

Reviewing 2017: A year of moving forward

By Mark Anderosn
News Editor

Readers of the Staples World had a lot to follow in 2017.

The Staples-Motley School Board hosted many discussions on their facility plan, with each one reported in the newspaper. The school also advanced from a discussion about one to one technology to the result of every high school student being given a Chromebook computer.

Also on the education front, readers found out about the Freshwater Area Learning Center moving to the CLC campus after their building was sold. Other changes at CLC included a new dean.

The City of Staples has held multiple conversations to guide their comprehensive plan update. Also in 2017, the newspaper followed their lodging tax proposal from the very beginning, with the results going to the LEAP group starting in 2018. The Dower Lake seasonal camping facility was built in 2017.

Other ongoing events in 2017 included the building of a new hotel and a new townhome neighborhood. The Staples Depot renovation also showed up frequently.

The Staples World covered local employment



Runners in the mist ... Pine Grove Park - October 7

The Staples-Motley boys and girls cross country teams ran an early morning workout in the fog at Pine Grove Park on Oct. 7, which created some interesting forest scenery.

trends, grants awarded and implemented by local institutions, and followed one community supported agriculture (CSA) endeavor from planting to harvest.

The following are some of the specific stories that will be remembered in 2017:

Jan. 19 - Tragedy struck twice in Cass County this past week, taking the lives

of two young men from the local community. On Jan. 10, 18-year-old Devin Alexander, a senior at Pillager High School, died as the result of a two-vehicle crash in Sylvan Township;

and on the morning of Jan. 13, a trailer house fire claimed the life of 20-year-old Alan Dumpprope of Motley.

Jan. 19 - Lakewood Health System is helping

equip people to have end of life conversations with free community screenings of a documentary, "Being Mortal."

Jan. 26 - Rebekka Paskevitz traveled to South Africa with the national FFA, touring farms and agricultural schools from Jan. 2-17. Although she learned a lot about different types of agriculture, Paskevitz said witnessing the African culture has changed her attitude about life.

Jan. 26 - With wearable technology and driverless cars, robots replacing workers and 3D printers, the future could be very different than the present. At the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner held at Ted & Gen's in Aldrich, speaker Ray Gildow said there are ways to cope with coming changes.

Jan. 26 - Derek and Kim Johnson completely changed their lives when they recently purchased Ted and Gen's Bar-B-Q in Aldrich. Since taking over in January, they're enjoying the excitement of the restaurant business.

Feb. 2 - People in small towns can stop talking negatively about what things their town has lost or what it used to be like. According to Ben Winchester of the

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Hello, Readers,

Congress formally recognized the Pledge of Allegiance on December 28, 1945. Thought to have been written by Francis Bellamy, the Pledge of Allegiance was published anonymously in a magazine for young people. The text of the pledge was modified a bit by the National Flag Conference. The small changes resulted in this version: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." The words "under God" were added by Congress on June 14, 1954, in response to the anti-Communist opinion sweeping the country during the Cold War.

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Obituaries
Herman Chilberg
Wayne Hoffman
Onie Simons
Donald Vergin



County approves levy increase, pay raises

By Karin Nauber, Todd County reporter

As the final action taken during their regular meeting Dec. 19, the Todd County Board of Commissioners approved the final 2018 budget at \$34,573,613.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that the preliminary levy in September was a 4.13 percent increase. The final levy was set at a 3.55 percent increase after shaving an additional \$86,379 from the previously set budget.

This came after the board approved salary increases for 2018 for non-union employees and appointed officials at a 2.5 percent Cost of Living Adjustment.

The board also approved 2.5 percent salary increases for County Attorney Charles Rasmussen, Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida, Recorder Cheryl Perish, Sheriff Don Asmus and themselves.

As part of the motion to give themselves a salary increase, there was the addition of a \$2,400 stipend for the chair and a new \$1,200 stipend for the vice chair.

Commissioner David Kircher said that they had never done the supplement for the vice chair before. He also noted that the chair's stipend was doubled.

Commissioner Barb Becker said that when she was chair, she and her vice chair attended the personnel committee meetings which were held several times a week.

It was noted that the chair and vice chair attend a lot of extra meetings.

Kircher said that he understood that, but it was also part of their job which they knew before they took the job. He added that with the 2.5 percent increase they were all getting, he didn't think they should also ask for this for the chair and vice chair.

Chair Rod Erickson, said that the chair and vice chair do have to attend a substantial number of additional meetings.

As the commissioners rotate their service as chair and vice chair, the two commissioners who would see this addition next year would be Randy Neumann as chair and Gary Kneisl as vice chair. Neither of them made comments except to say they weren't saying anything.

Kircher conceded that he would go along with \$2,000 for the chair and \$1,000 for the vice chair.

Becker, who had initiated the action, said she would agree with that.

The board approved the AFSCME Public Works collective bargaining agreement with a 2.5 percent salary increase.

Additionally, the board approved grade adjustments for County Assessor Chris Odden and MIS Director Chris Pelzer. This amounted to four percent salary increases for those two positions.

According to Coordinator Joe Hatch, all of these increases were budgeted.

Two actions - to approve market grade override adjustments for Health and

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Remembering his first job

Ben Mudgett of Pillager (second from left) enjoyed touring the hydro plant in Pillager July 7, during the Centennial Celebration of the Pillager Dam. Mudgett worked at the dam from 1965 until his retirement in 1995. He is pictured standing in front of the generator which he painted blue years ago. It was his first job at the dam, he recalled. Also pictured, from left, are his son, Gary Mudgett; daughter-in-law Dawn Mudgett (married to Scott Mudgett) and his son, Tom Mudgett. See Crow Wing Currents review story on page 1b.

Clinic opening Public invited to tour

Lakewood Health System invites the public to the opening of its newly expanded clinic in Staples Friday, Jan. 5 from 5-7 p.m. Attendees are asked to use Entrance B, at the south end of the building (49725

Cty. 83, Staples). Tours will be offered of the new-space.

The Staples clinic expansion project, started in November 2016, was one of four projects undertaken at Lakewood in the past year, including an expansion/remodel of the Pillager clinic, completed this past November; an expansion/remodel of the emergency department, main campus completed earlier this fall; and a new in-house MRI suite, which was completed in December.

An additional 23,355 sq. ft. has been added to the Staples clinic, including additional space for the women's and mental health departments, additional provider offices and exam rooms. The emergency department gained 3,673 sq. ft. to accommodate more treatment and trauma rooms, mental health rooms and telestroke equipment.

The in-house MRI suite features new, state-of-the-art equipment, which will accommodate patients weighing up to 500 pounds and provide more comfort and accessibility than the previous mobile unit. An additional 8,300 sq. ft. was added to the Pillager clinic, including space for more provider offices, exam rooms, mental health and rehab services.

Call 218-894-8638 with questions or more information.



Sacred Heart Area School presents 'Christmas All Around'

"Christmas All Around" was presented by Sacred Heart Area School's pre-school and kindergarten classes Dec. 20, under the direction of Sammi Becker and Ann Koetter. Nearly 46 students participated in the program which included songs, poems and speaking parts. Above: Shepherds, sheep, angels, stars, wisemen, kind people, Joseph and Mary all delivered the Christmas message in song. Right: Mary and Joseph, have different reactions to the babe in the manger, as the angels celebrate the babe in the manger in their own way. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



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The past year in story and photos

University of Minnesota Extension, the changes in rural Minnesota are almost all microcosms of globalization. "Rural is changing, not dying," Winchester told a crowd in Staples on Jan. 24, part of his presentation called *Rewriting the Rural Narrative*, held at NJPA. "If your community loses a store, it is an indication of something bigger happening in the world," he said.

Feb. 9 - Lakewood Health System's behavioral health department recently received three national awards from the Horizon Health organization: Program of the Year, Customer Service of the Year; and Program Director of the Year for Dr. Shawna Kovach.

Feb. 16 - National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is offering a free showing of the movie "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age," about how American teenagers can spend nearly half their day looking at screens, including TV, videos, movies, social media, gaming and listening to music.

Feb. 23 - On Feb. 16, 28 members of the Staples Area Men's Chorus (SAMC) along with 29 friends and family members accepted the invitation from Distinguished Concerts International New York (DCINY) to join a select international chorus and perform the musical composition, "Testament of Freedom" in Carnegie Hall, New York City.

Feb. 26 - The Staples City Council seemed to be open to implementing a lodging tax before the new Timberlake Hotel opens in May. The tax would cover all the lodging facilities within the city.

March 9 - Only five per-

cent of Boy Scouts achieve the highest rank of Eagle Scout; and on Feb. 20, brothers Jordon and Garrett Carlsson of Motley became part of that elite group. A special ceremony, led by Central Minnesota Council's Order of the Arrow was held.

March 16 - Rural areas are often overlooked when it comes to sex trafficking and prostitution in their communities. Rural law enforcement doesn't have a vice department to keep track of such crimes. But that doesn't mean it isn't happening. "It will be a shocker in the community when people start getting arrested for prostitution," said Marc Chadderdon, an officer for the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office, which has helped operate prostitution stings in several southern Minnesota cities. He spoke to a group of local law enforcement, first responders and interested citizens at a training held March 10, coordinated by Hands of Hope Resource Center and held at NJPA in Staples.

March 16 - Forestview Middle School eighth-grader Meryl Tigenoah and Staples-Motley eighth-grader Rose Han are co-champions of the regional spelling bee. Both Han and Tigenoah will represent Region 5 at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

March 23 - Students from Staples-Motley High School in A Cappella Choir, Symphonic Band and Chamber Orchestra returned home March 17, from their six-day trip to Washington, D.C. and Chicago. Students spent months fundraising and saving their extra cash to pay for their trip. Music directors Jon Crust, Caleb Horn, John and Cindy Koopmann along with chaperones Julie Benson, Herb Bloomquist, Tonia Dolezal, Bruce Drone, Nicole Lane, Jennifer Strickland and Barb Trantina were also part of the trip.

March 23 - The Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians (MAFP) has selected Julie Benson, MD, FAAFP, of Staples, as the 2017 Family Physician of the Year.

March 23 - According to RegisteredNursing.org, Central Lakes College was ranked No. 19 in the nation. Nursing programs were assessed on several factors, which represent how well a program supports students towards licensure and beyond.

March 30 - What do Sargasso Sea currents, the Tower of London, woolly mammoths, Miss Havisham and sapphires have in common? They were all topics the Staples-Motley Red Hot Trivia Peppers Knowledge Bowl team answered correctly during one of the oral rounds of the Knowledge Bowl competition held March 9. The event was sponsored by NJPA and held at Central Lakes College in Staples. The Staples-Motley team placed second in the competition, earning a berth in the State Knowledge Bowl, April 6-7, at Cragun's Resort near Brainerd. Team members include: Chris Hart, Alex Davis, Jeffrey Allen, Nicholas Crist and Zachary Strickland. Team member, Destiny Guggenberger, will attend as an observer.

March 30 - The March 24 edition of Outdoor News announced that Ray Gildow was selected as their 2017 'Person of the Year.'

April 6 - At the March 28 Staples Economic Development Authority meeting, Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the Batcher Building in Staples is one of the sites being considered for a placemaking grant through Region Five Development Commission.

April 13 - The Staples-Motley Speech team brought home the Section 6A Championship trophy April 8, from the Section 6A meet held in Underwood. Staples-Motley registered 19 entries (21 speakers) with ten finalists and four entries advancing to the state competition. "That gave Staples-Motley a narrow victory at a very competitive tournament,"

said head coach Brian Sams. Finalists advancing to state competition are: Cade Bestland, 1st Creative Expression; Elijah Sams and Coleman Klimek, 3rd in Duo; Samantha Svendsen, 1st Original Oratory; and Samantha Mrazek, 3rd Original Oratory. Other team members were: Jonah Johnson, 4th Creative Expression; Kallee Abbas and Delaney Larson, 5th Duo; Krystal Yoder, 5th Drama; Alex Erickson, 5th Humor; Macy Judd, 5th Prose and Mardi Opheim, 6th Poetry.

April 13 - The sap is running in Minnesota, which means it's a busy time for the Leinbach and Rensberry families of rural Browerville. For the past few years, they have teamed up to make maple syrup, producing dozens of gallons of the thick, sweet liquid each spring.

April 13 - The Staples-Motley history department staged two events for students to have the opportunity to live out a part of their curriculum. On April 5 teachers Erik Johnson and Steve Fligge had their sophomore classes act out the trial of Galileo, who was accused of heresy by the Catholic Church. On April 10 the freshman classes portrayed immigrants who were processed through a replica of Ellis Island.

April 20 - Two recommendations by Superintendent Mary Klamm failed on split votes at the Staples-Motley School Board meeting Monday, April 17. Twenty minutes after the meeting adjourned, Klamm emailed the board a one-sentence letter of resignation.

