance. He has performed with several symphony orchestras and played professionally with Mariachi Estrella in Austin, Texas. In 1995, he was awarded "Instrumentalist of the Year," "Best Classic Country Performance," "Best Band" (The Radio Flyers) and the "Archie Hill Horizon Award" at the Minnesota Country Music Association competition. Menten operates the Pine-to-Prairie School of Music and has been teaching string instruments to students of all ages for 30 years. A number of his students are from the Staples-Motley area.

Nye began playing guitar as a teenager. His professional career has taken him from coast-to-coast with numerous touring groups. He has shared the stage with renowned Minnesota guitarists Leo Kottke and Michael Johnson and has opened for a number of national rock bands in his career. For the last 13 years, Nye has focused his craft on writing, recording and performing children's music; releasing three independent recordings of music for kids in that time. His interactive, engaging kids performances have taken him to libraries and schools across the state. Nye is presently working on a guitar instrumental recording of old hymns he grew up listening to.

Both Nye and Menten perform weekly with the Woodtick Theater Band in Akeley.

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 14. 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.



Seven jurors and a judge

The cast has been set and rehearsals have begun for "12 Angry Men" by Reginald Rose, a joint production of Lamplighter Community Theatre, Staples, and Madhatters Community Theatre, Wadena. Performances will be at 7 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 11-13 and at 2 pm., Sunday, Aug. 14 at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Wadena performances will be at 7 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 18-20 and at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Bernauer Building in the former Masonic Lodge space. The cast includes, seated from left, Paul Baymler, Jerry Reck and Don Hoffmann; and, standing, from left, Dawn Timbs, Meg Litts, Corey Robinson, Mim Maas (the judge) and Pam Collins. Cast members not available for this photo are Kevin Olsen, Tamber Edin, Carol Aspengren, Hallie Olsen, Jenessa Iverson and Brad Livingston. Matthew Olsen is the director assisted by Mary DuBois. Heidi Brings and Don Hoffmann are producers. (Staples World photo)

Children's theater auditions

The Staples Motley Area Arts Council auditions for Prairie Fire Children's Theatre's original musical production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be held Sunday, July 24, at 5 p.m. at the Centennial Auditorium in Staples.

Up to 70 young people, ages 7-18, are needed to play the roles of Buck, Luck, Yuck-Yuck, and the rest of the Groundlings; Titania, Oberon, Pease Blossom, Cobweb, Moth, Mustardseed, and the rest of the Sprites; Quince, Flute, Starveling, Snout, Snug, and the Understudies of the acting troupe, The Duke, Hermia, Lysander, Demetrius, Helena, and the rest of the Noblemen and Noblewomen.

Two professional actors will direct the production and act in the roles of the mischievous sprite, Puck and the colorful Nick Bottom.

The play was adapted by former Prairie Fire managing director Ben Ratkowski and designed by executive director Deborah Nelson Pick, with original music by Daniel Stock. The show is a joyful romp of mistaken identity and pranks, all played out during a midsummer's evening.

No advance preparation is necessary for the audition session which will last two hours. Everyone auditioning is required to stay for the entire session, as the cast will be announced at the end of the two hour audition. There is a registration fee.

Each cast member will receive a rehearsal schedule for the remainder of the week. Rehearsals will be held from 5 - 9 p.m.

Two performances are scheduled for Friday, July 29, at 5 p.m. and at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Tickets will be available at the door.

This week long Prairie Fire Children's Theatre residency is being sponsored by Staples Motley Area Arts Council. For more information, contact Lisa Jenkins at 218-414-0620.

Vietnam era veteran event set

The Hewitt Historical Society in partnership with the Captain Robert Orr Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will host a Vietnam Era War Commemoration event on July 16 at 1 p.m. at the Hewitt Museum.

The Vietnam Era display and reception held during Hewitt's "Pickle Days" community celebration is to thank and honor all veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces regardless of location, from Nov. 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975.

Veterans or family members of veterans attending the event are encouraged to bring photographs to share from time served in the military.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a group of women able to trace their lineage to the Revolutionary War.

DAR focuses on serving their communities while promoting patriotism with projects for veterans, historic preservation and education.

The Hewitt Museum is at 514 Wisconsin Street in Hewitt. Regular hours for the museum are Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m., May through October.

Find more information on the Hewitt Historical Society at hewitthistoricalsociety.weebly.com.

Youth Mental Health First Aid course set

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota will hold a free Youth Mental Health First Aid training course in Staples on Aug. 3, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at National Joint Powers Alliance, 202 12th St. NE.

The course is designed to teach participants the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in adolescents, build understanding of the importance of early intervention and teach individuals how to help a youth in crisis or experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge.

Participants will also learn a five-step action plan to support an adolescent developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or emotional crisis.

To register (required) or get more detailed information, contact NAMI Minnesota at 651-645-2948 or 1-888-626-4435 or go to namihelps.org.

Educational Opportunities

Aug. 3 - Sept. 7

Live Well With Chronic Conditions - Free Class Wednesdays, Aug. 3 - Sept. 7, 1 - 3:30 p.m., Verndale Fire Hall Mtg Rm., 102 Butler St. SE, Verndale. Instructors: Cindy Scott and Sheila Stave. Offered by the Central MN Council on Aging, with funding from a 'Health 4 Life' grant. For more info., to register by July 20, call 218-632-3600.

Mark Your Calendar

July 17

Chuck Porta - Renowned Preacher & Prophet guest speaker at The Old Country Church in Leaf River Township, Sun., July 17, 10 a.m. Visitors invited. The church is located on Wadena Cty Rd. 6, a mile and a half east of the Leaf River Town Hall, 19973 145th Ave., Wadena. For info., 218-837-5690.

July 22

Staples Motley Relay For Life At The Motley Fairgrounds Fri., July 22. Games, food, music, silent auction, 5 p.m.; program at 7 p.m., followed by lighting of the luminaries at dusk. Family friendly event. For info., call 218-894-2627.

School board agenda

The Staples Motley School Board will meet Monday, July 18, at 7 p.m. at the high school media center.

Tentative agenda items include:

- School/community forum, providing board chair and/or superintendent have been contacted by noon of the day of the meeting regarding topic.
- Curriculum items including presentation of student-parent handbooks with action to be taken at August meeting, presentation of the QComp report and approval of the 2016-17 literacy plan.
- Approve contracts for high school receptionist/community education secretary, elementary school social worker, school nurse and STEAM teachers.
- Accept resignation of Kassie Martin, school readiness and early childhood teacher.
- Approve fall extracurricular and coaching assignments.

Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, community education, SMEA and school board committees.



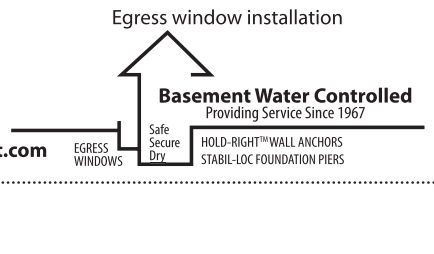


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Concert from the heart

Kathy Iverson & Daughters opened the 'Music in the Park' series in Staples July 10, performing to a full house. Threats of rain moved the concert from Northern Pacific Park to Faith Lutheran Church. Pictured, from left, are Jenessa, Kathy and Lynnea Iverson of Staples. The concert featured a number of Kathy's original songs, as well as one penned by Jenessa. Kathy's husband, Jeff, joined the group for a few songs. (Submitted photo)

Avoid pension advance scams

The Minnesota Department of Commerce is alerting seniors to protect their investments and avoid pension advance traps. Last year, The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and New York Department of Financial Services took action against companies that allegedly deceived consumers about the costs of pension advance loans.

"Pension advance scams prey on older adults under financial stress," said Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman. "I urge Minnesota retirees to avoid products that promise fast cash for your pension and read the fine print."

Pension advance scams often target government retirees or former military servicemembers. The scam involves investors who provide funds to make cash advances and pensioners who are willing to turn over future pension payments in exchange for an immediate lump sum cash payment. The up-front cash comes with a cost in the form of high fees and interest rates.

Here are some guidance tips:

Retirees: Questions to ask before you sell your rights

- How financially secure is the company offering to buy your entitlement? Is the company registered to offer the product? Check the background of the principals before entering into the agreement.
- How does the company make its money? The company typically takes commissions and other fees that may result in the cash payout being lower than the future benefits you are assigning. Do these costs outweigh the convenience of a lump-sum payment?
- Do you know what restrictions, if any, apply to your ability to assign your pension benefits? Check with your pension administrator to determine what restrictions apply. The transaction could be illegal and therefore void.
- Does the company require you to purchase life insurance naming it as the beneficiary? If so, you should consider this increased cost when considering whether the payout is worth it.
- Did you consider the tax consequences? The lump-sum payment you receive may be taxable as income.

