

Ultramarathoner Bestland was born to run

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

About four or five years ago, while doing mission work in the Copper Canyon area of Mexico, Ben Bestland of Staples was introduced to the indigenous Tarahumara people, known for their long-distance running.

That encounter led to Ben's reading the book, "Born to Run," by Christopher McDougall, a best-selling author who traveled to the Copper Canyon to learn the secrets of the Tarahumara, described in his book as "A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen."

"It's a great story and it gets you thinking," Ben said during a rare free moment at his home in Staples.

The father of six children (ages pre-school to college), Ben works as a driver for Lakewood Health

System, has a farrier business, plays amateur baseball and is a junior varsity coach. He and his wife, Melanie, are also active at their church.

Inspired by McDougall's book, Ben decided to add running ultramarathons to his schedule.

An ultramarathon, he explained, is any footrace longer than the traditional marathon length of 42.195 kilometers (26.219 miles).

Ben wondered if he could do it, but realized he wouldn't know the answer unless he tried it for himself. "Let's go find out," he recalled saying.

Now 45, Ben has gone on to run several ultra races... including both 50K's (31 miles) and 100-mile races.

The races have brought him all over the United States. He's run in the deserts of Arizona, the mountains of Washington and the rugged terrain of the Superior National Forest, to name a few of the places. "You get to see all these cool things," Ben said of his journeys. Along the way, he's gotten to "meet nice, cool people. It's been fun."

Ben recalled meeting a guy from Illinois who is the co-director for the longest running marathon in Haiti; a woman from Tennessee who finished her 100th 100-mile race at one



After the race

Ben Bestland of Staples keeps all of the race bibs he's worn while participating at ultramarathons. The bibs contain a number used to identify runners in a race. He is pictured at his home a few weeks after competing at the Superior 100 Mile Race, along with his race bib and belt buckle awarded to all finishers. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

of the ultramarathons Bestland competed at; and running alongside a young man with an inoperable brain tumor. "We spent 26 miles together," he said, adding that the young man dropped out of the race at the 50-mile mark.

"Where else do you get to meet people like that?" Ben said.

He's also met up with a few runners from his home state who share his same passion for ultramarathons. They are part of the local trail running community and offer each other support, advice and camaraderie. At the Superior 100 mile race last September, Ben was joined by fellow runners Jill Maine, Ryan Yearly and Julie Moulton, a writer who chronicled details of the event and Bestland's experiences in her blog, Alpine Start.

"The Superior 100 mile race is the race of the Midwest," Moulton shared in her post entitled, DFL... The last man across the finish. "It is a rugged course on a difficult trail through remote Superior National Forest. It will separate the seed from the chaff. It will measure you. It will weigh your worth. You will climb two thousand feet higher than the summit Kilimanjaro over the Sawtooth Mountains, and descend just as far.

You will cross rivers and traverse the volcanic remnants of ancient glacial scouring. You will be running between through this wild, rocky landscape for up to 38 hours, and you will be mostly alone."

Moulton writes of the obstacles Ben encountered along the way, including developing severe trench foot after crossing a deep river during a section of the course. "I was up to my waist in water for about 30 ft.," Ben shared. Moulton taped up his blistered feet and Ben soldiered on, in spite of the painful blisters. He finished the race in the nick of time, coming in at last place.

In her blog, Moulton describes the physical highs and lows ultramarathon runners experience, as well as the mental and emotional walls that go with the territory. Ben Bestland has experienced them all.

Starting at around 18 miles is when he starts hitting multiple physical and mental walls, Ben said. He first hits a runner's high, a time "where everything feels good again for a little while," he said. That high sometimes lasts for a couple of hours and sometimes just 10 minutes. Ben recalled hitting

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Hello, Readers,
Our World has hundreds of nations with thousands of cultures that stretch back into pre-history, and throughout all that time we've had countless religions rise to prominence. Whether you're Hindu, Jewish, Catholic, Shinto, Buddhist, or one of a million other faiths, World Religion Day, Jan. 18, is your chance to share your culture with others and take an opportunity to learn from others about theirs. World Religion Day was first celebrated in Portland, Maine, under the title of "World Peace Through World Religion." Firuz Kazemzadeh hosted the talk in Eastland Park Hotel in October of 1947, since then the observance of this day has spread throughout the world with the center being held at various locations with strong authors, educators, and philosophers speaking about the importance of World Religions. The focus of this holiday is to spread awareness and knowledge of the thousands of religions practiced in the world today, and a sharing of tolerance and understanding between people of all faiths.

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Staples City Council agrees on union wages

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved union contracts, committee appointments and other organizational business at their Jan. 9 meeting.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said negotiations with unions for employees are complete, with a two and a half percent wage increase for all three unions. The city employees use EBEW Local Union 31, LELS Local Union 422 and AFSCME Local Union No. 3628.

Nelsen said the contracts include an increase in severance pay by two days, an increase in cloth-

ing allowance and an increase in retirement matching.

Board appointments

The council appointed two board members to the new marketing committee board that oversees the funds generated by the new lodging tax. Three council members said they would like to be a part of the board, but there are only two council positions on the board. After deciding to approve by a ballot, the council voted Chris Etzler and Mary Theurer to the board, with Doug Case left off the board.

The board approved council members Roy See **COUNCIL** on page 2a



Birds on a wire

Sparrows gather on a grain bin diving for feed at Olson's Custom Farm store in Staples on a cold January, 2018 day. Some enjoy the view from the upper level window. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Todd County departments need help

But none seems available

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

While several departments in the county are seeking employees, two departments who asked for help at the Todd County Commissioner meeting Jan. 16 were left with one tabled request and another that felt rather hopeless from the get-go.

The first employee action approved for the auditor/treasurer's office led to the second request which ended up getting tabled.

The first action was to promote

Jolene Sabrowsky to chief deputy auditor/treasurer effective Jan. 21.

Background

The chief deputy auditor/treasurer position was established on Jan. 18, 2000, with its own job description and Hay Study wage valuation to which Karen Busch was promoted.

On Jan. 29, 2002, Peggy Anderson was promoted to this position after Busch was appointed auditor/treasurer.

On July 31, 2007, Denise Gaida was promoted to this position after Anderson retired.

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, Gaida was appointed as interim auditor/treasurer due to the retirement of Busch.

Gaida has since been elected

Todd County Auditor/Treasurer which solidified the vacancy for chief deputy auditor/treasurer.

This position was included in the Springsted Study with its own job description/duties and grade placement was assigned.

The chief deputy auditor/treasurer position, besides being determined as statutorily necessary, is a vital role in the County Auditor/Treasurer's Office primarily in property tax calculations, day-to-day management of office workload and support in the case of vacancy of the county auditor/treasurer position.

After interviews it was determined that Sabrowsky was the qualified candidate to fill the position which led to an opening for

deputy auditor/treasurer to fill the vacancy created.

The deputy auditor/treasurer performs work of considerable difficulty including the daily management of the county's complex financial systems, property tax collection, election administration support and other related work.

According to Gaida, multiple presentations have been made to the Personnel Committee and administration's recommendation is to move forward with recruitment to fill the vacant position.

Without discussion, Chair Randy Neumann asked the board to table the action. He said he felt the board needed more time to gather information. He suggested

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Over \$1 million in taxes prepaid in Todd County

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

In a typical year, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida said that her office will see \$50,000-\$60,000 in prepaid real estate taxes.

However, it's a little different this year.

"As of Dec. 31, 2017, we collected \$998,860.95 in 2018 Prepaid Real Estate Taxes," Gaida said. "With online credit card payments we are well over a million

dollars that has been collected."

But why did people around the United States rush to prepay their property taxes this year?

"Under President Trump's new tax laws there was a benefit for people to take advantage of paying their 2018 property taxes in 2017," Gaida said.

According to a story in the Washington Post dated Dec. 27, the "Internal Revenue Service released guidelines on who can prepay 2018 property taxes,

saying taxpayers could do so only (in) limited circumstances: If the local tax authority has already told a taxpayer how much they owe in property taxes for 2018, and if the taxpayer makes payment on what they owe before the end of the year. The guidelines came after people around America had already rushed to prepay property taxes in hopes of taking full advantage of the property tax deduction one last time before the new Republican tax bill, signed into

law recently by President Trump, and took effect Jan. 1, 2018. The bill limits the value of the deduction."

You had to have paid your property taxes prior to Jan. 1, 2018 to have any benefit from this change.

Gaida said that many who did prepay did so under the advice of their tax preparer.

"This law change coming in at the end of the year, did cause a lot more work for our office as year-end is always a very busy time settling out 2017 records

and preparing for 2018. To take on additional tax payments during this time was stressful, as taxpayers were flooding the phones and office with questions and payments the last two weeks of December," said Gaida.

She said her staff went the extra mile in getting all of the prepaid taxes processed and posted for 2017 and put in extra hours during the holidays to serve the taxpayers of Todd County.

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Art students to show barn quilts in Little Falls

A collaborative art project by Staples-Motley High School students under the direction of Jill Schneider will be unveiled at Sprout's Growers & Makers Marketplace Saturday, Jan. 27.

Six, 4 ft. x 4 ft. barn quilts will be unveiled at 1 p.m. at the Marketplace at 609 13th Ave NE, Door 8, Little Falls. The quilts will be on display at Sprout for two years before they eventually settle at Pequot Lakes businesses.

One of the six quilts will remain at Sprout in Little Falls. The project was inspired by the Central Minnesota Barn Quilt Trail.

Activities at the Marketplace will begin at 10 a.m. with live music by the Americana string band, The Song of My People (TSOMP). TSOMP brings a mix of acoustic and electric guitar, drum set, banjo, mandolin and upright acoustic bass.

Food producers, artisans, and artists will fill their vendor booths with handmade, homemade

products.

In addition to the free entertainment, a cooking demonstration of a traditional Amish recipe by Chef Jason Eslinger of Iron Range Eatery, Crosby will be at 12:30 p.m.

Visitors to the Sprout that day are encouraged to check out the custom stage rug woven by Mary Yoder, an Amish community member from Sebeka. Yoder, who is self taught in weaving, learned her skill on a treasured family loom passed down from her grandmother.

The Feb. 24 market will include live music with the Stearns County Pachanga Society (SCPS), an ever-evolving, growing organic musical experiment that combines the participatory musical spirit of Cuban Cabildos, Brazilian Samba clubs and Spanish Charangas. Pan Flute player Mario Arroyo will also perform that day as well in February. In the kitchen there'll be a Spanish tortilla cooking demonstration by Francisco Cocran.



Inspiring music at basketball game

The Central Minnesota Boys Choir sang Hail Minnesota and the Star Spangled Banner before the boys basketball game on Jan. 11, directed by Mary Moen. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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County Recorder has little hope that temporary job will be filled

tabling the action for 90 days.