April 27 - The resignation of Superintendent Mary Klamm was accepted. The resignations of five assistant football coaches were accepted. The hiring of Nathan Thelen as the vocal music teacher for the middle school and high school was approved. These are the results of a special meeting of the Staples-Motley School Board April 25 attended by about 70-80 people or more, a meeting that often turned contentious.

May 11 - In March of 1927, Clara Drake lovingly documented details surrounding her newly adopted baby boy, found abandoned in an outhouse in Staples. She and her husband, Victor, named the new-born Vernon Stanley Drake. He was their only child and would become their pride and joy.

Now 90, Vernon Drake still has the little blue notebook where his mother penned a number of items pertaining to her baby boy, including that he first smiled at three weeks old and laughed at two months. Vernon also has the 'Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories' book his mother would read to him at night.

June 8 - The Timberlake Hotel in Staples officially opened for business. The first guests, hailing from Motley, Alan and Machel Marshall said they've been excited to watch the construction progress of the Timberlake Hotel since day one.

June 8 - The Staples-Motley School Board agreed to offer Ronald Bratlie the job of interim superintendent and authorized entering into negotiations with him at a special meeting June 5.

The school board hired a business manager and a high school counselor at a special meeting June 5. Jaime Boesen was hired as the school business manager. Steve Jennissen was hired as the high school counselor.

June 22 - Environmental factors were weighed against economic factors during a public meeting in Staples on June 14 about the Enbridge oil pipeline proposal. The meeting was held at the Staples Community Center by the Minnesota Department of Commerce to discuss the Line 3 project.

July 6 - The 2017 Farm Family of the Year for Wadena County is the Neal Family of Staples/Verndale.

July 13 - For the first time in years, Central Lakes College will have a full time dean on campus.



Big Sing - April 22

Can you spot the pirates who hijacked the Big Sing at Staples on April 22? Their performance of "The Pirate Song," found several members of the combined choirs pulling out their eye patches, bandanas, buccaneer hats, hand hooks and parrots. Even a box of Cap'n Crunch cereal was spotted in the choir.

Tara Karels plans to be on campus every day as Dean of Staples Campus, CTE and Grants. "I'm excited to have the opportunity," said Karels. "I want people to stop in, both within and outside the campus, to help us be stronger partners."

July 27 - Companies and organizations always strive for a healthy culture that propels employees to fulfill their potential. An opportunity to help create such a culture is coming to Staples in the form of GIANT Worldwide, a leadership program that has proven results. Rynell Schock is a GIANT Worldwide associate, and has gone through extensive training to become a representative of the company.

July 27 - Nicky Anderson of Staples has been named National President of the United States Women of Today (WOT) organization. She was state president from 2012 - 2013.

Aug. 4 - Bruce Drone has seen a lot of changes during the nearly 33 years he's worked at Staples-Motley High School. A 1970 Staples High School graduate himself, Drone has been loyal to the Cardinals for a long time.

Sept. 7 - Staples-Motley is listed on the 2017 edition of "America's Best High Schools" as reported by U.S. News and World Report. The school was given the bronze status due to factors including:

- Improvements in MCA reading scores.
- Maintained excellence in our science MCA's.
- College In Schools (CIS) credits earned by graduating class.
- Our free and reduced population showing large improvements in closing the achievement gap.
- Student to teacher ratio.

Sept. 7 - Prior to beginning her freshman year of college, Jenessa Iverson of Staples decided to spend 10 months in Germany. Those months proved to be "some of the best of my life," she shared on Facebook recently. It was a time of self-discovery, of learning a new language and culture, of developing her musical gifts in new and unexpected ways; and of returning to the United States inspired, with clarity regarding the next step on her life's journey.

Sept. 14 - Tracking down fake online profiles, finding erased threats and tracking how illegal pornography was spread are becoming common investigations for local police departments.

"Social media issues are across the board, from kids to adults," said Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz. "People have become desensitized and they don't realize what their words and threats mean to other people. They say things much worse than they would say in person."

Sept. 14 - Bullying is often a problem among adolescents, but in the new age of social media, bullying has been raised to another level, according to Dr. Shawna Nymeyer, Executive Director of Behavioral Health at Lakewood Health System.

Sept. 21 - Joan Batcher Rhymers is excited to be directing the Staples Area Women's Chorus, a position she has held since last November. One of the things she enjoys most

about her role is being able to work with women who are there because they want to be, Rhymers said. She appreciates their enthusiasm, talent and love for making music. "These women do a phenomenal job," she added.

Sept. 28 - When Lindsey Hirschey heard the Stomping Grounds coffee shop was for sale, she jumped at the opportunity. "I always wanted to own a coffee shop, and this was the perfect time," said Hirschey. She and her husband Joel checked it out and just three weeks later they were signing the contract to take over the business.

Oct. 5 - There is no magic solution for parents concerned about their kids getting into trouble online, but there is a parenting process that will bring parents closer to their kids and help them both.

"Studies show young people need the same things they have always needed: relationships, boundaries and participation," said Erin Walsh at the Digital Daze community forum on Sept. 26.

Oct. 5 - Up to 80 percent of rural homes will be on the market in the next 15 years, as baby boomers transition to different homes. Rural communities need to start planning for this, said Ben Winchester during a presentation of "Rewriting the Rural Narrative" on Sept. 26.

Oct. 5 - Ethan Fleischer's dream has come true with the publication of his first book, "This is Where Things Play."

Oct. 12 - About 25 students are regularly playing League of Legends at the high school, with practices held Tuesdays and Thursdays. They're also starting competitions with other schools, which are held on Saturdays.

Oct. 19 - For Jon Crust of Staples, flying his paramotor is a great way to unwind at the end of a work day and witness the beauty of nature from a birds-eye view. It's a sport known as powered paragliding and one that's relatively new to Crust.

Oct. 19 - Friendly Rider is giving more and more rides every year. After 45,000 rides in 2015 and 54,000 rides in 2016, the bus service is on pace to give more than 60,000 rides in 2017.

Oct. 19 - Former Staples

High School swimmer Del Cerney was inducted into the University of Minnesota "M" Club Hall of Fame on Oct. 12, with many of his Staples friends in attendance.

Oct. 26 - Military members from the Staples High School Class of 1961 gathered to dedicate their bench at the Staples Veterans Park on Oct. 21. The bench lists all 27 military veterans from the class and their branch of service.

Nov. 9 - Korean War veteran Maurice (Maury) Peterson of Motley is thankful to have had the opportunity to serve his country in the U.S. Army nearly 65 years ago.

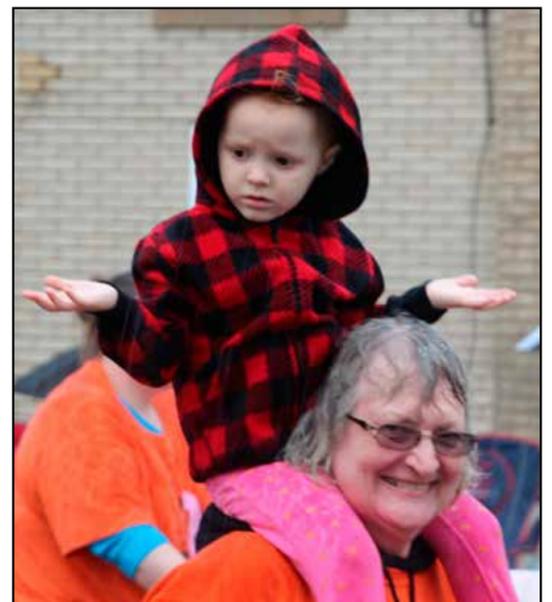
Now 87, Maury still fits into the military uniform he wore back in the early 1950s. In fact, he'll be wearing it at the Veterans Day programs in Motley and Staples Nov. 10, helping to provide the color guard along with other members of the Motley American Legion.

Nov. 16 - Staples-Motley FFA made a big splash with a small group at the National FFA Convention, as two members received the highest award in FFA, the American Degree; one member was a national office candidate; and the chapter was honored with a two star rating for the National Chapter Award. It was held Oct. 24-27 at Indianapolis.

Dec. 7 - David Jacob Miller, 17, died after a semi truck hit the horse and buggy he was driving on Nov. 30.

Dec. 14 - Around 80 people gathered in Staples on Dec. 8, to work on one of the most important topics facing the nation, workforce development. The annual Building the 21st Century Workforce Conference is a chance for educators and business people from throughout the region to gather, collaborate, and set goals for the Central Minnesota workforce.

Dec. 21 - For at least five foreign exchange students at Staples-Motley High School, eating lutefisk and caroling at the local train station depot aren't things that immediately come to mind when thinking about Christmas. The Staples World met up with these students recently to find out about the traditions celebrated in their own countries during this holiday season.



Railroad Days - Aug. 26

Some parade entrants enjoyed the rain, while others weren't quite sure about it.

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WIP grants total nearly \$11,000 to area groups

Through donations received by the local Women in Philanthropy (WIP) group, \$10,875 was recently given to seven area programs as voted on by WIP members at the annual meeting in November.

The Staples Community Center received \$1,500 towards purchasing additional equipment for gym and pool activities; footballs, soccer balls, hula hoops, parachute, goggles, noodles and swim toys.

Project Linus of Todd/Wadena counties is an all-volunteer, locally funded outreach to children in crisis. The grant amount of \$1,750 will be used to make and distribute 200 fleece blankets. For example, at Christmas 2016, 189 children from six communities, in need received Linus blankets.

The Staples Area Men's Chorus received \$1,000 to help with costs such as meals for the 2018 Real Men Sing Junior Festival. Approximately 300 stu-

dents from area school districts will take part in this learning opportunity.

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir received \$1,500 to help with costs to attend a boys choir festival in Elk River and Monticello in April.

Lamplighter Community Theatre received \$1,000 to cover registration fees for area students to attend Lamp Camp 2018.

The Colla Voce Girls Choir received \$1,500. The grant money will go towards performing and learning while on a one day tour, as well as transportation costs, admission and membership fees.

Pillager Elementary School received \$2,625. The funding will allow the physical education class to purchase a forty foot traverse climbing wall with various handholds and safety mats. Volunteers in the community will install the wall.

The WIP group offers competitive grant dollars supporting needed health

services, community education, preventative health programs and activities that contribute to the quality of life for children and youth in the five-county service area including Todd, Wadena, Cass, Morrison and portions of Crow Wing counties.

WIP is made up of area women who, through donations, hope to impact the overall health and wellness of children. Awarded grant funds will ultimately support the mission of the WIP group, a program of Lakewood Health System, Staples community health initiatives.

With a current membership of 59 women, the WIP group has received more than \$157,000 in donations and membership since it was founded in 2014.

To learn more about the WIP program, or how to become a member, contact Heidi Chapman, Foundation Director at 218-894-8503 or WIP@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.



Veterans Park helpers honored

The Staples Veterans Park Association held an appreciation dinner at Timbers Event Center Oct. 26. The event was sponsored by Lakewood Health, Timbers and the Staples World. Park board members Char Daniels, Dan Shaw and Penny Nelsen welcome visitors.

The dinner recognized people who helped in making the veterans house project a success. More than 100 individuals and businesses contributed to the project as well as volunteers logging over 2,400 hours. The proceeds allows the Park Association to complete projects that honor veterans.

Also, honored that night were ten veterans who participated in the Veterans Video Project. These veterans were videotaped at NJPA in the past year. Central Lakes College assisted with editing. Clips of each video were shown, demonstrating the sacrifices made while serving in defense of our country. Veterans included Florian Schmidt, WWII; Charles Gilleland, WWII; Frank Jares, WWII; Allen Evans, Vietnam; Eldon Morey, Vietnam; Jack Wilson, Vietnam; Huck Holst, Vietnam; Allan Marshall, Vietnam; Jim Vollegraaf, Vietnam; and Charlie Poulton, Vietnam. Each veteran received their video.

The new Veterans Park membership program was announced by Ken Klose.



Take Back the Night - August 1

Staples Police Officer Jeremy Pape takes an official stance preparing to dodge a barrage of water balloons. The games were part of the fun, food and family time at the "Take Back the Night" event held Aug. 1 at Northern Pacific Park in Staples. Officer Pape and Officer Ryan Walwick (out of photo range) participated in the balloon fight.



Cuteness - February 23

The Motley Family Center was a scene of cuteness on Feb. 23 when residents of Harmony House in Motley visited with Little Cardinals Academy students, including white shepherd puppies brought in by Franz Achermann of the Leader area.



Solar eclipse - August 21

A large group of more than 100 people gathered outside the Staples Library for a viewing party to witness the solar eclipse on Aug. 21. The library live-streamed the NASA feed of the eclipse inside the building and held a program to learn about the eclipse. The group then spent more than an hour outside with special glasses, observing the moon cross over the sun.



