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Staples-Motley School Board prefers one, two building options



School facility decision draws community interest

Community members attending the Jan. 18 Staples-Motley School Board meeting discussed the facility study with Glenn Chiodo, center. The meeting was held at the Staples-Motley High School media center. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

After studying their facilities for more than a year, the Staples-Motley School Board is ready to close at least one of their buildings and build something new, although the location or the scope of the new construction still isn't decided.

In a vote at their Jan. 18 special meeting, the board voted a single K-12 school as their top preference, with a close second preference fixing up two schools, the elementary school in Staples and Staples-Motley High School. In both main preferences, the Motley building would be repurposed, with some people suggesting it could be converted to a community center.

To start the meeting, Glenn Chiodo talked about the FJJ facility study he helped conduct, and how ICS, a company that's merged with FJJ, can develop plans based on the school board's preferences.

Chiodo said the board had eliminated the choice of keeping all three buildings open, due to the cost of renovation that still would not address many of the building issues.

Approximately 35 people attended the meeting, and a few questions were asked.

In response to a question about a new school bringing in more students, Chiodo said a new facility doesn't guarantee that more students would choose the school, but it never hurts the school's enrollment. He pointed to the population study done as part of the building study, which predicted school enrollment will remain steady for the next decade.

The board voted by ranking their preferences, it was scored by top prefer-

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Hello, Readers,

January 28 will be Kazoo Day. This distinctively American musical instrument was designed in 1840 and brought to the world as the "Down South Submarine" in 1852 during the Georgia State Fair by Alabama Vest and Thaddeus Von Clegg, the latter a German-American clockmaker. Nearly 60 years later the commercial production of this device started, and it began to enter the world created out of the dully shining silver of Tin. Rather than having any particular keys or tuning devices, the music of the Kazoo is created by humming into the instrument, and actually heralds back to earlier instruments based on this kind of vibration. Believe it or not there is a strong history of instruments that function by altering the voice of the musician.

Hoemberg resigns from board

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The resignation of Dave Hoemberg, Staples-Motley School Board member, was accepted at the board's meeting Jan. 22.

The only discussion on the resignation focused on options for filling the position for the remainder of Hoemberg's term, which ends the first Monday in January, 2019.

Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie reported that MSBA (Minnesota School Boards Association) recommended that the board accept applications to complete the term.

"Will we accept just applications or will we have a questionnaire? Interviews?" asked Bryan Winkels. "What's the process?"

Bratlie said the board could accept letters of interest with a questionnaire, they could interview, or they could just appoint.

Board chair Chad Longbella asked the board if he, Bratlie and administrative assistant Bonnie Madson could develop the questions, then send them out to the other board members for approval. The consensus was to proceed with that plan.



Dave Hoemberg

Regarding the timeline, Bratlie reported there is a 30-day waiting period between the appointment and the time that new member could sit at the board table and actually vote. If the board made the appointment at their regular Feb. 20 board meeting, the new member would not be able to participate until after the board's regular meeting on March 19.

Winkels noted the board had a work session scheduled for Feb. 5.

Mary Freeman proposed adding a special meeting to make the appointment immediately following the work session. The new member would then be able to begin duties by the March meeting.

She further suggested that the school district advertise the opening in the Staples World and the Square Shooter shopper with a closing date of noon on Feb. 5.

Freeman made the motion, seconded by Bruce Lund. The plan was approved by the board.

The questionnaire will be available from Bonnie Madson, administrative assistant in the district office. She can also be reached at bmadson@isd2170.k12.mn.us or 218-

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Community Center talks bring groups together

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Representatives of the City of Staples, Staples-Motley School District and Lakewood Health System agreed to work together to come up with a solution for the Staples Community Center, which will be in need of major renovation in order to continue functioning as a community center.

Two other entities were willing to help out with support: National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and Central Lakes College. Representatives from all those groups met at NJPA on Jan. 16.

Another major outcome of the meeting was that the Staples-Motley School Board's facility decision will be a major driver in the community center decision.

The meeting started with Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen giving a history of the Staples Community Center, which opened in 1973. He said the City of Staples owns and operates the center, but it is used extensively by the school district. A recent study showed that a majority of users live outside the city.

Despite it acting as a regional facility, Nelsen said the city is responsible for all programming, upkeep and repairs. The city's budget is not geared to make major renovations to the building.

Nelsen said they have five options with the community center:

1. Continue with incremental repairs.
2. Do nothing, and eventually close facility.
3. Renovate but not expand.
4. Renovate and expand.
5. Construct a new facility.

Nelsen showed examples of possible expansion, including building out onto the current football field or connecting the community center to the high school.

Staples-Motley Superintendent Ron Bratlie told the group about the facility options the school board is considering, including building a new facility or adding on to the high school.

High School Principal Mike Schmidt told the group that the current high school facility is preventing them from implementing some of the educational programs that students need. "Our facilities are determining what

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Sky wisps in the morning

Dower Lake sported two fish houses at sunrise on January 10 when this photo was taken. Following a freeze with temperatures falling as low as -29 degrees and the recent welcome warm up, the snow and ice pattern on the lake has changed. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Caucus locations set

Political parties in Todd and Wadena counties will hold precinct caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., at various locations in the counties.

The caucuses will help choose governor candidates for each party, start grass roots conversations on party platforms and will help choose delegates to the party conventions.

Todd County Republicans

The following is the list of Republican Party caucus sites in Todd County:

- Bertha-Hewitt High School Library – Bartlett Twp, Bertha City, Bertha Twp, Germania Twp, Hewitt City and Stowe Prairie Twp.
- Browerville High School Library – Browerville City, Hartford Twp, Little Elk Twp, Turtle Creek Twp and Ward Twp
- Eagle Bend City Hall – Burleene Twp, Clarissa City, Eagle Bend City, Eagle Valley Twp, Iona Twp and Wykeham Twp
- Grey Eagle Senior Citizen Center – Birchdale Twp, Burnhamville Twp, Burtrum City, Grey Eagle City, Grey Eagle Twp and Swanville City
- Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Senior High School Commons – Bruce Twp, Little Sauk Twp, Long Prairie City, Long Prairie Twp, Reynolds Twp and Round Prairie Twp
- Osakis Elementary School Media Center – Gordon Twp, Kandota Twp, Leslie Twp, Osakis City, West Union City and West Union Twp
- Staples-Motley High

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Important election dates, deadlines noted

First election since 1978 that both U.S. Senate seats and governorship are on the ballot in the same year

Secretary of State Steve Simon is highlighting important 2018 election dates in Minnesota and encouraging all citizens, regardless of political affiliation, to get involved, stay informed and, most importantly, VOTE.

"This is going to be an important and historic election year in Minnesota, beginning with precinct caucuses on Feb. 6," said Simon. "I encourage all Minnesotans to get involved in the civic process and make their voices heard in 2018 - whether by attending a local precinct caucus, asking friends and family if they are registered to vote, or by voting on Election Day."

In 2018, Minnesotans will be voting for their choice for both U.S. Senate seats, their member of the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as their choice for Governor and Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, Attorney General and State Representative. This will be the first election in Minnesota since 1978 that both U.S. Senate seats and the governorship are up for election in the same year.

Some Minnesotans will also be voting for their local county and city officers, school board members, township officers, hospital board members, park board district members or local ballot questions.

Key dates

Feb. 6 - Precinct caucuses. The Precinct Caucus Finder is now available on the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State website, mnvotes.org. The Finder displays caucus locations provided by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and Republican Party. Voters may also contact their preferred political party to find caucus locations.

May 22-June 5 - Candidate filing period. Candidates running for partisan office need to file for office during this window of time.

June 29 - Minnesotans can begin to vote early via absentee ballot, by mail, or in person for the Aug. 14 Primary Election.

- To vote early by mail, Minnesotans can apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to them.
- To vote early in person, Minnesotans can get and cast an absentee ballot at their county election office.
- Minnesotans who are military and overseas voters who want to vote absentee can learn more on the Secretary of State's website.

July 24 - Pre-registration deadline for the Primary Election. Voters are encouraged to pre-register to vote to avoid lines at the polling place. Voters who miss this deadline may still register at their polling place on Primary Election Day, Aug. 14.

Aug. 14 - Primary Election Day.

Sept. 21 - Minnesotans can begin to vote early via absentee ballot, by mail, or in person for the Nov. 6 General Election. The process is the same as for the primary election.

Sept. 25 - National Voter Registration Day. Join Secretary Simon and organizations across the state and country to celebrate the largest annual voter registration drive in the U.S.

Oct. 16 - Pre-registration deadline for the General Election. Voters are encouraged to pre-register to vote to avoid lines at the polling place. Voters who miss this deadline may still register at their polling place on Election Day, Nov. 6.

Nov. 6 - General Election Day.

Register to vote today

The voter registration process in Minnesota is easier and more convenient than ever before. Minnesotans can register to vote from the comfort of their own home by going online to mnvotes.org.

Voters can register at the polls on Election Day or when applying for or renewing their driver's license. Voter registration applications are also available at every state agency, all 87 county offices throughout the state and online in English, Amharic, Chinese, Hmong, Karen, Khmer, Lao, Oromo, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Minnesotans who are already registered to vote should confirm their voter registration information is up to date, and encourage their friends, family and co-workers to do the same.

Comments sought on public transit

The Minnesota Departmentof Transportation (MnDOT) is accepting public comments on rules governing public transit. Comments can be made by going to MnDOT's rulemaking webpage and clicking on the "comment on rules" section.

MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation administers the public participation program for transit in Greater Minnesota, which establishes the procedures and standards for review and approval of applications for financial assistance. This program is guided by Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8835.

MnDOT has not yet drafted rule amendments but is interested in hearing from stakeholders about updates that should be considered.

Rule amendments would affect current public and private transit providers, and eligible recipients applying for financial assistance for public transit in Greater Minnesota. This includes public transit authorities and commissioners, and counties and home rule charter cities that fund or operate public transit.

There's no deadline for the public comment period at this time. There will be a 30-day comment period after MnDOT hears from stakeholders and proposes rule changes. Information about the 30-day comment period and other updates will be posted on MnDOT's rulemaking website when available.

For more information about the rulemaking process, go to MnDOT's rulemaking website or contact Laura.Nehl-Trueman@state.mn.us.

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Caucuses encourage discussion on issues, opportunity for a straw poll for governor's race

Todd County Democrats

The 2018 caucus meetings will be held at the following locations:

- Bertha-Hewitt High School Cafeteria, 310 Central Ave. S – Cites of Bertha and Hewitt; Townships of Bartlett, Bertha, Germania and Stowe Prairie.
- Eagle Bend Hilltop Kitchen meeting room, 405 Main St. W (NEW SITE)– Cities of Eagle Bend and Clarissa; Townships of Burleene, Eagle Valley and Wykeham.
- Browerville High School Elementary Library, 620 Park Ave. N – City of Browerville; Townships of Hartford, Iona, Little Elk, Turtle Creek and Ward.
- Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Middle School (old High School by courthouse – Door E-2, handicap Door E-1) – City of Long Prairie; Townships of Bruce, Long Paririe and Reynolds.
- Staples-Motley High School Cafeteria, 401 Centennial Lane – City of Staples; Townships of Fawn Lake, Moran, Staples and Villard.
- Osakis High School New Cafeteria, 500 First Ave. E – City of Osakis (Todd Co.) and West Union; Townships of Gordon, Kandota, Leslie, Little Sauk and West Union.
- Grey Eagle Housing Assn., 303 Cedar St. N – Cities of Burtrum and Grey Eagle; Townships of Birchdale, Burnhamville, Grey Eagle & Round Prairie.

Wadena County Republicans

Wadena County Republican caucus locations:

- Verndale High School library for Staples City, Thomastown Township, Aldrich, Verndale, Bullard Township and Wing River Township.
- Menahga High School media center for Blueberry Township, Huntersville Township, Menahga City, Shell River Township.
- Sebeka High School media center for Sebeka and Nimrod, townships of Lyons, Meadow, North Germany, Orton, Red Eye and Rockwood.
- Wadena Pizza Ranch, Donovan Hall room for Wadena City, Wadena Township and Leaf River Township.

Wadena County Democrats

Residents in the southern portion of the county, including Staples, will caucus at Wadena High School, 600 Colfax Ave SW, Wadena.

Northern townships caucus at Sebeka High School, 200 1st St NW, Sebeka.



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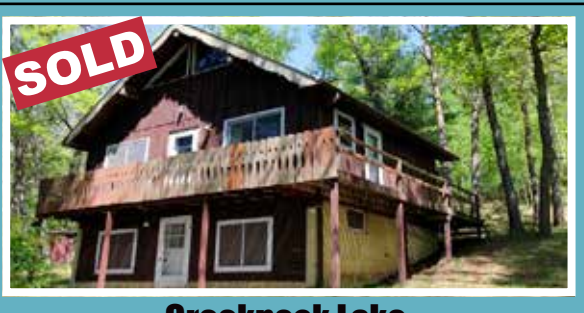
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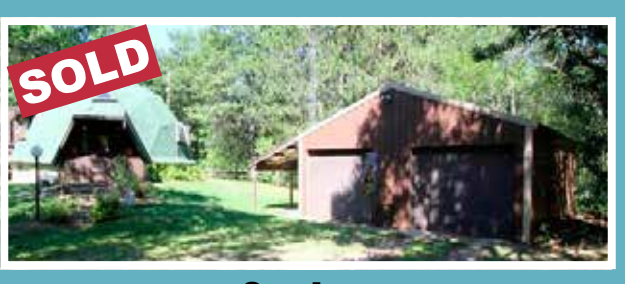
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Crowded room at Cow/Calf Days seminar

Pictured, Dar Giess speaks about value added marketing at the Cow/Calf Days seminar at Central Lakes College in Staples on Jan. 23. Other speakers included Eric Mousel on bull selection, Alfredo DiCostanzo on backgrounding calves, and a producer panel made up of various producers. The event is sponsored by the University of Minnesota Extension and Beef Team. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Survey to measure student drug use

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

When we hear news about drug raids, arrests, overdoses and more, we might wonder if the work being done with our youth is actually working.

During February, Todd County Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) will administer a survey to Todd County 7-12 graders to see if progress is being made.

CAD's goal from the survey is to collect data to help guide and strengthen their work throughout the county.

Every three years, the State of Minnesota gives the Minnesota Student Survey. The results helps the state measure areas in a student's life from feeling safe, to questions on substance use.

According to Todd County Health Education Coordinator Connie Burns, the current Drug Free Communities grant requires them to collect specific data every two years on four core measures of substance abuse:

- Past 30 day substance use
- Perception of risk
- Peer disapproval
- Parental disapproval

Parents and guardians should've received information about the survey as well as "passive consent" forms.

"A 'passive consent' form means if you don't fill it out and return it, your child can take the survey. If you don't want your child to participate, then you must send the form back," said Burns.

In other words, if you're okay with your child taking the survey, you don't have to do anything.

"We're encouraging parents to let their students take the survey," said Burns.

The SEARCH Institute in Minneapolis designed the survey. It includes 58 questions that will assess students' strengths and supports called "developmental assets."

Developmental assets are essential for young people's success in school and in life.

SEARCH Institute will also process and interpret the survey results. The coalition will share the findings with the four school districts; Browerville, Bertha-Hewitt, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle and Staples-Motley.

CAD coalition members have also developed several additional questions on substance access and substance use along with school/work engagement which will be included in the survey.

Burns said the survey should take about 15 minutes to complete.

There are only seven "four core measures" questions.

