



Fully engulfed

After numerous firefighter trainings were conducted at the Motley Motel April 29, the entire building (along with the adjoining house) was set on fire during a controlled burn. The motel (formerly known as the El-Ray Motel) is believed to have been built around 1957, in conjunction with the El-Ray Truckstop. It had several owners and managers over the years; and was renamed the Motley Motel about 10 years ago when Gene and Dianna Eisel purchased it. The Eisels recently sold it to Joe, Susie and Pat Brichacek, owners of BRICKS Travel Center in Motley; and they plan to put a parking lot in where the motel once stood. See story and more photos on pages 10a and 4b. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

On May 4, 1970, in Kent, Ohio, 28 National Guardsmen fired their weapons at a group of antiwar demonstrators on the Kent State University campus, killing four students, wounding eight, and permanently paralyzing another. Troops had ordered the crowd to disperse, fired tear gas, and advanced against the students with bayonets fixed on their rifles. Some of the protesters responded by throwing rocks and verbally taunting the troops. Minutes later, without firing a warning shot, the Guardsmen discharged more than 60 rounds toward a group of demonstrators in a nearby parking lot, killing four and wounding nine. The closest casualty was 20 yards away and the farthest was almost 250 yards away. After a period of disbelief, shock, and attempts at first aid, angry students gathered on a nearby slope and were again ordered to move by the Guardsmen. Faculty members were able to convince the group to disperse. In 1974, at the end of a criminal investigation into the Kent State incident, a federal court dropped all charges levied against eight Ohio National Guardsmen for their role in the deaths.

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Obituaries

Frank Disterhaupt
Mort Young

Staples City agrees to buy two properties

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

At their April 25 meeting the Staples City Council approved moving forward with a bid to purchase two properties on the blocks adjoining Hwy 10; at 108 8th St. NE and at 808 2nd Ave. NE.

Since the lots are near Hwy 10, City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said they have the potential for redevelopment as commercial property.

The properties were listed to be sold at the Todd County auction, but Nelsen said he didn't think either would sell because it would cost more to tear the houses down. Nelsen said he attended a Todd County Board meeting to ask if the city could purchase the properties.

Nelsen said the two homes on the properties are non-conforming to the city zoning laws because they've been out of use for more than 12 months and are in a commercial zoned area. Both buildings have been condemned by a building official.

Council member Doug Case suggested asking Todd County to help pay for the costs, since the goal is to get the costs back through redevelopment.