Commitment to ailing veterans

Lakewood Health System honored Charlie Poulton, center, for his passion and commitment to serving veterans, especially those in Hospice and the Care Center. Charlie spoke about his experiences. Pictured, Poulton with Dr. Julie Benson and Lakewood CEO Tim Rice. (Submitted photos)

Cow/Calf Day set in Staples

University of Minnesota Extension will be holding the annual Cow/Calf Days workshop in Staples Tuesday, Jan. 23 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room at Central Lakes College. This event has been held for over 40 years and continues to be the leading information, technology and research outlet for cow/calf producers in the state of Minnesota.

This year's event will feature information on: calf value marketing, backgrounding your calf crop, bull selection and a question and answer panel of producers discussing bull selection. Updates from the Minnesota State Cattleman's Association will also highlight the event.

The corresponding tradeshow will feature vendors with new information, technology and products with a wide-array of practical uses for the operators in the cow-calf sector.

The program is directed at cow/calf producers, allied industry representatives, and is open to the public.

A meal, along with the program, proceedings book and program materials is included in the registration fee. The program will be approximately three hours in length.

RSVP are requested by Tuesday, Jan. 16. Contact Brenda Miller, Todd County Extension Office at 320-533-4655 or email her at nels4220@umn.edu. The registration fee can be paid at the door on the day of the event.

If you have any ques-

tions or would like to be an event sponsor, contact Brenda Miller, Todd County Extension Office; 320-533-4655.

For more information on more U of M Extension Beef Team events or Cow/Calf topics, visit: www.extension.umn.edu/beef

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Tax overhaul: Worst Christmas gift ever

By Frank Clemente

Some Christmas presents are a wonderful surprise, others a big disappointment. We try to be polite about the clunkers, figuring it's the thought that counts. But the new Republican tax law - what President Trump has described as a "big, beautiful Christmas present" for the American people - is the worst Christmas present ever. And there's no need to be polite, since the thought behind it stinks, too.

Imagine being promised a new doll or Xbox, only to unwrap the package on Christmas morning to find an empty box - empty, that is, except for an unpaid bill from the toy store. That's how 92 million middle-class families will feel when, thanks to the temporary nature of individual tax cuts in the GOP law, their taxes will actually be higher than they are now.

Then imagine visiting your rich relatives and seeing their living room strewn with expensive gifts. By 2027, these members of the top one percent will be getting 83 percent of the tax cuts under the Trump-GOP plan. But the gifts start arriving much sooner: as early as next year when their average tax cut will be over \$50,000. Meanwhile, the bottom three-fifths of Americans will get an average tax cut of about a dollar a day.

Finally, imagine discovering that Santa can only afford his generous gifts to the rich by stealing from everyone else. That's what the GOP tax overhaul does: it steals from the American

people in the form of drastic budget cuts to vital services in order to give huge tax cuts to the wealthy and corporations. Those big firms get a permanent, \$1.4 trillion tax cut by lowering their tax rate from today's 35 percent to just 21 percent.

The new tax law will force \$400 billion in automatic cuts to Medicare over 10 years. It will deprive 13 million Americans of their health care altogether and jack up insurance prices by 10 percent or more on the individual market. Other services suffering automatic cuts include agricultural subsidies, student loans and military retirement benefits - a total of \$136 billion in cuts next year alone, with the figure increasing in future years.

On top of those automatic cuts are trillions more that Congress has already proposed, including additional cuts to Medicare, along with Medicaid, education and other fundamental public services.

What's the thought behind this terrible Christmas present? The idea is that giving even more money to those who already have a lot - wealthy individuals and profit-laden corporations - somehow helps working families.

But common sense and recent history prove that false. Giving more money to the well-off just makes them more well-off. When you pay for it by raising taxes on working families and cutting public services they depend on, you make most people worse off.

Christmas is about more than presents, of course.

It's about love and caring. But there's nothing loving or caring about the GOP tax overhaul. It's a celebration of human greed over human need. And it's only the first half of a two-part assault on the American society we've built up with love and care over the past century.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has announced that next year Republicans will focus on cutting Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other services the American people have funded and relied on for decades to help their neighbors, their families and themselves. He's explained that cutting these bedrock programs is "how you tackle the debt."

This from a man who just shepherded through Congress a tax-cut bill that will increase the national debt by up to \$2.2 trillion by giving tax cuts to millionaires, billionaires and multinational corporations. It would be ironic - even funny - if so many people weren't going to suffer.

One last image from our sad Christmas day. On the way home, feeling sorry for yourself, you pass a shuttered homeless shelter and a closed soup kitchen. Signs explain they lost their government funding because of budget cuts. And then you know who's had the worst Christmas of all thanks to the GOP tax-cut giveaway.

Frank Clemente is executive director of Americans for Tax Fairness.

This article was submitted by American Forum.

Minnesota's economy: We can do better

By John Phelan

Minnesota's economy is a source of pride for many in the state and there is much to be proud of. Our state boasts one of the highest standards of living in the country. Our hard working and highly educated workforce, for one, are sources of real economic advantage. Minnesota was recently ranked as the best governed state in the U.S., in part owing to its economic performance.

But the idea that our economic performance in recent years has set some national standard is not supported by the facts. In a new report from The Center for the American Experiment, 'The State of Minnesota's Economy: 2017', we examine the last sixteen years' worth of data and find that our performance is lackluster.

Take Minnesota's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth, one of the most commonly cited performance metrics. Since 2000, Minnesota's economic growth rate has lagged that of the nation as a whole. In 2016, our state's economy was 2.5 percent smaller than it would have been if it had grown at the same rate as the U.S. generally since 2000. Comparing growth since 2000 among the fifteen Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) with the largest GDP in 2016, the Twin Cities ranks twelfth.

Personal Income is another popularly cited measure. On a per capita basis, Minnesota's personal income was 5.7 percent above the national average in 2016. But that has been driven by government redistribution, not productive economic activity. Since 2000, 47 percent

of the increase in personal incomes has come from increases in transfer payments, not labor or capital earnings. This trend has been worse in Minnesota than nationally. While the increase in transfer payments was 60 percent nationally from 2000, in Minnesota it was 69 percent.

Our state's unemployment rate is well below the national average and the labor force participation rate is well above it. However, in each of the last five years, the rate of job growth in Minnesota has been below the national average. Between 2000 and 2016, Minnesota's growth rate of new jobs ranked 28th out of 50 states. Compared to the fifteen MSAs with the largest GDP in 2016, job growth in the Twin Cities ranked 11th between 2000 and 2015.

And what new jobs there have been have come, primarily, in lower productivity sectors of the economy. Mining and logging, for example, generated \$447,603 per job in 2016 and Information \$319,596. But, in the previous sixteen years, Minnesota lost 23 percent of its jobs in mining and logging and 27 percent of those in information. In contrast, health care jobs generate an average of \$88,761 of GVA (Gross Value Added) annually, but jobs there have increased by 61 percent since 2000. Educational services jobs generate an average of \$58,239 of GVA annually, and employment in that sector has risen by 61 percent over the same period.

Most concerning is Minnesota's poor performance in productivity. This is vital to economic wellbeing. As the economist Paul Krugman has written "Productivity isn't everything,

but in the long run it is almost everything. A country's ability to improve its standard of living over time depends almost entirely on its ability to raise its output per worker."

Yet, looking at GDP per worker, in 2004, the average Minnesotan worker produced 95 percent of the output of the average U.S. worker. In 2016, that figure was 92 percent. In terms of GDP per hour worked, Minnesotan's working in goods production produce six percent less GDP per hour worked and those in services produce eight percent less GDP per hour worked. Quite simply, we will not maintain above average incomes with below average productivity.

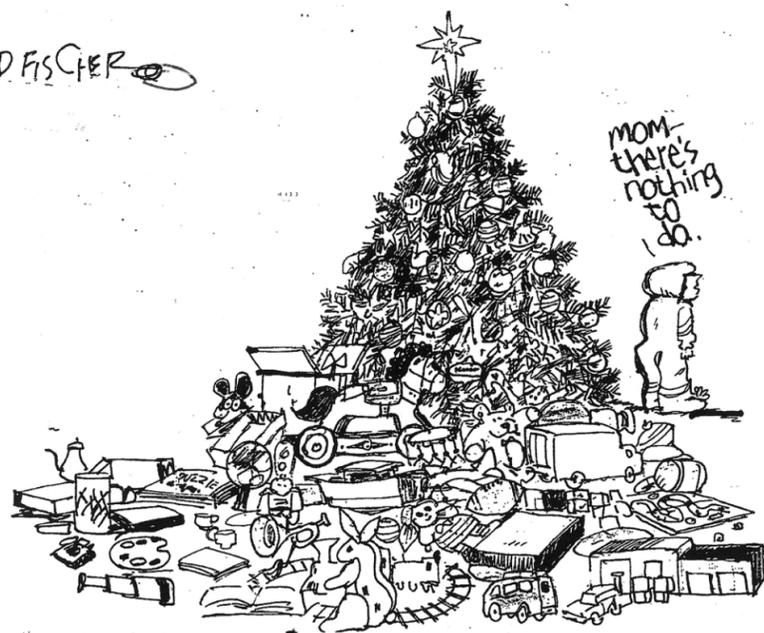
What can Minnesota do about this? With the share of the state's population working set to decline over the next twenty years, growth in GDP per capita will depend on making those workers that remain more productive.

- First, governmental barriers to employment in high productivity sectors such as mining should be removed.
- Second, tax rates that have turned Minnesota into a net exporter of high productivity domestic migrants should be reduced.
- Third, corporate tax rates which reduce investment in Minnesota should be cut.
- Fourth, tax credits should be made available to fund research and development.
- Fifth, the state's workforce needs the skills to be productive in an ever changing economy. That means schools should maintain their focus on education as their primary goal and vocational education should be a lifelong thing.

Minnesota's economy is not in bad shape, but it could be doing better. With the growing challenge of an aging population to deal with, it will need to.

John Phelan is an economist at the Center of the American Experiment in Golden Valley.

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Local FARMS Act feeds rural economies

By Cora Fox
Center for Rural Affairs

Where our food comes from matters - for our

health, for the vitality of our communities, for our wallets, and for the environment. One of the Center for Rural Affairs' goals is to connect the local people who grow and make food with the local people who eat it.

We work to bring together farmers and consumers through community food systems and farm to school projects, providing workshops, webinars, and technical support. We have long supported local foods as an economic development tool in rural communities, working with community leaders to build healthy, sustainable, local food systems.

Recently, the Local Food and Regional Market Supply Act (The Local FARMS Act) was introduced in both the Senate (S. 1947) and the House (H.R. 3941). Through an investment in programs and policies that spur economic development, the act prioritizes the development of new

markets for farmers and expanded healthy food access for American families.

Findings from the Agricultural Census in 2007 and 2012 show that farmers who market food directly to consumers have a greater chance of remaining in business than similarly sized farms that market through traditional channels.

In 2015, more than 167,000 U.S. farms produced and sold food locally through food hubs and other intermediaries, direct farmer-to-consumer marketing, or direct farm to retail. Those sales resulted in \$8.7 billion in revenue for local producers.

We stand with Congressional sponsors in calling for this critical investment in our food and farm future. The Local FARMS Act should be included in the 2018 farm bill.

The Center for Rural Affairs is a private, non-profit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

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Reading Roundhouse Christmas stories

Children were in the Christmas Spirit at "Reading Roundhouse" Storytime Dec 13. There were some fun Christmas stories, painted ornaments to take home and decorated Christmas cookies for snacks. The next storytime will be held Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 10:30 a.m. To register stop by or call 218-894-1401 to register. These programs are provided by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Above in front: Grace Hanson, Amelia Anderson, Zara Vogel, Ethan Mertens, Alyce Mertens and Everett Hanson. Back: Kate Vogel held by her mom, Michelle and Grace Radniecki. (Submitted photo)

Cooking paella, trips, more offered at Community Ed.

Staples-Motley Community Education offers a variety of classes and activities for lifelong learners. Activities for the next few weeks are listed.

For class descriptions and rates or to register see the Community Education brochure on counters in the community or on Staples-Motley Schools website at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us. Click on the Com-

munity Education tab. Online registration can also be found there or by calling 218-894-2497.

- Hair Braiding: Mondays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Staples-Motley High School Cafeteria.

- ABC's of Medicare: Wed., Jan. 10, 6 p.m., Staples-Motley High School Media Center.

- Paella: Thurs., Jan. 18, 6 p.m., Staples-Motley High School, Rm. 601.

- Sew with Me: Thurs., Jan. 25, 6 p.m., Staples-Motley High School, Rm. 601.

- Paint Clinic: Thurs., Jan. 25, 6:30 p.m., Staples Ace Hardware.

- Painted Screen: Sat., Feb. 3, 10 a.m., Staples-Motley High School, Rm. 601.

- Paintworks 'What a Hoot': Mon., Feb. 5, 6 p.m.; Staples Community Center.