Investors: Questions to ask before you invest

- Is the investment registered? Check with the MN Dept. of Commerce's Securities unit by phone: 651-539-1638 or email: Securities.Commerce@state.mn.us. You can check if the security is registered at the federal level using the SEC's EDGAR tool.
- Did you do a regulatory check on the background of the principal officers of the company offering the investment? Background information is available by contacting the MN Dept. of Commerce, FINRA's BrokerCheck, the Investment Adviser Public Disclosure, or internet searches.
- Is the transaction legal? Some pension rights cannot be transferred. As with the case cited above, federal law prohibits the assignment of U.S. government pensions and disability benefits. Check out the source of the pension funds in which you will be investing.
- Can you afford to lose the money? These are risky investments. You should not invest more than you can afford to lose.
- Can you get your money if you need it? Many of these investments are illiquid and you may not have access to your money.

To check on an investment, adviser or broker or you may have been the victim of a scam or fraud, contact the MN Dept. of Commerce Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602 (Greater Minnesota).

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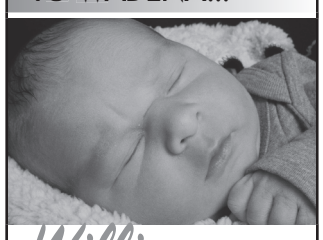


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If you are new to hearing aids, it may take a few weeks before you are completely comfortable with them and can take full advantage to their benefits. If you have questions or concerns about your progress, be sure to call your hearing professional for help. Hearing aids often need to be adjusted several times during the trial period. To schedule an appointment, please call PREFERRED HEARING at 1-800-458-0895. You will find us at 17274 State Hwy 371, Brainerd.

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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Wendy Caudillo Gordillo and Joseph Meech of Staples, a baby boy, Liam Russell weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on July 5, 2016.

Born to Samantha Stocki of Staples, a baby boy, Levi James weighing seven pounds, 13 ounces on July 7, 2016.

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Born to Jennifer Peterson and Brandon Greenwood of Verndale, a baby boy, Chase Edward Greenwood weighing eight pounds, three ounces on July 1, 2016 at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena. Siblings are Wyatt, Cody, Emma and Elizabeth. Grandparents are Jolene Peterson and Joe Cannon, Lisa and Bruce Meacham, and Lonnie and Amy Clews.

Born to Alex and Melissa Putikka of Staples, a baby girl, Aada Lynn weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on June 28, 2016 at Tri-County Health Care in Wadena. Grandparents are Les and Sharon Putikka.

Student Achievements

The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, held its spring 2015 Commencement Ceremony May 14. The following local students graduated:

- Ross Bendson, Staples, Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science/Information Systems
- Kelly Rutten, Motley, Bachelor of Arts in Management.

Taylor Richardson, Pillager, recently graduated from the University of Minnesota, Crookston, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resources.

Seth Auger, Motley, has been named to the 2016 Spring Semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Obituaries

Charles Lundeen



Charles John "Chuck" Lundeen, 54, of Aldrich passed away unexpectedly July 1, 2016.

Funeral services were held at July 8 at the Verndale Alliance Church with Pastor Tony Stanley presiding.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Charles was born October 16, 1961 to Marvin Dean and Marilynn (Taylor) Lundeen in Minneapolis. After completing high school he continued his education in diesel mechanics at Staples Technical College, worked as a mechanic, and built a successful business as a commercial manure applicator. Chuck married Roxanne Harshman on January 15, 1983 in Becker. They made their home in Aldrich where they raised their family.

Chuck enjoyed vintage and formula snowmobile racing, along with Wissota street stock races. Chuck will be remembered as a caring, creative and hard working man.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Justin (Skyla Theisen) Lundeen of Mekinock, ND and one daughter, Abigail (Daniel) Miller of Grand Forks, ND; two sisters, Cindy (Randy) Olson of Jordan and Cheri (Warren) Sakry of Clear Lake; nieces, nephews and many friends.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

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James Olson



James Lee Olson, 69, of Staples, passed away July 3, 2016.

Graveside services were held July 9 at Moran Riverside Cemetery in Moran Township with Dr. Randy Taber officiating.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville

James was born June 13, 1947 in Aitkin, to Cecil and Margaret (Ree) Olson. He grew up in the Aitkin and Malmo area. On September 20, 1965, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was honorably discharged on October 15, 1969. He spent 34 months in Vietnam. He later enlisted in the U.S. Army National Guard and retired from the Guard after serving his country for 29 years.

James married Kitty Tepley on June 20, 1997 in Staples. He worked a variety of jobs over the years in plumbing, heating and refrigeration; retiring from Trident Seafoods at the age of 60. For many years, James was a firefighter smoke chaser on the "Hot Shot Crew". He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, traveling and riding his Harley.

He is survived by his wife; mother Margaret of Little Falls; one son, Scot (Cindy) Tepley of St. Cloud; five daughters, Audra (Chuck) Steffen of Big Lake, Tracey Hegstrom of Nisswa, Theresa Rinio of Princeton, Tara Olson of Big Lake and Renee (AJ) Schmidt of Hugo; 15 grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; three brothers, Gaylon (Evelyn) Olson of Little Falls, Mark (Beth) Olson of Rice, George Tibbets of Benson; two sisters, Marilyn "Dottie" (Ronald) Gulland of Browerville and Mohave Valley, AZ and Linda (Marv) Amundson of McGregor; in-laws, Randy (Margy) Thiel of Brainerd, Rusty (Kathy) Thiel of Gillette, WY, Deb (Ron) Pritchett of Park Rapids and many nieces and nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father and one infant grandson.

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Tax burden for Minnesota residents

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran's Service Officer

Here are some facts on the tax burden in Minnesota. Minnesota collects income taxes from its residents utilizing four tax brackets:

Income taxes

1) For single taxpayers:

- 5.35 percent on the first $25,070 of taxable income.
- 7.05 percent on taxable income between $25,071 and $82,360.
- 7.85 percent on taxable income between $82,361 and $154,950.
- 9.85 percent on taxable income of $154,951 and above.

2) For married couples filing jointly:

- 5.35 percent on the first $36,650 of taxable income.
- 7.05 percent on taxable income between $36,651 and $145,620.
- 7.85 percent on taxable income of between $145,621 and $258,260.
- 9.85 percent on taxable income of $258,261 and above.

Residents of Minnesota must file state returns by April 15, or the next business day if that date falls on a weekend or holiday. At Minnesota's Revenue website http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/Pages/default.aspx can be found complete list of all Minnesota taxes.

Sales taxes

- The sales tax in Minnesota is 6.875 percent.
- Minnesota's state tax department also administers sales tax for several local governments. The Minnesota Department of Revenue at http://www.revenue.state.mn.us/businesses/sut/Pages/SalesTaxCalculator.aspx provides an online sales tax rate calculator to determine these rates. The department also issues a fact sheet on special local taxes available at www.revenue.state.mn.us/businesses/sut/factsheets/FS164S.pdf.
- The state imposes a use tax on items purchased elsewhere but used within Minnesota.

Personal and real property taxes

- Each spring, Minnesota property owners get a property tax bill from their county. Three factors that affect the tax bill are the amount the local governments (town, city, county, etc.) spend to provide services to the community, the estimated market value of the property and the classification of the property (how it is used).
- Each county property assessor determines the classification (home, apartment, cabin, farm, business) of all property according to its use. Each class of property is then taxed at a different percentage of its value. This percentage, or class rate, is determined by the state legislature
- Minnesota has two property tax refund programs for homeowners: the regular property tax refund and the special property tax refund. Taxpayers may be eligible for one or both, depending on income and the size of the property tax bill.

Inheritance and Estate taxes

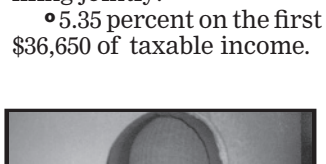
- Minnesota did not adopt the federal tax law changes related to estate taxation. If the decedent was a Minnesota resident at the time of death, the estate is required to file Form M706 if the federal gross estate exceeds $1.4 million on the date of death in 2014 or if the estate is required to file a federal estate tax return. Estate tax applies for estates larger than $1.6 million for deaths occurring in 2016; $1.8 million in 2017; and $2 million for deaths in 2018 and beyond.
- The Form M706 instructions have details on how to determine the federal gross estate and how to calculate the Minnesota estate tax. The MN Department of Revenue provides online calculators to help taxpayers verify Minnesota estate obligations.
- Minnesota does not have an inheritance tax.