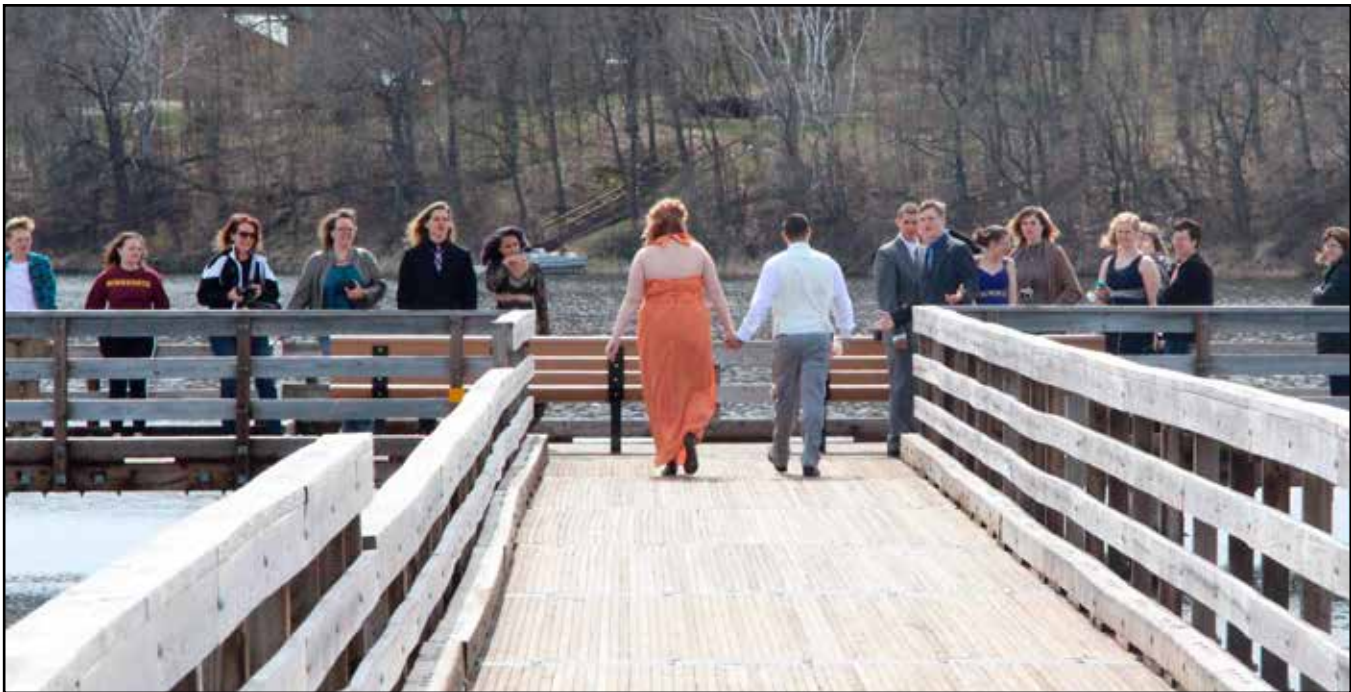
Nelsen said he would try to get the county to bring the cost down, but the biggest expense is getting the hazardous materials out of the buildings.

Nelsen said there are other tax forfeited properties in the city, but they do not have the same potential for redevelopment and the city was not interested in

them.

In other news, the council:

- Approved agreement with Staples Softball League to use the Dower Lake facilities.
- Approved Conditional Use Permit for Jeremy Schneider to construct a 44 by 30 foot garage at 307 7th St. NE.



Grand March at the Dower Lake pier?

Prom couples from Staples-Motley High School walked to the end of the Dower Lake pier for photos, April 29 before the Grand March held back at the high school. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Search started for new SM football coach

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

The future of the Staples-Motley football program depends on applicants for the head coaching position.

After the school board didn't renew the contract of head coach Travis VanOverbeke because of a tied vote, the assistant coaches resigned over the board's decision.

Superintendent Mary Klamm said they've posted a job opening for the coaching position with a

timeline of "until filled."

"We'll wait until we see the applicants," Klamm said about the school's plans for the football program. Once a head coach is hired, the new coach would be in charge of hiring new assistants.

Klamm said it usually takes a couple of weeks to fill a position, but they'd like to complete this one as soon as possible, because of the need to coordinate summer workouts and practices. So far there are no changes to the program's summer plans, but there's also no

one in position to carry out the plans.

Klamm said over the past few years there have been comparatively few applicants for any of the positions that have been posted. That's not just a problem at Staples-Motley, but with most districts around the state.

If they don't get a qualified applicant, Klamm said the administration could start recruiting a coach by calling other contacts or colleges about qualified graduates, although with a head football

coaching position, she said they'd prefer not to have a recent college graduate.

The current school staff are "aware of the situation," said Klamm. In conversations with staff, she said they're "just disappointed, it's a pretty difficult situation."

Klamm said VanOverbeke has not disclosed his decision whether to continue his athletic director position with the school.

Eagle Valley District dissolution debated

Hearing set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 23

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

While it is still apparent that some of the adjoining school districts don't want to have any part of the Eagle Valley School District as it goes through involuntary dissolution, a bit more discussion on the topic did take place at a work session held by the Todd County Board of Commissioners on April 25.

Mike Hoheisel from Baird (a financial firm doing public finance as well as personal) assisted the board in coordinating and facilitating the meeting. He's met with most of the superintendents of the surrounding districts and has been working closely with Eagle Valley Public Schools.

Hoheisel said that this is the first time in 41 years that a county is working with a school dissolution process.