- Tie Dye: Jan. 8 and Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m.; SMHS

- Essential Oils: Jan. 9, 16 and 23, 6:30-8 p.m.; SMHS, Rm. 601.

- Timbers Cooking Series at Timbers Event Center in Staples: Beat the Chill/One-Pot Meals, Thurs., Jan. 11, 6-8:30 p.m.; Chocolate Lovers Delight, Thurs., Feb. 8, 6-8:30 p.m.

- Trips: Orpheum Theatre April 7, "Something Rotten"; Orpheum Theatre, June 30, "Love Never Dies"; and The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, April 8-14.

Educational Opportunities

January 20

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS sponsored by Staples-Motley Community Ed., Saturday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m., Staples Sportsmen's Club (McGovern Park), Staples. Free. To register, call 218-894-2497 or online at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us. For more information, call Dave Bartylla at 218-296-0876.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

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

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

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

AA MTG AT STAPLES COMMUNITY CENTER: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-8048.

AA MTGS IN VERDALE: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

AL-ANON MTG Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Staples United Methodist Church. For info., 218-296-1123.

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

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

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) PEER SUPPORT GROUP meets Thursdays, 7 p.m., at An Open Book, Jefferson Square Mall, 209 Jefferson St. S., Wadena. For info., call NAMI at 651-645-2948.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF

STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

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

Monthly events

'ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS' SUPPORT GROUP third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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

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

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

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

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

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG

second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

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

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

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP second Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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

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

STAPLES MOTLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MTG second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.,

Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smecc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

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

WADENA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COMMITTEE Mtg third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCoChair@yahoo.com.

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

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

January 16, 17

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Jan. 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Walk-in. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Jan. 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.

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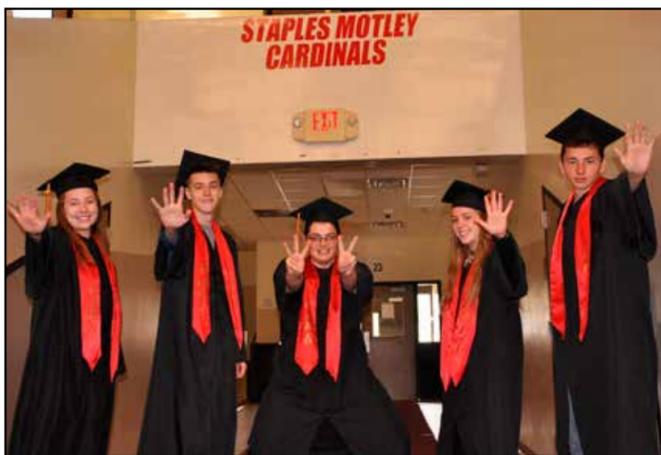
In the first month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, a giant bra from Wahoo Valley. Pictured above are members of the Staples World staff, recipients of the first gift from the giant lumberjack. Front row, from left, Robert McKimmy, Dawn Timbs, Brenda Halvorson. Back row, Jim Vollegraaf, Kathy Odden, Gary Mueller, Janice Winter.



'In the second month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, two tall pines.' Pictured above at Pine Grove Park in Staples are members of the Lumberjacks baseball team, Staples, recipients of the second gift from the giant lumberjack. From left, Jason Bachmann, Blake Petrich, Austin Redemske, Tanner Fischer.



'In the fifth month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, five Staples-Motley High School graduates.' Pictured above, from left, in the gymnasium at SMHS are Katie Benson, Coleman Klimek, Cade Bestland, Samantha Svendsen and Noah Han, SMHS seniors who graduated May 26.

This past year the Staples World staff has been busy during the debut of 'The Twelve Months of '17' sung to the tune of 'The Twelve Months of '17'. Each month community members of organizations agreed to perform a verse of the song. This included posing for photos and receiving the various gifts Paul Bunyan gave to me. Thanks to everyone who participated. To see the video compilation, visit www.staplesworld.com

This project was directed by Dawn Timbs and assisted by Staples World staff and friends. Hayden Carlson



'In the sixth month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, six milk cows. Pictured above at Dairy Farm in Browerville are, from left, Lee Paskewitz, Laurie Paskewitz and Colleen Paskewitz. Dairy Farm in Browerville is owned by Lee and Colleen Paskewitz. County Farm Family of the Year.'



'In the seventh month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, seven fishers fishing.' Pictured above at the Dower Lake Fishing Pier in Staples are, from left, Kevin Grondahl, Parks and Recreation Director; and park rangers Mary Rychner, Sarah VanDenheuvel, Tricia Jasmer, Mason Nyhus, Dylan Jasmer, Joey Amador.



'In the eighth month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, eight pigs a-racing.' Pictured above at the Dower Lake Fishing Pier in Staples are, from left, Gary Dauer (front center, wearing cowboy hat), owner of the pig races; event employees; and several fans of the pig races.



'In the tenth month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, ten trickers treating.' Pictured above, trick or treaters of all ages stopped by Staples businesses on Halloween to collect candy, pencils and other goodies given out by merchants.



'In the eleventh month of '17...

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, eleven veterans saluting.' Pictured above at the Staples World store in Staples are, from left: Ron Upton, Dick Neider, Eldon Morey, Huck Holst, Ron Hanson and Bob Larson.

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'In the first month of '17...
...Paul Bunyan gave to me, three tooting trains.' Pictured above at Northern Pacific Depot in Staples are members of the Staples Historical Society (along with some friends), recipients of the third gift from the giant lumberjack. Front row, from left, Iris Floistad, Sally Gorton, Lisa Kajer. Back row: Tom Kajer, Pastor Gene Floistad, Tom Crawford.



'In the second month of '17...
...Paul Bunyan gave to me, four cones from the Silo.' Pictured above at the Olde Tyme Trading Post and Silo Ice Cream Parlor in Motley are, from left, Gayle Quinn, Judy Tryggeseth, Florence Berndt, Robin Kramer, recipients of the fourth gift from the giant lumberjack. Tryggeseth is the owner of the Olde Tyme Trading Post, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.



'In the third month of '17...
...Paul Bunyan gave to me, nine kids a-learning.' Pictured above at Sacred Heart Area School in Staples are fifth graders in RoAnn Trout's class. Front row, from left, are Lilly Tyrrell, Jade Storry, Axel Mertens, Drake Dukowitz. Back row: Joe Zimmermann, Jacob Becker, Trout, Sophie Albie, Miranda Schotzko (eight students and one teacher for a total of nine in the classroom).



'In the fourth month of '17...
...Paul Bunyan gave to me, twelve sleds sledding.' Pictured above at the sledding hill at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples are Lakewood employees. Back row, from left, are Amber Houselog, Tim Rice, Becky Ashbaugh, Jason Dukowitz, Brian Tepley, Melissa Bills, Ryan Markham. Front row: Jill Perius, Ben Johnson, Aly Twardowski, Vickie Helling, Melinda Amiot.

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'In the seventh month of '17...
...Paul Bunyan gave to me, twelve sleds sledding.' Pictured above at the sledding hill at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples are Lakewood employees. Back row, from left, are Amber Houselog, Tim Rice, Becky Ashbaugh, Jason Dukowitz, Brian Tepley, Melissa Bills, Ryan Markham. Front row: Jill Perius, Ben Johnson, Aly Twardowski, Vickie Helling, Melinda Amiot.



New newspaper rack

Bruce Nelsen, Staples, stands next to the new newspaper rack he made for the Staples Public Library. Cathy Perish, library services coordinator, says it "looks beautiful." Nelsen donated his time and labor to make the stand. Materials were provided by the Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photo)

January birthdays

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS at the Care Center:
Ervin Swanson, Jan. 1; Betty Tepley, Jan. 1; Lois Reggie Jan. 2; Donald Norton, Jan. 6; Gladys Edin, Jan. 17; Georgia Follis, Jan. 17; Richard Dupont, Jan. 20; Daniel Anderson, Jan. 22.

Additional breast prosthetic fitter at LHS

Medical Marketplace (MM) at Lakewood Health System, Staples now has three certified breast prosthetic fitters available to assist patients. Ruthie Hoyhtya, Medical Marketplace's newest staff member, joins Christy Janousek, MM Manager, and Kris Posner, Oncology RN Case Manager, as a certified breast prosthetic fitter. Hoyhtya recently completed the Basic Foundations of Fitting class in Bloomington, during which she demonstrated successful completion of the entry-level education program. She will work with patients to provide the assessment, treatment plan, implementation and follow-up of people using external breast prostheses, bras and other post-mastectomy services. With a proper breast prosthetic fitting, the natural silhouette is restored, along with confidence and

self-esteem after having a mastectomy. Women with other types of physical anomalies may also benefit from prosthetic assistance. Breast prosthetics at Medical Marketplace contribute to the full continuum of breast health services offered at Lakewood Health System. With the most advanced 3D mammography breast cancer screening technology, Lakewood can diagnose, treat and support all women who walk through its doors. Lakewood Health System is committed to providing the best care, from start to finish. Breast prosthetics services are available Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. by appointment. To learn more about breast prosthetics at Medical Marketplace or to make an appointment, contact Ruthie Hoyhtya at 218-894-8567 or ruthhoyhtya@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.



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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Marissa and Ryan Twardowski of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Harper Rose weighing six pounds, two ounces on December 15, 2017.
Born to Lanaiah Erbe and Alex Juneski of Motley, a baby boy, Robert Paul weighing seven pounds, four ounces on December 15, 2017.
Born to Brandelyn Watcott and Cody Jonas of Clarissa, a baby boy, Gryffin Cody weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on December 16, 2017.

Born to Tricia and Kevin Folkestad of Motley, a baby girl, Alicia Lynn weighing nine pounds, 13 ounces on December 18, 2017.

Born to Christine Dahlvang and Jesse Tymenski of Motley, a baby girl, MadiLynn Mary weighing seven pounds, six ounces on December 19, 2017.

Born to Alicia Horn and Peter Graphenteen of Bertha, a baby girl, Adelia Rose weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on December 20, 2017.

Born to Stephanie and Rahn Findlay of Brainerd, a baby girl, Adriana Christine weighing five pounds, six ounces on December 20, 2017.

Born to Katie and Brent Tyrrell of Staples, a baby boy, Knox MacRae weighing nine pounds, two ounces on December 21, 2017.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Margaret Snook and Markus McMann, a baby boy, Kingston Brooks weighing six pounds, six ounces on Dec. 18, 2017.

Born to Gabrielle and Selvin Merida of Staples, a baby girl, Bernadette weighing 6.9 pounds on Dec. 16, 2017.

Born to Keryn West of Staples, a baby boy, Tobias Joseph Duane weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on Nov. 30, 2017.

Sr. Schedule

January, 2018 Staples Senior Schedule
Mon., Jan. 1, Staples Community Center/Senior Citizen's Room Closed; **Happy New Year!**
Whist: 12:15 p.m. Tues., Jan 2, Jan. 16
Bridge: noon, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23
Cards, 500: Thurs., Jan. 4; Mon. Jan. 15, 22, 29

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Obituaries

Donald Vergin

Donald Vergin, 85, of Motley, passed away, December 19, 2017, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Services will be held at Thursday, Dec. 28, at 11 a.m. at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baxter, with Pastor Bill Werth officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church. Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Donald was born June 12, 1932 in Rockford Township to August and Mathilda (Meyer) Vergin. He was confirmed at Cross Lutheran Church in Rockford and graduated from Rockford High School. Donald served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954. He married Marianne Zaske on April 15, 1956 in Long Prairie. Donald was self-employed at Vergin Trucking for over 40 years and Vergin Pet Supplies in Rockford. He was a Charter Member of the Rockford Lions Club, member of the Motley Lions Club, Wright County Fair Board, American Legion Post 124, Rockford City Council, Rockford Fire Dept. and the Elmwood Cemetery



Donald is survived by his wife; three daughters, Debra Vergin (Jonathan Giberson) of Hamel, Dawn (D. Scott) Vandeneuvel of McAlester, Okla., Dayna (David, Sr.) Boudreau of Rockford and one son, Darren (Lisa) Vergin of New Richmond, Wisc.; one nephew, Danny (Angela) Wagner of Albertville; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Janet (Eugene) Bauman and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and four sisters, Mildred Wagner, Marian Larson, Irene Gibson and LaVerne Loesch.

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Herman Chilberg

Herman Chilberg, 94, Staples, formerly of Aldrich, passed away December 19, 2017, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples. Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Balsamlund Lutheran Church, rural Aldrich, with Pastor Del Moen presiding. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, from 5:00 to 7: p.m. at the Schuller Family Funeral Homes Verndale Chapel and again at the church on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services. Burial will be in Balsamlund Lutheran Cemetery, Aldrich. Arrangements are with Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Verndale Chapel, Verndale.