Commissioner Barb Becker said that she thought 60 days was more appropriate because the new election equipment was coming in April and the new employee would need to know how to use/administer it.

The board tabled the request to recruit for this position for 60 days.

The next request was for emergency staffing authorization for the Recorder's Office.

Background

Recorder Cheryl Perish gave a brief overview of the responsibilities of her office and how more responsibilities have been added over the years.

The Todd County Recorder and Registrar of Titles Office is generally staffed with four people.

Currently the staffing level has dropped to two. One person is on pre-approved leave and another position is vacant because that staff person transferred to another county office.

With only two employees, the office is unable to meet its daily deadlines and perform the duties assigned to the office.

The county recorder/registrar of title is requesting that the county commissioners authorize the coordinator to assist the recorder/registrar in recruiting and hiring one temporary employee to assist in continuing to provide the services that the taxpayers, title professionals, county and state expect.

Perish listed a number of things that she has either stepped away from completely or cut back on so that she can be at the office to do what she was

elected to do.

Additionally, another staff will be going on vacation the week of Feb. 5 leaving Perish to operate the office by herself.

She said she could not run the office by herself. She checked on closing the office, but she would not be able to close it for a week.

Becker asked how long "temporary" would be?

Perish said she wasn't sure and also didn't know how long her person on leave would be gone.

Hatch said that an emergency hire could be no more than 67 days.

Because Perish's office also handles driver's licensing, Becker said if that part was not open, it will affect several people.

Perish said she has already had to turn two people away because, while she can start people on the forms that need to be filled out, she doesn't do the other parts of the driver's license process.

She said that the deputy registrars have not shown interest in handling driver's licenses. She also said that this is an added service her office could discontinue.

While the board authorized Coordinator Joe Hatch to work with the County Recorder/Registrar of Titles to recruit and hire one temporary employee to assist the office in providing service, Perish said she had doubts that she will be able to get someone who can do the work of her office.

In other business the board:

Appointed Bonnie Thoele to serve the remainder of a term on the Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority Board. Current HRA Board Member Judy Petrie has resigned her position because she has moved outside of the district. Her term expires in September.

Becker said that Thoele is from District 1 and is well qualified to fill the position.

Approved the Public Works Department to purchase one truck from Nuss Truck & Equipment and plow equipment from Towmaster Truck Equipment for a total cost of \$213,941.39.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a sawmill was made by Benjamin Yoder in Bartlett Township. The Planning Commission voted to deny the case on the grounds that the applicant failed to appear twice after being notified of the requirement to appear to represent the request at a public hearing.

The commissioners denied the CUP request.

The board approved remanding a case back to the Planning Commissioner on March 1 with instruction to develop findings for and against the

proposed CUP.

A request made by Emmanuel Byler for a CUP to operate a retail greenhouse in an AF-2 zoning district was denied at the commissioners Dec. 19, 2017, meeting.

No findings for denial were developed for the case. Cases such as this can be reconsidered through a process of remanding the case back to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission can be directed to develop a set of findings supporting granting or denial of the case. The case can then be re-considered by the commissioners.

Approved the Todd County Sheriff's Office to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Mille Lacs County and Central Minnesota Emergency Services Board (CMNESB). The purpose of this MOU is to establish the framework to facilitate the receiving and processing of Text to 911 requests with the CMNESB and Mille Lacs County.

Sheriff Don Asmus said that he expects them to be able to receive the Text to 911 "calls" some time this summer.

Minnesota Statutes requires the setting of the minimum salary for auditor/treasurer, recorder, sheriff and county attorney for the year 2019.

The minimum salaries are hereby established as follows:

- County Attorney \$98,500
- County Auditor/Treasurer \$75,000
- County Recorder \$60,715.20
- County Sheriff \$88,501

Hatch said that these would be the minimums if a new person ran for the position and were elected.

He said that the board could always adjust them to a higher amount.

The sheriff's salary is about 20 percent below the market, so Hatch listed the current sheriff salary for that amount as he said he didn't think they should go lower on that one.

The last time the board set the minimum salary amounts was in 2010, but Hatch said it is a requirement.

In November the board authorized the movement of Human Resources Manager Karla Nalezny to human resources specialist starting in 2018.

This created an opening for a human resources manager.

Hatch and the Personnel Committee have interviewed candidates for the position and the board approved offering the position to Sara Ogren.

Hatch said that Ogren has 20 years of experience in human resources and brings great qualifications.

Because of her experience, the Personnel Committee recommended hiring her at Grade 14 Step 9, or \$38.89 per hour. Her start date will be January 22. The offer is conditional based on reference and background check completion.

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Annual appointments made

Miles and Mary Theurer to the Public Works Commission, and Mayor Chris Etzler to the Airport Board. Staples citizens approved for board spots included Jeff Weitemier for the Airport Board, Janet Kiley, Bruce Drone and Ryan Wright for Planning and Zoning, Libby Isenberg for Parks and Recreation, Drone, Miles and Brian Niemann for the Board of Adjustment, and council member Ron Murray for Community Corrections.

The board also approved nine names to be submitted for the city charter commission: Stan Carlson, Doug Case, Chris Etzler, Doug Fahnlander, Mary Jo Goff, Roy Miles, Bruce Nelsen, Joel Quance and

Mary Theurer.

In other news, the council

Designated Staples World as the official newspaper.

Approved official depositories: First International, Mid-Central Federal, Mid-Minnesota Federal, Unity Bank, Wells Fargo, United Bankers, Bank of North Dakota.

Approved appointment of mayor and city administrator to the Staples Firefighters Relief Association Board.

Approved bid of \$117,850 to Magney Construction of Chanhassen for water treatment facility clarifier rehabilitation. It was the lowest of five bids.



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Coordinator Hatch may have additional duties

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd County Solid Waste Department has been without a department head for several months with the death of Mike Hanen who had been the director.

Transfer Station Supervisor Jeremy Clasemann has been overseeing things in the meantime with the help of County Coordinator Joe Hatch when needed.

At their Jan. 2 work session, the Todd County Commissioners discussed the department head position, what is needed and the possibility of Hatch filling the role of department head.

Background

At the Nov. 15, 2017, Solid Waste meeting the commissioners directed Hatch to collect position descriptions for a Solid Waste Director or similar position and then present them to the board at a future work session.

Additionally, the commissioners discussed ending the contract with Ottertail County for services for a department head.

The commissioners discussed the desire of having an internal staff person take over leadership for the Solid Waste Department.

Position descriptions

Staff collected position descriptions from Stevens, Hubbard, Crow Wing and Mille Lacs counties.

Generally, it would be recommended additional duties be assigned to whomever the board chooses to oversee the department. Staff feels the following duties should be included;

- Oversee and direct the operations and staff
- Ensure compliance with all federal, state and local laws pertaining to solid waste and landfill operations
- Coordinate the planning of all operations
- Manage and develop the operational and capital budget for the department

• Represent Todd County with all solid waste partnerships (Perham)

Recommendation

The staff seeks direction on how to proceed. Next steps could include drafting a position description and sending it to Springsted for review. Once the review has been completed the position description and authorization appointing the new director could be formally brought with the additional duties added before the board for approval.

After reviewing the information Hatch said that he felt he could add this to his duties.

"There is still a lot to do in administration and I plan to continue it," said Hatch.

Clasemann said that he had been coming to the commissioners and Hatch for what he needed for support. He added if Hatch were to get the position, they would set up an office with Clasemann and Hatch at the transfer station.

Hatch felt that in addition to supervisory duties, he could help with staff development among other things.

He said that initially he would probably be at the transfer station one day a week, sorting out what the issues were and working closely with Clasemann and the other staff.

He believes his direct involvement would slow down once he had a handle on it.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked if Hatch the licenses he needed?

Hatch said that all of the staff at the landfill have the licenses necessary. To get what he would need is a two-day course, but he may not need it.

"I am confident I could get it," he said.

Commissioner David Kircher said, "Jeremy's done a good job. Mike did, too. I think we should appoint Joe to be the director there so he can help Jeremy out."

Due to the close proximity of the transfer station (it's eight miles from Long Prairie to the facility located in Browerville), Kircher felt that Hatch could attend the solid waste meetings, keep the board informed and also form a connection with the other committees like the Perham board.

Kircher added that Hatch could bring his organizational skills and help with the budget process at the Solid Waste Department.

"My suggestion is that this goes back to the personnel committee to work out the details," said Kircher.

Chair Rod Erickson, said that it was his suggestion, too, but that he did have some concerns about time.

"But Joe seems very comfortable with it," said Erickson.

Hatch said he would work on a job description to share with the personnel committee. After that, it would go to Springsted and then back to the personnel committee.

Becker said she would also like to see them proceed with Hatch filling the position.

Kircher asked if there was any urgency to appointing Hatch. He asked if they could appoint him as the interim director?

Hatch said that he's already worked with Clasemann on personnel issues and other things as best he can.

Clasemann said, "He's been a big help. I've called him a few times and he's been a big help."

Kircher, addressing Clasemann, said, "I know we've left you hanging out there with no direction."

He further suggested that between now and their meeting on Jan. 16, the board should explore if they should appoint Hatch an interim director.

Hatch said he would work on the job description and bring it to the personnel committee the following week.



League of Legends receives sponsorship

The Staples-Motley League of Legends video game team received a \$500 check from CTC, a digital services company in Brainerd. The donation came about through the efforts of the team advisor, Dawn Paurus.

Pictured, CTC representative Kelly Burns, center, hands a check to Bryce Weber and Dominic Simon, who gave a presentation to CTC when requesting the funds.

Other teammates pictured, front, Christian Cassidy and Dylan Cameron set the scene; back, from left, Bailey Anderson, Gaten Fleischacker, Kayla DeYoung, Jordan Lundquist, Holden Fleischacker, advisor David Simon, Zeke Cline, Alex Deegan, Hope Ratajczak, Paul Peterson, Jeremy Stultz and Connor Macheel. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

League of Legends has plans for funds

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

"It's a great fit," CTC representative Kelly Burns said about her company sponsoring the Staples-Motley League of Legends team. The company donated \$500 to the team to purchase equipment and help them plan a trip to Jamestown University in North Dakota, a college that recruits high school students for their video game leagues.

League of Legends is a popular online game played with teams of five. The game is played competitively by schools and clubs across the world.

CTC provides phone services for the

school and is increasing their internet output in Staples. Burns said after Dominic Simon and Bryce Weber presented what the Staples-Motley team is doing, they felt it was a great project to sponsor. Since League of Legends is not a Minnesota State High School League activity, they're able to have outside sponsors.

Weber said not only does League of Legends provide a fun outlet for video game fans, it's also helped him with his school work.

"Before League of Legends, I was a truant kid, I didn't love school," he said. Now I have a reason to go to school and I am getting straight A's," said Weber.