Addendum: In an e-mail response to a question about the last time a district dissolved, Hoheisel replied, "I was able to find a reference on MDE's website. They have a PDF out there on reorganization from 1980 through 2012. So, in 1993, ISD 408 - Verdi dis-

solved and attached to ISD 404 - Lake Benton and ISD 583 - Pipestone. In 2000 ISD 604 - Mentor dissolved and attached to ISD 599 - Fertile-Beltrami and ISD 2609 - Win-E-Mac."

Hoheisel said because this was not familiar ground, it had a big impact on Eagle Valley because they were not getting good information from the Minnesota Department of Education nor a lot of help.

"The situation unraveled rather quickly as the new superintendent and business manager were coming in," said Hoheisel.

Even though a donor came in and could help with the SOD (statutory operating debt), the district would've needed a "workout plan."

The initial plan was that they would tuition the high school students out of the district. Because no agreements were signed, the district could not comply with the ruling.

"So because they're not offering a secondary education option, they had to involuntarily dissolve. That was the resolution that you had at your last meeting," Hoheisel said.

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Employment, housing trends discussed

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) looked at local employment trends and compared it to the city's housing situation at its meeting held April 25.

As part of the annual

SEDA report, Economic Development Director Melissa Rademacher showed the latest statistics from the Minnesota Department of Economic Security, showing Staples is continuing their trend of adding employees who work within the city, despite a large drop in the

number of establishments that employ people.

SEDA Board member Rachel Johnson questioned if the board has compared the rise in the number of employees with the number of people who live in the city. Board member Chris Etzler said they did survey employ-

ees of some of the largest establishments a few years ago, but added it might be a good time to do another survey to see if things have changed.

Board member Doug Case said there's a lot of development going on outside the city limits, but the city is hurting with a

lack of desirable property to develop in town. Etzler agreed and said there are very few high-priced homes in the city.

Case noted a couple of other negative trends, the lack of middle income jobs and the trend of people from outside the city pur-

See **SEDA** on page 3a



All hands on tree project

John Jewison (left) along with Kevin Grondahl (right) plant one of the trees, as sons Michael and Matthew Jewison watch. Joey Amadore waits to water the tree.

Staples celebrates 25 years as a Tree City

Staples received a special banner for this year's Arbor Day tree planting, commemorating the city's 25 years as a Tree City USA. The group planted three crabapple trees near the pond at Pine Grove Park. Other Tree City activities included transplanting seedlings from Pine Grove Park to other locations in the city. Pictured from left, are John Jewison, Matthew Jewison, Joey Amadore (in back), Kevin Grondahl, Jerel Nelsen, Lavonne Selleck, Chris Etzler, Matthew Jewison and Tricia Jasmer. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Wadena Hwy. 10 lanes closing May 10-11

Motorists may encounter delays in both directions of Highway 10 between Birch Ave and Union Creek in Wadena as segments of the road are reduced to a single lane Wednesday, May 10 and Thursday, May 11, weather permitting.

The lane closures will be during daytime hours while crews resurface the road.

Motorists approaching the daily work zones should slow down, be prepared to stop if necessary and move over within the work zone as appropriate to give crews a safe space to work.

Hwy 10 through Wadena, originally constructed in 1948 has been resurfaced four times. The road was last resurfaced in summer 2011.

A larger project to reconstruct and redesign most of Hwy 10 between Birch Ave and Wadena Cty Rd 4 in Wadena is scheduled to begin in 2019. Improvements along the redesigned

segment will include:

- Raised concrete median to separate eastbound and westbound Hwy 10 traffic.
- Dedicated turn lanes for safe access to local roads.
- Improved intersections and sidewalks.
- Upgraded signal systems.
- Improved storm sewer, city utilities, lighting and signing.

Also in 2019, the two-lane rural sections of Hwy 10 between Bluffton and Birch Ave and from Cty Rd 4 to Oink Joint Rd, will be resurfaced and new left-turn lanes installed at the Hwy 10/Cty Rd 75 intersection, west of Wadena.