Herman was born January 15, 1923, to Andrew Nicholas "Claus" and Mary Louise "Mamie" (Lindblom) Chilberg in Bartlett Township, Todd County. He attended Country School District #136 through the eighth grade, graduating from Staples High School with the Class of 1941. He married Grace Rodell Holm on March 7, 1948 at the Balsamlund Lutheran Church. He was a farmer and participated in the Farmers Union bus trips to Washington, DC and Colorado. He enjoyed playing cards, listening to music, deer and gopher "hunting" with his grand-



children. Herman was a member of the Farmers Union and the Balsamlund Lutheran Men's Club. He resided in rural Aldrich for 86 years.

He is survived by one son, Dion (Kay) Chilberg of Casa Grande, AZ; two daughters, Bonnie (Barry) Thoele of Staples and Mary (Gerald) Horn of Verndale; one sister, Marian Fuller of Staples; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law Walt Wiese; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; seven sisters, Edna Strand, Ruth Peterson Crabb, Alice Nelson Crosgrrove, Inez Olson, Myrtle Paschke, Mildred Chilberg and Hazel Wiese; son-in-law Michael Kobliska and special friend, Gloraine Horn.

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Onie Simons

Onie Simons, 92, Pillager, died December 23, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family. Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. at the Casino Assembly of God Church, rural Pillager. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will follow at Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager. Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel of Staples.

Onie was born on Dec. 5, 1925, to Otto and Lucy (Nyggaard) Miller in St. Cloud. She grew up and received her education at Pillager, leaving school early to help her dad with his logging business and helping out on the farm. She worked at Rutgers Resort for a short time. She married Alfred Simons on October 31, 1946 in Brainerd. They made their home in Pillager, where they raised their seven children. After her children were grown, Onie worked at Maddens Resort in housekeeping for 20 years retiring in the late



1970s. She enjoyed flowers, gardening and spending time with family.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years; two sons, Larry Simons of Garrison and Keith (Jo) Simons of Baxter; (Jo) Simons of Baxter; Nancy (Lloyd) Hansen of Brainerd, Patty (Dan) Mannie of Brainerd and Tracey (Darel) Thomas of Motley; 21 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Kristi Buscho; one grandson, Kyle Thomas and one great-grandson, James Martin.

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EARLY DEADLINES
 In observance of the New Year holiday the deadline for the Jan. 4 Staples World is **Thurs. Dec. 28**

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students of the Month awarded for November at the Motley-Staples Middle School were: Raina Mikhaeil, Summer Anderson, Annie Schlosser, Olivia Opheim, Corinne Olson, Olivia Lorber, Grant Bestland, Elliot Allen, Kora Wells, Ladaynan Bartle, Eli Carlson, Sabina Moe, Carson Trantina, Gabby Hegge, Alex Black, Riley Dabbs, Isabelle Halvorson, Cy Johnson, Isaac Moulton



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket List winners at SMES were, front, left to right: Xander Lindsey, Katelyn Erickson, Ethan Bounds, Bentley Lahr, Jayden Wilson
 Back: Zach McGruder, Jada Ellingsen, Nadia Santos, Emilyynn Sullivan, Jasmyne Hove



Sacred Heart Area School

Students of the Month awarded at SHAS were, front, left to right: Stella Daniels, Oskar Doll, Milli DeWald.
 Back: Katelyn Schotzko, Elijah Greenwaldt, Axel Mertens

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by the Student Achievements awards

- Staples Eye Clinic
- Staples Precision Metalcraft
- Burger King
- Burrows Auto Body
- Busker Concrete
- Tower Pizza
- Central Building Supply
- Orth Insurance Agency
- Ernie's
- Giovanni's Pizza
- Giza Plumbing & Heating
- Ideal Construction Company, Staples
- The Spot Café
- Wayne's Electric of Staples, Inc.
- Insurance Advisors, Staples
- Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union
- James Soule Auto Sales
- Japke Decorating, Carpet & Gifts
- Longbella Drug
- State Farm, Daniel Douts Insurance Agency

- Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPA's
- Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
- Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc.
- 3M
- Homestead Veterinary Clinic
- Sylvan Shores
- Kathy's Kut & Kurl, Lincoln
- Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc.
- Bjerga Feed Stores
- BRICKS Travel Center
- Countryside Restaurant
- Motley Dairy Queen
- Motley Hardware Hank
- Northwind Grocery
- PHB Excavating
- R. Bjerga Construction/Friendly Inn
- Albie Electric LLC
- Zachary Bailey, DDS

- Becker Construction
- Thrivent Financial
- Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc.
- Ron's Auto Repair
- Shear Contact
- Trident Seafoods, Corp.
- Staples True Value
- Stern Rubber Company
- Arvig
- Brenny Funeral Home
- Ken's Collision Repair/SouthSide Mini Mart
- Staples Ace Hardware
- SuperAmerica
- Staples Dairy Queen
- Unity Bank
- The Best Little Hair House in Motley
- Staples World



Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 21st day of November, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Kircher was absent.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for October 17 and November 7, 2017 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - BROWERVILLE SPORTSMAN CLUB

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club to hold gambling activities at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on March 4, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 47476 through 47612 in the amount of \$124,519.83.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 513198 through 513269 in the amount of \$100,891.63.

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

REPURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Vicque Amos has submitted an application for repurchase of the following described tax-forfeited lands: Parcel 08-014100 Lot 30 Block 6 Pine Island Heights

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the application for repurchase of tax-forfeited lands submitted by Vicque Amos for Parcel 08-014100.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Patricia Pechan as a Property Tax Specialist effective November 25, 2017.

Public Works

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Paul Siegle as the Public Works Maintenance Foreman.

Ditch Inspector

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

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT - DITCH MAINTENANCE - COUNTRY DITCH 33

WHEREAS, Glen Middendorf is requesting to maintain approximately 2,900 feet of CD33 that is located on his parcels - 20-0022600, 20-0022800. The maintenance will be done at his own expense. A Hold Harmless Agreement has

been signed and submitted to the Ditch Authority; and WHEREAS, an onsite inspection has been done; a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil must be side cast and leveled, staying within 16.5 feet of the ditch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Glen Middendorf to maintain approximately 2,900 feet of CD33 that is located on his own property, at his own expense.

Assessor's Office

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Patricia Pechan to fill the open position of Deputy Assessor at Grade 9, Step A, effective November 26, 2017.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize approval of rezoning request for parcel #28-0020500 without conditions.

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL -

"JOHNSON BBL LEGACY" SUBDIVISION WHEREAS, Applicant Daniel Johnson and Julie Johnson applied to subdivide a property that is described as M.J. Carroll Subdivision Outlot B, Section 25, in Birchdale Township with the plat to be known as Johnson BBL Legacy.

WHEREAS, Johnson BBL Legacy Plat consists of one residential lot, 3.55 ± acres located in the Recreational Development Shoreland zoning district of Birchdale Township.

WHEREAS, On August 3, 2017 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance: SEC-25 TWP-127 RNG-33 M J CARROLL SUBDIVISION OUTLOT B

WHEREAS, On August 15, 2017 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Johnson BBL Legacy preliminary plat with no conditions.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Johnson BBL Legacy" subdivision be approved as presented.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To agree to sign the FY18 and FY19 NRBG grant agreement covering the programs outlined.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Annual Purchase Agreement with the West Central Regional Juvenile Center.

Administration

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adjustment of the Deputy Auditor Treasurer position from Grade 6 to Grade 8 in accordance with Teamsters Courthouse La-

bor Agreement and Todd County Personnel Policy Article 6 effective November 26, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve adopting the Teamsters Courthouse Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2018 - 2020.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve adopting the Teamsters Jailer Dispatcher Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2018 - 2020.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve adopting the Teamsters Sheriff's Supervisory Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2018 - 2020.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize to sign letter leaving the partnership with Ottertail County for Solid Waste Department Head Services.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize assigning staff as HR Specialist and posting for HR Manager.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on current activities including pre-audit preparations, Election Grant opportunity presentations and upcoming office staff replacement.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including current recruitment statuses, union negotiations, open enrollment meetings, and a bonding priority list for legislative initiatives.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the meeting was adjourned for the month of November 2017.

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CARGILL SALT DIVISION	\$14,796.44
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	9,000.00
GARY'S AUTO GLASS INC	2,404.60
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	6,423.18
ROGGE/RICKEY J	2,800.00
ROYAL TIRE	3,642.48
TOWMASTER	2,598.46
TRUENORTH STEEL	24,325.30
WADENA ASPHALT CO	6,846.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	9,866.50
127 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	41,816.87
Total	\$124,519.83

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#145248	2,921.13
ANU FAMILY SERVICES INC	5,802.98
CARLSON/ BARBARA J	3,400.00
#2818	2,089.71
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	6,936.87
#1911	2,780.08
#12512	3,196.10
#14655	2,894.78
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS	3,056.36
#10746	2,609.58
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	5,030.50
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME	7,225.02
VILLAGE RANCH INC	12,077.12
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	5,279.17
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000	35,592.23
Total	\$100,891.63

On a motion by Kircher and second by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held November 21, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 6, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP 2018 MEETING DATES

Byron Township will hold their regular 2018 monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall, Leader, MN.

Karen Roubal, Clerk
Byron Township
52-1pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 77-CV-17-995 Case Type: Other (14)

In Re:

Application of Sexton Family Cabin, LLC, to vacate a part of "H" Street in the plat of Harcora Lodge - First Addition, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, §505.14.

Order for and Notice of Hearing on Petition to Vacate a part of "H" Street in the Plat of Harcora Lodge - First Addition, Todd County, Minnesota

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES -

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on the 24th day of January 2018, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Todd County Courthouse, 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on the petition of Sexton Family Cabin, LLC to vacate a part of "H" Street in the plat of Harcora Lodge - First Addition, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, § 505.14. It is further ordered that if proper, and no objections are filed, the Court may without further notice or hearing enter and order of vacation pursuant to said petition.

Dated: 10/26/2017
/s/ Daniel A. Benson
Judge
(COURT SEAL)
/s/ Janet Kneisl
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner:
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FILING NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP

Staples Township is accepting filings for:

Supervisor for a three (3) year term
Clerk for a two (2) year term

The filing period for these offices opens at the home of the Clerk on January 2, 2018 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2018. Filing fee is \$2.00.

Please contact Bonnie Thoelle at 218-894-3638 to file for office.

Bonnie Thoelle, Clerk
Staples Township
51-52pnc

FILING NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP

Thomastown Township will hold an election for one supervisor for a three year term and one clerk for a two year term. The filing period for these offices opens on January 2, 2018 and closes on January 16, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. To file for office, contact Stacy Dukowitz at 218-296-0834.

Stacy Dukowitz, Clerk
Thomastown Township
51-52pnc

NOTICE BULLARD TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Bullard Township, Wadena County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Officers and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at the Bullard Township Hall. Election poll hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time voters will elect:

One (1) Supervisor, three (3) year term;

One (1) Clerk, two (2) year term.

Board of Canvass will take place immediately after the election, and the Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 20, 2018, with the same times and location.

Janelle VanAlst, Clerk
Bullard Township
52pnc

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #8 Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m. Staples-Motley High School Media Center MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Hoemberg, Lund, Winkels, and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Member Longbella arrived later. Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; L. Peterson; the FJJ team; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan, Staples World Manager Halvorson and Recording Secretary Madson.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

Facility Information

Mr. Bratlie presented a power point regarding high performance schools /higher performing students which included building projects he was involved in at the Elk River School District. Other handouts included Effects of Ventilation Change in the Indoor Environment; and the benefits of LEED Certified schools (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

Adjournment

Motion by Lund, seconded by Hoemberg, to adjourn the Work Session. MC
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ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #9 Monday, Nov. 20,

2017, 7:00 p.m. Staples-Motley High School Media Center MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Longbella, Hoemberg, Winkels, Lund and Frisk attending (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; SMEA Rep. Schneider; several staff and community members, Staples World Manager, Halvorson and Recording Secretary Madson.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella to accept the addition of agenda item 15.1. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda. MC

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC

Finance Items: (Finance Committee Minutes 11-13-17)

The Financial Report was presented

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers. MC

Review the Preliminary Levy - The Preliminary Levy was not available at this time.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Longbella, to pass the Resolution of Certification of Minutes Relating to General Obligation Bond, Series 2017a. Voting in favor: Freeman, Lund,

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY, 8 2018

May Township regular meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

May Township re-organizational meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018 immediately following regular meeting.

May Township audit meeting: Monday, January 8, 2018 immediately following re-organizational meeting.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
52-1pnc

NOTICE FRESHWATER ED DISTRICT NO. 6004 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the Freshwater Ed District No. 6004 of Staples, MN hereby requests proposals for CTSS service for a Level IV site until 3:00 p.m. on January 29, 2018.

All proposals shall be clearly identified as a CTSS Proposal for the Freshwater Education District.