Ask a Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow of the Minnesota State Patrol

Question: With the recent temperatures below zero in the area, can you give some tips on what should be in your vehicle and what to do if your car stalls or gets stuck.

Answer: When the temperatures are well below zero, it can result in a life threatening situation if you are not prepared. Having a safety plan and emergency kit in your vehicle can save your life.

If stranded, stay in the vehicle, call 911. Provide the dispatcher with the following information:

- Problem you're experiencing.
- Your location (Get in the habit of looking for mile markers and cross streets/roadways).
- Any injuries to yourself or passengers.
- Preferred tow company, otherwise the closest approved tow company will be dispatched.

At night, keep your dome light on and activate the vehicle's emergency flashers.

Be aware that snow can plug your vehicle's exhaust system and cause deadly carbon monoxide gas to enter your car so make sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow and keep a window slightly open while the engine is running.

Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained and that you have at least a half of a tank of fuel.

Slow down and use winter driving skills to avoid crashing or going off the road.

Be patient, as law enforcement and the towing companies may be busy with other calls. We will get there as soon as possible.

We recommend the following items be in your vehicle, especially in the winter:

- Cell phone and car charger
- Snow shovel

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Window washer solvent
- Ice scraper with brush
- Jumper cables
- Tow chain or rope
- Extra warm clothing (gloves, hats, scarves) and blankets
- Warning devices (flares or triangles)
- Drinking water
- Non-perishable snacks for both human and pet passengers
- First-aid kit
- Basic toolkit (screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench)
- Bag of abrasive material (sand, salt, cat litter) or traction mats

If you have any questions concerning traffic related laws or issues in Minnesota, send your questions to Trp. Jesse Grabow - Minnesota State Patrol. You can follow him on Twitter @MSPPPIO_NW or reach him at jesse.grabow@state.mn.us.

Warning issued about utility shut-off scams

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

Minnesota is a state with four seasons. When temperatures spike over 90 or dip below zero degrees, it can be crucial to keep your power on. People count on electricity to fuel our technology. Scam artists threaten to turn off utility services if people don't "pay up."

It could happen like this: "Ben" got a call at work from someone who purported to be from his company's electric utility company. The caller claimed Ben's company was behind on its electric bill and said that the power would be shut off if a payment was not made within an hour. Ben told the caller he would check with his bookkeeper and call back. The bookkeeper said all payments were current. The utility company then confirmed that Ben's business did not have a late balance and it had not placed the call.

How the scam works

A person or organization receives a call from someone who claims to represent the utility company. Most often, the individual claims the person or organization is behind on their electric bill and threatens to shut down the power soon if the money is not paid. The scam artists usually ask people to pay the "balance" via prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The scam artist may try to create a sense of urgency to prevent the person or business from verifying the legitimacy of the call. While scam artists most often impersonate electric utilities, scammers sometimes impersonate other utility companies, such

as television providers or water utility companies.

How to protect yourself or your organization

There are steps you can take to protect yourself:

- **Verify the legitimacy of the call before acting.** Before sending money to someone demanding payment, verify that the call actually came from your utility company by calling the number on your bill or on its website. Scam artists will sometimes "spoof" the real number for a utility company, so even if your caller ID shows the company's official number, it is best to hang up and call back if the call seems suspicious.
- **Beware of unusual payment methods.** If the caller demands you send payment via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer, that is generally a red flag that the call is part of a scam. Prepaid debit cards and wire transfers are difficult to trace, and it can be almost impossible to recover the money once it is sent.

- Be careful providing information over the phone and online. It is a good rule of thumb to avoid providing any information—including credit card numbers, checking account information, or other personal information—over the phone to people who call you.
- **Most utility companies will allow you to mail payment directly to the company, or pay via a secured website.** If you feel suspicious about a caller telling you to make a payment via a website, check to make sure the website is secure. A secure website name starts with "https://"—remember the "s" is for secure. In general,

"http://" websites are vulnerable to attack.

- **Don't be rushed.** If a caller tries to keep you on the phone to prevent you from verifying the call, or says you must pay immediately to prevent your power from being disconnected, the call may not be legitimate. Tell the caller you would like to verify the call is legitimate and then call back at a trusted number for the company.

Reporting utility shut-off scam calls

If you receive a utility shut-off scam call, you should report it to your utility company. You should also report the call to your local police department or sheriff's office.

You can also report utility shut-off scams to the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"), which has the authority to enforce federal laws regulating nuisance calls and interstate fraud over the telephone. The FTC may be reached as follows:

Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center; 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20580; or 877-382-4357; or www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov

For more information, or to file a complaint, contact the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson at:

Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson; 445 Minnesota St, Ste 1400, St. Paul MN 55101; Twin Cities calling area; 651-296-3353;

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- 10: many felt it was inappropriate to leave until the Timberwolves had a winning season.
- 9: many come here thinking the bowling season is longer.
- 8: 10,000 lakes. Ice fishing. Need I say more?
- 7: Minnesota Nice
- 6: Super Bowl!!! here!
- 5: Only in Minnesota - Polka church!
- 4: Minnesota #1 place to retire - survey
- 3: people from California move here. hearing lutefish is a wonder drug.
- 2: people come here thinking the cold cuts down on crime (haha)
- 1: some stay, claiming marijuana lefsa is just around the corner

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Choose: Nonviolence or non-existence

By Rev. John Dear
PeaceVoice

It was early 1968. Since the previous spring Martin Luther King, Jr. had been pursuing a course that for many was unthinkable. He had deliberately connected the dots between the movement for civil rights and the struggle to end the war in Vietnam and had paid the price. He was roundly criticized by the Johnson administration and the media, as well as people in his own movement. From the right he was attacked for having the gall to question U.S. foreign policy. From the left he was lambasted for losing focus and not keeping his eyes on the prize.

He even got it from a childhood friend who stopped by the house one afternoon to vent.

"Why are you speaking out against the Vietnam War?" he carped.

King put aside his customary oratory. "When I speak about nonviolence," he patiently explained, "I mean nonviolent all the way."

As David Garrow's classic biography of King, *Bearing the Cross*, reports, he went on to say, "Never could I advocate nonviolence in this country and not advocate nonviolence for the whole world. That's my philosophy. I don't believe in death and killing on any side, no matter who's heading it up - whether it be America or any other country. Nonviolence is my stand and I'll die for that stand."

A few months later King was dead, but not before making one last, indelible declaration of the existential importance of nonviolence.

Standing before the jammed crowd at the Mason Temple in Memphis the night before his death, King linked his life wisdom with a pithy and resounding appraisal of our global predicament: "The choice before us is no longer vio-

lence or nonviolence," he said. "It's nonviolence or non-existence."

This April marks the 50th anniversary of King's assassination - and of King's clear warning. This is a moment not simply for remembering a great leader cut down in his prime but also for seriously contemplating the acute clarity of his assessment and what it means for us today.

Sadly, in the same way that warnings of climate change have mostly been dismissed for decades, Dr. King's stark framing of the pivotal choice before us - nonviolence or non-existence - was steadfastly ignored over the past half-century as the United States lurched from another seven years of the Vietnam War to decades of war in Central America, Iraq, Afghanistan and many other places, even as the violence of racial injustice, economic inequality, environmental destruction, nuclear proliferation, gun deaths, armed drones and many other forms of violence spiraled out of control. Indeed, over these decades we have consistently opted for violence even as we have shunned the word "nonviolence," as if it were the most dangerous word in the English language.

Now, 50 years on, King's words take on more weight with each passing hour.

Fifty years after the watershed year of 1968, we are at another watershed, and Dr. King has put the fundamental choice before us. This is the Year of "Nonviolence or Nonexistence."

Like his childhood friend, all of us must learn his wisdom of active nonviolence and rise to the occasion as Dr. King did and choose active nonviolence if we are to not go over the brink.

Kingian nonviolence calls for active, universal love toward all human beings, all creatures and all creation, that refuses to kill or be silent in the face of killing. It is a way of life, a spiritual path, and a po-

litical methodology toward peaceful conflict resolution and global justice.

It means striving to be nonviolent to ourselves and to those around us, trying to be nonviolent toward all the creatures and the environment, and doing our part to build up the global grassroots movements of active nonviolence for a new culture of justice, equality, and peace.

"A culture of nonviolence is not an impossible dream," Pope Francis said recently, following up on his 2017 World Day of Peace message, "Nonviolence - A New Style of Politics," the first statement on nonviolence in the history of the Catholic Church.

But our culture of violence begs to differ. "No, Pope Francis," it says, "a culture of nonviolence is an impossible dream. No, Dr. King, there is no choice; non-existence is inevitable." Deep down, that's what we think, isn't it? That's what the culture of violence, the voice of despair, tells us.

If we give in to such despair, then our fate is sealed. But this need not be how things turn out.

The ironic good news is that never before have so many nonviolent movements existed in this country and around the globe.

The world is on the march for the nonviolent option, and we, too, can opt for active, creative and powerful nonviolence - and not for the trajectory of nonexistence - by joining them in this critical year. It's our most important choice ever.

In 2018, may we, like Martin Luther King, Jr., "mean nonviolent all the way."

PeaceVoice is a program of the Oregon Peace Institute devoted to changing U.S. national conversation about the possibilities of peace and justice and the inadvisability of war and injustice. Rev. John Dear is a contributing author. For more information see www.peacevoice.info.

Elementary youth are being kind, helpful

As we return to Staples-Motley Elementary School from our ridiculously frigid Christmas break, we like to reflect on some of the positives our great school is displaying.

Without a doubt our students' academic performance both school and district-wide is a mainstay at ISD 2170, but what about the amazing things we're seeing from a social and behavioral standpoint?

It's great to hear our daily announcements and the wonderful bucket fillers our youth are exhibiting on a regular basis. If you're unaware of what a bucket filler is, it's when a student does something helpful without being asked, complimenting or saying something kind to another individual.

Our Cardinal youth are showing such kind traits and being deliberate in the way they ap-

Staples-Motley Schools



By Jeremiah Piepkorn
Staples-Motley Elementary Behavior Specialist
Teacher

proach their peers as well as the staff members in helpful and kind ways, that it is great to see with such regularity. These wonderful characteristics are reflective of the quality of our students, the amazing family support, our priceless volunteers, the PTC and the programs and support our school and staff promote.

With the importance of bullying awareness and approaches on positive behavioral supports in schools across the nation, it's a warming feeling to see these moments taking place so close to home and in such a great district.

As we move into the New Year, it's an awesome time to be a Cardinal, and it's inspiring to see our youth showing such kind manners, helping hearts and superb academic minds.

Have a fantastic 2018!

Letter to the Editor

In defense of the Amish

This letter is written as a reaction to the Jan. 4, 2018, Staples World article on the Todd County Commissioners meeting regarding the Amish request for a permit to open a greenhouse.