To get more information, or to sign up to get Highway 10 Wadena reconstruction email updates sent to your inbox, visit www.mndot.gov/d3/wadena.

For real-time travel information anywhere in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org.

Staples PD assist with rollover

Staples Police along with the Todd County Sheriff's Dept., assisted the Minnesota State Patrol at the scene of a one vehicle rollover, just east of Staples, on Highway 10, on April 26.

April 27; Staples Police assisted Baxter Police with the arrest of Richard Schwartz, 52, on the

300 block of 2nd Ave NW, in Staples for a no contact order violation and an outstanding warrant out of Hennepin County.

April 30; Staples Police assisted the Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. with an underage drinking party at 12818 241st Ave., Staples.

Workshops offered for growers' and artists' small businesses

Artists and growers as small business entrepreneurs are invited to attend free educational workshops to build their business profitability and capacity.

The events, hosted at the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace (609 13th Ave NE, Door 8, Little Falls). Throughout the next three years, Sprout will host 14 leadership and business classes and trainings funded by an ArtPlace America creative placemaking grant awarded to Region Five Development Commission.

The 2017 schedule includes:

- Grant Writing and Evaluation Workshop for Artists, Growers, and Makers with Linda Holliday (Impact Minnesota) and Stacey Stockdill (EnSearch), May 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- "The Art of the Entrepreneur: Business Basics for Growers, Makers and Artists" - Business planning with Julie Anderholm, July 11, 5:30-8 p.m.
- Marketing 101 for Artists and Makers, presented by Springboard for the Arts, Sept. 23, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Career Planning for Artists and Makers, presented by Springboard for the Arts, September 23, 1:30-4 p.m.
- Marketing 101 for

Growers, Nov. 9, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Survey asking growers and artists for input

The workshops are created with artists, growers and local experts; Sprout is requesting input via a short online survey on the Sprout website to understand the type of education needed for artists, growers, and makers to build their businesses.

Community participation, as central to placemaking efforts, is encouraged throughout the planning process to ensure workshops cater to their specific needs in Central Minnesota.

To register for a workshop or for schedule updates and additions, visit www.SproutMN.com or the Sprout Facebook page.

In January, Sprout hosted the first workshop "Wellness from the Ground Up: How to Market the True Value of Your Farm's Products" in collaboration with the Sustainable Farming Association Central Chapter.

Tomas Zimmerman, local chef and owner of award-winning restaurant A.T. The Black & White spoke on the ways he incorporates local food purchases into his menu and the ways growers can con-

tinue to grow their market share of the restaurant industry.

Workshop goals are to increase access to technical assistance and resources for growers and makers to build their business capacity and profitability; connect and equip local artists to obtain leadership roles that can lead to further placemaking in the region and commissioned work opportunities; develop deeper understanding of good farming practices; fuel succession planning that increases economic prosperity, etc.

Cooking classes will also be announced soon. More info is on the Sprout website.

Video Barn

Sprout has installed a video booth and launched a shared meal pottery experience to ignite storytelling through food as part of their placemaking strategy. Story exchange will be used as an evaluation tool to show the transformation of the Marketplace and community support over time.

The video booth, titled "The Video Barn" is a miniature replica of the barn at the Farm on St. Mathias in Brainerd, which is owned by Sprout's founding director, Arlene Jones.