The proposals must be presented to the designated contact for Freshwater, Lori Murdock, at the following address:

Lori Murdock
Freshwater Education District
910 Ash Ave NE
Wadena, MN 56482

No formal proposal opening will take place.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria as set forth within the RFP. Details/requirements for proposals are available on the Freshwater website www.fed.k12.mn.us.

The Freshwater Board reserves the right to reject any/or all proposals, waive formalities, and to select the agency and options that best meet the needs of the board and its employees.

Inquiries and clarifications should be directed by telephone or email to Freshwater's contact as follows:

Lori Murdock
218-631-3505 Ext. 1042
lmurdock@fed.k12.mn.us

Clerk of District #6004
52-1pnc

Hoemberg, Winkels, Longbella and Frisk; Opposed: None MC

Approve the increase of meal reimbursement; Policy # 412; to Breakfast \$9.00; Lunch \$11.00; and Meal \$16.00 as recommended by the Finance Committee. (the current rate is \$7.00; \$10.00 and \$16.00)

Motion by Freeman, second by Lund, to increase the meal reimbursement amount to \$9.00 / \$11.00/ \$16.00 (\$36 per day). MC

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the reduction of the 2017-2018 contract days for John Koopmann by .048 FTE. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2017-18 contract for Cindy Koopmann; Ancillary Orchestra Instructor; .048 FTE; frozen at Step 1 BA. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella, to approve the contract for Heather Sams; Head Speech Coach. MC

ADDENDUM: Accepted the resignation from Arthur Lordbock, High School Math Instructor; effective Nov. 17, 2017.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to accept the resignation from Arthur Lordbock, HS Math; effective Nov. 17, 2017. MC

Superintendent Search Discussion - Mr. Bratlie left the room while the Board discussed their options. At the Oct. meeting the Board had decided to do a Supt. search and reviewed

Mental Health Awareness classes offered in January

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, approximately one in five adults in the U.S., experiences mental illness in a given year, while one in 25 adults experiences a serious mental illness in a given year.

Across the country, and especially in rural Minnesota, police officers have become the front line respondents to people with serious mental illnesses who are in crisis.

In mid-January, the Minnesota Crisis Intervention Team Officer's Association is offering three, eight-hour Mental Health Awareness classes (all separate trainings) at National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) in Staples.

"We must take a proactive approach to attempt to assist individuals to receive the mental health care they need rather than strictly deal with the criminal behaviors."

Raymond Birkholtz, Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office

The course came at the request of several area law enforcement and public health personnel, including Raymond Birkholtz, Training Sergeant for the Jail Division of Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office.

"Oftentimes law enforcement is called to deal with individuals that suffer from severe mental illnesses that repeatedly commit non-threatening misdemeanor offenses," Birkholtz said.

passing, theft of food, or theft of clothing. Law enforcement officials need to recognize that these individuals may need mental health help, not be arrested and brought to jail. We must take a proactive approach to attempt to assist individuals to receive the mental health care they need rather than strictly deal with the criminal behaviors."

The class is designed for all sworn officers, county employees and mental health professionals who desire a more collaborative relationship with law enforcement when coming into contact with someone experiencing a mental health crisis.

Attendees can expect a basic overview of mental illness: schizophrenia and psychotic disorders, mood disorders, cognitive disorders and personality and substance disorders. The course will also dissect the causes and nature of illnesses, typical patterns of behaviors, common medications and guidelines for officer response.

The courses at NJPA come on the brink of crisis intervention training becoming a requirement for law enforcement. As of July, state legislation will mandate that all law enforcement officers have a minimum of 16 hours of training every three years in three areas - mental health crisis response, conflict de-escalation and diversity and implicit bias training.

Classes at NJPA are Jan. 16, 17 and 18, with a limit of 30 people per day. Costs vary for Region Five members and non-members or those outside of the region. Lunch is included.

For more information, visit www.njpacoop.org/R5PD, or contact NJPA Administrative Specialist Missy Tureson at 218-895-4129.

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a timeline.

After all Board members expressed their concerns and ideas, and options were discussed, it was decided that Longbella and Winkels will visit with Mr. Bralio and ask for a commitment to one or two more years. This commitment could involve more days on site. They will report back to the Board at the Dec. 4 Work Session.

Policy and Curriculum (Policy Committee Minutes Nov. 1, 2017)

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to accept and approve the routine review of policies #201 Legal Status of the School Board and #209 Code of Ethics with no revisions; and policies #102 Equal Educational Opportunity and #203.6 Board Agenda: Consent Agendas with minor MSBA recommended revisions. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to Approval of Policies #203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda and #208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies with minor committee recommended revisions. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to accept and approve the review of Policy #412 Mileage and Expense Reimbursement with the meal reimbursement increases (item #11). MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to adopt the Physical Education/Health Curriculum Document as presented to the Board in October. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the online submission of the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination indicating ISD #2170 is in compliance. MC

Adjournment Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk to adjourn the meeting. MC

Complete minutes can be viewed at: www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #10 Monday, Dec. 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Staples-Motley High School Media Center MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Hoemberg, Longbella, Winkels and Lund present. Frisk arrived later. Also attending were Supt. Bralio; Business Manager Bosen; Principals Schmidt and Johnson (Regan arrived later); several staff members and HS students; Staples World Manager, Halvorson and Recording Secretary Madson.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to adopt the agenda as presented. Long Term Facility/FJJ

Jeff Schiltz informed the group that their name has been changed to ICS (Innovate, Collaborate, Sustain).

The options as presented earlier were reviewed.

The principals explained pros and cons of different building configurations (Elementary in Staples vs Elementary in Motley; new HS building, etc.) The board will be asked to

make a recommendation to narrow the options down even further. Community meetings will be held in January and the team will report back to the board at the Feb. 5 work session.

Audit Report / LarsonCliftonAllen

Mary Reedy presented the audit report and declared an unmodified (clean) opinion.

Weaknesses were cited in

- Segregation of duty in the Business Office
• Financial statement preparation
• Audit adjustments
Deficiencies included:
• Budget changes in the financial system

Authorized bank signers at Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

Winkels informed the board that they had met with Supt. Bralio and put out the option of extending his contract.

Adjournment Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sunlight & Youth6:30 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 School10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study....6:30 p.m.

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

Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons.....218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033
Saturday Worship10:45 am.
Sabbath School9:30 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 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, Staples218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich Congregational, United Church of Christ One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School8:30 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.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group6:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School9:30 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 School9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance Oy. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School10:00 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 School8:30 a.m.

Casino Assembly of God Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cy 34 to Cy. 104.
Phone218-746-3839
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY7:00 p.m.

First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship8:45 a.m.
Worship.....9:10 and 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m.Ministry Groups/Bible study

Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night5:30 p.m.

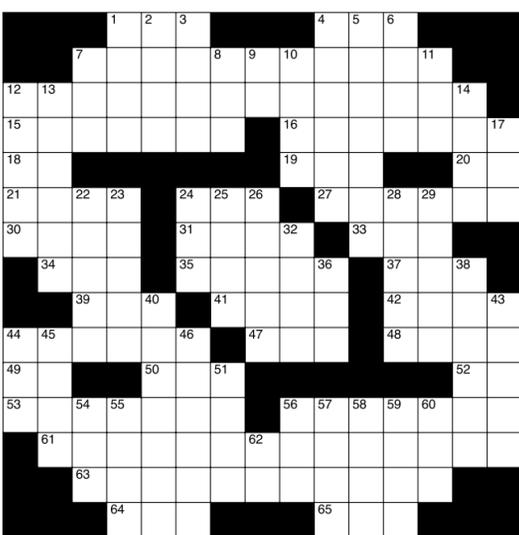
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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 Cy Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship9:00 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

Crossword Puzzle

Week 52



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Measurement (abbr.)
4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
7. Sorting
12. Attribute
15. Poked holes in
16. Angers
18. Doc
19. MLB journeyman pitcher Dillon
20. Not don't
21. Snubs someone
24. Where kids bathe
27. One might be in distress
30. Chair
31. Music industry honors (abbr.)
33. Dash
34. Owed
35. Caucasian language
37. One thousand (Span.)
39. Musical style drum and bass
41. Evergreen trees native to warm climates
42. Begin ___ start fresh
44. Marshy outlets
47. A chicken lays one
48. Yemen's largest city
49. Conversion rate
50. Single Lens Reflex
52. Atlanta rapper
53. Reduce the importance of
56. Faces of buildings
61. Something achieved
63. Distribute again
64. Tooth caregiver
65. 007's creator
CLUES DOWN
1. Skater Lipinski
2. Data
3. Single step
4. Destroyed financially
5. Fail to interpret correctly
6. Fava d'___ tree found in Brazil
7. Vehicle
8. Limited
9. Old English
10. Aussie golfer Norman
11. Job
12. Loose-fitting undergarments
13. Protected by balancing
14. Give up
17. Fifth note of a major scale
22. Extravagantly bright
23. Takes dictation
24. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
25. Rounded knob (biology)
26. French philosopher
28. Mothers
29. Dardic ethnic group
32. Supports the rudder
36. An ugly evil-looking old woman
38. Of a fasting time
40. Filled with passengers
43. Below the ribs and above the hips
44. Binary-coded decimal
45. 51 is a famous one
46. Goes into a funk
51. Chief O'Hara actor
54. Videocassette recorder
55. Scored perfectly
56. Type of tree
57. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
58. Popular commercial "pet"
59. Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians
60. Room in a home
62. ___ and behold
CW181410

Merry Christmas Week!

Pastor Greg Leslie, United Methodist Church, Motley and Staples

It has been roughly 1,700 years since Constantine and the Roman Empire celebrated Christmas. The first recorded date was December 25, 336, it was only a few years later that Pope Julius declared that Jesus' birth would be celebrated on that same date.

Every year we celebrate this holiday, we get a tree, decorate the tree, hang all the decorations in the celebration of a Christ Child. That's exciting news, in fact it's good news. The Gospel of Matthew 1:21 says, "She will give birth to a Son, and you will call Him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins."

In this short letter, I want to remind all of you that there's something great happening. Through all the hustle and bustle of the Advent and Christmas season, there's a reason for it

all. It's not the presents that you receive or the presents you give. It's about the presence of the Christ Child given to us. A Child who was both God and human, coming for a purpose. This purpose was to save us all.

As we move from a season of preparation to a season of celebrating, know that there are Christmas services happening throughout your community. We are all celebrating together a birth. I invite you all to find a church to celebrate the Christ Child (and beyond the Christmas season). A Child who came for the purpose of bringing love and peace to all people. Remember that Christmas is about Christ.

Prayers for safe travels over the Christmas holiday. Peace.

"So then let's also run the race that is laid out in front of us, since we have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us. Let's throw off any extra baggage, get rid of the sin that trips us up." --Hebrews 12:1 CEB

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

Ernie's Food Market Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank Fully Insured to \$250,000 Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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

EARLY DEADLINES In observance of the New Year holiday the deadline for the Jan. 4 Staples World is Thurs. Dec. 28



'The Greatest Christmas Card in the Whole Wide World'

Sacred Heart Area School first, second and third graders presented their Christmas program Dec. 20 at the school.

Above: The entire cast sings songs about Christmas as the family tries to select a theme for their family Christmas card.

G.T. (Glad Tidings Messenger), Jade Storry, far right, tries to help the family realize what really is the center of Christmas. Mom, (Lilly Tyrrell), sings as the manger scene is brought to life, showing the true meaning for the family's Christmas card. Angels, kings and shepherds surround the baby, as trees, carolers, elves, a lamb, Santa and the family gathered to complete the picture for their Christmas card. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Depot event

The Staples Historical Society (SHS) hosted a holiday open house at the historic Northern Pacific Depot in Staples Dec. 17. The 30-member Colla Voce Girl's Choir sang holiday music. SHS board members provided tours to highlight recent restoration projects. (Submitted photo)



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County considers livestock restrictions to public waters

Human Services Director Jackie Och and Public Works Director Loren Fellbaum - were pulled from the agenda. These would have also resulted in salary increases.

After the actions that were taken, Kircher said that he was not comfortable with how all over the board they were on salaries.

He felt they should establish a system to go by so that they would be consistent with how they set salaries.

Hatch said that in the past they have used Region Five and contiguous counties when they planned their salaries. With the commissioners' approval, he will look at better comparisons to see if Todd County was below, at or above market with their salaries.

In other business:

- Approved a One-Year On & Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Don & Dave's Store in Moran Township effective Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2018.

- Since Todd County is responsible for providing public defender services in certain types of cases, the county staff, including prosecutor and HHS staff that work with the public defender have recommended the county continue to contract with Peters Law Office.