Other Minnesota Tax facts

- Minnesota has income tax reciprocity agreements with Michigan and North Dakota. Workers who live in one of those states are not required to have Minnesota income taxes withheld from their wages.
- Individual income tax reciprocity between Minnesota and Wisconsin ended effective Jan. 1, 2010. As a result, Minnesota and Wisconsin residents who work across the border must file returns in both states if they meet minimum filing requirements.
- Taxpayers who have trouble resolving a tax issue with the Minnesota Department of Revenue and have exhausted all other administrative remedies should contact the state's Taxpayer Rights Advocate for help.

Hopefully, this informationwill encourage you to be more prepared for next tax season.

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



Dec. 27, 1984 - July 12, 2008

We never have silence,
for there is always our clock
It ticks in our ear,
in beat with ourselves.
It starts out comforting and
soft, thinly veiled pulses.
Just quiet clicks
as the pendulum swings.
Stints of time which turn
from moments to memories
Junctures help create
our pivotal points.
Its hands cannot be pulled back,
nor restrained
as much as it might please us.
The span of life is defined
only by the hours chimed.
And sometimes that final chime
rings too soon.

Miss you, Mitchell.

w28p Love, Mom.

BBB tips on navigating the funeral process

At an average cost between $7,000 and $10,000, funerals are one of the more expensive arrangements people make. During such an emotionally charged time, loved ones or caretakers of the deceased can get lost in the details and expenses involved with planning a funeral. Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota ® (BBB) offers some direction for navigating the funeral process.

"Discussions of funeral arrangements and designating one's personal wishes are never easy to have, but these are the conversations that can help transform a time of mourning into a time of celebration," said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Many funeral homes offer a variety of package plans that include products and services that are chosen most often by the bereaved. But no packages are obligatory and it's important to take the time, even though time to make these decisions may be short, to find the individual products and services that best serve your needs and the needs of loved ones and the deceased.

One way to remove some of the questions that arise when one passes is to have a plan outlining some choices in advance. This makes things easier for those left behind and also takes the wishes of the deceased into account. The National Funeral Directors Association offers a "Bill of Rights for Funeral Preplanning" (nfda.org/planning-a-funeral/preplanning.html) that its members follow. Though you don't have to prepay for a funeral in order to preplan one, there may be financial benefits to doing so.

As you begin to explore your options, it's important to carefully weigh the benefits and costs tied to each choice: traditional burial or cremation. Traditional funerals – where there's a burial and service – are the most popular, but can cost significantly more than cremation.

According to the Cremation Association of North America, the U.S. cremation rate has nearly doubled in the past 15 years. The reason for the increase in the number of people choosing cremation over traditional burial could come down to cost or because it gives families more flexibility when planning a memorial service, or simply due to the wishes of the deceased.

Whether you're looking at a traditional burial or cremation, The Funeral Rule, which is enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, offers consumers many protections:

- You can choose the funeral goods and services that you want (with some exceptions). You do not have to accept a package that may include items you do not want.
- You may receive price information on the telephone if you ask for it. You don't have to give them your name, address, or telephone number first. Although they are not required to do so, many funeral homes mail their price lists, and some post them online.
- You're entitled to a written statement from the funeral home describing any legal cemetery or crematory requirement that requires you to buy particular funeral goods or services.
- The right to see a written casket price list before you see the actual caskets. Sometimes, detailed casket price information is included on the funeral home's General Price List. More often, though, it's provided on a separate casket price list. Get the price information before you see the caskets, so that you can ask about lower-priced products that may not be on display.
- The funeral provider must not refuse, or charge a fee, to handle a casket or urn that you bought elsewhere.
- A funeral provider who offers cremation must make alternative containers available.

BBB has free Business Reviews on more than 450 funeral service providers throughout Minnesota and North Dakota, available at bbb.org/search.



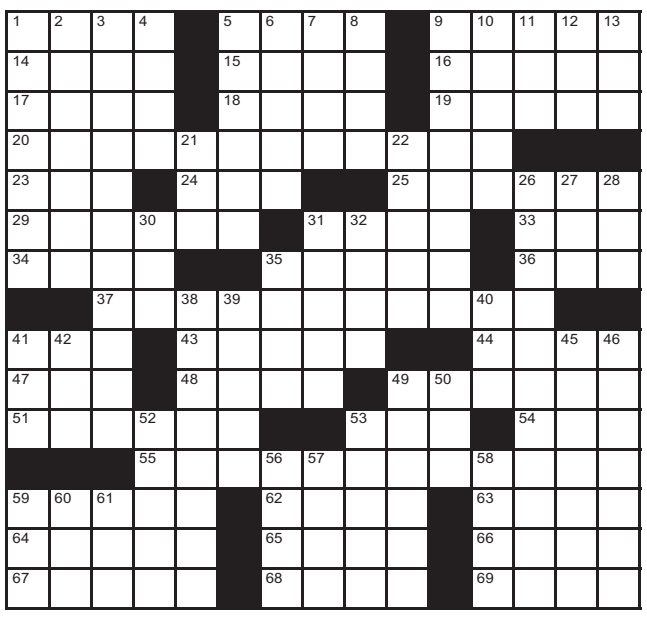
FFA leadership conference

Scout Strickland, center, of the Staples Motley FFA chapter attended the State Greenhand Leadership Conference June 27-July 1 at Deep Portage Conservation Reserve, Hackensack. Strickland was one of 149 members attending from all over the state, including the state officer team and regional presidents. Attendees learned about many things related to FFA opportunities, leadership development and career success. Workshops focused on goal setting, personal leadership, stereotypes and diversity and professionalism. Pictured with Strickland are Rebekka Paskewitz, left, FFA State Reporter, and Eleora DeMuth, Region II President. (Submitted photo)

Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile

Week 28



"Double Headers"

Across
1 Cold War threat
5 Cracked open
9 Swelter
14 Cubs President Epstein
15 Dog and ___ show
16 Roast host
17 Email folder
18 Cracker spread
19 Starbucks serving
20 "Finally" singer
23 Bruin Bobby
24 Actor McKellen
25 Bob, for one
29 "Ach du ___!"
31 Went down
33 Mighty long time
34 Exhausted, with "in"
35 New moon, e.g.
36 Back then
37 Blues standard by Ma Rainey
41 "What nonsense!"
43 "Omigosh!"
44 It's hard to believe
47 Boise's county
48 Genesis garden
49 Crown
51 Not in any way
53 Switch
54 Unruly crowd
55 "Yes, Juanita"
59 Put a new price on
62 Stab
63 "-zoic" things
64 A Heep of fiction
65 Place for a run
66 Neighbor of Earth
67 Standing
68 Take out
69 Hit of yesteryear

Down
1 "Turn on the heat!"
2 "Ta-ta"
3 1995 Masters winner
4 Speck
5 Loom up
6 Big name in craft shops
7 Opposed to
8 Deli wares
9 Added ammo
10 Muscat resident
11 Behave
12 Sink
13 Course requirement?
21 Pizza order
22 "Jesus loves me, ___ know"
26 Flag officer
27 Track
28 Bed-In participant
30 Spelling contest
31 Radiance
32 Metallica drummer Ulrich
35 Lap dog, for short
38 Vision
39 Teams
40 Capt.'s guess
41 Shut out
42 Flutter
45 Trapeze garb
46 Mission
49 Wireless computer attachment
50 Altar vow
52 Author Asimov
53 Nephritic
56 Apple product
57 Soccer announcer's cry
58 San ___, Italy
59 Bewail
60 Slip
61 Make fast

Last Week's Answers
"Meals on Wheels"





Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship
Summer Service.....9:30 a.m.
Coffee fellowship.....10:30 a.m.
Outdoor Worship .....Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

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

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout 218-640-5587
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion
1354 Café Coffee Fellowship.....9:13 a.m.
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study .....6:00 p.m.
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 p.m.

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

Leaf River Township

The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. # 218-837-5690
Open by arrangement

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study.....6 :00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA .....6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Children's Church.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses
.....11-11:45 a.m.