The Video Barn can be found at each event of

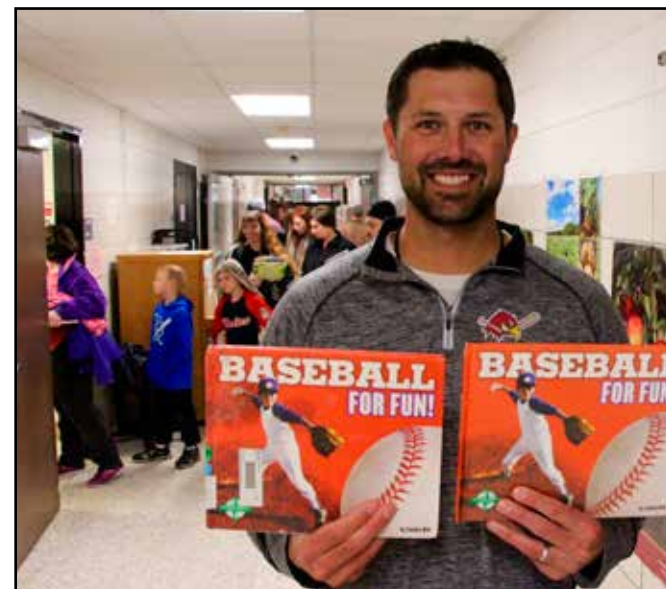
the Sprout Growers and Makers Marketplace. The Video Barn was designed and constructed by local artist, Matt Taylor using reclaimed barn wood and is the first of many interactive art installations to be held at the Sprout facility.

The invitation is open to everyone to come and share a story of a special meal made by a family member. Participants are encouraged to use their first or preferred language to further illustrate the unique diversity of the region.

The activities are funded through a grant awarded to the Region Five Development Commission by ArtPlace America's National Creative Placemaking Fund.

Arlene Jones, General Manager of Sprout, explained, "The ArtPlace funds will offer the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace along with our partners the support needed to expand economic development opportunities, platforms that encourage social cohesion and learning for local growers, artists, makers, producers, chefs and the public. Through a collection of culturally specific activities, we will establish Sprout as a destination where food, art and culture meet."

Interested shoppers, growers, artists, chefs, and educators who want to learn more, visit www.SproutMN.com and follow the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace on Facebook.



Barnstorming book

A cosmic connection was revealed at the Staples-Motley Elementary School Home Run Derby Night on April 27. After choosing a baseball theme for their reading night, the school discovered one of their baseball books had been water damaged in a student's backpack. They ordered a new book on Amazon and it came from somewhere in Missouri. When the school opened the book, it was signed by "Jeremiah Piepkorn #11." Principal Kathy Johnson went to tell their first year EBD teacher, Jeremiah Piepkorn, to look at the book. He came back shaking his head. "I thought they were spoofing on me, but that's my signature," said Piepkorn. He played baseball for NDSU and then four years with the Cincinnati Reds organization and another four years with the Fargo-Moorhead Red Hawks. He said he doesn't remember signing the book, but he did play in a college tournament in Missouri, or it could have been signed anywhere. "Kids ask you to sign all kinds of things," he said.

As part of the Home Run Derby Night, the school played a video of Piepkorn's walk-off grand slam for the Red Hawks, which can be found on YouTube.

Piepkorn said he will play baseball with the Nisswa Lightning this summer. His goal is to keep playing until he can play with his kids, now aged eight and five. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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County newspapers on microfilm available at Todd County Museum

People interested in researching for genealogy or different topics of Todd County history can now access microfilmed copies of county newspapers at the Todd County Museum.

The museum is located at 333 Central Ave., Long Prairie. For more information call 320-732-4426 or email toddcountymuseum@gmail.com. People can conduct their own research or the staff can assist them.

A recent grant for \$6,188 enabled the Todd County Historical Society to complete their Todd County newspapers microfilm collection through 2012.

The collection includes issues of the county newspapers. The earliest are the Long Prairie Todd County Argus in 1876, the predecessor of the Long Prairie Leader; and the Presto Change in 1891, the predecessor of the Staples World.

The collection includes these newspapers:

- Long Prairie Todd County Argus - Jan. 12, 1876, through Nov. 29, 1917.
- Long Prairie Todd

County Tribune - June 6,
1918. through Mar. 2, 1922.