The Developmental Assets Profile (DAP) measures eight categories of developmental assets including:

- Support
- Empowerment
- Boundaries and expectations
- Constructive use of time
- Commitment to learning
- Positive values
- Social competencies, and
- Positive identity

The age old question - how do you know whether the youth are answering truthfully? - was addressed by the institute.

"SEARCH Institute has tested the survey with many young people. Consistent results have confirmed that the vast majority of youth respond honestly, if they're allowed to take the survey in a time and place that encourages thoughtful responses. In addition, several methods are used to determine whether the youth are being truthful and surveys that are clearly not being taken seriously will be eliminated thought data analysis."

The surveys are anonymous, which helps with honest answers being provided.

Burns shared that alcohol use continues to be a problem in the county. Cigarette use was down, but e-cigarette use was up.

"CAD plans to use Developmental Assets in our strategic planning and will be training several coalition members this spring on the Essentials of Asset Building. Coalition members who are trained will share the asset building message with the community," added Burns.

The DFC grant is a five-year grant, now in its third year in Todd County.

For more information contact Burns; 320-732-2221 or connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us.

You can become a CAD member, by contacting Burns. Community members are encouraged to become involved.

Their vision is simple: (To create) a culture that inspires youth to be alcohol, tobacco and drug free.

Cities, counties can apply for Innovation Funding

NJPA plans to award $500,000 for innovative, collaborative regional projects

For the fifth-consecutive year, city and county entities within Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties (Region Five) have the opportunity to partner with National Joint Powers Alliance to make special projects and initiatives come to life. The application process for NJPA's 2018 City & County Innovation Funding program is open now through May 9.

"We can't wait to see the creative and collaborative ideas that come forth this year," said Anna Gruber, NJPA manager of city and county solutions. "Each year it seems like our pool of applications is bigger and better with several innovative proposed projects to strengthen our communities."

NJPA created Innovation Funding to help cities and counties in Region Five fund initiatives aimed at creating collaboration and improving the region. The program promotes outside-the-box teamwork on projects that might otherwise not get off the ground.

Since 2014, Region Five cities and counties have used over $1.6 million in Innovation Funding to positively impact central Minnesota with 21 projects.

Some of the most recognizable past recipients of Innovation Funding include Eagle Bend's Hilltop Regional Kitchen, the hiring of a Drug Task Force Agent for Wadena County, Aquatic Invasive Species Awareness campaign coordinated through Crow Wing County and facilitated by the Mississippi Headwaters Board, Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace in Little Falls coordinated through Morrison County and Community Development, and Portable Speed Awareness Signage initiated by the city of Pierz.

Following the May 9 deadline, NJPA staff and the city, county and other Government Association Advisory Committee will conduct an initial review of applications. After that, those applicants who meet the requirements will be invited share their project proposals at Innovation Funding Review Day on Wednesday, June 13.

Individuals who attend the Review Day as a representative of a member city, county or other government association within Region Five rank the projects. The top-ranked projects will receive full or partial funding, depending on the amounts requested. NJPA anticipates it will award $500,000 worth of projects; the amount is pending budget approval by the organization's Board of Directors.

Learn more and find the application at njpa.co/innfund-18.

Legal services available for Todd County senior citizens

The St. Cloud office of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid has received a grant of Older Americans Act funds from the Central Minnesota Council on Aging to provide legal services for seniors residing in Todd County. The funds will be used to provide legal advice, counseling and representation in court and administrative hearings. There is no cost for these services.

If you are 60 years or older and reside in Todd County, you can get help with legal problems involving Medicare, Social Security, eviction or other housing problems, public benefits, such as medical assistance, food support and fuel assistance, family law issues, including domestic abuse and income maintenance, nursing home problems, home care services, powers of attorney, health care directives and debt collection. NO help is provided for criminal matters, wills, estate planning or real estate transactions.

Seniors may call the St. Cloud office of Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid toll free at 1-888-360-2889 for help scheduling an appointment.

Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid accepts contributions for the legal services, but contributions are not required to receive legal help.

Staples-Motley School Board Vacancy

ISD #2170 seeks applicants to fill the unexpired term of Dave Hoemberg who resigned on Jan. 22. This term will end on Dec. 31, 2018. If the newly appointed member desires to continue serving, he or she must run in the next general election.

Those interested in serving on the Staples-Motley Board of Education should contact Bonnie Madson at the District Office for a questionnaire, which must be returned **by noon on Feb. 5**. She can be reached at bmadson@isd2170.k12.mn.us or 218-894-5432.

Must be 18 years or older, a district resident and a registered voter.

The board will review applicants and appoint a replacement at a special meeting on Feb. 5.

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New approach needed for small town housing

By Brian Depew
Executive Director
Center For Rural Affairs

Housing in small towns would take care of itself, or so I used to believe.

If we could get employment, education, health care and quality of life right, the market would surely solve housing. In many rural areas, I figured, decades of population decline left more housing stock than people. Certainly a lack of houses wasn't stopping people from moving to our small town.

I was wrong.

Now I understand the real story. I've heard from employers, from young families, and from recent college graduates. We're interested in moving to your small town, they say, but we can't find housing. More often than not, they end up living in a nearby larger town with more housing options.

Consider what you can do locally to address this challenge.

Financing - A growing number of banks have stopped writing mortgages for less than $50,000. Where property values are low, this effectively blocks low and middle income workers out of home ownership. What can you do to counter this trend? Community-centric lenders such as local development agencies, nonprofit lenders and community-oriented banks could fill the gap.

Rethink Construction - Have you ever noticed how every new home looks the same and costs $200,000 to build? Rural Studio, a group of architects at Auburn University in Alabama, has developed a house that costs just $20,000. Their price point is competitive with a trailer home. By thinking differently about materials and construction methods, their designs can help expand your thinking about what is possible.

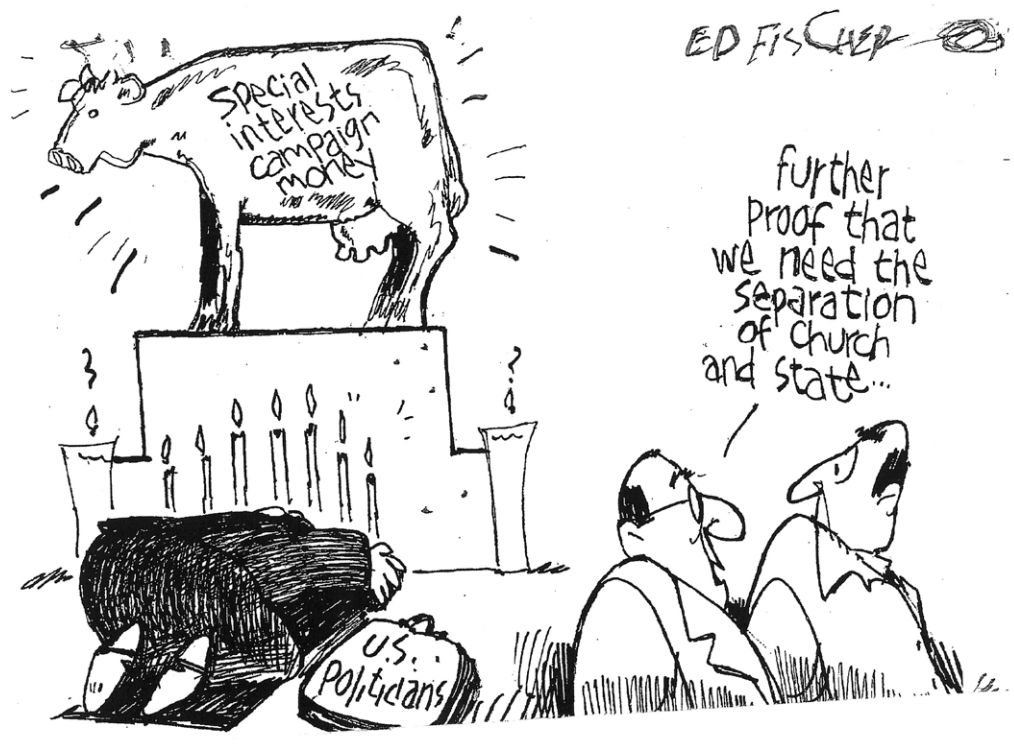
Get deliberate about repairs - Epicenter, a nonprofit in Green River, Utah (population 929), launched Fix It First, a program that provides low-interest loans and technical assistance to help homeowners fix minor problems (e.g. roof leak) before they become major problems. Dealing with issues early helps keep local housing stock in good repair and saves residents money.

Put cash on the table - We're quick to invest public money in economic development incentives, but slow to invest in housing development. For a small town, cash incentives for new home construction may make a lot of sense. A $5,000 or $10,000 incentive will pay back directly (in property taxes, utilities and fees) and indirectly (in new residents in town and new kids in the local school).

Change policy - Most public policy around housing seeks to address low-income housing. By banding together to expand policy to address workforce housing, local advocates can direct additional resources to this challenge. A bill introduced in the Nebraska legislature would establish a competitive grant process to address workforce housing needs.

Those are a few of the ideas we are thinking about at the Center for Rural Affairs to address rural housing. What are you seeing work in your town?

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The opioid epidemic is a national emergency

By Collin C. Peterson
Congressman
Minnesota 7th District

Last summer, President Trump's national opioid commission recommended that he declare the opioid epidemic a "national emergency" or a "public health emergency."

It was my hope that the President would choose the former, which would have allowed for the use of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to combat addiction. Instead, the president chose to declare a 90-day public health emergency which is set to expire on Jan. 23. As we approach this deadline, it is clear that little has been achieved as a result.

Over the course of the past 90 days, the President has not dedicated any new funding or resources to combat addiction. Instead, he announced an awareness campaign that has yet to be seen.

The Trump Administration also continues to operate without a Secretary of Health and Human Services or Director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, both of which are crucial leadership positions needed to develop federal addiction strategy.

Public and state health officials largely agree that increased funding is needed to mitigate the crisis.

For that reason, I have asked President Trump to declare a national emergency and fully fund more than 30 federal programs that support prevention, treatment, law enforcement, and recovery initiatives. I have also asked the Office of Management and Budget to provide Congress with a comprehensive proposal to provide additional funding in the next supplemental appropriations bill.

Drug overdose deaths in greater Minnesota have steadily increased since 2000, and the Minnesota Department of Health estimates that the majority are caused by opioid abuse.

Now more than ever, Congress and the Trump Administration need to take immediate, effective, and consequential action to reverse this trend.

Rep. Peterson can be reached at http://collinpeterson.house.gov



Seniors, volunteering is good for your health

By Jon Knopik
Area Supervisor
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According the Corporation for National and Community Service, a national study has shown that volunteers who are 50 and older live longer than same age non-volunteers.

Another recent study of Americans over age 60 found that those who volunteer reported lower disability levels and higher levels of well-being compared to those who do not volunteer

Volunteering may be particularly helpful for older Americans undergoing a life stress (i.e. moving, death of a spouse) or for those who are at risk for being isolated. One study found that bereaved individuals who engaged in volunteering activities to help others experienced a shorter course of depression than those who did not volunteer.

There is evidence that the health benefits of volunteering are due to increased physical, social, and mental activity that are a result of volunteering. In addition, there is evidence that the health benefits of volunteering are strongest among rural retirees, and those who do not drive or are limited drivers.

The research findings are that volunteers not only help their community but also experience better health in their later years, enjoying greater levels of well-being, lower rates of depression, increased levels of strength and energy. This all leads us to believe that life really does begin at 50 or 60.

So, if you are in or are approaching your Golden Years, what are you waiting for? Simply make a phone call to your local school or city agency and see what opportunities are waiting for you.

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'Boiling Point' in concert

Christian rock band Boiling Point will perform a free concert at Motley United Methodist Church on Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. All are welcome. The Minneapolis band has performed throughout the United States, sharing their music at churches, youth camps, retreats and Christian festivals including Sonshine. They have also opened for a number of well-known Christian bands such as Switchfoot and Third Day. Pictured, from left, are band members Taylor Wilson, Eric Bjorklund, Scott Bjorklund, Jon Canfield. Online information can be found at www.boilingpointband.com. For more information call 218-352-6466. (Submitted photo)

Festival of Health set

Tri-County Health Care's 28th annual February Festival of Health will be Saturday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at M State Wadena.

This free event offers more than 65 exhibits by local businesses and organizations. Each booth provides hands-on learning and community health, wellness and safety information for all ages. Free health screenings include blood pressure checks, vision screenings and blood glucose tests.

A cold lunch that includes a sandwich, chips, milk and cookies will be served from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the cafeteria for a nominal fee.

Throughout the day, free entertainment and demonstrations will take place. They will include dance performances and taekwondo demonstrations featuring local students, free chair massages by M State students, free face paintings by Beth Kern and free caricatures by Doug Curtis. New this year is light stretching/yoga led by Prenatal Yoga Instructor Pam Doebbeling, with an introduction by Certified Nurse Midwife Dawn Dahlgren-Roemmich.

February Festival of Health is sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, Tri-County Health Care Foundation and M State Wadena.



Frosty 5K officers

Amber Moen, left, is the Chief Executive Officer and Mitchel Haman is Chief Financial Officer for the Frosty 5K Fun Walk/Run planned by the Central Minnesota CEO class for Feb. 11 in Verndale. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Zumba, art, more at Community Education

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

- Yoga: Added Thursdays, Feb. 8 and Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Staples Community Center.
- 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: Feb. 1, 7-9 p.m.; SMHS cafeteria.
- Essential Oils: Jan. 9, 16 and 23, 6:30-8 p.m.; SMHS., Rm. 601.
- Timbers Cooking Series at Timbers Event Center in Staples: Chocolate Lovers Delight, Thurs., Feb. 8, 6-8:30 p.m.; Irish Eyes, Thurs., March 15, 6-8:30 p.m.
- Trips: Orpheum Theatre, The Ark Encounter and Creation Museum, April 8 - 14.
- Zumba: Ongoing, Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m., Staples-Motley Elementary School gym.
- In the Kitchen/Essential Oils: Thursday, Feb. 22 and Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m., SMHS Rm. 601.



Reaping the rewards of making paella

Participants in a recent Staples-Motley Community Education class enjoyed the fruits of their labors - the paella they learned to make from instructor Robin Collins, far right. Paella is a Spanish version of a one-pot hot dish. Collins was assisted by Jim Jeziorski, far left. Students in the class, from left, were Judy Evans, Motley; Teresa Kuether, Detroit Lakes; and Vicki Chepulis, Wadena. Pam Collins also assisted the chef, but was unavailable for the photo. This is one example of the variety of classes offered by Community Education. Information about upcoming classes can be found in their brochure, at the Community Education tab on the school district's website at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us, or by calling 218-894-2497. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Runners, walkers invited to Frosty 5K

The Central Minnesota CEO class invites area runners and walkers to participate in their Frosty 5K Walk/Run Sunday, Feb. 11, in Verndale.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Verndale Community Center, with Proceeds from the event will go to the Central Minnesota CEO (Creating Entrereneurial Opportunities) program.

The fun walk/run is open to all ages. Refreshments will be available along with a silent auction will also be part of the day's festivities.

Participants, who register by Feb. 1, will be guaranteed a t-shirt. Later registrations/registrations the day of the event will be accepted.

Contact Mitchel Haman at mitchelhaman@gmail.com to register or for more information.

The CEO class is seeking donations from the area to support the event. Monetary donations and/or donations for the silent auction are welcome. Contact Haman for more information.

The class includes students from Staples-Motley, Verndale and Wadena-Deer Creek high schools. During the year-long course students visit area businesses, hear from speakers on areas of expertise, learn what is needed to develop a business plan to start their own businesses. The Frosty 5K is their class business.