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. .....Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... Adult Bible Studies

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

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

Relevant words for modern Americans

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenent Church, Staples

A warning:

If we and our posterity shall be true to the Christian religion, if we and they shall live always in the fear of God, and shall respect His commandments...we may have the highest hopes of the future fortunes of our country...but if we and our posterity reject religious institutions and authority, violate the rules of eternal justice, trifle with the injunctions of morality, and recklessly destroy the political constitution which holds us together, no man can tell us how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us that shall bury all our glory in profound obscurity. – Daniel Webster

A plea:

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We ha bers, wealth and power, as no othe grown. But we have forgotten God. W the gracious Hand which preserved multiplied and enriched and streng we have vainly imagined, in the dec hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

– Abraham Lincoln

A promise:

If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

– 2 Chronicles 7:14

ple, He said, "I
's Me will never
of life."

– John 8:12

Life Currents Policy

To request that an obituary, anniversary, or other event be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, consult our advertising department for display advertising options (rate is $9.60 /col. inch, Staples World only). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it and must be paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is 5 p.m. Monday.

The Staples World publishes wedding and engagement notices as a courtesy. Submissions are edited and published for one week at no charge. A one column photograph may be included (word for word or personalized copy may be placed as ads). The deadline for copy is 5 p.m. Monday. The Life Currents section can also include, Student Achievements and births edited to our format at no charge.

The Staples World offers a Special Occasion Display ad, 1 col. X 3" for $25 (must be paid for at the time of placement; reg. $28.80). These may include anniversary and birthday congrats and open houses. Regular ad rate is $9.60 per column inch for any size ad. **Benefit events are considered advertisements.**

An obituary with photo is $60, edited to our format. Obituary forms are available. Obit with two photos add $10; word for word with a border is charged $9.60 per col. inch.

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The Staples Area Ch ...s:

Central Building Supply
Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Ernie's
Groceries - G
Staples, M

Central Federal Savings Bank
Insured to $250,000
, MN 218-894-3900

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

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

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

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

TODD COUNTY SOLID WASTE 30433 US 71 BROWERVILLE, MN 56438 PHONE (320) 594-2210 FAX 320-594-3022

FOR SALE BY BID

Sealed Bid Auction for 1999 Chevrolet 4x4 Silverado Pickup

Todd County Solid Waste is accepting sealed bids on the following vehicle. The vehicle is parked at the Solid Waste Department, 30433 US 71, Browerville, MN. You may look at the vehicle during regular business hours. The vehicle is presented for sale and will be sold in "as is" condition. Todd County has the right to refuse any or all bids. You may submit a bid in-person at the Solid Waste Department, or by mail. Must be marked **Sealed Bid for Vehicle Purchase**. All bids must be received by 3:00 p.m. on July 29, 2016.

Vehicle Information:
Year: 1999
Make: Chevrolet
Model: Silverado
Color: Red
Miles: 198,668
VIN: 1GCEK14T2XE211546

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TODD COUNTY BIDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC STONE BRIDGE L7075

Closing date: July 26, 2016

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., July 26, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction projects:

SAP 077-599-064

Reconstruction of Historic Bridge L7075 and bituminous surfacing.

Located on 290th Street between CSAH 25 and 275th Avenue.

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

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CITY OF STAPLES FILING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the filings for the biennial election for the City of Staples will open at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016.

Offices to be filled will be the Mayor and four City Council Members. The Mayor shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The three individuals receiving the highest number of votes for City Council Members shall serve for terms of four (4) years and the individual receiving the fourth highest number of votes for City Council Member shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Filings may be made at the Office of the City Clerk at the Staples City Hall. A filing fee of $2.00 is required.

The biennial election for the City of Staples will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Phil Lindaman,
City Clerk

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NOTICE MINNESOTA DNR PROPOSAL

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is seeking comment on a proposal to designate as a trout stream a 0.1 mile section of Hay Creek, and undesignated a 4.9 mile section of Fawn Creek in Wadena County. Designated trout streams are those where conditions are suitable for trout and therefore are subject to special regulations to protect fish populations, water quality and habitat.

The affected portion of Hay Creek lies in Township 134, Range 33, Section 16.

The affected portions of Fawn Creek lies in Township 134; Range 32; Sections 22, 27, 33 and 34.

Written comments can be sent to: Park Rapids Fisheries, 301 S Grove Ave., Park Rapids MN 56470, or by phone at 218-732-4153. Comment will be accepted until October 17, 2016.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Vincent P. Decker and Sherry Decker, husband and wife

MORTGAGEE: Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a Federal Savings Bank

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on February 9, 2007 as Document Number 447246 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $107,250.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 9, 2004

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on September 27, 2004 as Document Number 429674 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $88,118.93

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, and the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 30 and the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 20, except for the following described part: Commencing at the Northeast corner of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 for a point of beginning; thence in a Westerly direction along the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 260 feet; thence in a Southerly direction parallel with the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 503 feet; thence in an Easterly direction parallel with the North line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 260 feet to the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, thence in a Northerly direction along the East line of the said Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 a distance of 503 feet to the point of beginning. All in the Township 129 North, Range 34 West. Todd County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 17503 232ND ST, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347-4860

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: None

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Washington Mutual Bank, FA, a Federal Savings Bank

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 20-0021600, 20-0023100, and 20-0033100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: None

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 18, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on August 18, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 24, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

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COUNTY OF TODD
STATE OF MINNESOTA

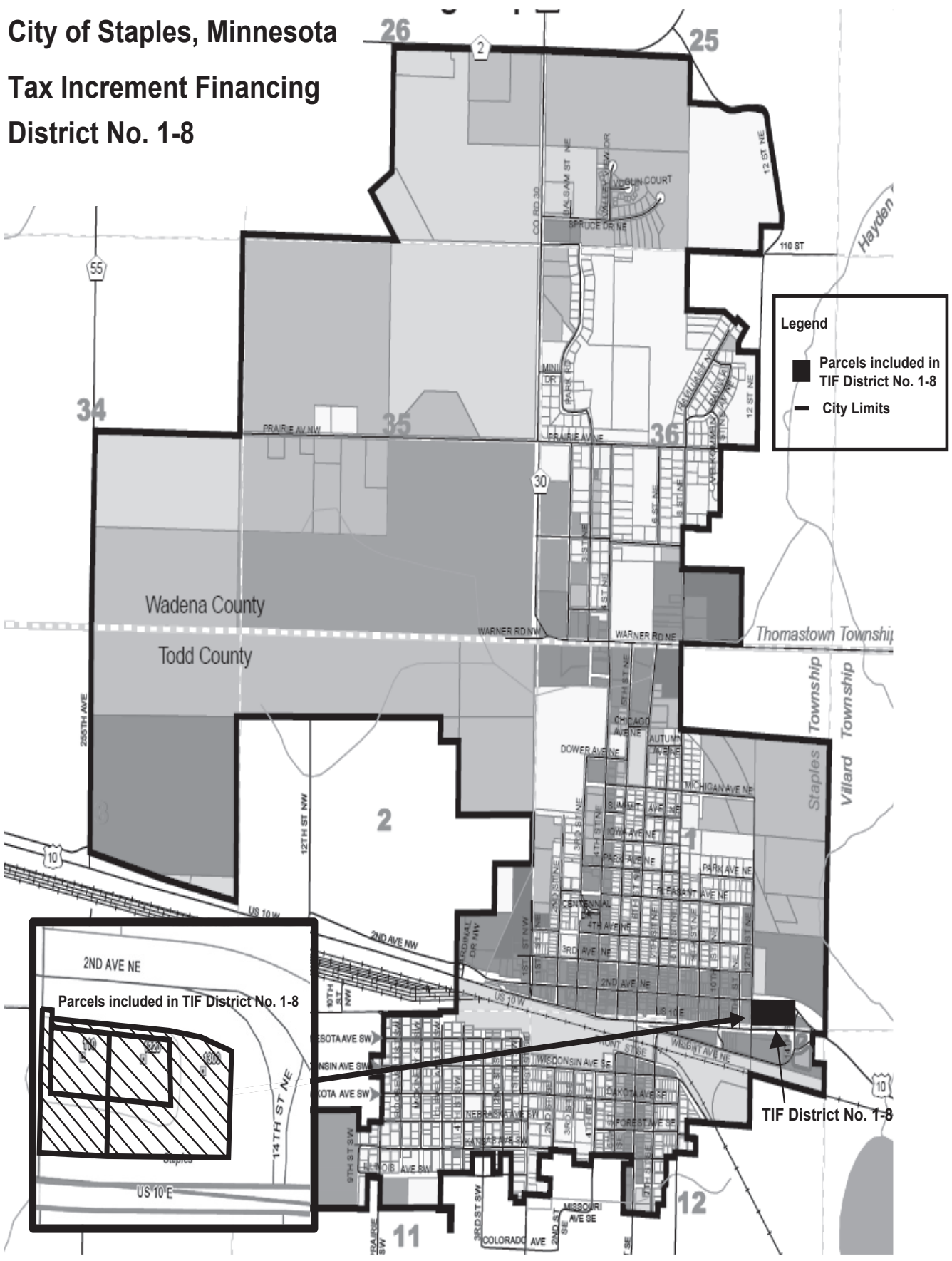
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 1-8 WITHIN MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

And

PROPOSED BUSINESS SUBSIDY TO TIMBERLAKE HOTEL (MIKE AND MARY IVES)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Staples, Todd County, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at the Staples City Hall in the City of Staples, Minnesota, relating to the (a) the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No.1-8 within Municipal Development District No. 1, and (b) the adoption of the Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 469.1794, inclusive, as amended (the "Act").