Peters Law Office has proposed a new contract for 2018 at the same rate as 2017 for Tier I cases with changes to the Tier II and Tier III cases as follows:

- \$17,700/year Tier I
- \$85/hour Tier II and Tier III

- Approved a Conditional Use Permit for Charles and Nancy Anderson to establish a dock, boat and RV storage business in an existing storage building in a NE Shoreland Zoned District subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) no expansion of building or parking area,
 - 2) obtain a permit for parking area and stormwater management work,
 - 3) no outside storage on north, east, or west sides of building,
 - 4) develop a vegetation screening plan with Todd Soil and Water Conservation District.

Kircher asked why they approved CUPs before all the plans were in place.

"I want to be guaranteed when they get a CUP that they will do the things they are supposed to do. I would like to see you have a written plan in hand before approving them," he said to Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber.

Stieber said that most times the potential business did not know what the expectations would be until they had the CUP or had gone through the process.

He said a potential business wouldn't spend a lot of money to have a plan in place if they didn't know if their CUP would be approved or not.

- Approved the grant acceptance agreement and authorized Director Kathy Langer to sign the subsidy awarded to Todd-Wadena Community Corrections for \$849,928.

- Received an application from the Latimer Lake Association requesting the county to change or amend

the Todd County Planning Ordinance. Three other lake associations signed letters of support representing 884 addresses around Todd County Lakes.

The request would be to add language to the Ag Use Standards to restrict livestock access to all public waters in Todd County that have a Department of Natural Resources public boat landing.

This would apply to 38 lakes in the county that have over 2,600 address points (homes, cabins, RV sites).

This would not apply to streams and rivers and lakes and ponds without DNR public landings. It would only include the highest profile lakes.

According to Stieber, this is the first such request to be generated by a citizens group in recent memory.

Stieber asked to take the proposed changes to Planning Commission to develop recommendations.

Becker said she would like them to hold a work session on this before they would vote on it. She said she would like to see if other counties have done this and how it is working for them.

Kircher asked Stieber how he intended to enforce this. Once it was implemented he expected a lot of complaints to come in.

Stieber said he did not think it would happen as there has only been 10 incidents of cattle in the lakes on all the lakes within the county during the five years he has been director.

Neumann said he felt the conversation needed to be started so they could resolve this.

- Heard an update on the Todd County Ag Society from outgoing President Deb Nelson. She reported that the 2018 fair will be held July 12-15 as this is when they can book the carnival.

- After hearing an update from Northern Pines Mental Health Center Executive Director Laura Vaughn on the variety of mental health services to eligible adults and children they provide, the board approved the contract for 2018 at a grand total of \$241,784. The county does receive two grants - one for \$76,418 and another for \$20,000 - which help offset the costs.

- Approved the STEP Purchase of Service and Host County Contract for 2018 at \$120,000. STEP provides day training and habilitation and supportive employment services for clients with mental health and developmental disabilities.

- Approved a resolution ensuring the economic viability and longevity of the relationship between Todd County and the West Central Regional Juvenile Center.

The West Central Regional Juvenile Center plans to expand/remodel their facility. Prior to that, they are requesting commitment from each county in order to ensure that they have the proper support to move forward with the project.

The county's contract is still for a half bed which is the average use over a two year time period.

The contract is for 20 years.

We think you'll like our new digs!

LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM

Join us for our

CLINIC OPENING

JANUARY 5, 2018 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We would be honored if you would join us in celebrating our newly expanded clinic!

Clinic tours and refreshments (Entrance B)

Lakewood HEALTH SYSTEM

49725 COUNTY 83, STAPLES



Sports photos available at: staplesworld.dotphoto.com
Other event photos available.

Staples World

NJPA
National Joint Powers Alliance®
IS OFFERING GENTLY USED OFFICE AND VARIOUS COMPUTERS, PARTS AND SUPPLIES.
View items and bid at <http://www.govdeals.com/NJPARegion5>



A look back on 2017 in Motley, Pillager areas

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

A number of stories were collected throughout Motley, Pillager, Cushing and the surrounding area during 2017. A few highlights of the past year are included below.

January

• Al Yoder, Motley's new mayor, presided at his first city council meeting Jan. 10, 2017. Joining him at the table were Nathan Douglas, beginning his first term as council member; and veteran council members Amy Hutchison and Steve Johnson. At that time, one seat on the council still needed to be filled. The vacancy had been created when Yoder, who still had two (2) years remaining on his council term, was elected mayor.

ipated in the 11th Annual Snow Golf Tournament on Lake Alexander Feb. 18, an event sponsored by the Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club. Held at The Castaway Bar & Grill in Cushing, the event drew golf enthusiasts from around the state.

• Brothers Garrett and Jordon Carlson of Motley achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout. A special ceremony, led by Central Minnesota Council Order of the Arrow, was held Feb. 19, at Motley City Hall. The Carlsons are members of Staples Motley Boy Scouts Troop 61.

March

• Fire destroyed the old Darling Church, located on Hwy 10, north of Little Falls in Darling Township. The Morrison County Sheriff's Office received a report of the fire on March

owners, Joe, Susie and Pat Brichacek, to build a parking lot where the motel once stood.

May

• 'Business booming in Pillager' was one of the headlines in the Staples World last May. The story told of the expansion/remodel project of Lakewood Health System's Pillager Clinic; new businesses Country Financial, The Learning Ladder and Anchor Counseling and Wellness; as well as the construction of two new townhomes.

June

• Pat O'Regan is once again a member of the Motley City Council. He was sworn into office at the council's regular meeting June 12, filling the seat vacated by Nate Douglas who resigned this past April.

• Motley's Wastewater Treatment Plant and the staff (Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director; Bryan Stevens, Maintenance Assistant) received a Certificate of Commendation from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, "Recognizing exemplary effort expanded in the year 2016 to comply with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's NPDES/SDS Permit Program."

• June Fest was held in Motley June 17, featuring a parade, music, Wings Fest, pig races and more. Grand marshals of the parade were Loren and Kathy Morey. Loren's father, Ed Morey, was the founder of Morey's Seafood International, LLC, which celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2017.

July

• The Jack and JoAnn (Shake) Lund farm in rural Staples has been recognized as a Minnesota Century Farm. Located in the Leader area of Cass County, the farm has been in continuous family ownership since 1916.

• A number of people gathered at the Pillager Dam July 7, to celebrate the hydroelectric station that has been generating electricity since 1917.



Fully engulfed

After numerous firefighter trainings were conducted at the Motley Motel April 29, the entire building (along with the adjoining house) was set on fire during a controlled burn. The motel (formerly known as the El-Ray Motel) is believed to have been built in 1957, in conjunction with the El-Ray Truckstop. It had several owners and managers

over the years; and was renamed the Motley Motel about 10 years ago when Gene and Dianna Eisel purchased it. The Eisels recently sold it to Joe, Susie and Pat Brichacek, owners of BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley; and they plan to put a parking lot in where the motel once stood. (Staples World file photo by Dawn Timbs)



Swearing-in ceremony

Motley Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja facilitated a swearing-in ceremony for newly elected city officers prior to the first Motley City Council meeting in January. Pictured above left, taking the oath of office, is Mayor Al Yoder. (Staples World file photo by Dawn Timbs)

February

• Dollar General opens in Motley. The store's official grand opening was held Feb. 11, with free prizes and special deals offered. Over 200 people were lined up outside the door by 8 a.m.

• Jace Carlson is voted in as the newest member of the Motley City Council on Feb. 13, filling the vacant seat.

• Over 200 golfers partic-

24, at approximately 3:17 a.m. It is believed to have been set intentionally and is being investigated as arson.

• A tractor accident claimed the life of a Motley man on March 30. According to the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, 72-year-old James Nelson was backing up his tractor when he struck a tree, which knocked him to the ground. Nelson was found deceased underneath the

cludes exam rooms, a centrally located care team area, as well as a new centrally located X-ray room. Their renovation project was completed the following November.

• John Regan of Staples was hired as the new principal at Motley-Staples Middle School, taking over for Chris Halverson who resigned this past summer. Regan is no stranger to the school district, having previously taught math and robotics at both the middle and high schools.

• The construction of the Motley Area 115-kV Project was completed and energization took place the week of Aug. 28. This transmission project, which covers portions of Cass and Morrison counties, will allow for a bolstered electric service in the Motley area as well as provide electric power for the Minnesota Pipeline Fish Trap pump station.

September

• Local law enforcement agencies, fire departments and first response teams were invited to stop by 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing Sept. 11, to be honored for their service to our country. The gathering was held in conjunction with the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the United States. Tavern owner John Brichacek hosted the event in an attempt to bring about something positive on Sept. 11. The gathering was part of the 'Never 2 Much Respect' program he launched earlier in the month.

October

• More than 80 people gathered at the Motley Dog Park Oct. 29, to dedicate a tree planted in the memory of Alan Dumpprope, who



Grand marshals

Loren (right) and Kathy Morey of Motley were the grand marshals of the June Fest Parade in Motley June 17. Loren's father, Ed Morey, was the founder of Morey's Seafood International, LLC, which celebrated its 80th anniversary this year. Loren joined the operation in 1964 and was involved with the Motley-based company for many years. (Staples World file photo by Dawn Timbs)



A great day for snow golf

Tyler White of Randall (far left) attempts to hit the ball into the 18th and final hole during the 11th Annual Snow Golf Tournament on Lake Alexander Feb. 18. Also pictured are, from left, Tim Cor-

rigan, St. Cloud and Cushing; Kevin Corrigan, Browerville; Adam Corrigan, St. Cloud. Temperatures that day reached into the 50's. (Staples World file photo by Dawn Timbs)

tractor, trapped under the rear tire.

April

• Les Fundine was named the "Pillager Citizen of the Year" for 2017. The award was presented to Fundine April 8, at the Pillager Fiddler's Contest, by Pillager Mayor Bret Mattheisen.

• Motley City Council member Nate Douglas tendered his resignation on April 22. Douglas had been elected to the council the previous November.

• On April 29, the Motley Motel was burned to the ground by dozens of firefighters participating in a controlled burn. The event was organized by the Motley Fire Department, with 13 other area fire departments participating. The all-day event served two purposes. It provided both level one and level two training sessions for firefighters; and it will enable the new property

The Centennial Celebration, held in conjunction with Husky Days, included a tour of the dam, refreshments; and remarks by Chris Rousseau, manager of renewable business operations for Minnesota Power, which owns the hydroelectric station in Pillager.

August

• Ten-year-old Heidi Zimmerman of Motley competed at the Minnesota State Fair's Amateur Talent Contest on Aug. 30. She performed a solo dance piece. Heidi qualified for the competition after taking first place at the Todd County Fair, tap-dancing to Dolly Parton's, "9 - 5."

• Lakewood Health System hosted an open house at their Pillager Clinic Aug. 28 in celebration of the newly completed expansion project. The expansion project encompasses approximately 8,300 sq. ft. The new structure in-



Future firefighters

Ten-year-old Joe Zimmermann (left) and six-year-old Ben Stevens, both of the Motley area, sported Motley Fire Department T-shirts at the Sept. 11 event at 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing.



Gathering to remember and give thanks

More than 80 people gathered at the Motley Dog Park Oct. 29, to dedicate a tree planted in the memory of Alan Dumpprope, who died at age 20 in a house fire in rural Motley in January. Pictured, Dumpprope's parents, Jody Dumpprope and Angela Goff, speak to the crowd and give their thanks to the community for supporting them and to the first responders who arrived at the fire. Goff said the City of Motley offered the spot for the tree, which she said is an appropriate location to also remember the pets who were lost in the fire. They plan to add a bench to the memorial in the spring. (Staples World file photo by Mark Anderson)



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New laws take effect January 1

The following is a list of select new laws passed during the 2017 regular and special legislative sessions that will take effect Jan. 1, 2018. The asterisk following the bill number denotes the language that became law. Summaries of all laws passed by the 2017 Legislature in regular and special sessions are available online from nonpartisan House Public Information Services at <http://www.house.mn/newlaws/#/search/2017>.

ELECTIONS

Uniform election dates established

The omnibus elections law calls for the establishment of five uniform dates throughout the year for local elections.

Effective Jan. 1, 2018, a special election in a city, town or school district must be held on one of the following dates:

- The second Tuesday in February;
- The second Tuesday in April;
- The second Tuesday in May;
- The second Tuesday in August (state primary date); or
- The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (general election date).

A special election may only be held on a different date if it's held in response to an emergency or disaster.

School districts will be permitted to consolidate polling places if their election is a standalone one. The polling places must be designated polling places already in the district.

Rep. Kelly Fenton (R-Woodbury) and Sen. Mary Kiffmeyer (R-Big Lake) sponsored the law. HF729/

SF514*/CH92

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Insurance coverage extended to eye drop refills

Health plans that cover prescription eye drops will need to cover refills earlier than the expiration of a 30- or 90-day supply.