Members of the class are Caitlin Savage, Amber Moen, Mitchel Haman and Alex Burckhard; Wadena-Deer Creek High School; Katy Johnson; Verndale High School; and Matthew Fisher and Ryan Gerard; Staples-Motley High School. The facilitator is Cindi Koll.

The course is separate from the students' regular high school classes. The program is supported by area business and public entity investors who value offering this training to young people from both an educational and an economic development standpoint.

A board of local business people and educators manages the program.

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. 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 Mtgs in Verndale: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

Christians in Recovery Mtg Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

Dual Recovery Anonymous Meeting Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

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 Mtg third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Alzheimer's Assoc. Caregiver Support Group Mtg first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 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 Mtg third Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m., Maslowski Wellness and Research Center, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

Foot Care Clinics sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

Grief Support Group Mtg first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Memory Loss Support Group For Caregivers Mtg second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5288.

Motley Area Historical Society Mtg second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

'Parents Who Have Lost a Child' Support Group Mtg second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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.

Todd County Republicans Mtg third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. 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 (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

Women Of Today Mtg first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

January 29

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group Mtg Mon., Jan. 29, 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Care Center activities rm., Staples. All breast cancer survivors welcome. Come at 4:30 p.m. to eat with the group in the cafeteria prior to the meeting. For info., 218-894-2627.

Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m., Feb. 7 - April 11.

No appointments needed.

Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, social security cards for all family members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, property tax statements, rent form and donations to charity.

The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-5772.

Friends of Library annual meeting

The Friends of the Staples Public Library will hold their annual meeting Thursday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Staples council chambers at 122 6th St. NE, Staples.

Agenda items will include a report on activities and acquisitions in 2017, the 2017 financial report, election of board members and officers and plans for 2018.

The organization is dedicated to raising awareness of the library's services and resources. Members also raise funds to support programming and volunteers and to purchase items that fill needs and enhance the library experience.

The board's regular meeting will follow the annual meeting.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend one or both meetings.

Todd dairy annual meeting

The Todd County American Dairy Association will hold their annual meeting for all Todd County dairy farmers, Friday, Feb. 2, at 11:30 a.m. at the Browerville Community Center.

The Minnesota division of Midwest Dairy Association and Todd County American Dairy Association board will inform local dairy farmers on how to use the check off dollars to promote the use of dairy products.

Two butter knife awards to local restaurants will be presented.

Shirley Hulinsky
Todd County ADA sec.

Wreath removal date set

The wreath removal at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 27.

Try to get to the cemetery before 11 a.m. to complete the sign in sheet. Refreshments will be available for the briefing.

Call 218-829-6622 with any questions.

Notice of
Precinct Caucuses

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Minnesota notice is hereby given that Precinct Caucuses of the Republican Party of Wadena County will be held

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7 p.m.

at the following locations:

Menahga - High School Media Center
Blueberry Township; Huntersville Township; Menahga City; Shell River Township

Sebeka - High School Media Center
Lyons Township; Meadow Township; Nimrod City; North Germany Township; Orton Township; Red Eye Township; Rockwood Township; Sebeka City

Verndale - High School Library
Aldrich City; Aldrich Township; Bullard Township; Staples City (Wadena County); Thomastown Township, Verndale City; Wing River Township

Wadena - Pizza Ranch, Donovan Hall Room
Leaf River Township; Wadena City - Precincts 1, 2 & 3; Wadena Township

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Arctic Animals Roundhouse storytime

The Reading Roundhouse January storytime at the Staples Public Library was filled with soft cuddly animals. The children read some fun stories about snow and arctic animals and they each picked out a favorite animal to stuff, decorate and take home.

Above with their cuddly friends are: front, from left, Ella Enberg, Sheloa Hillman, Ethan Mertens, Everett Hanson, Zara and Kate Vogel; back, from left, Alyce Mertens, Peter and Anders Hillman and Grace Hanson.

Stop by the library or call 218-894-1401 to register for the next storytime Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m., program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photo)

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Desiree and Richard Dailey of Verndale, a baby girl, Autumn Elizabeth weighing eight pounds, five ounces on January 12, 2018.

Born to Kaylee and Riley Bettin of Sebeka, a baby girl, Sawyer Lee weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on January 12, 2018.

Born to Kimberly and Rick Thompson of Verndale, a baby girl, Emma Grace weighing seven pounds, 12.5 ounces on January 13, 2018.

Born to Nicole and Adam Converse of Merrifield, a baby girl, Adelaide Fay weighing eight pounds, three ounces on January 15, 2018.

Born to Morgan and Andrew Burgstaler of Brainerd, a baby boy, Easton Jeffrey weighing nine pounds, two ounces on January 15, 2018.

Born to Alisha Christensen and Josh Hafften of Pillager, a baby boy, Jayce Ray weighing nine pounds, 10 ounces on January 17, 2018.

Born to Rebecca and Lee Gaffke of Cushing, a baby girl, Iris Aurelia weighing eight pounds, four ounces on January 17, 2018.

Born to Thea and Mitch Feierabend of Brainerd, a baby girl, Ida Rose weighing eight pounds, six ounces on January 17, 2 018.

Born to Whelma and Gavin Hennessy of Pine River, a baby boy, Jacob Alexander weighing nine pounds, six ounces on January 18, 2018.

Born to Kylie Herbst and Jacob Addison of Baxter, a baby girl, Novalee Jo weighing nine pounds, 14 ounces on January 18 2018.

Student Achievements

Brandon Eppelsheimer, Motley, graduated from North Dakota State University, Fargo, in the Fall of 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Manufacturing Engineering degree.

Skyler Svendsen, Staples, was named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at North Dakota State University, Fargo. To qualify, students must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits.

Norah Anderson, Staples, was named to the Fall Semester 2017 Dean's List at Augsburg University, Minneapolis. To qualify, full-time students must achieve a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

The University of Jamestown, N.D., has announced its Fall 2017 Dean's List. Local students named include:

- Reyd Jordan, Staples
- Tatum Williams, Staples.

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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Left to right: Lauree Davis, Denise Hennen, Joe Hoelscher, Amanda Wensmann, Bobbe Anderson

Lauree Davis Scheduler and Denise Hennen, LPN, both from Psychiatric Services

Nominated by Brandy Bosman RN, Senior Services, "The past few years I have gone through some personal struggles and changes. I would contact Lauree or Denise and I always received a call back. Lauree and Denise displayed professionalism, kindness, compassion and understanding about what I was going through and each wanted to help in whatever way they could. I could go on about how wonderful these ladies are but I really just want you all to know what amazing people you have on your team."

Joe Hoelscher Network Administrator, IT Networking & Communications

Nominated by the HICS Team, "During the implementation of the new phone system, Joe went above and beyond to ensure that the project went smoothly, and when issues arose, he was always just a phone call away. He put in a lot of long hours, and took on various responsibilities that were not his own because he knew they needed to be done. His great attitude and willingness to help were very much appreciated, and made our lives easier because we knew Joe was on top of it."

Amanda Wensmann RN, Clinic Lead

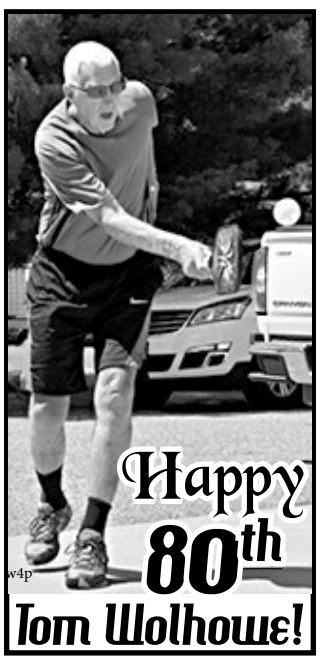
Nominated by Melissa Lindow, Clinic Operations & Access Director, "The addition of new clinic space in our Pillager location is amazing, thanks to collective efforts of many including Amanda. Amanda worked tirelessly for months helping to plan every detail of the new clinic space and the transition. Her motivation was simple: to ensure her team had what was needed to provide Lakewood's 5-Star Service during the transition and in the new clinic space. When the first patient walked into the Pillager Clinic on opening day, the clinic space looked amazing and Amanda's team was prepared to start providing care. With quiet strength she moved mountains and helped create a remarkable environment to give and receive healthcare."

Bobbe Anderson, Social Services

Nominated by Alisa Olson, RN, Hospital and Paula Thorman Stokes, RN, Hospital, "We have called on Bobbe countless times in the Emergency Department for various needs. During a recent weekend Bobbe was called in to assist a family. They were traveling by Amtrak when the patient became ill and needed to be admitted. Bobbe made some phone calls and connected this family with a place to stay and transportation. We are appreciative of her expertise and her willingness to help."

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Card of Thanks

The girls, their husbands and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages, food, memorials and words of comfort at this time of John's passing. He would've been overwhelmed, as we were.

LaDonna. Pam, Dave, Jan, Leigh

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Obituaries

DeLores Arrigoni



DeLores E. Arrigoni, 87, of Staples, formerly of Breezy Point, passed away January 14, 2018 at Lakewood Care Center in Staples following a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Services will be held Monday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Pequot Lakes with visitation beginning one hour prior to services at the chapel.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Pequot Lakes.

DeLores was born August 3, 1930 in St. Paul to Elmer and Anna (Popowicz) Engstrom. DeLores married James Arrigoni on August 19, 1950 in St. Paul. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and working in her flower garden. She loved spending time with family and friends.

DeLores is survived by her husband of 67 years; three sons, Gary, Richard and Jaime (Belinda); two daughters, Debra Wesely and Laura (Tom) Bliss; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Richard Engstrom.

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Julia Mertens

Julia G. Mertens, 98, of Staples, passed away January 21, 2018, at the Central Todd County Care Center in Clarissa.

A full obituary will be forthcoming at a later date pending arrangements. w4x A00006B2018JAN25

Lois Nicholson

Lois Nicholson, 95, of Wadena, passed away January 22, 2018, at Inga's Assisted Living, rural Wadena.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 27, at the Wadena Alliance Church with Pastor Vaughn White presiding. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday, Jan. 26 beginning at 5:00 p.m. and will end with a Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will resume on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

A full obituary will be in next week's issue.

Arrangements are by the Schuller Family Funeral Homes,Wadena w4x A00006B2018JAN25

Dianna Spencer



Dianna Spencer, 73, of Wadena, passed away January 15, 2018, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Park Rapids.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Jan. 19, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Aaron Kuhn, celebrant.

Burial was in the Wadena Cemetery, Wadena.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

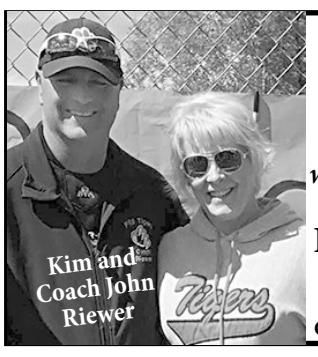
Dianna Mae Henrich was born May 6, 1944, to Vincent and Dorothy (Berg) Henrich, at the Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic School in Staples, graduated from Wadena High School and attended a trade school.

Dianna married Lyle Lee Spencer, of Huntersville, on Oct. 26, 1963 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena. Along with raising their children, they were also foster parents during the 1960s and into the 1990s. Dianna treasured time spent with family and friends. She enjoyed nature, listening to the birds and Seek-A-Word puzzles.

She is survived by three daughters, Sherry (Lance) Linnes of Livingston, TX, Jenifer (Dexter Paulson) Hotakainen of Menahga and Cara Ruwersma of Fargo, ND; two sons, Russell Columbus of Minneapolis and Stuart (Jenny) Ruwersma of Lester Prairie; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Kathy Barnhart of San Antonio, TX; two brothers, Michael (Sue) Henrich of Winsted and Vince "Vinnie" Henrich of Wadena; in-laws, Dave (Gwyn) Spencer of Nashville, TN and Larry (Mary) Spencer of Zimmerman; sisters-in-law, Carol Spencer of Wadena; Paul Strong of Apple Valley and Ruth Sanders of Hopkins; and numerous nieces, nephews and many foster children.

Dianna was preceded in death by her husband; parents; in-laws, Stuart and Jenni Spencer; two brothers-in-law; three sisters-in-law; one great-granddaughter and one niece.

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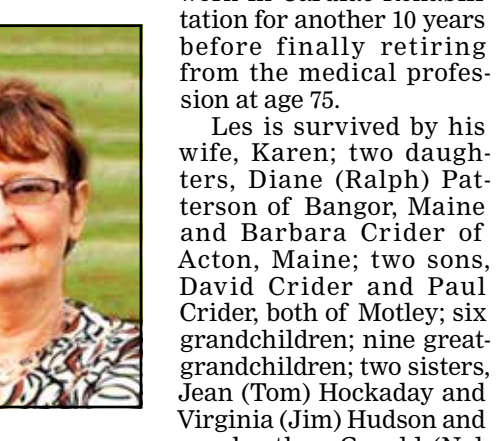
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Leslie Crider

Leslie M. Crider, 84, of Motley passed away January 20, 2018 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Friday.

Interment will be at the Motley Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home of Staples.

Leslie was born August 10, 1933 in Eagle Bend to Virgil and Maud (Solid) Crider. He attended Crider country grade school and Eagle Bend High School.

He was married to: Darlene Kaliher, they had one daughter, Diane; Marie Jay, they had one daughter, Barbara; and Karen Rogers and they had two sons, David and Paul. Les enjoyed pastoring churches in Motley, Pillager and Henriette for over 40 years. He was a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) working in hospitals until he retired as an anesthetist, returning to work in Cardiac Rehabilitation for another 10 years before finally retiring from the medical profession at age 75.

Les is survived by his wife, Karen; two daughters, Diane (Ralph) Patterson of Bangor, Maine and Barbara Crider of Acton, Maine; two sons, David Crider and Paul Crider, both of Motley; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jean (Tom) Hockaday and Virginia (Jim) Hudson and one brother, Gerald (Nellie) Crider.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter; one sister, Dolorse Pattison and four brothers, Kenneth, Marion, Merwin and Roy.

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Todd County Historical Society events

The Todd County Historical Society will have an open house honoring Cecile Cowdery from 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the museum in Long Prairie.

The February meeting date was changed to 3 p.m., Feb. 7 following the open house.

A day trip to the Paramount Theater in St. Cloud is planned for May 4 to see "The Duttons."

Other news in the museum report included:

- Leslie Tiegen would like to donate a lighted "open" sign for the museum door.
- Design Electronics has been paid for the security system.
- A donation was received for research help.

Following the meeting Gary Stracek presented a program on the similarities between Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy.

Thank you...
for reading the
Staples World

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION

(These parcels have not forfeited to the State of Minnesota)

State of Minnesota
County of Todd

Denise Gaida
County Auditor/Treasurer

TO: ALL PERSONS WITH A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING NOTICE.