- Long Prairie Democrat - Aug. 15, 1902, through Feb. 28, 1908.
- Long Prairie Leader - May 6, 1891, through Dec. 2012.
- Bertha Herald - Oct. 14, 1915, through July 8, 1920.
- Bertha Herald - Oct. 1, 1942, through Oct. 30, 1975.
- Browerville Wave - May 1, 1903, through Aug. 7, 1903.
- Todd County Progressive - April 11, 1940, through April 24, 1941.
- Browerville Blade - May 1, 1941 through Dec. 2012.
- Clarissa Todd County Independent - Jan. 5, 1907, through Mar. 4, 1910.
- Clarissa Independent - Mar. 11, 1910, through July 28, 1992.
- Clarissa Independent News Herald - Jan. 7, 1998, through 2012.
- Eagle Bend News - July 17, 1941, through Oct. 25, 1984.
- Eagle Bend News Herald - Oct. 31, 1984, through July 29, 1992.
- Eagle Bend Indepen-

dent News Herald - Aug. 5, 1992, through Dec. 31, 1997.

- Grey Eagle Gazette: Feb. 13, 1941, through June 22, 1977.
 - Hewitt Banner: Feb. 6, 1941, through Mar. 23, 1944.
 - The Presto Change (Staples) - April 18, 1891, through Feb. 20, 1892.
 - Staples World: Feb. 27, 1892, through Dec. 2012.
- The grant from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Grants Program was made possible by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Other resource material in the resource center include: histories of Todd County, histories of the towns of Todd County, family histories and files, cemetery indexes and maps, rural school records and school histories by pupils and teachers, church histories, plat books and area maps, Todd County census records, index to obituaries and weddings, video tapes of area events, photo files and Todd County century farms.



North Fourth Laundromat and Car Wash

The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting at North Fourth Laundromat and Car Wash located at 920 4th St. NE, Staples. Owner Mike Gold purchased the business in March 2008 and revamped the building with new water lines, plumbing, wiring and insulating the walls. He's added larger washers and dryers along with a larger change machine for the customer's convenience. A new area in the front includes a rest area where you can sit and read/watch TV while you wait.

for your laundry. New lighting, wallpaper and carpet add to the revamp. Car wash tokens are available inside. The laundromat and car wash are open seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Above, from left, are chamber board members Steve Gertken, Dawn Hagenson, Stephanie Jordahl, Dan Orth, Gold, Megan Haber, Bruce Brotherton, Sandy Knosalla and Staples Motley Area Chamber Director Barb Cline. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

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Local funds needed for lower rent townhomes

chasing homes and turning them into rental properties. "They don't care about the houses, they rent them until they're not usable and we have to clean up the mess," said Case.

Case suggested implementing a rental code with small changes, like requiring garbage pickup at each rental home. Radermacher said they're doing some work towards a rental code.

Townhome progress

Radermacher said the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership has come to an agreement to pur-

chase the land adjacent to 3rd Ave. NE and Airport Road, where there's currently a trailer park. CMHP would like to put up lower rent townhomes on the property.

Before the deal can go through, Radermacher said they need to find more local donations for the project. She suggested some employers may want to contribute as a way to attract incoming employees.

The townhomes would be low-rent affordable housing, but not Section 8, said Radermacher.

“They will need to be working to live there,” she said.

The Good Life

Todd County Development Corporation Director Rick Utech was at the meeting and showed the board the new “branding kit” developed by Region Five with the slogan of “The Good Life” as the main feature. All the cities within the region will be able to utilize the branding program, which will include a web site to link all the cities and counties in the region.



Reading as a group

Third grade students read a play about Paul Bunyan during the Staples-Motley Elementary School Home Run Derby Night on April 27. One of the goals of the evening was to inspire kids to keep reading over the summer. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Many books to choose from

Ashton Nichols gets help from Jessica Hull in picking out a book at the Staples-Motley Elementary School Home Run Derby Night.



Putting their heads together

Kendel and Owen Roline team up their brain-power to figure out a math puzzle game during the Staples-Motley Elementary School Home Run Derby Night.