On Dec. 19 the Todd County Commissioners meeting was held. An agenda item was to approve the permit request from the Amish to open a greenhouse. The article written

by Karen Nauber, Todd County reporter, should have only included relevant information to that request and not included the open forum negative comments regarding the Amish by the attendees.

The Amish, as residents of Todd County, should be able to own properties and run a business just like all other Todd County residents.

We were very offended by the opening statement and we quote, "The Amish are not doing our community any good." Would the

reporter not have been better to say "There were public statements opposing the permit for a greenhouse?" Was it necessary to include all the negative comments? The only comments permitted should have been to the permit not an attack on the Amish.

Does Ms. Nauber always use everyone's quotes in all her reports? We think not.

Would Commissioner Kircher deny a public school district to build in another site in Todd County just to avert receiving taxes on that property?

Most would realize the Amish pay taxes including property and sales taxes. They purchase their goods from local suppliers and commodities have been inspected.

We commend the Amish for following the guidelines to apply for a permit for the greenhouse.

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The minimum wage's unintended consequences

By John Phelan

On Jan. 1, legally mandated minimum wages went up across Minnesota. For large employers the rate went up from \$9.50 per hour to \$9.65 and for small employers from \$7.75 to \$7.87. The Minneapolis City Council went even further, announcing that employers would have to pay workers at least \$10 an hour.

Some see this as good news. WCCO rhapsodized that "thousands of Minnesota families will take home bigger pay checks." But economic theory and empirical evidence suggest that, in fact, these increases in minimum wage rates will hurt the very people

they are intended to help.

No employer will knowingly pay a worker more than that worker adds to their revenues. If they did, they would be adding more to their costs than to their income and a business that did that wouldn't be around very long.

So, if that Minneapolis worker generated \$9.50 an hour in revenue on Dec. 31, 2017, and the same on the following day, it is now costing the employer money to employ them. Instead of a bigger pay check, that worker is likely to get a pink slip.

A minimum wage law simply criminalizes wages below a certain level. If someone lacks the skills to generate revenues for an employer of at least that level, all the law does is make it illegal to hire them. They might lack these skills because they are young and just getting into the labor force. So, we might expect younger workers to be disproportionately affected by minimum wage laws.

We do. One dark spot in Minnesota's supposedly rosy employment picture

is youth unemployment. In November 2016, the state's youth unemployment rate was 9.6 percent. In November 2017, it stood at 10.6 percent. As Minnesota's Department for Employment and Economic Development notes, this "coincides with an increase in the state minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour (\$7.75 for those under 18) in August 2016, which is notable because minimum wage rules tend to apply disproportionately to teen workers."

This ties in with a much broader range of empirical evidence. In 2008, economists David Neumark and William L. Wascher surveyed two decades of research into the effects of minimum-wage laws.

They found that "minimum wages reduce employment opportunities for less-skilled workers ... (that) a higher minimum wage tends to reduce rather than to increase the earnings of the lowest-skilled individuals ... (that) minimum wages do not, on net, reduce poverty ... (and that) minimum wages appear to have adverse longer-run effects on wages and earnings."

We all want to see higher wages for workers. But these will only come in a sustainable way from increasing worker productivity. For this, we need to look at education, investment, entrepreneurship and all the interconnected policies which influence these. True, this doesn't have the attractive simplicity of a politician simply decreeing that employers will only be allowed to pay above \$X, but it will work.

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Individual income tax filing season opens January 29

The Minnesota Department of Revenue will open state individual income tax filing season on Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. For the benefit and convenience of Minnesotans, this is the same day as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The filing deadline to submit 2017 income tax returns is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, rather than the traditional April 15 date. This is also the same day as the Internal Revenue Service.

Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly reminds taxpayers that protecting Minnesotans' refunds and ensuring the right refund amount goes to the right person is our top priority.

"Filing electronically and choosing direct deposit helps improve the accuracy and security of your return," said Bauerly. "We know how much refunds mean for Minnesota families and we will take the time necessary to review returns and make sure Minnesota tax dollars are protected from identity

theft-related refund fraud."

Electronic filing and direct deposit

Electronic filing and choosing direct deposit is the most secure way to get your refund. Last year, over two million Minnesota taxpayers used electronic software to file their taxes. Free electronic filing is available for Minnesotans meeting certain eligibility requirements.

Direct deposit is an easy, convenient, and secure way to get your refund. You can include your banking information on your tax return and get your refund deposited into your bank account. Direct deposit is available whether you file your return electronically or by mail.

Free tax help

You may qualify for free tax preparation help from IRS-certified volunteers at locations across Minnesota for your federal and state income tax returns. Qualified taxpayers are age 60 or older, have a disability,

travel limited or no English, or have income less than \$54,000 per year.

Most free tax preparation sites are open Feb. 1 - April 15. Visit our website to find free tax preparation sites near you.

Voter registration

Minnesota law requires that individual income tax return forms and instruction booklets include voter registration forms. Taxpayers that electronically file through Minnesota-certified filing software will see a message prompting eligible voters to register to vote at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website.

Fraud Prevention

The department takes protecting your personal information and your tax refund very seriously. We work to combat identity theft-related tax fraud by taking the time necessary to review and verify the information on all tax returns to make sure the right refund goes to the right person.

Protecting Minnesotans' personal information means that refunds may take longer than in prior years because of the increase in attempted refund fraud. Don't spend your refund until you see the money in your bank account.

Track your refund

You are able to track where your refund is in the process by using our Where's My Refund? system.

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Library Lego Club

Lego Club has started for the winter at the Staples Public Library, the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. The children are given a building challenge and different activities to do using Legos. Lego books are also available for check out. Above, Mathew and Michael Jewison are ready to race their Lego cars down the track.

The next event will be Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. To register stop by or call the library 218-894-1401. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library. (Submitted photo)

Special school board meeting tonight

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a special meeting Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

The purpose is to discuss options for facilities and to narrow the options to two. Currently the options are:

- One building (K-12)
- Two buildings (K-6 Staples and 7-12 Staples)
- Two buildings (K-6 Motley and 7-12 Staples)

The consulting firm of Foster, Jacobs & Johnson will also attend. The firm was hired to help the district develop a long term facility plan.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- A presentation on health and wellness by Carrin DeLong and Shelly Miller during the school/community forum.
- Financial items include approval of the pay equity and compliance report and approval of a joint powers agreement with PMA Financial Network.
- Personnel items include approving a contract

for a transportation director.

Policy items include approving the coaches handbook and a revision to the policy on school board officer duties.

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

January is Birth Defects Prevention Month

By Todd County Health and Human Services

Birth defects are common, costly and critical. In the United States, a baby is born with a birth defect every four and one-half minutes leading to 120,000 babies affected each year. Birth defects are the most common cause of death in the first year of life and the second most common cause of death in children aged one to four years.

Although not all birth defects can be prevented, steps can be taken to increase a woman's chance of having a healthy baby. Some infections before and during pregnancy can

increase the risk of birth defects and other health problems. Join the effort to raise awareness of birth defects by encouraging all women to prevent infections for their baby's protection.

Here are some helpful tips for pregnant women or women who may become pregnant:

Get vaccinated

- Get the flu shot and whooping cough vaccine.
- Become up-to-date with all vaccines before getting pregnant.

Prevent insect bites

- Use insect repellent.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants outside.
- Consider avoiding

travel to areas with Zika virus.

Practice good hygiene

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid putting a young child's cup or pacifier in your mouth.

Talk to your healthcare provider

- Ask about how you can prevent infections, such as Zika virus.
- Discuss how to prevent sexually transmitted infections.

Women and their loved ones can follow these important tips to promote a healthy pregnancy. Learn more at www.nbdpn.org.

Mark Your Calendar

January 23

CARE COMMUNITY MEAL
Tues., Jan. 23, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Staples. Free. For info, 218-894-2609.

January 25

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB Mtg
Thurs., Jan. 25, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW, Mark Helfter, caller. For info., 218-296-1641.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider authorizing preparation of property tax abatement plan for Staples Multi-Family LLC project
- Consider resolution to set public hearing date for property tax abatement related to Staples Multi-Family LLC project
- Hear committee report from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

Lakewood Staples clinic expansion officially opens

Approximately 250 community members turned out for the official ribbon-cutting and opening of the newly expanded Staples clinic on January 5. Project partners, Lakewood Board members, local business owners and members of the media were present to hear words from Lakewood Board Chairs, Loren Morey and Mary Theurer; Lakewood COO/CNO, Teresa Fisher; and Lakewood Strategy Dyad Physician, Christine Albrecht, and watch the ribbon-cutting.

Attendees were given guided tours through the new space and enjoyed refreshments as they mingled with Lakewood administration, staff and providers.

The Staples clinic expansion project, which started in November 2016, was one

of four projects undertaken at Lakewood in the past year. Other projects included an expansion and remodel of the Pillager clinic, which was completed in November 2017, an expansion and remodel of the emergency department, completed in the fall of 2017 and a new in-house MRI suite, completed in December 2017.

An additional 23,355 square footage has been added to the Staples clinic, which includes; more space for the women's and mental health departments, additional provider offices and exam rooms. The expansion of the emergency department added 3,673 square feet to accommodate more treatment and trauma rooms, mental health rooms and telestroke equipment.

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January birthday celebration

The monthly senior citizen's birthday celebration was held January 9, at the Staples Community Center with the following celebrating January birthdays - front row: Arvilla Dyer, Mel Wiens, Clara Mottl; back: Rita Stone, Jeanie Huebner, Rose Hoemberg and Carol

Olsen.

The next birthday/anniversary celebration will be Tues., Feb. 13. The Senior Center will also be having a Valentine's Day Party, Weds., Feb 14 along with free bingo. Call 218-894-2256 to register for the meal.



First baby at Long Prairie

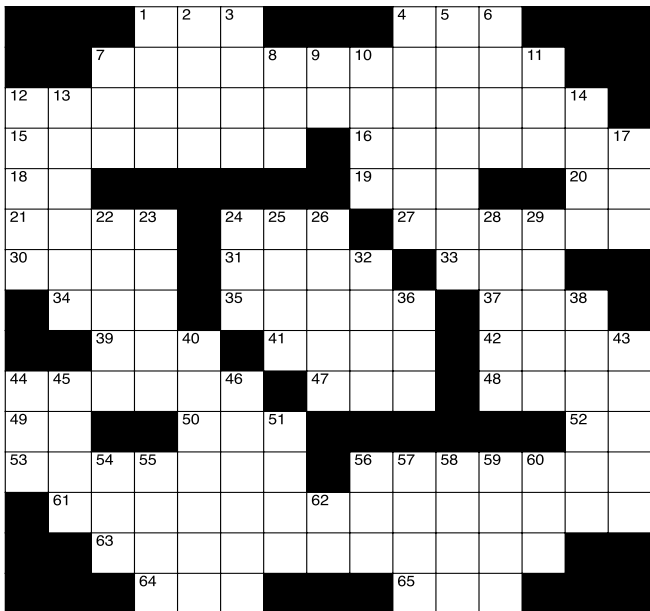
CentraCare Health - Long Prairie welcomed the first baby of 2018 on January 9. Brittany Simon and Kory Contreras, Long Prairie, welcomed their first child, Keegan Carl-David who weighed seven pounds, nine ounces. As the first baby, the family received a number of gifts.