You are hereby notified that the parcels of real property described below and located in Todd County, Minnesota, are subject to forfeiture to the State of Minnesota because of the nonpayment of delinquent property taxes, special assessments, penalties, interest, and costs levied on these parcels. The time for redemption from forfeiture expires if a redemption is not made by the later of (1) sixty (60) days after service of this notice on all persons having an interest in the parcels or (2) May 8, 2018 whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

The following information is listed below: the names of the property owners, taxpayers, and interested parties who have filed their addresses under M.S. 276.041; the addresses of the parties at the election of the County Auditor/Treasurer; the legal description and parcel identification number of the parcels; and the amount necessary to redeem the parcels as of the date listed below:

Parcel No. Names & Addresses	Legal Description	Amount Due
02-0021000 Clifford E & Opal Greenwood 14965 410th St Bertha, MN 56437	SECT-26 TWP-132 RANG-35 BEG AT THE INTERSEC OF N LINE OF SEC 26 & W LINE OF RY, THENCE W 586 FT, S 376 FT, E 560 FT N-RLY ALONG W LINE OF RY TO BEG	$2,943.93
03-0012900 Lawrence Wielenberg 43428 Hartnette Rd Melrose, MN 56352	SECT-15 TWP-127 RANG-33 S2 SE4 (80.00 Acres)	$8,591.01
03-0017200 Lawrence Wielenberg 43428 Hartnette Rd Melrose, MN 56352	SECT-15 TWP-127 RANG-33 S2 SE4 (80.00 Acres)	$6,199.90
04-0040100 Dale Simmons 15044 Concreek Road Little Falls, MN 56345	LOT-4 BLK-1 FRANK BURGER LAKE SHORE LOTS (10-129-32) BEG AT SW COR OF LOT 4 THENCE S 110 FT E 100 FT N 100 FT W 100 FT TO BEG	$4,818.86
06-0000300 Randy Dale Denny 20591 Morrison Line Rd Swanville, MN 56382	SECT-01 TWP-128 RANG-32 E 400 FT OF N 500 FT OF SE4 NE4 4.59 ACRES	$1,357.50
06-0005701 Vernon & James Barber 204 5th St NW Little Falls, MN 56345	SECT-04 TWP-128 RANG-32 PART OF GOVT LOT 1 DESC AS BEG AT NW COR OF LOT 5 BARBER'S SUBD, NE 11.61 FT, SE 174.79 FT, SE 26.57 FT, SW 29.46 FT TO NE COR OF LOT 6 BARBER'S SUBD, NW TO BEG .10 ACRE	$40.40
06-0039800 Brenda Mae Karnes 32528 Cty 13 Burtrum, MN 56318	SECT-28 TWP-128 RANG-32 E 328 FT OF NW4 SE4 10.02 ACRES	$6,875.14
06-0063900 Edward C & Laura J Davids 6533 Drew Ave North Brooklyn Center, MN 55429	LOT-23 BARBER'S SUBDIVISION (3 & 4-128-32)	$2,563.27
06-0064100 Edward C & Laura J Davids 6533 Drew Ave North Brooklyn Center, MN 55429	LOT-25 BARBER'S SUBDIVISION (3 & 4-128-32)	$3,320.36
08-0036500 Clarence H Smith 30869 Cty 28 Motley, MN 56466	SMITH'S ADDITION TO PHILLBROOK (4-132-32) LOTS 13 & 14 BLK 2	$41.13
08-0038700 Clarence H Smith 30869 Cty 28 Motley, MN 56466	SMITH'S ADDITION TO PHILLBROOK (4-132-32) LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 5	$45.73
08-0066800 Yury Osenniy 13821 SE Red Sunset Ave Clackamas, OR 97015	LOT-19 BLK-13 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1 30-132-32	$192.38
08-0067700 Yury Osenniy 13821 SE Red Sunset Ave Clackamas, OR 97015	LOT-28 BLK-13 SYLVAN SHORES NO. 1 30-132-32	$195.98
08-0090700 Robert Cahlander & Debra Nelson 7290 72nd LN N Brooklyn Center, MN 55429	LOT-60 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$200.04
08-0092800 Mark J & Karen M Schneider 1104 Dale St St. Joseph, MN 56374	LOT-81 BLK-7 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$226.17
08-0097300 Ivan Lyk'Yanov 690 NE 20th Ave Canby, OR 97013	LOT-9 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$176.14
08-0097400 Ivan Lyk'Yanov 690 NE 20th Ave Canby, OR 97013	LOT-10 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$176.14
08-0098500 Paul & Susana Garvrilovich 1107 NW 15th St Apt E249 Gresham, OR 97030	LOT-21 BLK-8 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$80.63
08-0105200 John F Cahill III 4300 Mackey Ave Minneapolis, MN 55405	LOT-16 BLK-10 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$132.12
08-0106000 Dmitriy V Matveyev 14546 SE Alta Vista Dr Happy Valley, OR 97086	LOT-24 BLK-10 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$225.95
08-0106500 Vyacheclav Matveyev 8544 SE 75th Place Portland, OR 97266	LOT-1 BLK-12 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$107.32
08-0108500 Dmitriy V Matveyev 14546 SE Alta Vista Dr Happy Valley, OR 97086	LOT-21 BLK-12 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$211.53
08-0108900 Renee Lynn Strickland 10251 Great Plains Blvd Chaska, MN 55318	FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32) LOTS 25 & 26 BLK12	$243.91
08-0119900 Dmitriy V Matveyev 14546 SE Alta Vista Dr Happy Valley, OR 97086	LOT-43 BLK-13 FAWN LAKE MEADOWS (29,30-132-32)	$167.30
08-0120600 Loren A & Kristen M Vetsch 27891 410th St Browerville, MN 56438	LOT-1 BLK-1 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32) ALSO IN MORAN TOWNSHIP	$106.20
08-0136900 John H Hodge JR 328 E Lake Cowdry Rd Apt C Alexandria, MN 56308	LOT-25 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	$139.00
08-0137000 John H Hodge JR 328 E Lake Cowdry Rd Apt C Alexandria, MN 56308	LOT-26 BLK-5 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	$134.34
08-0156100 Karen L Bensen 1831 7th St E Apt 3 St.Paul, MN 55107	LOT-21 BLK-9 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	$261.62
08-0157200 Gregory S Brooks 136 N Haven St Appleton, MN 56208 Nicole Philippi 39398 Outback Trail Browerville MN 56438	LOT-9 BLK-10 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	$108.42
08-0161700 Harold G & Eleanor Straw 1051 W Business 83 Lot 707 Donna, TX 78537 Carl LaRue LaRue Enterprises 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge, OH 43725	LOT-9 BLK-12 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (30,31-132-32)	$198.49
12-0040200 Richard T Eoff and/or Shannon Breeden 23586 320th St Browerville, MN 56438	BASSETT'S SUBDIVISION SW4 SW4 (5-130-33) LONE PINE LOT NO. 3 OF BASSETT'S SUBD EX E 7 RODS	$2,248.01
14-0013303 Roger M & Suzanne V Ahrens 13727 227th Ave Sauk Centre, MN 56378 1st State Bank Sauk Centre 423 Main St S Sauk Centre, MN 56378	SECT-12 TWP-127 RANG-34 N 600 FT OF FOLLOWING DESCR LAND; NE4 SW4 & NW4 SE4 EXC THE W 820 FT OF NE4 SW4 & EXC PT E'RLY OF FOLLOWING DESCR LINE; COMM NW CORN NW4 SE4, E 69.43 FT TO PT OF BEG, SW'RLY 926.18 FT, SW'RLY 235.69 FT, SW'RLY 170.50 FT TO S LINE NE4 SW4 & TERM 7.21 ACRES	$193.56
14-0056600 Joyce O Hack 20596 Akley Dr Sauk Centre, MN 56378	LOT-4 BLK-1 HAILEY SPRINGS FIRST ADDITION (22-127-34)	$7,582.07
15-0061100 Douglas W & Valerie A Mann 21825 Finch Rd Osakis, MN 56360	LOT-5 TRIEBENBACHS SHORES (35-129-35)	$17,748.64
16-0002500 Rodney B Bue 32408 315th Ave Browerville, MN 56438	SECT-03 TWP-130 RANG-32 SW4 NW4 40.00 ACRES	$753.51
16-0002801 Ricky Bue Po Box 592 Romeo, CO 81148 Todd County Social Services	SECT-03 TWP-130 RANG-32 S 330 FT OF W2 SW4 10.00 ACRES	$6,607.77
17-0031901 Linda M Sorenson 13588 67th Place Maple Grove, MN 55311	SECT-29 TWP-128 RANG-34 NE4 NW4 40.00 ACRES	$2,416.05
17-0032100 Linda M Sorenson 13588 67th Place Maple Grove, MN 55311	SECT-29 TWP-128 RANG-34 SE4 NW4 40.00 ACRES	$3,741.76
17-0039800 John D Shotzbarger & Dorothy T Allen 2728 River Parkway W Minneapolis, MN 55405	SECT-35 TWP-128 RANG-34 S 400 FT OF LOT 1 W OF RY 3.31 ACRES	$4,562.61
17-0058100 Castle Rock Financial Corp 220 Bergamot Drive Medina, MN 55340 Salle Properties LLC 220 Bergamot Drive Medina MN 55340	Sect-27 Twp-128 Rang-34 Lot-3 Blk-1 Juergens Lake South First Addition CIC #29	$5,395.05
17-0058300 Castle Rock Financial Corp 220 Bergamot Drive Medina, MN 55340 Salle Properties LLC 220 Bergamot Drive Medina MN 55340	Sect-27 Twp-128 Rang-34 Lot-5 Blk-1 Juergens Lake South First Addition CIC #29	$5,142.21
18-0017601 R & S Real Estate LLC 24341 Riverside Drive Long Prairie, MN 56347	SECT-17 TWP-129 RANG-33 PT OF N2 SW4 DESCR AS FOLLOWS; COMM W4 CORN OF SEC 17, E 1962.63 FT, S 504.83 FT TO PT OF BEG, SE'RLY 46.93 FT, SE'RLY & S'RLY 86.43 FT, SW'RLY 107.78 FT TO A PT S OF PT OF BEG, N TO PT OF BEG. .12 ACRES	$51.69
19-0026500 Dustin D Capistrant 716 10th Ave N St. Cloud, MN 56303	SECT-25 TWP-132 RANG-33 W2 W2 SW4 SE4 10.00 ACRES	$3,258.80
19-0040200 John D Carry 39825 Oak Drive Browerville, MN 56438 Carl LaRue LaRue Enterprises 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge, OH 43725	LOT-4 BLK-4 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA (35,36-132-33)	$1,124.87
19-0047700 Igor Sokiryavyy 6219 Magda Dr Unit D Maple Grove, MN 55311 Carl LaRue LaRue Enterprises 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge, OH 43725	LOT-44 BLK-5 SYLVAN SHORES VILLA (35,36-132-33)	$134.34
19-0068200 Paul & Susana Garvrilovich 1107 NW 15th St Apt E 249 Gresham, OR 97030	LOT-32 BLK-3 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$58.51
19-0071200 Paul & Susana Garvrilovich 1107 NW 15th St Apt E 249 Gresham, OR 97030	LOT-15 BLK-4 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$75.64
19-0077200 Russell Clayton Pierce Po Box 332 Mcville, ND 58254	LOT-15 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$164.93
19-0077300 Russell Clayton Pierce Po Box 332 Mcville, ND 58254	LOT-16 BLK-6 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$157.18
19-0080200 James O & Mary R Albrecht Po Box 312 Waukon, MN 56386	LOT-8 BLK-7 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$112.20
19-0080300 James O & Mary R Albrecht Po Box 312 Waukon, MN 56386	LOT-9 BLK-7 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$126.58
19-0080400 James O & Mary R Albrecht Po Box 312 Waukon, MN 56386	LOT-10 BLK-7 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$141.00
19-0081600 Walter & Irene Knudsen 6408 115th 1/2 Ave N Champlin, MN 55316	LOT-1 BLK-8 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$122.80
19-0084800 Ivan Golub 9212 NE 52nd Ave Vancouver, WA 98665	LOT-18 BLK-9 PRAIRIE RIVER HEIGHTS (35,36-132-33)	$242.53
19-0087300 Loren A & Kristen M Vetsch 27891 410th St Browerville, MN 56438	LOT-1 BLK-1 PINE ISLAND HEIGHTS (25,36-132-33) ALSO IN FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP	$42.61
19-0093100 Willie Joe & Sandra Davis 7821 Trails Pointe Dr Indianapolis, IN 46236	LOT-2 BLK-2 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (36-132-33)	$120.59
19-0093200 Willie Joe & Sandra Davis 7821 Trails Pointe Dr Indianapolis, IN 46236	LOT-3 BLK-2 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (36-132-33)	$120.59
19-0093300 Willie Joe & Sandra Davis 7821 Trails Pointe Dr Indianapolis, IN 46236	LOT-4 BLK-2 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (36-132-33)	$120.59
19-0099500 Kathleen R Steinhagen and/or Laverne K Vos 516 2nd St W Waconia, MN 55387	LOT-19 BLK-4 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (36-132-33)	$193.38
19-0100300 Ian Thomas Stevens 581 Thomas Ave St. Paul, MN 55107	LOT-6 BLK-5 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (36-132-33)	$120.59
19-0107900 Peter Sirosh 1605 NE 134th Place Portland, OR 97266	LOT-3 BLK-2 LITTLE PINE SHORES (36-132-33)	$233.26
19-0114500 Frank Martin 60 Rivercrest LN Covington, GA 30016	LOT-7 BLK-4 LITTLE PINE SHORES (36-132-33)	$220.94
19-0125800 Charser K Granberry 960 Laurel Ave St. Paul, MN 55107 Carl LaRue LaRue Enterprises 63825 Arrowhead Road Cambridge, OH 43725	LOT-44 BLK-1 TIMBER RIDGE (35-132-33)	$140.77
19-0134400 Oleg Dzyuba 16509 Timber Crest Dr SE Prior Lake, MN 55372	LOT-6 BLK-4 TIMBER RIDGE (35-132-33)	$147.64
21-0002100 Gordon A & Clela M Braastad 20459 County 101 Long Prairie, MN 56347	SECT-03 TWP-128 RANG-33 BEG AT NE COR OF S2 NE4, S 66 FT, W 931.33 FT, S 554 FT, W 618.67 FT, N 620.86 FT, E 1520 FT TO BEG 10.00 ACRES	$7,170.43
21-0030300 Gordon & Theresa Lindau 5734 147th St N Unit 6 Hugo, MN 55038	SECT-29 TWP-128 RANG-33 NW4 NW4 40.00 ACRES	$8,661.08
22-0013501 Amanda M Killian 813 Ring Ave N Canby, MN 56220-1069 Rudy D Bjerga JR 31836 Timberlane RD Staples, MN 56479	SECT-13 TWP-133 RANG-33 N 15 AC OF SE4 SE4 15.00 ACRES	$3,285.80
22-0027002 John Evan Allen 46647 County Road 9 Staples, MN 56479 Richard H & Leila M Allen 46519 County 9 Staples MN 56479 Collection Advisory Unit Internal Revenue Service M/S 5900 30 E. 7th St. Suite 1222 St. Paul MN 55101-4940	SECT-30 TWP-133 RANG-33 N 483 FT OF E 632 FT OF S2 NE4 EX N 383 FT OF E 228 FT 5.00 ACRES	$6,247.04
22-0036300 Steven E Stewart & John Miles 71 10th St NW Staples, MN 56479	PARK ADDITION TO STAPLES MILL 2-133-33 LOTS 1 TO 5 BLK 3	$4,200.45
24-0032900 Russell C & Carolyn Thurston 628 Arizona St NW Lonsdale, MN 55046		

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EXPIRATION of Redemption continued from page 7a