The property included in Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-8 is described in the Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the City Administrator. A map of the proposed Tax Increment Financing District is set forth below:



The boundaries of Municipal Development District No. 1 are coterminous with City Limits.

The hearing will also relate to (c) considering the proposed business subsidy agreement with Timberlake Hotel (Mike and Mary Ives), in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 116J.993 through 116J.995. Any person with residence in, or owner of taxable property in, the City of Staples may file a written complaint with the City if the City fails to comply with the Minnesota Statute noted above. If written notice is not filed with the City, no action may be taken against the City for failure to comply.

Copies of the modified Tax Increment Financing Plan as proposed to be adopted, along with a summary of the Business Subsidy Agreement as proposed to be adopted will be on file and available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator at City Hall.

All interested persons may appear at the hearing and present their view orally or in writing.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
/s/ Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator

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City of Staples

Annual Disclosure of Tax Increment Districts
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

TIF District Name	TIF District 5 Staples Square Apartments	TIF District 6 Prairie View Apartments
Current net tax capacity	$3,187	$14,611
Original net tax capacity	$9	$25
Captured net tax capacity	$3,178	$14,568
Principal and interest payments due in 2016	$5,512	$24,413
Tax increment received in 2015	$5,512	$24,413
Tax increment expended in 2015	$5,512	$24,413
Month and year of first tax increment receipt	June 2005	June 2006
Date of required decertification	12/31/2030	12/31/2031

Additional information regarding each district may be obtained from the Staples City Clerk, City of Staples, 122 6th St. E, Staples, MN 56479 or by calling 218-894-2550.

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POPLAR TOWNSHIP FILING NOTICE

Poplar Township offices will be voted for November 8, 2016 general election.

Candidates may file from August 2, 2016 through August 16, 2016 until 5:00 p.m.

Candidates must file at Poplar Township, complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2.00.

Offices to file for are:

Clerk - to fill out term until January, 2019

Supervisor Seat 1 - 4 year term

Supervisor Seat 3 - 4 year term

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township
28pnc

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES BYRON TOWNSHIP

The following township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 until Tuesday, August 16, 2016. **The office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016 for candidates to file.**

Candidates must file at the Office of the Township Clerk, 8991 75th Ave. Sw, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2.00 filing fee at time of filing. Please call to make appointment to file if filing before August 16, 2016 at 218-397-2545.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other filing requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016:

Township Treasurer (4 year regular term)

Township Clerk (2 year special term)

Township Supervisor Seat 1 (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Beverly J. Hoemberg,
Byron Township Clerk
28-29pnc

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 116 PILLAGER PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 116 **shall begin on August 2, 2016 and shall close at 5 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2016.**

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. At that election, three members will be elected to the School Board for a term of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, **Pillager Public Schools,** District Office, 323 E. 2nd Street So, Pillager, Minnesota. The filing fee for this office is $2.00. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the Pillager School District for thirty (30) days before the general election, and is not registered as a convicted sex offender.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5 o'clock p.m. on August 16, 2016.

Dated: July 8, 2016

BY ORDER OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Sara Nagel
School District Clerk
28pnc

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Edwin Osterberg, a married person

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for Irwin Mortgage Corporation, an Indiana corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded on December 30, 2013 as Document Number A487712 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on November 12, 2015 as Document Number A496729 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $55,120.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: October 29, 2004

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 11, 2005 as Document Number 432408 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $47,150.96

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: North 178 feet of East 186 feet of Outlot 1 of Outlots in the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 8, Township 127, Range 32, in the Village of Grey Eagle, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 529 STATE ST E, GREY EAGLE, MN 56336

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Irwin Mortgage Corporation, an Indiana corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 34-0005900

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100013900789111204

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: August 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on February 6, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: June 2, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

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BECKER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES

The following township offices will be voted for at the State General Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on August 2, 2016 through 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. You may call Mary Fitcher at 218-352-6498 for an appointment, or the office of the clerk will be open Tuesday, August 16, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. located at 10999 75th Ave. SW, Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an Affidavit of Candidacy and pay a $2.00 filing fee at the time of filing.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016.

Township Clerk (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Reminder: Becker Township is a mail balloting township. All registered voters will receive their ballot in the mail. Non registered voters should contact the Cass County Treasurer's office to register.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township
28-29pnc

NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING DATES MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP

The following Meadowbrook Township offices will be voted for at the state general election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Candidates may begin filing for these offices on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 until Tuesday, August 16, 2016. The office of the clerk will be open from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on August 16, 2016 for candidates to file.

Candidates must file at the Office of the Meadowbrook Township Clerk, 9414 57th Ave. S.W. Motley, MN 56466. Candidates must complete an affidavit of candidacy and pay $2.00 filing fee at time of filing.

Candidates who will be absent from the state during the filing period may arrange to file in person with the Clerk within seven days prior to departure by giving written affidavit of reasons for absence and completing all other requirements.

Filings will be accepted during the filing period for the following offices to be elected on November 8, 2016:

Township Treasurer (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 1 (4 year regular term)

Township Supervisor Seat 2 (4 year regular term)

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
27-28pnc

NOTICE TODD COUNTY HRA HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has developed its agency plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. The plan is available for review at the Authority's office at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville. The agency plan may be reviewed Wednesday or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A public hearing will be held on August 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts for any comments on the plan or 2017 Capitol Funding.

Kim Wallace
Executive Director
28pnc

NOTICE OF FILING VILLARD TOWNSHIP

Villard Township will hold their Township Officer Election in conjunction with the November 8, 2016 Election Day.

Villard Township will open filings for the following positions:

One Supervisor - 4 year term

Clerk - 4 year term

Filing for these positions will begin on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 through Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Filing will close at 5 p.m. on August 16, 2016. Anyone filing on August 9th will need to come to the Villard Town Hall in Philbrook to file.

Contact the Clerk for for Candidate Filing at 218-352-6489 or 218-414-0323.

Connie Mosack,
Villard Township Clerk
28&30pnc











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Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: Can you talk about what is legal when it comes to ATV operation and where they can be operated?

Answer: When it comes to all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) laws and regulations it all depends on what type of ATV you have and where it will be operated. There are two classes of ATVs. This changed on July 1, 2015.

Class 1 is an ATV with a total width of 50 inches or less.

Class 2 is an ATV with a total width that is greater than 50 inches but not more than 65 inches wide.

ATV General Operations

A valid driver's license is required to operate an ATV on road rights-of-way, except when on a designated trail that includes a road right-of-way. A person with a valid driver's license may operate an ATV:

- Registered for private use and being used for agricultural purposes on public rights of- way of a trunk, county, state aid or county highways, if the ATV is on the extreme right side of the road. A left turn may be made if it is safe to do so.
- On the far right-hand side of a township road, unless prohibited by local regulations. If traveling at a slower speed than other traffic on the township road, the ATV should be driven as close as practical to the right-hand edge of the road.
- On a bridge, a roadway shoulder or the inside bank of a public road right-of-way if necessary to avoid obstructions to travel or environmentally sensitive areas. You must remain in the farthest right-hand lane, enter the roadway within 100 feet of the bridge, obstacle, or area, and make the crossing without delay.

You may operate a Class 2 ATV on private land; frozen lake surfaces; state forest roads; and with a valid driver's license on the shoulder or extreme right side of county roads and on the right side of township roads and city streets - if not prohibited by the road authority or other local laws, on designated Class 2 trails and use areas and in road rights-of-way of a trunk, county state-aid or county highways but only to access businesses or make trail connections. A left turn may be made if it is safe to do so.

Class 2 ATVs may be operated on the shoulder or extreme right side of county or township roads and city streets if not prohibited by the road authority or other local laws. Class 2 ATVs may NOT be operated on the shoulder of a state trunk highway. Class 1 (side/side) ATV must have a steering wheel, seat belts, and roll-over protective structure to be operated like a Class 2 on roadways.