Above, left to right: Jennifer Christensen, certified nurse midwife; Brittany Simon, baby Keegan, Kory Contreras and Madison Schweiters, RN.

Grandparents are David and Nancy Simon, Staples and Greg and Kristin Vanderheyden, Long Prairie. (Submitted photo)

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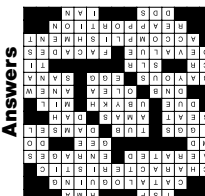
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1. Measurement (abbr.)
 4. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
 7. Sorting
 12. Attribute
 15. Poked holes in
 16. Angers
 18. Doc
 19. MLB journeyman pitcher Dillon
 20. Not don't
 21. Snubs someone
 24. Where kids bathe
 27. One might be in distress
 30. Chair
 31. Music industry honors (abbr.)
 33. Dash
 34. Owed
 35. Caucasian language
 37. One thousand (Span.)
 39. Musical style drum and bass

41. Evergreen trees native to warm climates
42. Begin ___; start fresh
44. Marshy outlets
47. A chicken lays one
48. Yemen's largest city
49. Conversion rate
50. Single Lens Reflex
52. Atlanta rapper
53. Reduce the importance of
56. Faces of buildings
61. Something achieved
63. Distribute again
64. Tooth caregiver
65. 007's creator

17. Fifth note of a major scale
22. Extravagantly bright
23. Takes dictation
24. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
25. Rounded knob (biology)
26. French philosopher
28. Mothers
29. Dardic ethnic group
32. Supports the rudder
36. An ugly evil-looking old woman
38. Of a fasting time
40. Filled with passengers
43. Below the ribs and above the hips
44. Binary-coded decimal
45. 51 is a famous one
46. Goes into a funk
51. Chief O'Hara actor
54. Videocassette recorder
55. Scored perfectly
56. Type of tree
57. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
58. Popular commercial "pet"
59. Supreme god of Ancient Egyptians
60. Room in a home
62. ___ and behold
- CW181410



- CLUES DOWN**
1. Skater Lipinski
 2. Data
 3. Single step
 4. Destroyed financially
 5. Fail to interpret correctly
 6. Fava d' ___: tree found in Brazil
 7. Vehicle
 8. Limited
 9. Old English
 10. Aussie golfer Norman
 11. Job
 12. Loose-fitting undergarments
 13. Protected by balancing
 14. Give up

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Britne and Jacob Anderson of Wadena, a baby boy, Evan Leviticus weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on January 5, 2018.

Born to Jeney and Brian Christensen of Hewitt, a baby boy, Oliver Norman, weighing seven pounds, five ounces on January 8, 2018.

Born to Pearl and Nick Ylitalo of Menahga, a baby boy, Caden Scott weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on January 10, 2018.

Born to Kasey and Chris Odden of Staples, a baby boy, Declan Christopher weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on January 10, 2018.

Born to Marissa and Nick Murphy of Randall, a baby boy, Gideon Reign weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on January 11, 2018.

Obituaries

Gertrud Schultenover

Gertrud (Gert) Wild Schultenover of Brooklyn Park, formerly of Staples, passed away January 9, 2018 at North Memorial Medical Center, Robbinsdale, just two days shy of her 95th birthday.

Private family services were held, as was her request.

Gertrud was born January 11, 1923, in Cologne (Koeln am Rhein) Germany, to Wilhelm and Anna Wild.

She attended the University of Cologne until it closed during World War II. She was employed as a secretary and linguist by the British Military Government and worked in the formation of the post war German government. She met her future husband in 1945, when he was working in the American Military Government after the war. Gertrud left her hometown of Cologne/Rhine, Germany in the autumn of 1947 and emigrated to the U.S. She married Harold Schultenover on October 11, 1947, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.

Gertrud worked for Tyrrell Implement, Oldsmo-



bile and Studebaker in Staples and for Mueller Motors in Staples.

She is survived by two sons, Ronald of Burnsville and Mark of Brooklyn Park; three grandsons; four great-grandsons; one sister, Ulrike Stadler and one nephew, Lutz Schmoele, of Germany; one sister-in-law, Nancy (Dale) Resch; nieces Peggy Hess Johnson and Kim Smythe; nephews, Patrick Quance, Tim Quance, Jeff Hess and Todd Hess.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one brother, Egon of Cologne, Germany and daughter-in-law, Patti.

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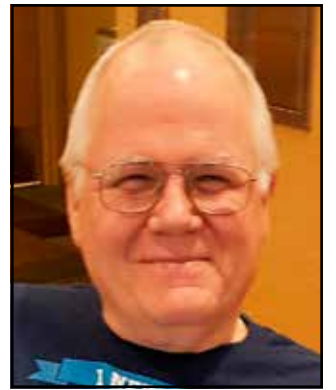
Michael Lorber

Michael (Mike) Patrick Lorber, 61, of Motley passed away January 11, 2018.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Casino Assembly of God Church, rural Pillager with Pastor Dan Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, Jan 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Michael was born February 6, 1956 to Leo and Grace (Harvey) Lorber and was raised in Motley. He attended Motley Schools and later graduated from the heavy equipment program at Staples Vo-Tech. He married Sandy Peterson on October 18, 1980. He spent his entire life in the area where he worked as a carpenter, cabinet maker and housing designer.

Mike is survived by his wife of 37 years; one son,



Jeffery (Tiffany) Lorber; two daughters, Nancy (David) Simon and Jennifer (Douglas) Buscho; two brothers, Steve (Betty) Lorber and Lou (Martha) Lorber; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Diane.

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Arvig essay contest offers DC trip as prize

Arvig is seeking entries for its annual essay contest where one area student will win a trip to Washington, D.C., for the Foundation for Rural Services (FRS) Youth Tour, June 2 - 6, 2018.

The essay prompt for the contest is "Technology and Rural Life." Essays and completed applications are due to Arvig by email before 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The selected student will be one of more than 100 high school students from rural America who will win an all-expenses-paid trip to visit our nation's capital for an inside look at the legislation and governmental process of the telecommunications industry.

In 2017, Jordan Brink from Wadena-Deer Creek High School was selected to represent Arvig and her community at the Youth Tour.

"I'm so very grateful to Arvig for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2017 FRS Youth Tour in Washington D.C.," Brink wrote

about her experience, featured on the Arvig Blog. "I met so many wonderful people from across the country. This trip is something that I will never forget."

The FRS Youth Tour provides a forum for teens to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities, key legislative, regulatory and government figures. The delegates will explore historic sites including the Lincoln Memorial, the U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery.

To be eligible, students must be high school students, age 16 or 17 at the time of the Youth Tour in June 2018 (FRS will not accept any student age 18 or older) and receive Arvig internet, telephone and/or television services at their residence. Students and their parents should visit arvig.net/youthtour to download the essay prompt and contest requirements, application forms and submission details.

Mortensen, Edin join NJPA staff



Andrea Mortensen

Justin Edin

Andrea Mortensen and Justin Edin have joined the staff at National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA).

Edin accepted a collaborative service worker position with Paul Bunyan Education Cooperative and Crow Wing County Collaborative Services through NJPA and provides specialized instruction to students within Brainerd Public Schools to help reduce special education referrals and out-of-home placement. He also conducts home visits, provides transports, resources, communicates with outside agencies, and makes referrals for families.

Previously, Edin worked as a special education teacher and as a practitioner in the mental health field. Outside of work, Edin enjoys theater - both directing

and performing. He serves as the artistic director of Lamp Camp, a summer drama camp he started in Staples. He's also involved in Wadena's drama camp and directs the Staples-Motley High School fall play.

Edin lives in Staples with his wife, Tamber, and their daughter.

Mortensen filled an administrative specialist position in the Education Solutions department. Prior to NJPA, Mortensen's experience included the reorganization and assistance with the sale of a local waste company and working as a managed property administrator for 105 rental units for a Brainerd area resort. Early in her career, Mortensen obtained her Illinois insurance license and opened a branch location in Byron, Ill.

She brings strong creative and organizational skills, a can-do attitude, and a passion to learn and grow. Mortensen has a great love for volunteer work and has been active on many committees and organizations. She lives in Brezzy Point with husband, Blakey, and their two children.

Both began their roles with NJPA in June 2017.

Ann Stoll

Ann Stoll, 77 of Pine River passed away January 11, 2018, at her home.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. at the Kline Funeral Home, Pine River. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services. A lunch will follow at the Pine River American Legion.

Arrangements are with the the Kline Funeral Home, Pine River.

Ann was born December 11, 1940, to Robert and Sarah Shepherd, in Glasgow, Scotland. She married Gene Stoll, on August 29, 1960. She worked for Scorpion Snowmobiles in the 1970's, raised three children in Staples and retired as an employee from the Pine River-Backus School District. Ann was a member of the Backus American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed bowling, knitting, crossword puzzles



and playing bingo at the Legion.

She is survived by two sons, Dale Stoll of Staples and Scott Stoll (Michele) of Missoula, Montana; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents, husband; one daughter, Donna Stoll and granddaughter, Bridgett Stoll.

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Student Achievements

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2017. To qualify, students must have completed 12 or more graded credits and maintain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher. Local students named include:

- Carly Bell, Pillager
- Kylie Bendson, Staples
- Jordyn Glenz, Staples
- Brian Huber, Moorhead (SMHS graduate)
- Chloe Jackson, Staples
- Kali Klimek, Motley
- Micayla Klinghagen, Motley
- Daniel Mushel, Cushing
- Diane Poppenga, Staples

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, FARGO has announced its Dean's List

for Fall Semester 2017. To qualify, students must earn a grade point average of 3.50 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 credits. Local students named include:

- Jaelin Beachy, Staples
- Matthew Cherne, Pillager
- Brandon Eppelsheimer, Motley
- Josie Erickson, Cushing
- Timothy Hepokoski, Staples
- Andrew Israelson, Staples
- Chelsea Nanik, Staples
- Lauren Nelson, Staples
- Emily Peters, Motley
- Jacob Scott, Pillager
- Dawn Swartz, Motley
- Luke Unger, Pillager.