U.S. Bank, National Association N.D. 4325 17th Ave SW Fargo, ND 58103	SECT-31 TWP-131 RANG-32 W 560 FT OF GOVT LOT 3 LYING N OF CTRLINE OF RD 8.00 ACRES	$16,545.84
24-0053800 Timothy K & Teresa O'Neil 4342 Zane Ave N Crystal, MN 55422	LOT-32 BLK-8 SYLVAN SHORES SOUTH (6-131-32)	$3,257.98
25-0008600 David M Monkman 8095 20th St SW Backus, MN 56435 Pine River State Bank - Pillager Office Po Box 238 Pillager, MN 56473	SECT-10 TWP-133 RANG-32 PART OF GOVT LOT 7 DESC AS COMM AT SE COR OF GOVT LOT 7, N 320 FT, W 827 FT TO PT OF BEG, N 400 FT TO CROW WING RIVER, NW'RLY ALONG RIVER 220 FT, S 400 FT, SE'RLY 220 FT TO BEG 2.02 ACRES	$1,180.08
28-0010300 Hilda Pauline Davis 37617 US 71 Eagle Bend, MN 56446	SECT-12 TWP-131 RANG-35 N 10 RDS OF S 35.8 RDS W OF RY .66 ACRES	$891.24
29-0000900 Mike & Irving Scott Gaudette 608 NW Second Ave Bertha, MN 56437	SECT-03 TWP-132 RANG-35 S 73 1/2 FT OF TR BEG 12 FT N FROM NW COR LOT 1, BLK 3, KILBURN 4TH ADD TR 166 2/3 FT E & W BY 143 FT N & S .30 ACRES	$4,835.79
29-0015000 Shawn L & Loretta E Coon Box 163 Bertha, MN 56437	KILBURN'S SECOND ADDITION... (3-132-35) LOTS 1 & 2 BLK 3	$3,375.82
29-0016800 Jamie Bryniarski 306 4th St SW Bertha, MN 56437	KILBURN'S THIRD ADDITION... (3-132-35) LOTS 5, 6 & 7 BLK 2	$3,680.74
33-0006000 Edward & Paul Pudwill Po Box 55 Eagle Bend, MN 56446	SECT-12 TWP-131 RANG-35 N 160 FT OF E 188.1 FT OF S 499 FT OF SE4 SW4 .61 ACRE EAGLE VALLEY GLASS	$3,984.43
33-0016300 Michele L Christenden & Steven R Reining Po Box 31 Northwood, ND 58267	ABBOTT'S 1ST ADDITION TO EAGLE BEND (12) LOT 1 & 2 EX S 20 FT BLK 4	$6,677.42
33-0023900 Raymond J Pechan & Leona Pechan (Tretter) Po Box 177 Eagle Bend, MN 56446	LOT-6 BLK-3 BOND'S 2ND ADDITION... 12-131-35	$507.44
33-0031000 Star Bank 250 Prairie Center Drive Eden Prairie, MN 55344	LOT-1 BLK-2 SARFF'S PARK ADDITION... 14-131-35	$11,253.52
34-0008800 Bernabe A Baca 140 Heffernan Ave PMB# 36122 Calexico, CA 92231	LOT-3 BLK-1 TOWNSITE OF GREY EAGLE 7-127-32	$954.61
35-0010200 Todd R Kimber 302 N Front St Hewitt, MN 56453	TOWNSITE OF HEWITT (15 & 22-133-35) LOTS 8 TO 10 BLK 3	$661.66
35-0010300 Todd R Kimber 302 N Front St Hewitt, MN 56453	TOWNSITE OF HEWITT (15 & 22-133-35) LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 3	$1,851.19
36-0050300 Gerard J Hansen 902 W Division ST Waite Park, MN 56387	TWEED'S FOURTH ADDITION... 20-129-33 S 71 3/4 FT OF N 157 1/2 FT OF LOT 1 & S 71 3/4 FT OF LOT 2 BLK 15 & 10 FT OF VACATED RAMSEY STREET	$5,530.15
36-0089500 Rocio Ruiz Gomez 630 2nd Ave NE Long Prairie, MN 56347	POWELL'S ADDITION TO LONG PRAIRIE (16) E 50 FT OF W 100 FT OF LOTS 1 & 2 & E 50 FT OF W 100 FT OF S2 OF LOT 3 BLK 6	$1,787.41
38-0022600 Darrell & Claudia Engdahl Po Box 623 24 Colfax Ave SW Wadena, MN 56482	LOT-5 BLK-19 STAPLES MILL (ORIGINAL TOWNSITE) 1-133-33	$2,964.27
38-0029900 Arnold D Logering 23201 County #24 Staples, MN 56479 Minnesota Department of Revenue Collection Division Collection Enforcement Section PO Box 64447 St. Paul, MN 55164-0447	STAPLES MILL (ORIGINAL TOWNSITE) 1-133-33 LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 26 EX E 49.3 FT & EX W 48 FT OF LOTS 11 & 12 BLK 26	$5,321.15
38-0037700 James M & Kristina M Ziegler 403 2nd Street SW Staples, MN 56479	SHELLABARGER'S FIRST ADDITION... 11-133-33 LOTS 3 & 4 BLK 14	$3,297.39
38-0050400 Mary Kaye Williams 96 Wyoming ST ESt. Paul, MN 55107	STEWART & BARTRAWS ADDITION... 12-133-33 S2 OF LOT 2 & ALL OF LOT 3 BLK 5	$2,954.26
38-0061900 Patrice Hartigan and/or David Blonigen Po Box 252 Staples, MN 56479	LOT-9 BLK-11 SEARLES FIRST ADDITION TO STAPLES 1-133-33	$4,705.32
38-0074800 Arnold D Logering 23201 County #24 Staples, MN 56479	EVERGREEN ADDITION TO STAPLES 11-133-33 LOTS 4 & 5 BLK 1	$3,342.43
39-0002200 J & Kimberly Vearrier Po Box 303 West Union, MN 56389	SECT-21 TWP-127 RANG-35 PLATTED S 60 FT OF N 324 FT OF W 10 RDS SE4 NE4 .45 ACRES	$2,269.01

The time for redemption of the parcels of real property listed above from the tax judgment sale will expire 60 days after service of this notice and the filing of proof thereof in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office, or **May 8th, 2018** whichever is later. The redemption must be made in the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Office.

FAILURE TO REDEEM SUCH LAND PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF REDEMPTION WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF THE LAND AND FORFEITURE OF SAID LAND TO THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

The redemption amount is shown above is figured thru January 31, 2018. This amount will increase monthly. Please contact the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office to verify the amount due to redeem said parcel if paid *on or after* February 1, 2018.

Inquiries as to these proceedings can be made to the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer Office, whose address is listed below.

Witness my hand and official seal this 5th day of January, 2018.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

by Becky Jager,

Deputy Auditor/Treasurer
Todd County Courthouse
215 - 1st Avenue South, Suite 201
Long Prairie, MN 56347-1378
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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 2, 2018

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 2nd day of January, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Board Organization

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Neumann as the Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2018 proceedings.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To appoint Commissioner Kneisl as the Vice-Chairperson of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for 2018 proceedings.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 28, 2017 as presented.

To approve the 2018 Tobacco Licenses as presented and on file in the Public Health Department.

Community Corrections

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

RESOLUTION
APPOINTING
MEMBERSHIP
2018 TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS

WHEREAS, In accordance with MN Statutes Chapter 401, in 1976 Todd and Wadena Counties entered into a joint powers agreement and established Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, and

WHEREAS, On July 19, 2016, Todd and Wadena Counties reaffirmed their continued commitment to providing community corrections in their respective counties through Todd-Wadena Community Corrections, by approving the updated joint powers agreement, and

WHEREAS, Membership of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board needs to be appointed by the Boards of Commissioners in Todd and Wadena Counties, and

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the members of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee are appointed as follows:

1. Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
2. David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
3. Jim Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
4. Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
5. Jane Gustafson, Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
6. Kyra Ladd, Vice-Chairperson of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.
7. Honorable Sally Ireland Robertson, District Court Judge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Advisory Board are appointed as follows:

1. Phil Holum, Citizen Member.
2. Naomi Moyer, Citizen Member.
3. Gail Honek, Citizen Member.
4. Lane Waldahl, Citizen Member.
5. Connie Nelson, Victims Services.
6. Barbara Becker, Todd County Commissioner.
7. David Kircher, Todd County Commissioner.
8. Jim Hofer, Wadena County Commissioner.
9. Sheldon Monson, Wadena County Commissioner.
10. Honorable Sally Ireland Robertson, District Court Judge.
11. Jane Gustafson, Prosecuting Attorney.
12. Kyra Ladd, Prosecuting Attorney.
13. Sarah Federle, Public Defender.
14. Jason Sellnow, Public Defender.
15. Melissa Birkholtz, Staples Police Chief.
16. Michael D. Carr, Wadena County Sheriff.
17. Don Asmus, Todd County Sheriff.
18. Sandra Ahrendt, Ethnic/Minorities Representative.
19. Cindy Pederson, Health Professional.
20. Mike Willie, Social Services Representative.
21. Patrick Sutlief, Educational Administrator.
22. Dacia Kreklau, Corrections Agent.
23. Katherine Langer, Correctional Administrator.

Auditor-Treasurer

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

A RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING AN
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
FOR 2018

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.12 requires the annual letting of bids for publication of official proceedings of the County Board and similar statutes require the publication of delinquent tax lists, County Financial Statements, and local transportation project bid advertisements, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement bids were opened to be designated as the official newspaper for Todd County on January, 2, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the bid from Staples World, with a bid of $10.15 per column inch to be the Official Newspaper for the year 2018 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County website (www.co.todd.mn.us) be also designated as an official publication for all statutory requirements.

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

A RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING AN
EXTRA PUBLICATION
NEWSPAPER FOR 2018

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 375.12 requires the annual letting of bids for publication of official proceedings of the County Board and similar statues require the publication of delinquent tax lists, County Financial Statements, and local transportation project bid advertisements, and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to advertisement bids were opened to be designated as the extra publication newspaper for Todd County on January 2, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the bid from the Long Prairie Leader with a bid of $7.80 per column inch to be the Extra Publication Newspaper for the year 2018.

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

A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING
THE 2018 TODD
COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
BOARD PROTOCOL

(Copy of full resolution language available in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office for public inspection.)

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to continue to hold the Todd County Board of Commissioner's Meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Todd County Historic Courthouse and Worksessions designated by Board Chairperson or three members of the County Board as deemed necessary. The Commissioners also approve that the November 6, 2018 be rescheduled to November 5, 2018 due to the General Election Day activities, the December 4, 2018 board meeting be rescheduled to December 5, 2018 due to the AMC yearly conference, and the year-end board meeting be scheduled for December 27, 2018.

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

A RESOLUTION
ESTABLISHING
THE COMMISSIONER'S
COMMITTEE ASSIGN-
MENTS FOR 2018

WHEREAS, The County Commissioners have wide ranging and diverse responsibilities, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Commissioners to be assigned to Committees for the purposes of advocating for the County, and to effectively complete the work of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached Committee Roster (Attachment 1) is hereby adopted as the County Commissioners' Committee Assignments for 2018 and will remain on file in the Auditor-Treasurer's Office.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: to reaffirm the adoption of the 2018 County Fee Schedule per the attached document.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the December 2017 Auditor Warrants number 230919 through 231108 in the amount of $732,276.31.

Ditch/Ag Inspector

The County Board was presented information by Nancy Uhlenkamp, Todd County Ditch/Ag Inspector about a Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant Proposal to aid the County in treating Palmer amaranth.

SWCDD

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the AIS Prevention Plan funds and the Todd County Aquatic Invasive Species Plan for 2018 as presented and authorize Division staff to implement the plan during 2018.

Administration

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter of support for Becker County's material recovery facility (MRF) project.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on current activities within the office including the recent surge in pre-payment of 2018 property taxes due to Federal Law changes with a total collection expected to reach $1 million.

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.

Recess

Chairperson Neumann recessed the meeting until January 16, 2018.

AUDITORS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
COMPUTER PROS	$4,587.00
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,499.00
HOST EXTERIOR INC	4,237.50
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC	4,216.96
TENVOORDE FORD	32,623.00
TODD CO AG. SOC.	2,220.44
VERIZON	3,118.19
28 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	10,865.65
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	3,536.00
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	3,398.53
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	4,959.50
GENE-O'S COUNTRY-SIDE REST LLC	5,574.70
GUSTAFSON/JEAN M	5,862.55
MORRISON COUNTY	15,506.50
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH	74,141.67
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES	2,255.15
STEP	4,023.88
31 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	10,856.55
AMERICAN HERITAGE	5,982.78
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	44,560.27
DEPUTY REGISTRAR	2,145.75
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	2,467.65
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	14,405.95
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	6,081.50
NEOGOV	3,500.00
PETERS LAW OFF, P.A	2,788.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH	74,141.67
REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN	32,377.02
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	36,317.00
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE	12,244.57
VOYANT COMMS., LLC	3,459.35
28 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	10,832.27
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	3,828.72
DVS RENEWAL	6,546.75
H & L MESABI	2,631.25
NOW MICRO INC	2,077.12
RANGER CHEVROLET	95,087.06
ROYAL TIRE	4,539.18
SPRINGSTED INC	2,250.00
STAPLES ADVAN.	3,995.24
STOECKEL JAHNER INC.	7,295.00
TODD SOIL & WATER CONSERV. DIST	70,423.00
TODD TRAILS ASSOCIATION	55,222.65
VERIZON	3,049.81
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	11,148.67
61 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	18,395.31
Total	**$732,276.31**

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held January 2, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on January 16, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

4pnc

NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP
MEETING/BOARD OF AUDIT

The February meeting for Meadowbrook Township will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

The Board of Audit will follow the regular meeting. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

3-4pnc

NOTICE
POPLAR TOWNSHIP BOARD
MEETING CHANGE

Poplar Township Board will meet Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 6:00 p.m at the Leader Hall instead of Feb. 6 as posted, because of the Minnesota caucuses.

All meetings are open to the public.