Sponsored by Rep. Tony Albright (R-Prior Lake) and Sen. Karin Housley (R-St. Marys Point), the law takes effect for health plans offered, sold, issued or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2018. HF1203/SF997*/CH47

Age-related hearing loss training to be allowed

Age-related hearing loss can be an isolating experience and lead to depression, increased incidences of dementia, hospitalizations and falls. But the effects may be mitigated by well-informed staff trained to deal with communication barriers through a new law that takes effect Jan. 1, 2018.

Rep. Debra Kiel (R-Crookston) and Sen. Karin Housley (R-St. Marys Point) sponsored the law that will allow home care providers to include training about age-related hearing loss in the orientation they receive to help them interact more effectively with people who are hard of hearing in their care to improve the quality of their lives.

Home care workers will also be able to count training in age-related hearing loss toward their annual training requirements.

All staff performing direct home care services must undergo annual training that can address a

range of topics, including maltreatment reporting, the home care bill of rights and infection control techniques. HF952*/SF818/CH51

TRANSPORTATION

New license plates to honor fallen officers

Minnesota drivers will be able to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty with special license plates beginning Jan. 1, 2018.

A new law, sponsored by Rep. Duane Quam (R-Byron) and Sen. Dave Senjem (R-Rochester), creates a special law enforcement memorial license plate for Minnesota motor vehicles. To obtain the plate, vehicle owners will have to pay a plate fee, make a donation to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association and are required to contribute at least \$5 annually in subsequent years.

The Department of Public Safety is tasked with designing the plate and vehicle owners will have to pay a transfer fee of the plate to another vehicle.

Plate-related donations will be directed to a new Minnesota law enforcement memorial account; those funds are appropriated to the department for administrative costs and distribution to the Minnesota Law Enforcement Memorial Association.

The plate fee will be allocated to the vehicle services operating account. HF678*/SF513/CH55

Truck weights and other license plate changes

The omnibus transportation law passed during the special session adds motorized bicycles - or mopeds - to the list of vehicles

for which a person can apply for disability license plates.

A new special license plate for retired law enforcement and a "Start Seeing Motorcycles" plate are provided beginning Jan. 1, 2018. The law sets eligibility and provides for plate design and transfers. An annual donation to the motorcycle safety fund will be required for the motorcycle-awareness plates.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2018, a road authority may issue a special annual permit to exceed motor vehicle weight limits in order to haul road construction materials on six and seven-axle vehicles. The law specifies permit fees, sets conditions and allocates permit revenue to a bridge inspection and signing account.

Rep. Paul Torkelson (R-Hanska) and Sen. Scott Newman (R-Hutchinson) sponsored the law. SSSH3*/SSSFnone/CH3



Trombone trajectory

Four of the guest artists at the Low Brass Summit Nov. 18, joined forces for an all-trombone rendition of The Beatles' song "Hey Jude." From left, professional musicians Nick Laufer, Christopher Bill, Derek Bromme and Matt Jefferson.

Bill also delighted the crowd with a looped track song, creating an entire multi-part song live, just using his voice and trombone by recording portions over a looped track.

The day-long event, hosted by the Staples-Motley Music Department, included a masterclass in the morning; and a finale concert featuring the guest artists, as well as the Staples-Motley Symphonic Band, directed by Jon Crust. Small groups put together from the summit participants from schools all across the state also performed.

(Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Law enforcement reports, Motley

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

Dec. 17 - The MPD arrested Amanda Faith Turner, 30, for Driving While Intoxicated, third degree. The MCSO assisted.

Dec. 17 - The MPD received a report of theft from Ortons BP in Motley. The complainant said that the subject, who was known to store employees, came in to the store and took a Mini Flyer toy off the counter, walked to the back of the store and placed the box in his pants and then proceeded to walk out. Officers attempted to make contact with the subject by stopping by his residence and making phone calls but were unsuccessful.

Dec. 16 - The MPD issued a citation to Jessica Marie Adams, 34, for driving after revocation.

Dec. 15 - The MPD issued a citation to

Candace Marie Rock, 32, for driving after revocation and not having proof of insurance.

Dec. 15 - The MPD received a report of a vehicle accident at BRICKS in Motley. Complainant said that while he and his friend were getting gas, a black pickup truck pulling a black box trailer struck the car as well as himself. Complainant said he was standing by the passenger side door when the trailer of the truck hit the door and knocked him off his feet. He proceeded to say that he waited an hour to report the incident as they had to get to Brainerd first.

Dec. 19 - The MCSO received a report of theft from a resident at the 33000 block of Birch Ln., Motley.

Dec. 16 - The MCSO issued a citation to Chase Broten, 23, for possession of a small amount of marijuana.

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Team defense leaves nowhere to throw

Brayden Losh, center, uses his wing span to close the passing lanes for an Aitken player, while Josh Lombard, left, cuts off one angle and Griffen Webster, right cuts off under the basket. Max Giza guards the post and Derek Kennedy watches the weak side. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Boys basketball starts conference season 1-1

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team played their first two conference games and showed some progress against tough competition. The Cardinals stayed with Mid State Conference leaders Pequot Lakes for most of the game but ended up taking a 92-76 loss on Dec. 19. Things started to click better in a Dec. 22 game against Aitkin, who joined the conference this year. Staples-Motley raced past the Gobblers

78-45.

Against PL, the Cardinals were down by 10 at halftime and stayed within striking range before fading late in the game.

Against Aitkin, they started fast breaking early to build a lead, and started making three pointers to increase it. The Cardinals had a 22 point halftime lead and improved on that in the second half.

The Cardinals had very balanced scoring, as eight

players ended up in the scoring column.

Team results

Staples-Motley 76, Pequot Lakes 92

Scoring: Josh Lombard 21, Griffen Webster 17, Derek Kennedy 13, Max Giza 8, Chase Davis 6, Brayden Losh 6, Javier Fernandez 3, Bentley Christensen 2

Staples-Motley 78, Aitkin 45

Webster 19, Kennedy 18, Losh 12, Lombard 8, Davis 8, Fernandez 6, Christensen 3, Tristin Etzler 2

Wrestlers turn it up for section matches

Despite a loss, the Staples-Motley wrestling may have gained some confidence at their Dec. 19 triangular meet against section opponents Barnesville and Ottertail Central.

"The guys came in thinking they couldn't beat OTC, but now they believe we should have beaten them," said Coach Dave Anglin.

The Cardinals had some big wins including five pins against Barnesville, making the 55-21 final score more lopsided than it might have been against a good team.

Against OTC, the match came down to the heavyweight bout with Kyle Serich wrestling for the Cardinals. "He had to go for it but he just got caught, we were right there with that team," said Anglin. "The kids did a fantastic job, they just have to believe in themselves."

A few of the wrestlers were ill or nicked up, but wrestled anyway.

The Cardinals will return to action on Friday, Jan. 5, at Cambridge-Isanti, and will be back at home on Tuesday, Jan. 9, for a dual against Wadena-Deer Creek, which will also be Takedown Cancer night.

Team results

Staples-Motley 55, Barnesville 21
106 Payton Bjerga W ff, 113 Sam Jennissen W 10-0, 120 Kristian Thompson L fall, 126 Spencer Miller W fall, 132 Brayden Christensen L 8-3, 138 Blayne Dumpprope W fall, 145 Jasiah Paskewitz W fall, 152 James Ehresman L fall, 160 Owen Bjerga W fall, 170 Jonathan Lisson L fall, 182 Isaac Swendsrud W ff, 195 James Ehresman W ff, 220 Braden Tyrrell W 3-2, 285 Kyle Serich W fall

Staples-Motley 25, Ottertail Central 37
P. Bjerga L 13-0, 113 Jennissen L 7-2, 120 Thompson L fall, 126 Miller W fall, 132 Christensen W fall, 138 Paskewitz L 6-3, 145 Dumpprope W 7-1, 152 O. Bjerga W 14-2, 160 Dalton Holmberg L 7-1, 170 Lisson W 1-0, 182 Gordon Enyart L fall, 195 Ehresman L fall, 220 Tyrrell W 8-3, 285 Serich L fall.



Hoops action

Left, Kaitlyn Smith fires a pass before getting blocked by an Aitkin player. Above, Kiera Dumpprope shows the form that made six straight free throws. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Completing the fast break

Left, Bentley Christensen whips a fast break pass past an Aitkin player, finding its target, Chase Davis, above, for an easy layup. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals improve play but still end up with loss

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team was not at full strength when they took on one of the state's top teams, and lost 67-28 at Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton on Dec. 19. But the Cardinals bounced back strongly and were within one shot of beating Aitkin on Dec. 22, but fell 56-54.

Against Aitkin, the Cardinals fell behind by 11 early on, but came back to tie the game at halftime. They were in position to go for the win at the end, but a buzzer beater shot missed.

Staples-Motley made their open three pointers as Claire Wolhowe was four of eight and Kaitlyn Smith was two of three. They also made their free throws, 22 of 28, with Wolhowe connecting on 13 of 15 from the line and Kiera Dumpprope was six of six. Wolhowe had 11 rebounds, Dumpprope had five; Haley Cichos had five assists in the game.

Team results

Staples-Motley 28, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton 67

Scoring: Kaitlyn Smith 10, Claire Wolhowe 10, Mackenna Bjerga 4, Kearra Mikel 2, Jenna Dvorak 2



Catching up to the ball

Jenna Dvorak hauls in a long pass on a fast break. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Smith 6, Kiera Dumpprope 6, Bella Martin 4, Haley Cichos 2, Dvorak 2, Kaila Erbe 1

First hike includes Mystery Cave tour

First day hikes will take place at 14 Minnesota state parks on Monday, Jan. 1, as part of a nationwide effort, led by America's state parks, to promote starting the new year with fresh air and physical activity. More than 400 hikes are scheduled this year in all 50 states.

Minnesota's events include five daytime hikes, four snowshoe hikes, and three full moon hikes. First day hikes are free.

This year, for the first time, there's an underground option too: Guided tours of the cave at Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park will take place hourly from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Discovered in 1937, Mystery Cave is the longest cave in Minnesota, spanning more than 13 miles underground. Typically, public cave tours are offered only between April and October. During the summer months, visitors often find the cave a cool

and refreshing escape from the heat. In the winter, it will be the opposite. People will be able to come in from the cold weather to warm up, because the air temperature in Mystery Cave stays at a constant 48 degrees Fahrenheit year-round.

People should dress for the weather, so ideally in layers that can shed when they warm up as they get moving. They may also want to bring a light backpack to store a water bottle, a nutritious snack, binoculars, a camera, and those extra layers of clothing.

A vehicle permit (\$7 for a one-day permit or \$35 for a year-round permit) is also required to enter Minnesota state parks.

For more information, contact the DNR Information Center at info.dnr@state.mn.us or 888-646-6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).



Early ice walleye

By Steve Carney

So far this winter season here in central Minnesota, we have been faced with extraordinary ice conditions. For weeks, anglers have been waiting for good ice and basically we are still waiting. Up to this point in December, we have about five inches of ice through the central part of Minnesota and seven to eleven inches farther north. Here are some strategies

I employ during these abnormal ice conditions.

• Walking Affair

Don't even think about heading out in an ATV or snowmobile quite yet. More than a dozen ATVs have fallen through the ice so far this season. The problem is the ice conditions can vary lake to lake and even bay to bay. I have found five inches in some spots and 100 yards away there is two inches. I have been walking to my different spots for two weeks now and still wear a life vest and ice picks. I actually prefer walking because I can access spots that people in vehicles can't get to yet.

Also because of the slick ice conditions, don't forget to wear your ice cleats.

• Key Depths

The key depth for walleye for me this winter has been 17 feet.

Walleye tend to slide into deeper water as the winter progresses but right now at first ice, they are shallow and feeding heavily from 4:30 to 5 p.m.

This small window seems to be the same no matter where I go.

• Deep Water Nearby

Another key to early winter success is fishing spots that have access to deep water nearby. Every walleye spot I have throughout Minnesota all have that one thing in common.....the deepest water in the lake is directly nearby. This provides escape routes for walleye and the deep water is their daytime sanctuary.

• Have a Wingman

With the goofy ice conditions this winter, think about having a "wingman" with you at all times. Because of this season's treacherous conditions, having someone with you is critical when on the ice.

(Story submitted Dec. 22, ice conditions may have changed since then)

Thursday Twilight League Bowling Wadena Lanex

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1. Ted and Gen's	16.5-7.5
2. Mason Bros.	16-8
3. Lefty's	14.5-9.5
4. Staples Vet Clinic	12-12
5. Spectrum Marketing	11-13
6. Ghost Team	2-22

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Staples Vet Clinic 1,693

HIGH TEAM GAME-

Staples Vet Clinic 580

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Tia Freitag	500	191
Marge Harrison	493	200
Betty Klingaman	469	170-161
Rhonda Cichos	443	170-155
Addie Crocker	443	169
Kathy Marcussen	439	161
Deb Pundt	192	
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EARLY DEADLINES

In observance of the New Year holiday the deadline for the Jan. 4

Staples World is

Thurs. Dec. 28