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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 Hartnet Rd Melrose, MN 56352	SECT-15 TWP-127 RANG-33 S2 SE4 (80.00 Acres)	\$8,591.01
03-0017200 Lawrence Wielenberg 43428 Hartnet 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 Swarville, 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 81 FT, SE 174.79 FT, SE 28.57 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 (S & 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 (S & 4-128-32)	\$3,320.36
08-0036500 Clarence H Smith 30869 Cty 28 Motley, MN 56466	SMITHS ADDITION TO PHILLBROCK (4-132-32) LOTS 13 & 14 BLK 2	\$41.13
08-0038700 Clarence H Smith 30869 Cty 28 Motley, MN 56466	SMITHS ADDITION TO PHILLBROCK (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 Dmitry 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 Dmitry 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 Dmitry 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	SECT-12 TWP-127 RANG-34 N 800 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 1982.63 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
19-0095500 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 Chanser 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 & Ciela 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			



SMHS speech team second at PL

The Staples Motley Speech team started their 2018 season, at the meet in Pequot Lakes, Jan. 13. It was tough competition with 20 teams - including some AA schools - participating. Twenty-seven SMHS team members participated, some in two categories. Their efforts resulted in a second place showing for the team (above). SMHS will host their home tournament, Saturday, Feb. 10 and on Feb. 27 they will compete in Little Falls.

Medalists at Pequot

Front, left to right: Jayden Friedel, Delaney Larsen, Alex Erickson, Andrew Bates, Isabelle VanAlst; back: Kallee Abbas, Krystal Yoder, Amber Deegan and Marie Brings.



Placings: Krystal Yoder, 5th, Creative Expression; Alex Erickson and Andrew Bates, 2nd in Duo and Alex, 3rd in Humor and Andrew, 2nd in Storytelling; Izzy VanAlst, 6th, Extemp Speaking; Jaydon Friedel, 6th, Drama; Amber Deegan, 4th, Great Speeches; Ari Brings, 3rd, Great Speeches and 5th, Poetry; Kallee Abbas, 6th, Poetry and 6th, Prose; Delaney Larson, 4th, Poetry).

Team members receiving ribbons of excellence in their categories included: Sadie Thompson, Extemp Reading; Johannah Piconnatto, Extemp Reading and Discussion; Amber Deegan, Drama; Delaney Larson, Drama; Caden Mrazek, Humor; Samantha Mrazek, Original Oratory and Prose; Lilly Niemi, Informative; Jens Klemm, Prose.

Right: This year's captains are Delaney Larsen and Alex Erickson. (Submitted photos)

Wegner receives SWCD Land Stewardship Award

Meryl Wegner started work for Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in 1966, a year after the SWCD was formed. He started as a district aide moved into the position of a conservation technician. He worked for the SWCD for 39 years and remembers the job fondly as everyday was different and working with landowners was rewarding. Meryl has continued to keep busy planting trees, enjoying the outdoors and most recently maintaining a vineyard.



Service to the SWCD

Meryl Wegner receives the Land Stewardship Award plaque from Todd County SWCD Supervisor Dale Katterhagen. (Submitted photo)

Early on the staff worked on establishing contour strips for landowners as a measure to reduce soil erosion. These worked well and were in high demand and many thousands of acres were established. Meryl commented that few of these original strips are no longer in place due to changes in farming practices and bigger equipment used on modern farms.

Another focus was establishment of livestock watering ponds which included controlled access and fencing to serve the many small farms - most with livestock in one form or another. These practices have also changed with livestock numbers staying the same but concentrated in fewer but larger operations. He was also part of staking out numerous wildlife ponds working with MN DNR and USFW.

For 39 years Meryl worked with landowners planting trees, sometimes involving over a month of long planting days. Tree planning would start soon after the years planting

was complete, planning for the next years planting site projects. Meryl remembers one year planting trees on over 40 sites. He still sees some of the trees growing around the county. After retirement, Meryl's come back and driven tractor during tree planting season for the district. He has planted extensively on his own property and purchased a tree planter for his own use. Some of his tree planting and tree work was to done to support reforestation work - made easier in those days since a MN DNR forester was located in the USDA Service Center.

Meryl and Greg Ostrowski have worked together staking out feedlot and ag waste improvement projects - most cost shared through NRCS. He's assisted other agencies over the years with surveys, field measurements of shoreline erosion, field erosion and water monitoring of ground and surface water.

Meryl has seen the start of many new developments during his 39 years. Feedlot rules developed and implemented statewide, water plans were developed and mandated statewide and the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) passed in the early 1990s. Meryl faced his biggest challenge with the WCA process and rules, recalling several cases that he worked to resolve.

When asked what he sees different today Meryl commented; computers and paperwork. Back in the day, technicians made landowner appointments and met them on their land and most notes and drawings were done by hand. Slower but a better connection was made with landowners. Nowadays everything's online but it creates

more paperwork it seems. Meryl retired in 2006, but when the SWCD staff was preparing for the 50th Anniversary, Meryl's notes, memory and old news articles helped fill in gaps of the districts history. For the last two years Meryl's old fishing boat has been the boat SWCD staff have used for water quality monitoring of the 11 lakes throughout Todd County. He said he likes the work the SWCD is currently doing, specifically mentioning the newsletter and Enviro-Fest.

Every year he still makes a point to plant trees saying Norway Pine is his favorite because of how well it does in Todd County. Two years ago Meryl lost a large planting of trees in an accidental grass fire. He replanted 500 trees this past spring. He chuckled saying Greg Nolan and Marcia Rapatz actually did the planting but he had everything laid out exactly how he wanted it planted before they got there.

Meryl is an avid winter fisherman, deer hunter and outdoorsman and in his free time he also gardens with his wife Linda. They raise vegetables, raspberries, native and cultivated plants around their property. They volunteer weekly at the Food Pantry. Meryl drives food from Walmart to Long Prairie that provides restock food for re-stocking the shelves.

Meryl and Linda also have 900 grape vines growing in their backyard. They supply grapes for Dragon Willow Winery, a new business outside of Long Prairie their daughter and son-in-law operate. Meryl helps with maintaining and harvesting the vineyards at both locations.

Public Notices

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

TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1) Land Use Ordinance Proposed Changes:

An application request to add to the Todd County Land Use Ordinance, Section 7.11 Agriculture Use Standards, was received from Latimer Lake Association with support letters from Osakis Lake Association, Lake Beauty Association, Big Swan Lake Association and Big Swan Lake Improvement District.

The proposed addition would restrict livestock access on those lakes with DNR public boat landings in an effort to reduce shoreline bank erosion, reduce nutrients to the lake, and reduce direct deposition of animal waste into these waters - adding e-coli.

The proposal will be presented and discussed with opportunity for public input. The proposed changes are available for review on the Todd County website.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning Commission Michael Wiener, Chairperson

3pnc

NOTICE NJPA REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) issues this Request For Proposal (RFP), on behalf of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections to result in a contract for Auditing Services. Details of this RFP are available beginning January 18, 2018. Details may be obtained by letter of request to Chris Robinson at chris.robinson@njpacoop.org.

Proposals will be received until February 22, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time at NJPA, 202 12th Street Northeast, Staples, MN 56479, and opened February 23, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. Central Time. 3pnc

NOTICE TODD COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Todd County is the recipient of County Program Aid grant funds for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention from the state of Minnesota as a result of 2014 Session Law Chapter 308. It is anticipated this will be an ongoing aid program, dependent on decisions by the Legislature. The purpose of these funds is to "prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all the access sites within the county" (MN Statutes 477A.19).

The purpose of this RFP is to facilitate the disbursement of these funds to parties interested in conducting work to facilitate this purpose.

Todd County is soliciting Local Government Units (LGU) and/or private businesses for proposals for the Todd County AIS Program in 2018. The details of this RFP can be found on the Todd County website. Contact the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) with questions at 320-732-2644. Applications are due February 5, 2018. 2-3pnc

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

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Commissioners hereby approves the following as the 2018 Budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund of the County of Todd, Minnesota and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor: (See Solid Waste Chart)

Administration

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the AF-SCME HHS Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2018 - 2020.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion as introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann abstaining: To authorize the adoption of the HHS Director market grade override adjustment from Grade 18 to Grade 19 and placement at Step 7 effective January 7, 2018.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the Public Works Director market grade override adjustment from Grade 18 to Grade 19 and placement at Step 7 effective January 7, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer had no activities to report.

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.

Adjourn

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

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
ACCURATE CONTROLS INC.....	\$12,620.71
ALEX PRO FIREARMS, LLC	3,260.00

ALL STATE COMMUNICATIONS.....	2,500.00
AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.....	3,183.27
CENTRAL TODD CTY. CARE CENTER.....	3,577.13
CHAMBERLAIN OIL COMPANY.....	2,072.35
EMERGENCY AUTO. TECH.....	2,692.89
KRIS ENGINEERING.....	24,221.00
MCIT	2,500.00
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV.....	2,464.29
OLSON'S TRUCK & TRACTOR SER.....	2,137.54
ROYAL TIRE.....	2,118.11
SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE (STOP).....	3,460.00
96 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	34,107.14
Total.....	\$100,914.43

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DANIEL FUNERAL HOME - ST CLOUD.....	\$3,900.00
DHS - SWIFT	17,125.23
V#13920 - COST EFF HEALTH INSURANCE ..	2,322.54
EMBLOM BRENNY FUNERAL SERVICE - LITTLE FALLS.....	3,500.00
V#15316 - COST EFF HEALTH INSURANCE ..	3,066.90
INFO. SYSTEM CORP.....	22,296.00
RURAL MN CEP INC.....	42,041.95
SAND CREEK GROUP LTD	2,162.50
V#15315 - COST EFF HEALTH INSURANCE ..	2,183.64
US POSTAL SERVICE.....	4,572.00
171 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	48,930.72
Total.....	\$152,101.48

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
MCMAHON/ DEENA M.....	10,972.50
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC.....	2,010.43
NORTH HOMES CHILD. & FAMILY SRVS.....	7,980.00
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	2,611.39
Total.....	\$23,574.32

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 28, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on January 2, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer 3pnc

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Construction jobs available

Ray Austin, President of the Mid Minnesota Builders Association and Colleen Faacks, MMBA Chief Administrative Officer, spoke to Staples-Motley students about careers in the construction trades industry. They told students there's a labor shortage right now and many companies will hire students right out of high school and give them on the job training. They showed a video that predicted a 20 to 35 percent projected growth in various building trades. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Builders roundtable

Representatives from the Mid-Minnesota Builders Association chatted with Staples-Motley students about opportunities in the building trades industry. Top, representatives of Nor-Son Construction of Brainerd talk about commercial building opportunities. Bottom, a rep from Neumann Construction talks about roofing. Other companies participating included Simonson Lumber, Advantage Seamless Gutters, Crow Wing Power and SCR Companies. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Support from friends keeps him going; something learned from every event

a mental low at around 30 miles during the Superior 100 mile race. The lows leave you feeling drained, Ben shared, adding, "You wonder what you are doing to yourself and if it's worth it."