You may NOT ride

- Crossing a bridge that is part of the traveled lanes of an interstate highway.
- An ATV on controlled access/freeway portions of state highways.
- Exceeding 10 mph on the frozen surface of public waters within 100 feet of another person who is not on an ATV (including people that are fishing) or within 100 feet of a fish house or other shelter.
- On the median of a four-lane highway.
- Within the rights-of-way of any interstate highways or freeways.
- On the rights-of-way between opposing lanes of traffic.
- On grant-in-aid snowmobile trails.
- On designated non-motorized trails. (Others listed on MNDNR website).

Youth age 12 through 15 operation

Youth ages 12-15 can now operate an ATV on a roadway if they possess a valid ATV safety certificate AND are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian that is on a separate ATV. All other riding requirements apply.

Use good judgement and obey all the laws when operating an ATV. Conservation officers, deputy sheriffs, police officers, and state troopers, all enforce off-highway vehicle rules. You must stop when signaled by a law enforcement officer.

For additional information go to: www. mndnr. gov/OHV

A portion of state statutes were used with permission from the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow – Minnesota State Patrol at 1000 Highway 10 West, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501-2205. (You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPIO_NW or reach him at, jesse.grabow@state.mn.us).



Summit on effigy mound

The Staples contingent meets at the top of the earthen dove effigy mound at Highground Veterans Memorial Park in Neillsville, Wisc. Clockwise from top left, the Highground tour guide, Huck Holst, Lee Jenkins, Mel Daniels, Bob Hamann and Kevin Jenkins. Not pictured, Joan Hamann. The mound is shaped like a dove in the fashion of a Native American effigy mound and is a living memorial that pays tribute to POWs and MIAs. The park incorporates other features to honor Native American veterans. (Submitted photo)



Liberty Bell replica

Staples Veterans Park Board representatives each took a turn pulling a rope to ring a replica of the Liberty Bell. Following the bell ringing, a pair of F-16 jets flew over the park on a training mission. The bell was donated to the Wisconsin park by a group of Minnesota business people. (Submitted photo)

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Staples World, 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479



Peace park

The emphasis on the healing of veterans returning from war is symbolized by this dove statue at the park. (Submitted photo)



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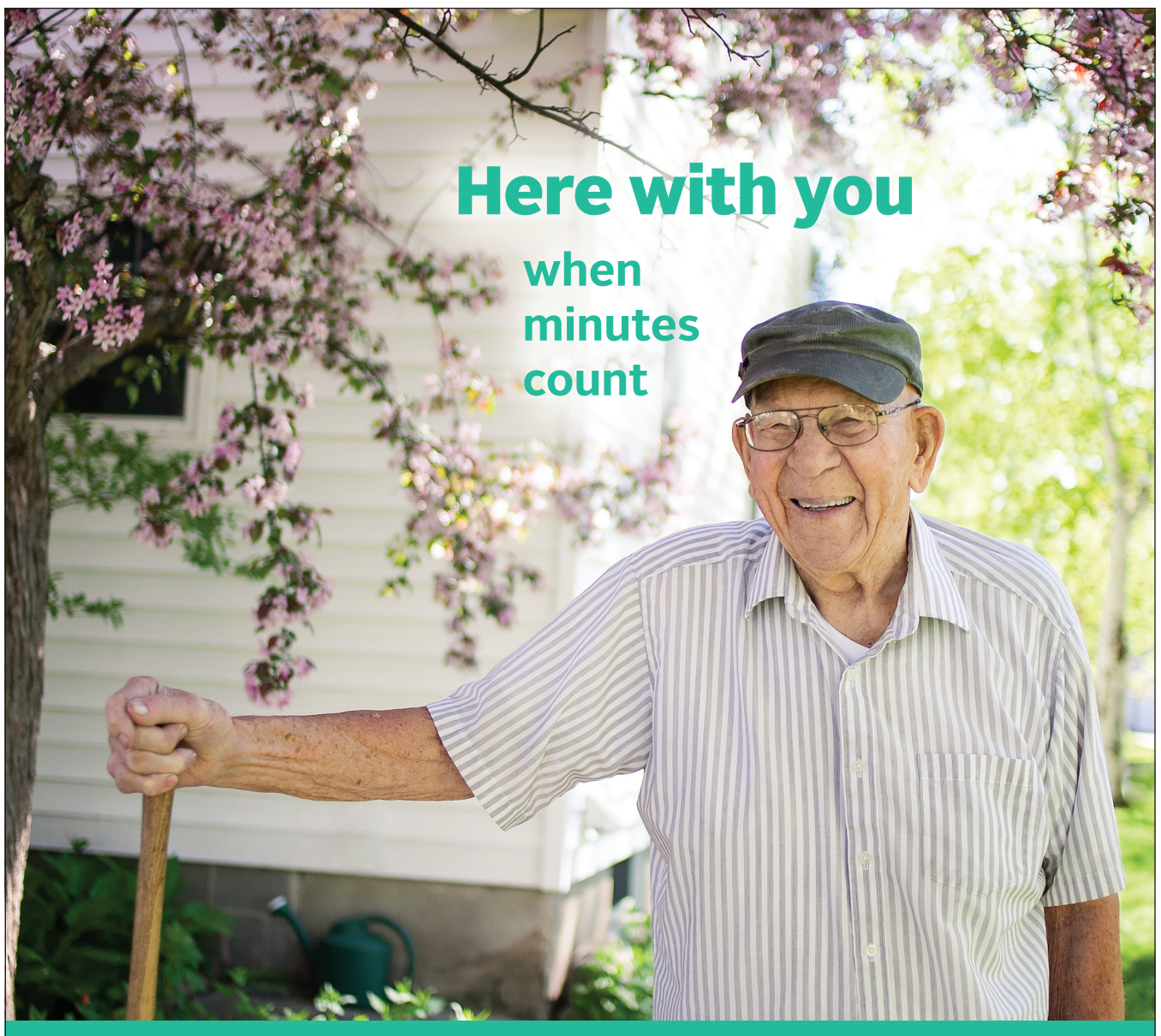
Ideas will be incorporated into planning for Staples

Highground also has a Meditation Garden with four areas designed for reflection and meditation. Again the emphasis is on healing.

Their next tribute will be for Military Working Dogs.

The park is 155 acres which includes an information/gift center, a learning center, and an exact replica of the Liberty Bell which all visitors are encouraged to ring.

The group learned a lot about developing a successful park. Some of the concepts and ideas included; tributes, fundraising and annual events which will be considered for the Staples All Veterans Park.



Minutes count when you've suffered a stroke. Prompt diagnosis and expert treatment are key to reducing a stroke's impact and even saving your life. That's why Essentia Health-St. Joseph's Medical Center is an Acute Stroke Ready hospital and has a specially trained team to rapidly respond. Martin Luther, of Brainerd, has made a full recovery from the major stroke he had last year thanks to the Stroke Alert Team.

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Memories made at the Pillager Fair



Horse show ribbon winner

Carly Smith of Staples (center) was a ribbon winner at the Pillager Fair Horse Show July 8. She is pictured with her parents, Motley Police Chief Ron Smith and Janet Smith, who were celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary that day; and her horse, Cajun. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Midway fun



Cody Rides, a family-owned carnival, offered a number of rides and several games at the Pillager Fair last weekend. Pictured above, from left, are Carter Kist, Rylan Kuhns and Madelyn Kist, all of Staples. Pictured in lower photo, enjoying the Scrambler ride, are Taylor Nelson and Bradley Pribnow, both of Pillager. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Lunchtime

Pillager Fair Board members and other volunteers kept busy serving a variety of food items at the community center during last weekend's fair. Pictured at left, top photo, getting ready to deliver an order is Dick Nybakke. Pictured in lower left photo enjoying lunch are, from left, Lesly and Elaine Rogers, Pillager; Sharon Sandberg, Cushing; VeRonica Sandberg, Chaska; and Steve Sandberg, Cushing. Elaine (Dally) Rogers and Steve Sandberg both graduated from Pillager High School in 1964; and Sharon (Topp) Sandberg graduated from PHS in 1967. An ice cream social was held during the fair for Pilager High School graduates. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Everyone loves a parade

People of all ages lined the streets of downtown Pillager July 9, for the annual Pillager Parade held in conjunction with the fair. There were a number of parade entries, including classic cars, fire trucks, horses; and representation from area businesses, organizations and churches. Children enjoyed collecting candy thrown from floats. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Reunion at the fair