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township

4-5pnc

Avoid
Event Conflicts
Check the Events
Calendar online at
www.staplesworld.com
Submit events to
dtimbs@staplesworld.com



Student Achievements



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students of the Month awarded for December at the Motley-Staples Middle School were: Mason Albertson, Jerry Russell, Zofia Ostrowski, Avery Amerud, Hayden Rutherford, Amy Bohne, Ben Tyrrell, Estella Bock, Addisyn Cichos, Emali Kloeckl-Jimenez, Destiny Dukowitz, Kaylee Birkholtz, Blake Knudson, Kenzie Erickson, Jayce Kobliska, Camryn Ferris, Grace Jennissen, Caitlin Jasmer, Caleb Jasmer, Corrine Japke



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket List winners at SMES were, front, left to right: Berkley Nelson, Caleb Bestland, Logan Peterson, Avery Killian. Back: Brodie Cyrus, Thomas Johnson, Briahnna Cox, Brooke Reisenauer, Braylin DeLeon



Sacred Heart Area School

Students of the Month awarded at SHAS were, front, left to right: Leah Greenwaldt, Ben Stevens, Marleigh Jensen. Back: Sophie Albie, Abby Brichacek, Hannah Cole

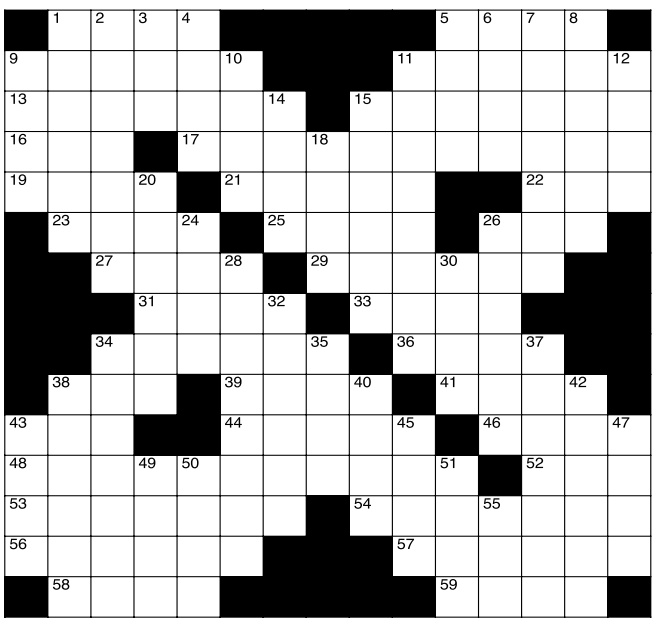
These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by the Student Achievement awards

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

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Crossword Puzzle

Week 4

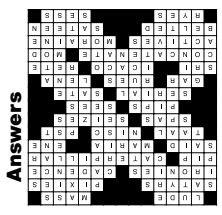


CLUES ACROSS
1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
5. Religious service
9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
15. Inflection of the voice
16. "Great Expectations" character
17. Becomes a butterfly
19. Spoke
21. Tennis player Sharapova
22. Midway between northeast and east
23. Afrikaans
25. No instruction set computing
26. Pacific Standard Time
27. Relaxing places
29. Confiscates
31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
33. Witnesses
34. Taking place in a series
36. Satisfy
38. Freshwater fish of N. America
39. Laments
41. "Girls" creator Dunham
43. Indian title of respect
44. Cocoa plum
46. Network of nerve cells
48. Link together in a chain
52. Cool 70s crew "The __ Squad"
53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
54. Accumulation of glacial debris
56. Fastened
57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
58. Whiskey and bread are two
59. Scottish tax

CLUES DOWN
1. Rope used to lasso
2. Idyllic places
3. Field force unit
4. Guitar great Clapton
5. Slang for type of skirt
6. Figure skating jump
7. Innocent
8. Mathematical ratio
9. Slowly drinks
10. Line where edges meet
11. Offices of the pope
12. Dry or withered
14. "__ the Man" Musical
15. Difficult situations
18 Greek goddess of discord
20. Marked by smartness in dress and manners
24. Habitat
26. Annoy constantly
28. Full of life
30. Great energy
32. BBQ and soy are two
34. Virtuous
35. Not fatty
37. Foes
38. Merchandiser
40. Dishonest scheme
42. Repents
43. Protective crust
45. Native American people
47. Any place of bliss or delight
49. Bring up
50. Birds
51. Geological times
55. Consumed

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Answers



Ehnes Farm honored by SWCD for conservation

By Danielle Anderson,
Todd County SWCD



Kevin Ehnes (Submitted photo)

Kevin and Wannetta Ehnes of Ehnes Farm, Eagle Bend were recently honored as outstanding conservationists at the annual meeting of the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, held December 3-5, 2017 in Bloomington.

The Ehnes Farm is located outside of Eagle Bend and was established by Kevin's great- grandparents in 1914. Kevin took over the farm in 1977, after finishing high school. He wasn't fully up to taking on the entire farm at the time but has seen success over time. The farm earned its Century Farm title in 2014 after passing through multiple generations of Ehnes'. Currently Kevin and his wife Wannetta, who does much of the bookkeeping, live on and manage the land.

Ehnes farms was originally a diversified 180 acre farm like so many were in those days with both dairy and beef cattle along with other smaller animals and row crops. Over the years, the farm transitioned into just dairy and row crops until 1995, when they stopped milking.

Currently Ehnes farms is home to 30 cow-calf pairs, a handful of steers and one very friendly dog. Kevin has added land to the original 180 acres and rents to reach almost 900 tillable acres that he plants corn-soybean-wheat rotation or a number of different small grains.

When Kevin first took over the farm, the fields were all under conventional farming methods. Everything was tilled multiple times which left the fields black if there was no crop growing. For years Kevin watched as the wind and rain washed away his nutrient rich top soil thinking "something had to be done." He contacted the SWCD for technical assistance to look into terraces or strip tillage but nothing quite fit his farm operation. He started using cover crops and increased his buffer strips but still observed erosion on some fields.

One of his landlords (and friend) suggested he try switching his conventional till practice into a no till practice. Kevin was not fond of the idea and didn't see how it would work for his farm, but through persistence he was convinced to try it out with assistance from the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Ehnes farms now is 100 percent no till and loving it. Becoming no till was not easy and there were many struggles, but as Kevin put it, "You have to want it to work, to make it work." By changing to no till Kevin spends less time in the fields, even though harvesting is his favorite part of farming and has more time for other farm chores, like enjoying the quietness of the cows. A few of the benefits Kevin's noticed in his fields is the elimination of erosion, water retention due to the increased organic matter (each 1 percent of organic matter holds up to 20,000 gallons of water per acre), and he no longer has to pick rocks. Ten years later and he's very happy with the management changes he's made. The farm is Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certified as of 2016.

Kevin's been active in the community, serving on co-op boards, church committees, the Farmers Union, the FSA Committee, Todd County Extension, and helps with the annual Todd County Breakfast on the Farm event.

When asked what he would like his farm called, Kevin thought for a moment and said "Ehnes Farm, my wife, my mom and my father have all done a lot for this farm and I would like to honor them as well."

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Fibromyalgia diagnosis for Gulf War veterans

By David A Anderson
Wadena County
Veteran Service Officer

Fibromyalgia is a health condition characterized by unexplained pain throughout the body. Symptoms include:

- At least three months of unexplained pain in the muscles, tendons and other soft tissues;
- Points on the neck, shoulders, back, hips, arms or legs that are tender and hurt with pressure;
- Additional health problems such as sleep disturbances, headaches, memory problems or morning muscle stiffness.

If you're concerned about symptoms related to fibromyalgia and would like to learn about health care options for Gulf War Veterans, go to https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/benefits/%20health-care.asp or call 1-877- 222-8387. You can also, speak to an Environmental Health Coordinator near you about your concerns at https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/%20coordinators.asp.

Fibromyalgia is a presumptive illness for Gulf War Veterans: VA presumes that some health conditions, including fibromyalgia, were caused by military service. As a presumptive illness, Veterans do not have to prove an association between fibromyalgia and their military service. The condition must be at least 10 percent disabling and have first appeared sometime between active duty in the Southwest Asia theater of military operations and Dec. 31, 2021.

Symptoms can be managed. Researchers and health care providers do not currently know a direct cause or cure for fibromyalgia. However, Veterans can work with their health care team to manage symptoms. Prescription drugs are available to treat fibromyalgia. Learn more about presumptive service connection and benefits for Gulf War Veterans at http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/benefits/index.asp or call 1-800-827-1000. More information about fibromyalgia is available at https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/fibromyalgia.asp. [Source: Veterans Health| June 12, 2017 ++]

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



Have You HEARD?
Presented by
Steve Trebil, BC-HIS



LISTENING WITH BOTH EARS

Those with hearing loss in both ears benefit most from wearing a hearing instrument in each ear. Being fitted with "binaural" hearing instruments provides the listener with a better ability to locate sounds. This increased "localizing" capability occurs by being able to differentiate between the spatial location of a desired speaker and undesired noise. When spatial separation is present, the central auditory system normally functions to allow the suppression of undesired background noise and the capacity to concentrate on desired speech. To better understand the advantage of binaural listening over monaural listening, those with normal hearing should try plugging one ear with a finger while trying to hear the words of a conversation partner in a noisy restaurant.

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FACILITIES continued from page 1a

Two building option would have both in Staples

ences getting three points second preference two points and third preference one point.

The result was 12 points for the one building option, 11 points for the two building option with both buildings in Staples and four points for the two building option with one building in Motley.

Bord members Bryan Winkels, Mary Freeman and Greg Frisk voted the one building option as their top preference, while Chad Longbella and Bruce Lund put the two building option first. Board member Dave Hoemberg was not at the meeting.

The one building vote still didn't cover where the building will be located. Frisk advocated for a brand new K-12 school building, located between Staples and Motley.

Chiodo said there are also options of adding onto the the high school building, and showed an example of an addition in the space of the current football field. One option mentioned was a new K-12 building at the site of the Staples Elementary School. Another suggestion was to tear down the Staples Community Center and use that space for an addition.

Chiodo said a Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) guideline for a single campus is to have 35 to 40 acres available, including athletic fields. The high school site does not have that much space, but Staples Elementary does, because of the fields.

Chiodo said even by spending $40 million to fix up the school and put in the addition, they would still have deferred maintenance issues, in which the older buildings would need more upkeep, and the plan still might not be approved by the MDE, as it falls short of their guidelines.

The two building option would require additions to either the high school or the other school used, with the board preference of fixing up the Staples Elementary building. One option for that scenario was to build additional gym space and classroom space onto the elementary school.

Chiodo said throughout the facility study, one of the main questions asked by the public was "Are they going to do something this time?"

The next step in that direction is to have ICS draw up plans based on the school board's preferences. Then they will gather more public opinions on the plans.

The board also discussed opening the project to collaborative efforts involving the City of Staples and Lakewood Health System, both of which are working on new community center options. Chiodo said that would be possible, but suggested getting someone to coordinate all the entities and said his company has done that with other projects.

Comments sought on Corridors of Commerce

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) is seeking project recommendations for Corridors of Commerce projects. The agency has $400 million set aside to fund projects over the next four years.

"Corridors of Commerce has been an outstanding way to fund projects that connect Minnesota businesses to customers and workers to new job opportunities," said MnDOT Commissioner Charlie Zelle. "We look forward to seeing recommendations from across the state that offer improvements that will enhance the way the state transportation system supports Minnesota's economy."

MnDOT will take recommendations via an online submission form at www.mndot.gov/corridorsofcommerce. Recommendations will be accepted through 11:59 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5. The agency will score, rank and award funding to the recommended projects. It will use a system recently developed after a public outreach program seeking input on how best to rank the projects.

Eligible project recommendations may come from anyone in the public. The project eligibility and scoring criteria are available on the submission web page under the "Detailed process and criteria" link.

MnDOT will not submit any project recommendations in this solicitation round.

The project award announcement will occur sometime in April. For more information about the program or the recommendation process, contact Patrick Weidemann at Patrick.weidemann@state.mn.us or 651-366-3758, or Mark Gieseke at mark.gieseke@state.mn.us or at 651-366-3770.

Governor Dayton and the Minnesota Legislature created the Corridors of Commerce program in 2013 to invest in projects that support commerce in the state, but are not already considered in the state's transportation investments plan. It's provided more than $330 million to dozens of projects across the state.

In 2017, Governor Dayton and the Legislature provided an additional $300 million in trunk highway bonding over the next four years as well as $25 million a year in cash. This additional funding will reduce Minnesota's annual $600 million transportation funding gap by $200 million for each of the next four years. However, despite the investments made last session, Minnesota will still face a $600 million annual funding gap every year beginning again in 2022.



Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
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..
Saturday .....5:00 p.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg 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 Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship,..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion .....1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. 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 ages .....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.

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

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.....9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader .....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School .....11:00 a.m.

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 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 Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 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 Classses
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer.....8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.
Worship..... 9:10 and 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups .....6:00 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 Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night.....5:30 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 Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

"I wept today"

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church

I wept today.

I wept because I live in a society that looks the other way when evil happens. I wept because, as a nation, we don't seem to have the ability to own and confess and turn from our sins - our violence and hatred and bigotry. This isn't about taking sides. Finger pointing will get us nowhere. As one nation, we look the other way. And so I wept.

Could it be that our consciences are seared? No longer able to feel? No longer able to care? Could it be that, ever since the end of slavery and segregation in this country, no evil has seared us as deeply as the merciless killing of our own children in the womb?

We can no longer feel. And so we talk about culture wars and political deadlock. We talk about the rare cases of rape or incest. We talk about women's rights and we talk and we talk. And we shove the real issue aside for the sake of convenience and comfort and getting on with our busy days. We all do this.

But none of this ends the horror. No matter how hard we try, we cannot escape the reality. The reality that innocent little people with heartbeats, brainwaves and nervous systems that enable them to feel pain are intentionally torn to pieces. And this happens every day to 3,300 children in America. Every day. Girls are killed at higher rates than boys. Children of color are killed at higher rates than whites. There's nothing loving about it. There's nothing joyful about these deaths. Nothing peaceful in poisoning an unborn child. There is no patience, kindness, goodness, or gentleness in this kind of brutal violence.

The proper response is to weep. And pray. And act. This is not the sin of a few; it is the sin of an entire society. Mothers that have had an abortion must be helped and healed and supported and loved. All of us must turn from our complicity in this evil. Have we wept for this blood-spilling? Have we cried out for God's mercy - which he graciously offers to all who seek him? Have we poured out our hearts in prayer for the power to stop the carnage? Have we stood with the confused young mother and listened to her and comforted her and shown her the wonderful life-affirming alternatives? Have we done what we can to stop an American holocaust?

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?" - Proverbs 24:11-12

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Community Center conversation started

Representatives of Staples City, Staples-Motley schools, Lakewood Health System, NJPA and Central Lakes College met to discuss options for the Staples Community Center on Jan. 16. The meeting was hosted by the Staples City Council and held at NJPA. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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City, school, hospital, others work together for Community Center

we can offer to kids," he said.

Schmidt advocated for a new building, not just fixing up the old ones. He also said partnering with Lakewood would be great for the school, because of the coming health care industry needs to take care of the Baby Boomer generation.

"If we had programming opportunities to partner with Lakewood, it would do a lot for our students," said Schmidt.

Lakewood Health System has participated in facility studies with the community center, most recently in 2012-2015.

Lakewood Health System CEO Tim Rice said they area always trying to recruit new employees, and there is competition from nearby communities that have new community centers.

Lakewood Chief Financial Officer Lisa Bjerga said that the entities working together will create a chance to spend tax dollars more efficiently and come up with a better building.

Staples Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said there are other community amenities that could be added to the community center. She said feasiblity studies showed that opening a new movie theater or bowling alley in Staples may not be supported by the population of Staples, but the community center could add spaces for those activitiess and more. "We can think broader, it's not just gyms and a pool," she said.

As the group talked about the need for youth to have a place to go, Motley Middle School Principal John Regan said kids don't need a lot. "Give them a cool place to hang out and internet, they will come in and make it feel cool."

He also expanded the possibilities to adding a coffee shop and bringing in a food truck periodically.

Tara Karels, Central Lakes College Dean of Staples Campus, said one of their goals is to get more students to live in town. She said the college will work with the community center to bring more students in, and some could even volunteeer for events.

NJPA Executive Director Chad Coauette said his organization would be able to help in forming partnerships and finding grants available, such as mental health grants. As a regional entity, NJPA spreads their financial contributions throughout the region, and is not in a position to invest in a community center for just one town.

Most of the Staples City Council members attended the meeting, as well as other city staff. Mary Freeman represented the school district, in addition to the school's adminstrative staff and other interested people.

Winter grazing workshop is Feb. 1

The 18th annual Winter Grazing Workshop presented by the Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council (CWRBFC) will be held at Central Lakes College in Staples Feb. 1. This is an opportunity for cattle producers to attend seminars highlighting grazing management, integration of livestock into cropland, watering systems and farm transitions.

Thor and Dana Didrickson are the featured speakers. The Didriksons are 4th generation ranchers from Badger in Roseau county. On their operation, they produce cow/calf pairs, stockers, and row crops.

The cropland is managed with no-till, and they use managed rotational grazing on the pastures. Pastures are stockpiled for fall/winter grazing, and bale grazing is used to better manage fertility on the land.

They have incorporated cover crops into their farming system and integrate livestock into the cropland management to graze cover crops and crop residue. The Didriksons will provide an overview of their operation and management techniques.