The race in Superior started at 8 a.m. on a Friday and Ben crossed the finish line the following Saturday at 10:05 p.m. Runners are given 38 hours to finish and although there are occasional breaks for nourishment and a trip to the wooded bathroom, there are no opportunities to sleep. Sometimes he would walk for a few miles until he felt good enough to resume running, Ben said. "Only the elites run the entire time," he added.

Ben credits the support of his friends with helping him get to the finish line on time, especially after hitting a mental and physical wall at around 30 miles. "I knew they'd be meeting me at the 50-mile mark," he said. The friends, called 'pacers,' ran for a stretch with Ben, offering the encouragement and emotional strength he needed to keep going.

By the time he reached the finish line, he'd been up for 41 hours, Ben said. He recalls sitting down by a fire, drying off his feet and having a beer.

Yes, he was exhausted at that point, but his mind was racing, Ben recalled. Before heading back to Staples, he slept in his van for about six hours and then drove home.

To date, Ben has participated in ten 100-mile races and finished five. After twisting his knee at a race in Iowa last December, Ben said he's slowly building himself back up for the Zumbro 100 Endurance Run in April. In addition, he's participated in approximately 15 other ultra races over the past few years, such as 50K's.

He always learns something from the races he's not been able to finish. "Sometimes you figure out nutrition or hydration strategies, or problems that you had that caused you to not finish," Ben said. Sometimes there is something specific to a particular course that a runner needs more training on; or it could be a "mental toughness thing," he went on, "something that you should or should not have let your mind dwell on." Sometimes, the success of a race could be affected by the runner's gear...wearing the correct shoes or socks; knowing when to change or not to change them.

He recalled his first ultramarathon attempt in 2013, a 50-mile race in Superior. At one point, he felt so sick he rested on a rock for two hours, overlooking a valley. Eventually, some sweepers found him and gave him some salt tablets and he was able to get back on his feet. Although he didn't finish that race, Ben said he often goes back to that rock in his mind and draws strength from the

memory. "I've learned a lot," he says again of his running experiences.

Ben's also learned to

stop and look once in awhile during an ultramarathon because, "you will never see that same spot in the same way ever again."



Out on the trail

Ben Bestland of Staples competed at the Superior 100-mile race last September, described by blogger Julie Moulton as being "a rugged course on a difficult trail through remote Superior National Forest." To date, Bestland has participated in ten 100-mile races and finished five. He plans to compete at the Zumbro 100 Endurance Run in April.

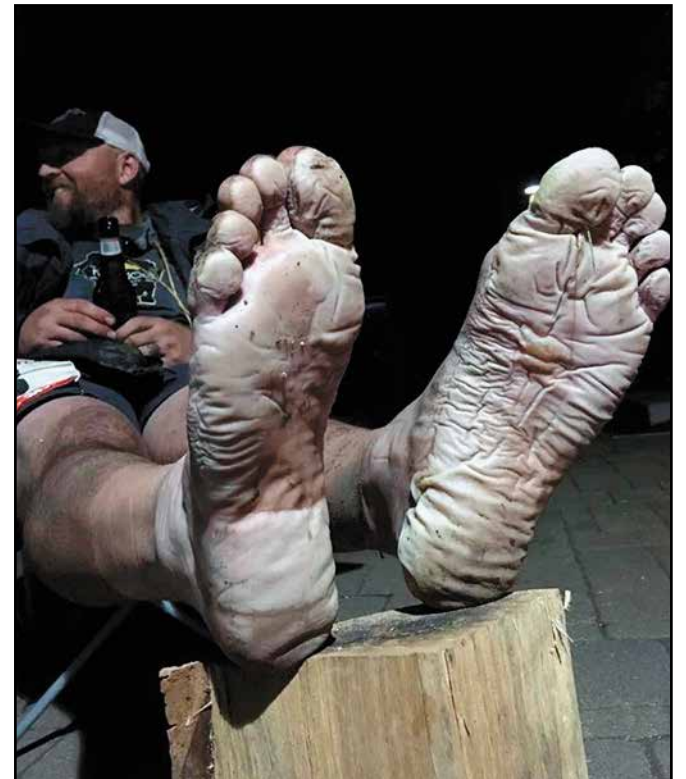


(Submitted photos courtesy of Julie Moulton)



A few more miles to go

Ben Bestland, second from left, emerged from the forest at the final aid station during the 100 mile Superior Trail Race last September, with just five minutes to spare to be allowed to continue on to the finish. Runners must finish the race within 38 hours. Bestland was the last to cross the finish line with a time of 38:05. Pictured with him are pacers Ryan Yearly (left) and Jill Maine. (Submitted photo courtesy of Julie Moulton)



Resting his feet

Ben Bestland developed severe trench foot during the 100 mile ultramarathon last fall in the Superior National Forest. Fellow runner Julie Moulton, who was a pacer at the race, taped up his feet as best she could about half way through the race. He's pictured at the end of the race, drying his blistered feet by the fire and relaxing with a beer. (Submitted photo courtesy of Julie Moulton)

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Kevin Honeycutt
 Date: January 22nd
 Time: 6:00 supper, 6:45 presentation
 Location: High School Gym

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Lady Cardinals push conference leaders



Going to the hoop

Kearra Mikel takes the ball inside. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team put a scare in the two top teams in the Mid State Conference, but lost at Pequot Lakes 59-47 on Jan. 9 and lost to Park Rapids 72-52 on Jan. 12. Both opponents are undefeated in conference play this year.

Against Pequot Lakes, the Cardinals took a nine point halftime deficit and cut it to one in the second half. "We had energy and were focused on the game plan," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "Unfortunately they hit some shots late and got the win."

Against Park Rapids, it was a similar story. The Cardinals used balanced scoring cut a 16 point second half deficit down to

eight before drifting away in the last part of the game.

"We had a very nice start but we were not able to sustain our focus and effort," said Wolhowe. "Park Rapids is a solid team and keeps the pressure on you."

The Cardinals still only have one win on the season but get closer with every game. "We're young and continue to grow," said Wolhowe.

Team results

Staples-Motley 47
Pequot Lakes 59
Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 21, Jena Dvorak 8, Kiara Storry 6, Tabatha Allen 4, Kaitlyn Smith 3, Kaila Erbe 2, Kiera Dumpprope 2, Haley Cichos 1
Staples-Motley 52
Park Rapids 72
Scoring: Wolhowe 2-, Dumpprope 8, Erbe 4, Cichos 4, Smith 4, Dvorak 3, Addison Lorber 3, Bella Martin 2, Allen 2, Elizabeth Kobliska 2



Clearing the boards

Tabatha Allen and Kiera Dumpprope go up for a defensive rebound. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Dribble drive

Emma Gerard dribbles around a Park Rapids defender. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Ball handling

Bella Martin makes a move to the basket. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals close in two conference games



Heading to the hoop

Scout Strickland drives past a Park Rapids defender. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

On Jan 9, against Crosby-Ironton, the Cardinals fell behind early. "It was a little different than our other games in that we came out a little flat and were not able to get into our tempo at all," said Coach Micheal Poncelet.

It got worse in the second half. "We got discouraged a little and things started to fall apart," said Poncelet. "A lot of credit to our guys who fixed themselves mentally and dug themselves out of a 17 point hole."

Near the end of the game, Griffin Webster hit a big free throw to tie it up but C-I made a tough shot at the buzzer. "They got a win they deserved," said Poncelet.

Against Park Rapids on Jan. 11, the Cards took a first half lead, but lost it late in the second half.

"Offensively we were good enough to win that game, we had our chances," said Poncelet. "The inability to make a stop when it matters did us in."

The coach says the team continues to be plagued by missed free throws.

The two losses drop the Cards to 1-3 in the conference games.

"Obviously we would like to win those games but playing close games after close games is going to be invaluable when we get into March," said Poncelet.

Team results

S-M 68, C-I 70
Scoring: G. Webster 25, Josh Lombard 23, Brayden Losh 11, Derek Kennedy 3, Max Giza 3, Chase Davis 3.
S-M 55, Park Rapids 59
Kennedy 14, Webster 13, Losh 13, Lombard 11, Scout Strickland 3, Giza 1.



Working from below

Jonathon Lisson, bottom position, looks like he's in trouble against Wade-na-Deer Creek, but seconds later he escaped for a reversal in the last minute to take the lead in the match. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Wrestlers show their skills to home crowd

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team took care of business from the first match to the last as they defeated Wadena-Deer Creek 49-6 on Jan. 9.

"That was the best we have wrestled as a team in a long time," said Coach Dave Anglin. "Our only two losses were to good kids and we only gave up three points in each one. That's how you win matches, the kids have to believe we can do that every time."

The last few weights were double forfeits so no points were awarded.

The Cardinals also wrestled at the Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale/Parkers Prairie tournament on Jan. 13, placing fourth out of 11 teams.

"We had a couple of matches where we thought we could have done better, but overall we wrestled as well as could be expected," said Anglin.

The team had two champions, Spencer Miller at 126 and Owen Bjerga at 145. Payton Bjerga defeated a wrestler he had lost to earlier in the year on his way to fifth place at 106 pounds.

"We had a lot of people place in a tough tournament," said Anglin. "Out of 13 kids wrestling, they



Locking up a pin

Dalton Holmberg starts to turn his opponent just before recording a pin. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

all finished in the top eight."

Team results

S-M 49, W-D 6
106 P. Bjerga W 8-4; 113 Sam Jennissen W fall; 120 Kristian Thompson W fall; 126 Brayden Christensen W ff; 132 S. Miller W ff; 138 Logan Weite W 8-0; 145 O. Bjerga W fall; 152 D. Holmberg W fall; 160 J. Lisson L 3-2; 170 James Ehresman W ff; 182 Isaac Swendsrud L 4-0; 195, 220, 285 double ff

B-H/V/PP Tourney

106 P. Bjerga 5th, 113 S. Jennissen 6th, 120 K. Thompson 5th, 126 S. Miller 1st, 132 B. Christensen 6th, 145 O. Bjerga 1st, 152 D. Holmberg 4th, 160 J. Lisson 6th, 285 Kyle Serich 4th

Thursday Twilight League Bowling Wadena Lanes

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3. Ted and Gen's	21.5-14.5
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6. Ghost Team	10-26
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Ruth Lugert	546 199-185
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Amber Block	475 200
Sadie Bendson	435 178
Julie Schwinghammer	132 +24 pins over av.

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

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Pillager firefighters express thanks to outgoing chief and his wife

to be more dedicated. Greg Ringler will be taking over as Pillager Fire Chief and Randy wishes him all the best.

When asked what he thinks is the hardest thing firefighters will face in the future, Randy mentioned that they will need to be prepared to keep up with more and more runs. Every year that number keeps growing.

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"I considered it a privilege and an honor to help people in need."

Randy Lee, Pillager

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To those considering joining the fire department, Randy advises them to "be sure to get the blessing of your spouse or significant other." He went on to say that they should explain to their loved one that the pager may go off in the middle of Thanksgiving dinner, or the day after Christmas... things he certainly experienced during his four-plus decades on the department.