A number of family and class reunions took place throughout the recent Pillager Fair. Pictured above from left, visiting on a bench in the shade, are Ray and Eleanor Root, Pillager; and Dorothy (Berndt) and Dannie Williams of San Antonio, Texas, who traveled back to the area for the funeral of Dorothy's mother, Hazel Berndt. Standing is Sharon (Berndt) Joslin, Pillager. Eleanor and Dorothy are cousins and both 1959 Pillager High School graduates. Sharon, another cousin, is a 1967 PHS grad. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Getting ready to show

Brothers Alec (left) and Lane Jensen of Pillager (with their horse, Sarah) participated in several events during the horse show at the Pillager Fair last weekend. Alec Jensen also celebrated his 16th birthday during the fair. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Pillager Express builder

Larry Anderson of Pillager (left) is pictured by the Pillager Express, a train ride for children he built a number of years ago, which is a favorite ride at the Pillager Fair. Also pictured is Ron Hines, Pillager Fair Board member and the driver of the Pillager Express. Anderson will celebrate his 90th birthday Aug. 31. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley City Council hears update on clerk hiring process

The Motley City Council held their regular meeting July 11, at which time they:

- HEARD an update on the hiring process for the new city clerk from Gary Weiers, with David Drown & Associates. Weiers advocated revising the timeline, providing additional time to update the job description prior to its being advertized. The current job description is dated 1999. Interim clerk Scott Saehr said he was okay with having the process delayed a month.
- APPROVED contract with Long Prairie Sanitation (LPS) for five years. The contract includes collection of trash using three different size carts and single sort recycling using a 64 gallon cart. The contract has a fixed rate for two years. In addition, LPS will not charge for trash and recycling collection at the city facilities, during June Fest; and will offer two $500 scholarships to high school graduates each year the contract is in force.
- HEARD from Mary Noska and Lisa Kajer, volunteer representatives with Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota. The vision of the group is to organize a barn quilt trail with at least 25 quilts by August of 2017 in Central Minnesota, emphasizing Todd, Wadena, Morrison and Cass counties. The vision is to create an open-air visual art exhibit to welcome friends, family and visitors to our area. They asked for the city's support in encouraging local businesses to take part in this, adding that a barn quilt trail could attract visitors, in turn bringing business and revenue to the area. More information can be found online at http://barnquiltsmn.org.
- APPROVED gambling permit from St. Michael's Catholic Church to play bingo.
- APPROVED the request of Motley Police Chief Ron Smith that the police department have WEX fleet cards for purchasing gas for MPD vehicles. Officers must keep track of receipts and if any purchase has been made that is not related to the MPD, the amount of purchase will be held from the officer's final pay check, or must be reimbursed to the city.
- TABLED Chief Smith's request to relocate the police department to the former city maintenance shop. Smith estimated it would cost approximately $1,600 to convert the space from its former use. Council member Amy Hutchison said she had mixed feelings about this plan and would prefer to have the police presence at city hall. She wondered if Smith could maintain an office at city hall while utilizing the new space to conduct interviews and store evidence. Chief Smith said it sounded like a good compromise. Smith will bring additional information to the council's August meeting.
- HEARD request from interim city clerk Scott Saehr that the city consider utilizing the services of "Shred-N-Go" for their day-to-day shredding needs (excluding records, documents, etc.). Saehr also wondered if the city should consider a cleaning service for city hall. In the past, city clerk/treasurer Terri Smith took care of this, but Saehr wondered if the clerk's time would be better used elsewhere. Council member Steve Johnson reminded Saehr that at the last special meeting the council had agreed to take turns cleaning until a permanent city clerk is hired.
- HEARD from council member Steve Johnson who expressed support for Police Chief Ron Smith and Morrison County Deputy Al Yoder (who is also a Motley City Council member) in light of the recent police shootings in Dallas, Texas.

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Freshwater Special Education
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Sharon Parker, Business Manager
Freshwater Education District
1100 5th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479
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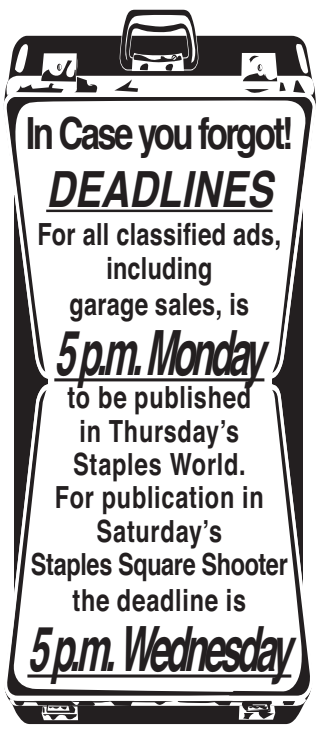
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DNR water permits for livestock farms

Concerned for the availability of freshwater for future domestic consumption, state hydrologists are focusing on water permitting for livestock farms across Minnesota. Indicators suggest the withdrawal of water by livestock farms does factor into the overall water depletion equation. Within the next month or so, further information will be released pertaining to the reporting and permitting requirements of water usage by livestock farms.

Currently, farms using less than 10,000 gallons a day or one million gallons annually are not required to obtain a permit. Farms using more than the allowable standard but less than five million gallons annually can obtain a "general" water permit from the DNR for a one time fee. A farm using more than five million gallons annually must apply and pay a fee for an "individual permit". All livestock farms using more than one million gallons annually will be required to report yearly water consumption, a new requirement of the water appropriation law.

Water consumption varies by species, age, diet, management and seasonal needs of the animals. University of Minnesota guidelines suggest that an average farm milking 90 head of mature dairy cows may exceed the withdrawal standards of one million gallons per year. A farm milking 450 dairy cattle may exceed a consumption of five million gallons of water annually. Water consumption by all livestock species on the farm factors into the total annual consumption.

Municipalities and irrigation remain the largest users of Minnesota's groundwater. If you any have questions or concerns, call Todd County Livestock Advisor at 320-732-2644.

Garage Sales
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2 PARTY GARAGE SALE: Fri., July 15, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Sat., July 16, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothing: girl's 12-14, juniors, women, men; 2 headboards, highchair, weight lifting benches, TV, microwave, sinks, free mattresses. 28994 Warner Rd., Staples, Huebner's. 1-1/2 mi. E of cemetery. ssw28p

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs., July 14-Fri., July 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., July 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Baby equipment, clothing: boy's, girl's, nb - 7/8, adult. Too much misc. to list. 1 mi. N on Cass Co. 32 off the Warner Rd. Follow Dean's Tire Service signs. 8276 116th St. SW, Motley. ssw28p

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2016 SMHS Alumni Basketball Tournament

The schedule for the 2016 Cardinal Basketball Alumni Tournament has been released, with eight men's teams and four women's teams signed up to play.

Pool play will take place Friday, July 15, starting at 6 p.m. Each team will play three "half-games" for seeding.

For the women's tournament, the four teams are 2014 Soup-A-Stars, 2013 Team Korea, 2016 Baby Cardinals, and Early 2000's Ponytail Express.

Men's teams in Pool A are 2016 Cardinal Varsity, 80s and 90s All-Stars, 2010 Chosen Ones and 2007 Huck 'N' Chuck. Teams in Pool B are 2008 Free Agent Special, 2004 The Second Coming, 2002 TLC and 2000 Dairy Queen.

The basketball boosters will run a concession area with drinks and snacks available.

Admission price has been changed from $5 for the tournament to "your own good-hearted donation."

Games Friday will be 22 minutes long with running time that stops the last two minutes. Each team gets two 1-minute timeouts per game.

Teams will be seeded by their Friday night records, then Saturday the tournament begins. Saturday full games will be played; two 20 minute running time halves, clock stops last two minutes. All teams are guaranteed two games Saturday.

One court will be left open on Saturday for a few hours for various games and contests.

Saturday games will run from 8 or 9 a.m. until 3 or 4 p.m.

The older class year of the two teams playing is spotted points based on the year difference. Teams don't have to accept this gift, but it is common in alumni tournaments.

Trout, Eagle Tail chop down Paul Bunyan competition

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Ryan Trout and Cyris Eagle Tail of Staples placed first and second at the Paul Bunyan Extreme 5K obstacle course race on July 9 held near Brainerd.

The two worked together for the first part of the course. "I ran the first half of the race with him," said Trout. "We were helping each other out, talking and letting each other know what was going on and what to watch out for. It was helpful to have someone doing it with you."

Halfway through the race, Trout took off, ending up with a time of 26:38 and Eagle Tail came in at 28:24.