Other presentations will be given on a variety of topics throughout the day. Kent Solberg will offer a primer on grazing management principles. There will be a discussion on livestock watering systems, including a solar system used by local producer Mike Sams. Nathan Converse with Farm Business Management talk about the farm transition process, and the Didricksons will briefly discuss the farm transition process on their farm.

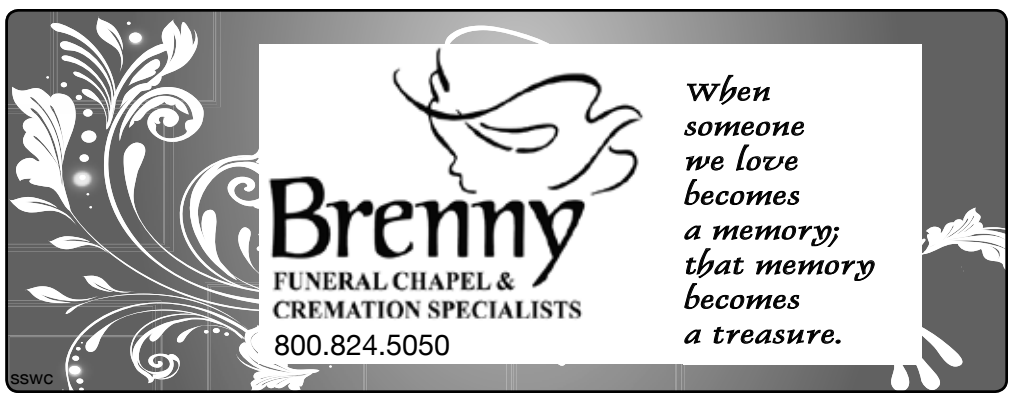
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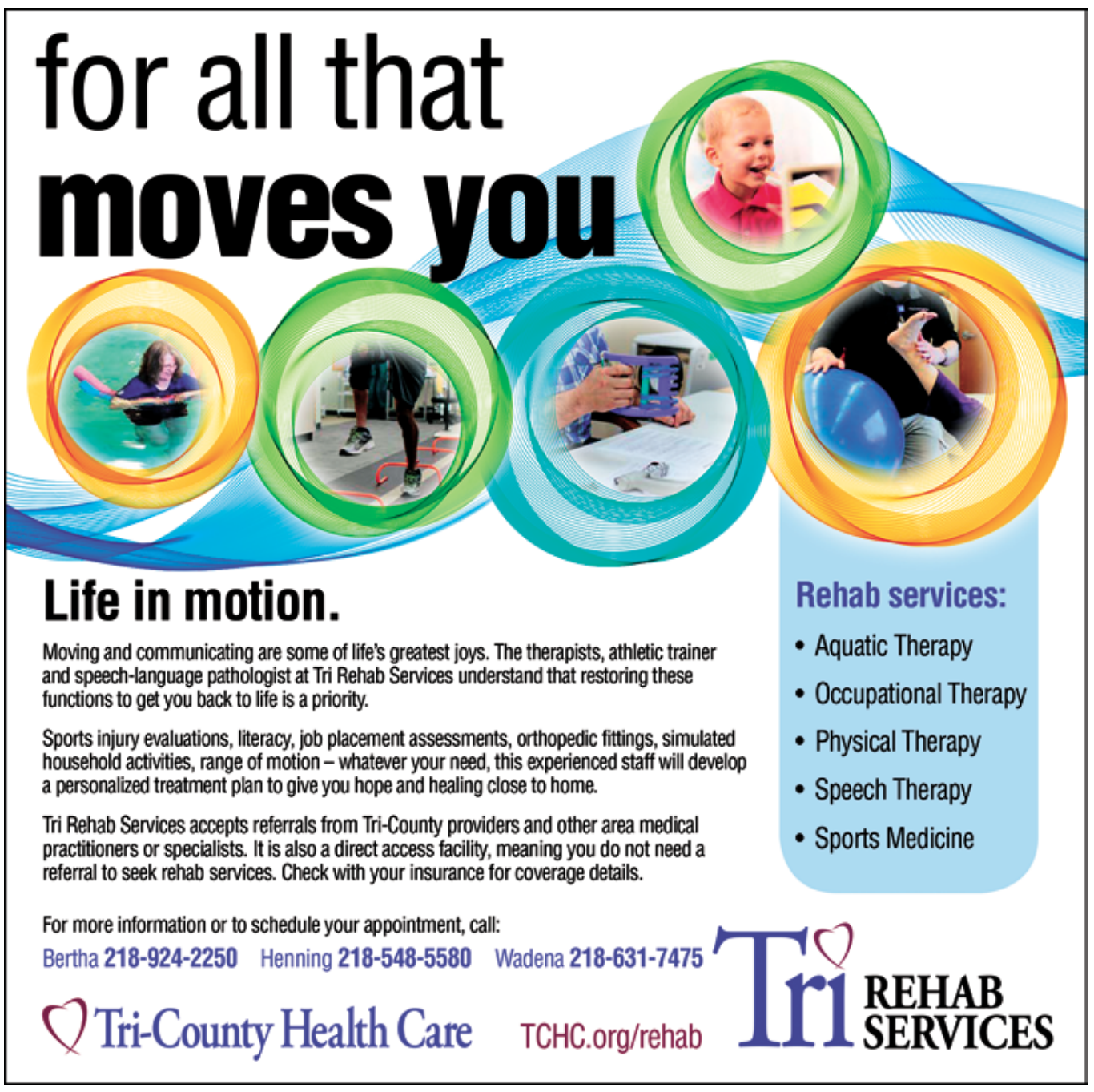
Vendors and sponsors will also be on hand with displays and handouts.

The cost for the day-long workshop includes morning and afternoon refreshments, full lunch and speakers.

The Crow Wing River Basin Forage Council is a networking group of the Sustainable Farming Association. Information about the Forage Council can be found at www.sfa-mn.org.

Go online for workshop registration information and a downloadable flyer and form at www.sfa-mn.org, or contact Kent Solberg, 218-445-7580, email kent@sfa-mn.org or Charles Horsager, 218-639-4225, email chuckhorsager@gmail.com for registration information.





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Research and policies on food allergies presented

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Interested individuals must be 18 years or older, a resident of the school district and a registered voter.

The person appointed to fill this term on the board will have the option to file for the seat and be on the ballot in the Nov. 6 general election.

The terms of Freeman and Lund also will be up for election this fall.

Hoemberg's letter of resignation was not immediately available, according to Bratlie, until a review by the school district's attorney is complete.

Hoemberg was elected in November 2014 for a four year term which began the first Monday in January 2015.

Food allergies

Carrin DeLong, School District Nurse, and Shelly Miller, Director of Nutrition Services, gave an informational presentation to the board on food allergies among students. They presented recent research around various policies that other school districts have adopted and the effectiveness of those policies and procedures.

The conclusions from those research findings included:

- Policies should be based on the principles of food allergen avoidance, including avoiding food sharing and cross-contact, and preparedness with epinephrine.
- Policies should also be based on scientific literature, including evidence that anaphylaxis results almost exclusively from ingestion of a food and not from inhalation or skin contact and that routine hand washing and cleaning are highly effective in the removal of food allergens.
- Anxiety and fear can lead to requests for unnecessarily restrictive school environments and affect health care planning, resulting in conflicts among the family, physician, and school community.

DeLong and Miller also reviewed the policies and precautions they are currently following, including requiring the documentation identifying students at risk. They said forms are sent to families each August.

- A doctor's diagnosis of a food allergy is necessary to accurately outline a plan for avoiding allergens and managing allergic reactions.
- Parents should give the school documentation that supports a doctor's diagnosis of an allergy, as well as information about prior history and current risk of anaphylaxis.
- This information is critical to preventing risk of exposure to allergens and outlining the actions that must be taken if an exposure occurs.
- The information must be updated annually.

They reported that at Staples-Motley Elementary School, of the eleven students identified with allergies or intolerances needing special diet, only one has a special diet statement on file and only four have emergency plans and have provided medication, i.e., epinephrine.

At the middle school 26 students had been identified. Two had special diet statements on file, three had the emergency plan and medication and three parents identified as needing epinephrine but no medication or emergency plan was given to the school.

At the high school eleven students were identified. One has a special diet statement on file and five were parent identified as needing epinephrine but no medication or emergency plan was given to the school.

Miller noted that in some cases they were working with documentation a year or two old, but were still accommdating the students.

DeLong said epinephrine was provided to all the district buildings as well as Sacred Heart Area School. She also said it was available in the first aid kits that went with the staff on every school field trip.

In other business the board:

- Approved a contract for Scott Engebretson as the transportation director.
- Approved a contract for Tammi Brisson as a fifth grade teacher for the remainder of this school year.
- Heard in the superintendent's report about the general fund deficits he is projecting based on figures from the last school audit. At the end of fiscal year 2018 he is projecting a deficit of $395,724. At the end of fiscal year 2019 it could be $860,952.
- Approved the coaches handbook. Winkels pointed out one of the changes regarding the evaluation process and timeline for hiring coaches.
- Set 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, for a meeting with the facilities consulting firm to discuss contracts. Freeman and Lund volunteered to be the board's representatives.
- Closed the meeting to discuss contract negotiations.





Reigstad is new pastor at Lincoln EV Free

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Don Reigstad was 12 years old when he gave his heart to God and felt a calling to go into ministry.

It's a call he did indeed answer and since that time has served at churches throughout Minnesota, including his most recent assignment in Cushing.

Now 63, Don is the pastor at Lincoln Evangelical (EV) Free Church, a position he assumed last September.

Pastor Reigstad met with the Staples World recently to share about his life and faith journey, and to introduce himself to the community.

Prior to moving to the Lincoln Lakes Area, Don had pastored at Living Hope EV Free Church in Willmar, the town he and his wife Pam called 'home' for four years.

As mentioned earlier, Pastor Reigstad's passion for ministry began at a very early age.

He grew up in Sunburg, Don shared, adding that he was baptized as an infant in the Lutheran church his family attended.

When Don was six years old, his parents attended a Lowell Lundstrom crusade where they had a faith experience and subsequently transferred their membership to the Assembly of God Church in Willmar. It was there that young Don would make a commitment to follow God's leading in his life.

In addition to his parents, Don credits his childhood Sunday School teacher, Bob Huizenga, for having a positive influence on his spiritual life. He remembers that Bob always started the class by asking them about their sports programs at school. For Don, who was active in basketball, track and cross country, that meant a lot. "He took a personal interest in us," Don shared, adding that he has always found that to be the best way to connect with others and positively affect lives.

After graduating from Kerkhoven High School, Don went on to attend the University of Minnesota where he studied Greek and Speech Communications. He later attended Bethel Seminary in St. Paul, earning a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in the New Testament.

Although he never went on to serve at an Evangelical Covenant Church, it was a denomination that played a significant role in Don's life.

While in college, he attended Park Avenue Covenant Church in Minneapolis, which is where he met his wife, Pam; and during his first year of seminary, he became acquainted with Pastor David Larsen at First Covenant Church in Minneapolis, who would become his mentor. "He was a pastor I really admired," Don said.

Pastor Reigstad smiled as he remembered the call he received right out of seminary...to pastor the Lincoln EV Free Church in Cushing.

He and Pam were married by that time and their first child was still a baby. Having grown up in Edina, Pam's response to the call was to ask, "Are there bears up there?"

Don assured his wife that if there were bears, they'd probably never see them. With visions of a bear snatching her baby away, Pam was adamant in her reply, "We are not going."

Fast forward 40 years and the Reigstads received another call to the ministry in Cushing. This time they said, "yes." "Now she's eager to see a bear," Don laughed.

His first pastorate would end up being at an EV Free church in Windom, located in the southwestern part of the state, not known for bear sightings.

From there, the Reigstads moved to Lakeville, where Don was the senior pastor at Trinity EV Free Church for 27 years. All five of their children were raised in Lakeville, Don said, mentioning Christy, Sarah, Laura, Tom and Joe.

During his time at Trinity, the church grew in membership from 175 to 900 or so, Pastor Don said. He noted that the Lakeville area itself had really grown during those years, which was a contributing factor in the church's attendance.

Their next church, in Willmar, also had a large congregation, with approximately 700 worshipers on a typical Sunday. Since arriving in Cushing, the Reigstads are relearning how to do church in a smaller setting, Don said.

"Big" doesn't mean better, the pastor went on. "It's just different. I have just as much joy preaching the word of God to 100 people as I do to 1,000."

He's been working hard to get to know the people in his new congregation, Pastor Don said. Because Cushing is a resort area, attendance fluctuates between the seasons. He anticipates meeting more church members when they return to the Lincoln Lakes Area this summer. Last Sunday, there were 150 people in church, the pastor said.

The Reigstads arrived at Lincoln EV Free on the heels of some painful situations at the church. "There's been a lot of hurt," he said, mentioning that 40 or 50 people had left the church prior to their coming on board.

Prayer and the Word of God are what makes all the difference in any ministry and in his own life, the pastor went on. "My conviction is that I am called to communicate the Word in ways that are practical," Don said.

Pastor Don has been encouraged by the number of young families that attend Lincoln EV Free. He noted that the church has a close association with Camp Shamineau and the youth group, led by Kelly Gelle, meets there every Wednesday night. There are also activities offered for younger children which are held at the church. During that time, parents are invited to a free meal served at the church.

As he reflected on the reason for declining church membership throughout the United States in general, Pastor Don said he believes that it's tied to the prosperity (for the most part) in America. Throughout history, it's been in times of great hardship and distress that people turn to God. However, God's blessings entail more than health and finances, which are what people mostly pray about. "We are sitting on the treasure," Pastor Don said, noting all that is available to those who seek God.

He went on to share a very difficult time in his own life. Early on in their marriage, he and Pam had a baby boy who died when he was two months old of a rare genetic disease. They would lose two grandchildren in the same way. "It has drawn our family together," Pastor Don said. "We understand that rain falls on the good and bad alike."

When he's not working at church, Don enjoys Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, kajaking and some fishing. "I just love being outdoors," he said.

And he continues to find joy in having answered the call to ministry over 50 years ago. "We may not be changing the world, but we're changing some individuals' worlds," Pastor Don said.



In his office

Don Reigstad, pastor at Lincoln Free Evangelical Church, has collected a number of books pertaining to Christianity since entering the ministry 40 years ago. He and his wife, Pam, have been at the Cushing church since last September. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Musical family shares talents



The Iversons of Staples performed a variety of heartfelt music at their concert at Motley United Methodist Church Jan. 21, showcasing their vocal, instrumentation and writing talents. Pictured above singing the a cappella folk hymn, "Down to the River to Pray," are Jeff, Lynnea, Jenessa, and Kathy Iverson. At left, Kathy (center) sings one of her original songs along with daughters Lynnea, left; and Jenessa. The concert was sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Annual predatory offender registration verifications completed in Morrison County

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen announced that his office, in cooperation with all local police departments in the county, have recently completed the annual predatory offender registration (POR) verifications for Morrison County.

Each year, the sheriff's office organizes a verification check for all predatory offenders who are on the registry and residing within the county.

It is important to note that Minnesota only began registering predatory offenders in 1991 and did not assign risk level until 1997.

Only those offenders who have been sentenced to prison and who were released after Jan. 1, 1997, have been assigned a risk level. Offenders sentenced to probation or juvenile offenders are not assigned a risk level. Level 1 offenders are those deemed by department of corrections officials as those least likely to reoffend while Level 3 offenders are considered most likely to reoffend.