He never considered it work, Randy said. "I con-

sidered it a privilege and an honor to help people in need."

In reading through posts at the Pillager Fire Department's Facebook page, it's clear that Randy was a highly respected chief and will be missed.

One of those posts is included below:

"Randy we, as YOUR FIREFIGHTERS, say THANK YOU! Thank you for believing in us, teaching us and guiding us. Thank you for making Pillager Area Fire & Rescue what it is today. We will always be proud to have served with you! We hope you are able to enjoy more fishing trips, more camping trips and more deer, coyote and duck hunting. We are sure we will be calling you with questions as we make this transition.

"And, Kathy, we THANK YOU. For the countless hours you have invested in this department as well. For the times Randy had to leave in the middle of dinner, unable to attend a birthday party or anniversary or woke you up in the middle of the night when his pager went off. Randy could not have done his job as chief as well as he did without you. He has told us that many times. Your



Thankful

Randy Lee is thankful for the opportunity to have served on the Pillager Fire Department for over four decades. He's proud to have served as chief for 28 of those years. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

dedication as a firefighter's wife is not overlooked and we thank you for your service as well.

"We wish you both the best of luck in the future. We love you very much and you will ALWAYS be a part of our FIRE FAMILY."

Law enforcement reports, Motley

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

Jan. 4 - The MPD issued a citation to Zoe Biggs, 19, for no proof of insurance.

Jan. 9 - The MCSO received a report of burglary from a resident at the 900 block of Hwy 10 in Motley.

Jan. 9 - The MCSO received a report of harassment from a resident at the 2000 block of Azalea Rd., Motley. Case is under investigation.

Jan. 7 - The MCSO responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on 330th St. near Maple Lane, Motley. Driver was uninjured and the telephone pole was not blocking the roadway. Crow Wing Power was dispatched.

Jan. 6 - The MCSO received a report of

a 'No Passing Sign' on Dove Rd. in Cushing that had been knocked over. Sign was located between 320th and 330th Streets.

Jan. 5 - The MCSO received a report of a barn on fire at the 3000 block of 270th St., Cushing. Deputies arrived on scene and secured the roadway to allow Randall Fire to arrive on scene. The deputy then spoke with the owner, Douglas Rahn, who stated no one was in the barn. Deputies stood by while the fire was contained and then cleared.

Jan. 4 - The MCSO received a report from the Cass County Sheriff's Office regarding a CSC (Criminal Sexual Conduct) case that occurred approximately 16 years ago in Morrison County. This case is under further investigation. According to the report, the address involved is at the 9000 block of East River Rd., Pillager.

A few examples that need attention

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an, 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 be 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. 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 and other groups.

Snow and ice contributing factors in two-vehicle crash on Hwy 64

One person sustained non-life threatening injuries in a two-vehicle accident north of Motley Jan. 15, shortly after 5 p.m.

The Cass County incident involved a 2017 Mack Semi truck and a 2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer. It took place at Hwy 64 and 124th St. SW in May Township.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, the semi truck, driven by Dale Leonard Rafteseth, 55, of Albany, was southbound on Hwy 64 near 124th St. SW, when it began to slow down for debris in the roadway.

At the same time, the Trailblazer, driven by Susan Kay Peet, 55, of Staples, was

also traveling south on Hwy 64 and came into contact with the rear of the semi truck. Peet's passenger, Kaitlyn Anna Hanson, 16, of Lakeville, was transported by ambulance to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples and treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Other first responders at the scene in-

cluded Cass County Sheriff's Office, Motley Fire Department and Staples Ambulance.

Snow and ice were contributing factors to the accident, state patrol said. Alcohol was not involved and all parties were wearing seatbelts.

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Pillager Fire Chief says 'goodbye'

Randy Lee served 42-plus years

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

After nearly 43 years of service with the Pillager Fire Department (PFD), Chief Randy Lee resigned at the end of December.

It wasn't an easy decision for him to make, but was necessary due to unforeseen medical issues involving his wife Kathy that occurred last fall.

"Kathy will need my full time help in the coming up future so because of that I would not be able to devote enough time into being chief that would be up to my standards," he wrote in

his retirement letter.

Now 63, Randy had originally planned to stay with the department for at least two more years. It was a career he was passionate about and took great pride in. During his 42 1/2 years with the PFD, Randy served as assistant chief for 10 years and chief for 28 years.

"This gives me great pride knowing that I was in a leader role in shaping this department into one of the best in the area (and state)," Randy's letter said. "This only happened because of great team work by the association and the department members."

Kathy shared his passion for the department. In his letter, Randy noted that Kathy had been a part of the department for 40 years. He went on to say that during his 28-years as chief, Kathy "has been like a full-time secretary to me...taking daily phone calls and messages, dealing with salesmen, handling deliveries, helping with the retreats, doing the run charts...and anything else I asked of her."

She was the reason that he was able to give so much time to his chief position, Randy said of his wife. Of the 3,915 total runs made while he was chief, thanks to Kathy, Randy personally made 90 percent of those runs. "So this is why I feel that time helping others now would be cheating her of time I should be helping her," he wrote.

Last October while working at her home daycare in Pillager, Kathy suffered a ruptured brain aneurysm. She was airlifted to St. Cloud Hospital where she remained for the next 45 days, during which time she also suffered a few strokes. She is currently at home and continues to attend rehab a few days each week. Randy said she is doing better than anticipated, for which he is grateful.

A benefit for Kathy Lee is planned for Saturday, Jan. 20, from 4 - 7:30 p.m. at the Pillager Community Center and from 7:30 p.m. - closing, at the Huntin' Shack in Pillager.

Randy said he is grateful for the many ways the community has reached out to him and Kathy at this time.

The town of Pillager has been "home" for as long as he can remember. "I was born and raised here," Randy said, adding that he grew up on a hobby farm and graduated from Pillager High School in 1972.

He worked at Gamble's Hardware for a few years prior to taking over ownership and renaming it Lee's Hardware. Later, he was employed at Hengle Construction and for the past 25 years, he and Kathy ran their daycare together.

All the while, firefighting was a big part of his life.

Things have changed quite a bit from when he first started out after high school. Back then, you basically "just had to sign up" and "have a heartbeat" if you wanted to be a firefighter. Today, there is a lot more training involved and more runs are required to be on the department.

The coverage area of the Pillager Fire Department encompasses approximately 350 square miles. It includes the City of Pillager, the townships of Sylvan, Fairview, Home Brook, Rosing, the east half of May Township; and the City of East Gull Lake.

Randy recalled some of the accomplishments he placed during his leadership.

In addition to his having made 90 percent of the calls while he was chief, Randy said that he is proud of his department for being able to replace all of their equipment once or

twice over the years, and for keeping up on their training.

In 2001, the Pillager Fire Department was able to add a second station (Fairview Station); and in 2003, Pillager was named Minnesota First Response Team by the MN Ambulance Association. They accepted the award down in the Twin Cities, Randy shared.

As he thinks back on 42-plus years with the department, years filled with night calls, pages, etc., Randy said it's been very rewarding. Having the opportunity to work with a great group of men and women he could count on is something he doesn't take for granted.

Randy has encountered his fair share of difficult situations during his years of service.

It's never easy to respond to a call involving someone you know, he said. Randy remembers being paged out to a motorcycle accident 11 years ago. "It turned out to be my daughter and her boyfriend," he said, adding that it was the assistant chief who broke the news to him.

He recalled the helpless feeling as he watched the helicopter fly away with Samantha. She was transported to North Memorial in Robbinsdale, where she would end up spending two weeks in the Intensive Care Unit.

Randy said he learned from that situation to not look at the faces of the people involved, including the family and friends standing by. He tries to blank that out so he can focus on doing his job.

Another difficult case he remembers involved a baby who died of AIDS at their family's daycare where he was working with Kathy. Randy did CPR on the infant and said it seemed like forever as he waited for the other first responders. It's a wake-up call as to how quickly things can change, Randy said.

He's learned that as difficult as these incidents can be, "I didn't cause it. I was there to help." Firefighters do what they can, he went on. "Some you help and some you don't."

There is more help available today for firefighters who have experienced PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) as the result of a tragic call. Randy mentioned they have brought in trained professionals to talk with the firefighters. There is also a number they can call on their own if they need someone to talk to.

Medical calls have been a part of the fire department's job description since he first started, Randy said. Today, about 75-80 percent of calls are medically related.

They have always averaged 22 or 23 firefighters on the department, Randy said. He recalled one time they had 27 on the roster. The first woman to join the department was in 1998. Today there are three women fire fighters on the roster: Sandie Youngblom, Cindy Eastman and Trista Hawkinson.

In Randy's opinion, it's getting more difficult to recruit people to join the department. He went on to note that in the past, there were more teachers who were firefighters, but they are no longer able to leave school when there is a call.

Randy has also noticed that, in general, people don't want to volunteer their time as much as they used to. However, the Pillager Fire Department has never really had to advertise for firefighters, Randy said. It's been his experience that "when someone has the gumption to come and talk to you," they seem

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Dedicated leader

Randy Lee recently retired from the Pillager Fire Department and resigned as chief. During his 42 1/2 years career with the department he served as Asst. Chief for 10 years and Chief for 28 years. He retired earlier than he expected, due to unforeseen health issues of his wife,

Kathy. A benefit for Kathy Lee is planned for Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Pillager Community Center, 4 - 7:30 p.m.; and at the Huntin' Shack from 7:30 p.m. - closing. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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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.

To all who have been disappointed with God

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

If you've ever felt let down by God, you're not alone. And for all who've felt let down by God and still feel distant from God because of it, I pray these words stir you to draw near to Him.

I recently read "God In You," a wonderful little book by John Stumbo that reminds us of God's desire to reveal Himself to each of us. God wants us to know Him and, for our whole lives, He has been actively making Himself known. In response to those who've felt disappointment with God, Stumbo writes these very helpful words:

"We've been known to be very upset when He doesn't come through for us as we'd expect. "If I were God, I would have never let that happen!" This is really quite a silly thing to say, because, of course, we are not God and have absolutely no idea what it would be like to be God.

There is one God.

It is not us.

This is a good thing.

Rather than the foolishness of conjecturing what we would do if we were God, perhaps we'd be wiser to get to know the God who exists. And the God who exists has been seeking to reveal Himself to us. This is His nature. This is who He is: A relational God who wants to be known. Yes, even by people like us."

In times of unwanted troubles, I too, have been known to second-guess God. I wonder why God does (and doesn't do) certain things in my life. And when I ask Him why, He rarely answers. Thankfully, over the course of years, with His help, I've learned that in those moments I don't need to know all the reasons God does what He does. I just need to know Him, His goodness, His love, His faithfulness. And that's enough. He is enough.

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