The 5K was set up at Mount Ski Gull just north of Brainerd. There were 21 obstacles along the course, like: mudstacle, spider ladder, dumpster dive, tire park and "Paul's size 24 boot."

The first obstacle involved crawling through muck, mud and slime. "They get you soaked right away, so you have to deal with that the whole race," said Trout.

Trout said the hardest station was crawling under a burlap net that was staked to the ground so it was tight, and water was spraying on it the entire way.

There were also some fun obstacles; like the rope swing into a pool of water, giant wire spools layed out in different patterns, one with a jumble of tires and one memorable obstacle was carrying a large rock up a big hill.

"The most challenging part was the hills, the first 1,200 meters were all working uphill, some places the hills were so steep you had to use your hands to get up," Trout said.

"It's a major workout the entire time," he said.

Trout said he loves the competition part of it. He ran cross country and track as a senior last year for Staples Motley and raced the semi pro snocross circuit this past winter.

He said cross country training helped in the hilly part of the race. "You have to know how to run downhill, know how to start out slow, build and sprint without falling, a lot of people fell on the downhill."

Trout ran the PB Extreme race last year and placed fourth. He said there were a few changeups this year because the weather was drier. "Some of the swamps were muck instead of water, last year you could swim through them, this year you would sink up to your knees," he said.

Another oddity a long the course was the tame turkey hen and her chicks he encountered on a grassy path in the race. "They wanted to stay on the mowed path so they were running with me and around me, then suddenly they took off," said Trout.

There were a record 777 racers this year, going off in heats every half hour. Trout said he knew he won his heat, but had to get to a wedding so he didn't know he had won the entire event until he checked online that evening.

Another of Trout's former high school teammates, Tony Caudillo, also competed in the event and the results showed Addison Lorber of Staples also competed in the obstacle run.



Swamp monsters

Cyris Eagle Tail, left, and Ryan Trout emerge from the burlap netting obstacle of the Paul Bunyan Extreme 5K obstacle race on July 9. (Submitted photo)



Race winner

Ryan Trout with his medal for winning his heat. (Submitted photo)



Summer rec baseball

The summer rec baseball teams are in full swing. Above, Little League player Steven Petrich snags a throw at first base for the out. Below, Maci Mithun takes a cut at a pitch in the Pee Wee league. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



DNR summit for adding hunters, anglers

Gone are the days when the hunting masses wore red flannel for visibility, when youth wandered the countryside with .22 rifles hunting squirrels with little or no supervision and kids sold nightcrawlers along the side of the road like lemonade.

Now participation has declined, an issue that led the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to plan a two-day conference from Friday, Aug. 26, to Saturday, Aug. 27, that will focus on recruiting and retaining hunters and anglers.

"Because hunting and fishing provide important social, economic and conservation benefits, many are concerned about the declines in participation," said Jeff Ledermann, DNR angler recruitment, retention and education supervisor. "That's why we're bringing experts and organizations together around boosting hunter and angler numbers."

The conference will allow for information sharing on best practices to design and deliver recruitment and retention programs. Presentations from national experts, reflections from local organizations and breakout sessions to address common challenges are also scheduled.

Additionally, the DNR will provide a free toolkit with templates for strategies to enhance existing programs, and checklists to help program planning and management.

The conference will be at Earle Brown Heritage Center, 6155 Earle Brown Drive in Brooklyn Center. Volunteers and staff of organizations or agencies and members of the public involved or interested in preserving Minnesota's outdoor heritage are encouraged to attend. There are no fees for registration or meals. Online registration is open.

Could 2016 be the Year of the Bear?

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Inside the Outdoors



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I was disappointed when I discovered that the Chinese calendar does not have a bear in the rotation of twelve animals that mark its zodiac cycle. In Chinese tradition, each year is governed by one of 12 animals, and that creature's attributes are said to characterize the year. Given the manner in which the presidential primaries have progressed in this election year, it may come as no surprise to learn that 2016 is officially the year of the monkey. Some who are of Chinese descent may have already taken note of this coincidence, but perhaps are too polite to bring it to the attention of the rest of us. It would probably be just as appropriate if this were the year of the rat (that's coming in 2020) or the snake (three years ago, in 2013).

Some of the other animals in the Chinese calendar suggest more positive characteristics, like the tiger, the horse, the ox, or the dog. Roosters, sheep and rabbits don't seem particularly inspiring. Then there is the boar, a male wild pig. If you ask the opinion of someone in the Deep South, where boars have become an expensive and even dangerous nuisance, you won't get a positive endorsement of them, either. Perhaps I'm overlooking some favorable traits in these animals; if so, my apologies.

But I still find it hard to imagine the bear being left out. Strong, independent, resourceful, bears should be a shoo-in candidate. Sure, some bears will scavenge garbage dumps and raid bird feeders if given the opportunity. But who's perfect? When it comes to garbage, one can make the argument that bears that do this are simply recycling edibles that humans have wasted, as we so famously do.

Minnesota's bear, the black bear, is a thoroughly wild and well-adapted creature. It is seen rarely enough that the occurrence inevitably starts a conversation: "You won't believe what I saw charging across the road the other day!" Contrast that with deer. No one bothers to tell a friend: "We saw deer by the side of the road on the way home from the lake last night." On the contrary, deer are so common as to be expected. When someone departs our cabin in the early evening they're invariably warned as they exit the driveway: "Watch out for deer!"

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will tell you that black bears were more common 12 to 15 years ago than they are now. But that certainly hasn't been my experience over the last several years, unscientific though my observations may be. Ditto for friends and acquaintances I know. For the past several years, in fall and spring, I can pretty much count on seeing a black bear gallop over a county road, perhaps bellying under a fence that separates it from its intended forest destination. For all the driving I do in rural and wild places, I've never seen bears with such regularity as I have over these past several years.

Not more than two weeks ago, a co-worker reported that he had hit a young bear on his way to work that morning. Sadly, it was so badly injured that it had to be destroyed. That same week, another co-worker called me into his office to show me a photo taken with his smartphone. He had hit the video button, he said, but for one reason or another all he had was a distant – but unmistakable – black bear in his horse pasture, photographically frozen in mid-stride.

I live in a typical in-town neighborhood, where all the houses are laid out in a square grid pattern defined by the streets. Numbered streets go one way, named streets the other. The neighborhood could not be called even semi-rural. There is a hospital within two city blocks, a city park two blocks in another direction, and four churches within a five to ten minute walk. One block to the north, however, is a high bluff and wooded hillside that leads down to the Mississippi and its narrow floodplain. This winter a neighbor just across the street from our home put out a trail-cam, a motion-triggered photographic device that digitally records the passage of wildlife. You guessed it: he recorded a black bear in his backyard, making a meal of the food he'd put out for the birds and squirrels.

This made everyone think twice, because there are many young children in the neighborhood, and more than a generous allotment of dogs. Bear attacks in Minnesota are rare, but do happen. A protective mother who senses that her cub is threatened is the most likely candidate to make a run at a human. Most bears fear us, but if fed or otherwise treated like a welcome visitor, a bear can become comfortable, lose its fear, and become much bolder than normal. Our hospitality is no favor to the bear, who may eventually have to be killed if humans feel it is becoming a threat.

Many years ago a Paul Bunyan-like story was shared with me by a resort owner friend of the family, who grew up in the Federal Dam area, near Leech Lake. As a young man he was logging in some corner of Cass County when he was rushed by an adult bear, who he later surmised had a cub or yearling nearby. As he tells it – and he was not prone to exaggeration, braggadocio, or imbibing to excess – he got in a lucky swing with his axe. Otherwise he might not have lived, or at least might not have had all his body parts intact.

Bears are not cute in the way whitetail deer are. Nor do they conjure up visions of wilderness as does the Eastern gray (timber) wolf. But they are fascinating, intelligent and admirable creatures in their own right. How it is that no bear of any species came to be included in the Chinese calendar will remain a mystery to me.

Pacesetter Basketball Camp July 18-21

A Pacesetter Basketball Camp for first through eighth graders will be held at Staples-Motley High School, July 18-21.

The camp director is Dave Walker, head coach at Minnesota West Community College in Worthington. He had a state champion team in 1993.

Boys and girls entering grades 1-2 will meet 8-9 a.m., grades 3-4; from 9-10:30 a.m., grades 5-6; from 10:30 a.m. to noon and grades 7-8 from 1-3 p.m..

Players may register online at Community Education or sign up the first day of camp. The sessions are limited to 24 participants.

For more information and cost, call 320-243-7460 or email to info@pacesetternet.com.