During the most recent round of checks, multiple predatory offenders were checked in Morrison County. Fifty-eight predatory offenders were checked by the Morrison County Sheriff's Office, Motley Police Department, Pierz Police Department and Royalton Police Department. Of that number, 24 were Level 1 offenders, four were Level 2 offenders, one was Level 3; and 29 offenders were not assigned a risk level. Fifty-one predatory offenders were checked by the Little Falls Police Department, which are not part of the breakdown.

All individuals were found to be compliant with conditions imposed upon them. According to Sheriff Larsen it is important for us to keep tabs on the predatory offender registry. "I feel it is extremely important that these people remain aware that we know who they are and our office will continue to hold them accountable."

Complaints made against Motley Police Chief, two closed meetings held

The Motley City Council has held two closed meetings recently to discuss preliminary misconduct allegations against Motley Police Chief Ron Smith.

The meetings were held Jan. 5 and Jan. 16 at Motley City Hall. They were both closed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, Subdivision 2(b) which states: "A public body shall close one or more meetings for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority. If the members conclude that discipline of any nature may be warranted as a result of those specific charges or allegations, further meetings or hearings relating to those specific charges or allegations held after that conclusion is reached must be open. A meeting must also be open at the request of the individual who is the subject of the meeting."

The Staples World contacted the City of Motley to ask questions regarding these allegations. City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja responded, noting that she prepared her response pursuant to MN Statute 13.43 while keeping in mind that the city's Personnel Policy has a grievance process available to city employees.

Smieja confirmed that the two closed meetings had been held. A complaint had been made against Chief Smith and the complaint is pending. Smith was notified of a complaint on Jan. 4 and further complaints on Jan. 5.

The city is using shared legal services from NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance), Smieja said.

When asked if Chief Smith is still working at this time; and if not, is he on paid leave? Smieja responded that the city is unable to answer either of those questions at this time.

When asked who is providing police coverage at this time, Smieja noted that the Morrison County Sheriff's Department is always on call within the City of Motley.

The city anticipates that the disposition of this matter will be finalized on Jan. 27, Smieja said.

The Staples World contacted Chief Smith to give him the opportunity to comment on the situation. He did not have a comment.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

Recent reports from the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

Jan. 15 - The MCSO paged out the Motley Fire Dept. regarding a two-vehicle accident at Hwy 64 and 124th St. in Motley.

Jan. 15 - The MCSO received a call regarding a phone that had been stolen. The responding deputy went to an address at the 30,000 block of Hwy 10 but did not locate the phone.

Jan. 14 - The MCSO received a report of a gas drive off at Motley Express. The vehicle did not have a license plate. Responding deputy was unable to locate.

Jan. 13 - The MCSO responded to a vehicle fire at the 1000 block of Hwy 10 S in Motley.

Jan. 13 - The MCSO paged Motley First Response regarding a vehicle accident at Hwy 210 in Motley.

Jan. 12 - The MCSO received a report of a maroon Impala without a license plate that had been seen driving around the 26000 block of 40th Ave. in Cushing.

Jan. 12 - The MCSO received a call from Ortons BP Station in Motley regarding a gas theft. Subject was located later and stated he had put his card in the pump to pay. He was advised to call Ortons and resolve the matter. Ortons later reported that the subject took care of the matter.



Music teachers reunion

Several former music teachers at Staples-Motley Schools attended the Iverson Family Concert in Motley Jan. 21. Pictured above, from left, are Steve Hoemberg, Jeanne Rohr, John Wolak and Jeff Iverson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Dobson, Ross-Bahn, Ehresman show spirit

30 seconds left to make the score 1-1. "He came right back with a beautiful duck-under takedown," said Anglin. Miller gave up a last second escape to win 3-2. "He wrestled really smart and made the right moves at the right time," said Anglin.

Owen Bjerga and Dalton Holmberg each got a win to put the team up 16-15, but it was the last points the Cardinals could muster against the tough Frazee lineup.

Although they didn't win their matches, Anglin singled out three Staples-Motley wrestlers for showing the team's spirit against top wrestlers. He said Conner Dobson saved a team point by avoiding a pin against a great wrestler, Alex Ross-Bahn nearly got the first takedown, showing the team doesn't fear any wrestler, and James Ehresman lost 4-2 against a good wrestler. "That's impressive," said Anglin, "he also got a pin against C-I, so he really had a great day."

Staples-Motley will host the Mid State Conference wrestling tournament on Friday, Jan. 26, with action starting at 10 a.m.

Team results

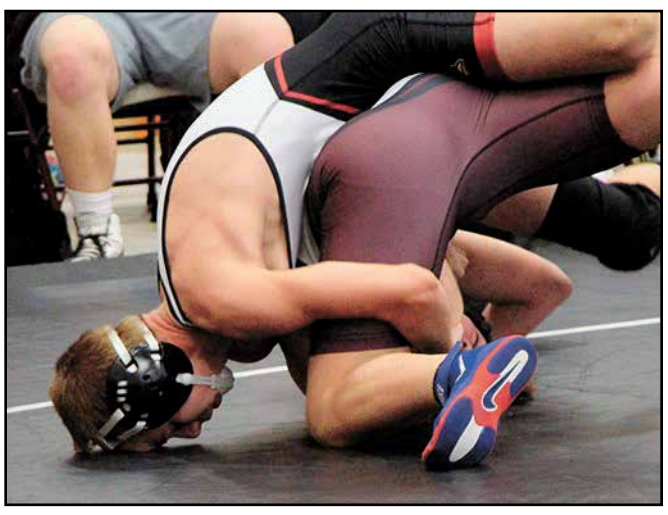
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Spin around

Jasiah Paskewitz sits out and grabs a leg to get a reversal. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Upside down on top

Brayden Christensen uses his head for leverage while working on his opponent. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals win one

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team used balanced scoring to defeat Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 61-59 on Jan. 16, then struggled in the first half in a 73-60 loss to Pequot Lakes on Jan. 19.

Against LPGE, five Cardinals scored nine points or more. They took a one point halftime deficit and pulled out a win in the second half.

Against PL, Staples-Motley struggled with rebounding and found themselves down by 20 in the first half. They made a strong comeback and cut the lead to ten several times in the second half, but never got closer than that.

Team results

Staples-Motley 61, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 59

Scoring: Josh Lombard 13, Derek Kennedy 13, Brayden Losh 13, Griffin Webster 9, Chase Davis 9, Max Giza 4

Staples-Motley 60, Pequot Lakes 73

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Moving the ball

Right, Bella Martin looks to pass in the Cardinal girls game against Hawley. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Squeezing for a fall

Kyle Serich streches out to finish his pin against Crosby-Ironton at the Don Dravis Duals. Serich had two pins on the day. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers come through for Don Dravis Duals

At the Don Dravis Duals, the Staples-Motley wrestling team beat Crosby-Ironton 73-6, overcame a tough Aitkin team 36-25, and lost to second ranked Frazee 51-16.

"We wrestled well the whole day," said Coach Dave Anglin. "We just couldn't stay with Frazee, they are a tough match."

Against Crosby-Ironton, four Cardinals won by pins, Brayden Christensen, Jonathan Lisson, James Ehresman and Kyle Serich. The Cardinals received six forfeits but two on the mat wins went to Jasiah Paskewitz, 11-1, and Dalton Holmberg, 4-2.

Against Aitkin, the Cardinals won eight of the fourteen matches, and only gave up two pins.

Against Frazee, Payton Bjerga opened the match with a big 9-1 win. "He had good matches all day," said Anglin.

After two of the ranked Frazee opponents won, Spencer Miller, ranked fourth in the state, matched up against Frazee's third ranked wrestler.

"This was the match everyone came to see," said Anglin.

After a scoreless first period, Miller earned an escape in the second and avoided some tough shots. He rode his opponent for the first minute and a half of the third period before giving up an escape with

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Hard work results in pin

James Ehresman puts his opponent into the cradle, jsut moments before turing him over for a pin. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals make late run

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team played tough against a good Hawley team, but ended up with a 51-38 loss at home on Jan. 18.

"We were ready to play and attacked the basket," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "We hit a cold spell making shots in the second half and were not able to keep pace with them."

The Cardinals made some big defensive stops late in the game and cut the Hawley lead to eight, but got no closer.

"Tabatha Allen did a great job on the boards," said Wolhowe. Allen led the team with nine rebounds, and also had two blocked shots. Kiera Dumpprope also had two shot blocks, while Bella Marting and Kaitlyn Smith had three assists each. Jenna Dvorak led the team with three steals.

Team results

Staples-Motley 38, Hawley 51

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 16, Bella Martin 7, Tabatha Allen 7, Kaitlyn Smith 3, Haley Cichos 2, Kiera Dumpprope 2, Janna Dvorak 1



Power move in the lane

Right, Tabatha Allen puts up a shot over the Hawley defense. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Critical issues facing outdoor enthusiasts

By Ray Gildow

As we enter 2018 we have much to be thankful for as outdoor enthusiasts, but we also must continue to be vigilant regarding some key issues facing those of us who love the outdoors.

Wolves

The wolf population in Minnesota is growing to levels that are creating problems for people and animals. Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar has cosponsored a bill, S-164, that would delist wolves allowing for hunting and trapping in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. This has been an uphill battle with the federal courts in the past and promises to be a challenge in the future. The wolf population in northwest Minnesota has taken a real toll on livestock and moose. In 2018 it will be interesting to see if any progress can made legislatively regarding delisting of the wolf, making it possible to hunt or trap them.

CWD

Chronic Wasting Disease, a slow developing disease that can kill deer, moose, elk and caribou, has been found in a number of deer in southeast Minnesota over the past few years. The very good news is that testing done in central Minnesota did not find any new cases of the disease. No one knows how the disease got into southeastern Minnesota but we now know that we must be vigilant in keeping the disease out of the rest of the state. The cooperation from hunters to keep this disease at bay has been excellent.

AIS

Aquatic Invasive Species, a term that has become too recognizable because of zebra mussels, spiny water fleas, curly pond leaf and other invasive plants and organisms that are now found in Minnesota lakes and rivers where they are creating serious problems. Only about five percent of Minnesota waters are currently infected with these invasive species but unfortunately the number of lakes and rivers at risk is growing every year. It's up to all of us to do our best to prevent the further spread of these species to waters not yet infected. This is a battle that's not going to go away but one we must continue to fight.

Loss of habitat

From Minnesota prairies to the great forests of the north we're slowly losing habitat for wildlife. Now is not the time to stop the fight to preserve the habitat that we have left. There is hope. Great work is being done by groups like the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever and Trout Unlimited. There are other groups that are making efforts to preserve and recover habitat that can be used by all Minnesotans. The preservation of habitat is a critical issue that needs support from everyone who loves the outdoors.

These are just a few of the critical issues that need the attention of all who love the outdoors.

Signs point to weakening wildlife and environment protections

In the final days before Christmas, as many of us were double-checking our gift lists to make sure we were set for the holiday, Americans also got a gift – so-called – from the U.S. Department of the Interior. This department has primary responsibility for drafting regulations by which environmental laws are interpreted and enforced. Though down through the years its directions have shifted somewhat, depending on which political party held the White House, on balance it can be said that the agency has done a pretty good job of guiding the nation's stewardship of our wildlife and natural resources.

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That direction took what many see as an ominous turn on December 22nd when the Interior Department announced in a legal memorandum a new interpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. This treaty dates back exactly 100 years, to 1918, and is now a pact with Canada, Mexico, Russia and Japan. These are the participants in the treaty because many migratory birds travel to, or over, these nations on their sojourns from breeding to wintering grounds.

The original treaty in 1918 was between the United States and Great Britain, which a century ago was still formally acting on behalf of Canada in treaty matters. Canada was – for the greater part of several centuries – an extension of Great Britain, with ties even closer than those we have today with Puerto Rico, or the Philippines.

The most important benefit of the original treaty was its ending of unrestricted market hunting of migratory birds. Sport hunting of ducks and geese quite probably could not have been sustained into present times were it not for this treaty ending ungoverned exploitation of migratory birds for commercial sale. Some species were hunted for food, including serving in some of the nation's finest restaurants. Nests were plundered of their eggs for consumption, too. Some birds – like herons, egrets, and sea birds – were hunted for their feathers, used to adorn fashionable ladies' hats, or to stuff pillows and quilts.

Inevitably, and fortunately, the original nations – and those that entered the agreement later in four supporting treaties – came to place similar value on birds that were not hunted, but were valued for their place in the web of life and biodiversity. These, too, needed protection to sustain their populations and shield them from the threat of extirpation or outright extinction. They include not only the songbirds that are part of the daily lives of so many of us, but such nongame species as herons, gulls, eagles and other raptors, many of which travel across international borders.

The language in the Migratory Bird Treaty states that "…it shall be illegal to hunt, take, capture, kill… by any means whatever… at any time or in any manner, any migratory bird..." As we know, exceptions were built into the treaty to allow for the regulated harvest of traditional game birds, such as ducks and geese, at reasonable levels that do not threaten their survival.

We've all heard the expression "there's a new sheriff in town." Nothing could be more apt as a description of the memo issued by the Interior Department just before Christmas. It was drafted by the U.S. Solicitor General, the office that represents the administration before the Supreme Court, and which answers to the U.S. Attorney General – the latter appointed by the president.

In the legal jargon familiar in such pronouncements, the Solicitor General's memo states that the Migratory Bird Treaty will only be considered violated if a person – or a company – is "…engaged in an activity the object of which is to render an animal subject to human control."

In plain English, this means that the Migratory Bird Treaty Act will be considered violated only when a person or company intentionally does something that harms or controls wildlife. If migratory birds are killed by some other activity – like open storage of oil drilling waste, or routing a power line through a wildlife sanctuary – the harm done would not be a treaty violation because it was unintended, in military terms, "collateral damage." This Interior Department memo created a loophole generous enough to forgive nearly any act that might formerly have been a violation.

If the pre-Christmas timing of this memo was intended to be "under the radar," and avoid poking a hornet's nest, it failed. Not only conservation organizations – such as the Audubon Society – but former leaders in the Interior Department were quick to challenge it. The message consistently sent to current Secretary of the Interior Ryan Rinke was that this would effectively make the Migratory Bird Treaty meaningless. How could it be proved, except in such flagrant cases as illegal hunting, that an action that harmed migratory wildlife was intentional?

Most impressive of the condemnations was a letter directed to Secretary Zinke, signed by 17 officials who had served under Republican and Democratic presidents from 1971 to 2017. Their titles showed them to be at the highest levels of government service, from Secretary of the Interior, to Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to other officials entrusted specifically with migratory bird management.

They stressed that over this nearly half-century period, federal agencies have worked with the public "to ensure that the enforcement of this law fairly balances the goal of economic progress with the impact of that progress" on wildlife. They also pointed out that multiple levels of U.S. courts have rejected the stance now being taken by the Interior Department.

If this step toward relaxing laws that protect wildlife were unique, it might be troubling, but could be viewed as an isolated case of questionable judgment. But it is consistent with other actions recently taken by the Interior Department. One is a plan to scale back the size of several remote or wilderness areas with National Monument status – similar to national parks – so that oil, gas, and mineral exploration can be done there. Another was the agency's recent statement that it will no longer object to copper and nickel mining leases in an area through which rivers flow directly into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). The agency favors, and recent legislation now authorizes, opening Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and natural gas exploration.

There's no denying that there should be a reasonable balance between the needs of wild creatures and the needs of humans who share the planet with them. But it's equally undeniable that it's not just "tree huggers" who are concerned about the direction we seem to be taking in environmental stewardship. Objectors include many who have served in high places in both conservative and liberal administrations. When such fears are so clearly bipartisan, they seem much more convincing than Chicken Little's cry that "the sky is falling."