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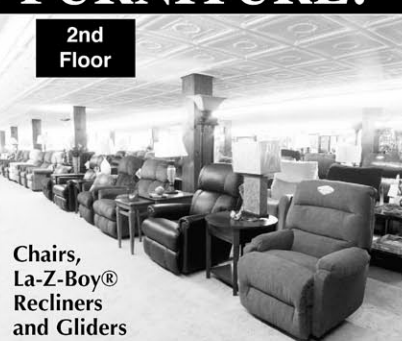


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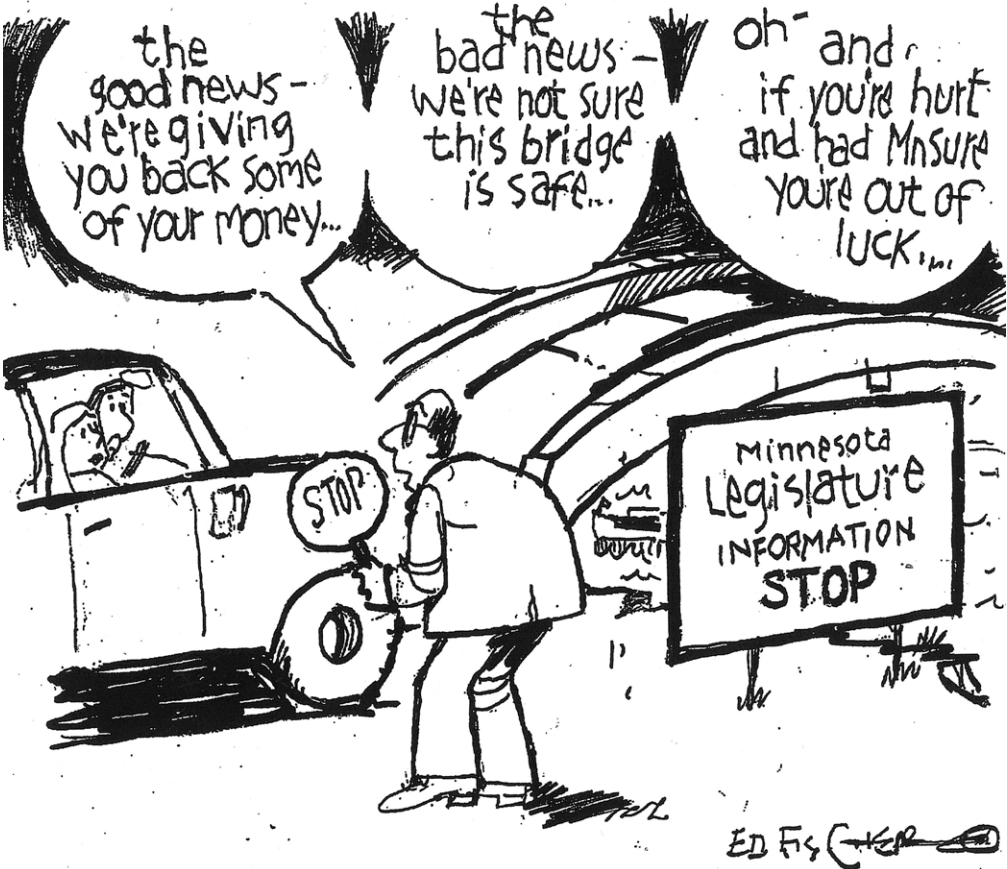
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Maintain funding for the National Guard

By Brent Jensen, Ray Kennedy and Brian Winter

The April 21 Pioneer Press article, “Minnesota Legislature’s plans would underfund state military, officials say,” covers some of the issues related to the proposed budget shortfalls in the state Department of Military Affairs (DMA) budget.

The National Guard Association of Minnesota and the Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association represent the interests of the officers and enlisted members of the Minnesota National Guard respectively, and as such, we feel it is critical to make sure their

voices are heard on the impact of the this issue. The proposed cuts to the DMA’s agency budget go too deep and threaten to leave the Minnesota National Guard personnel and facilities in a state of reduced readiness.

The Senate’s current version of the bill (SF605) proposes a DMA budget of nearly \$12 million less than the Governor’s recommendation, rolling the agency back to its 2014-2015 levels.

This bill balances agency forecasted increases in enlistment incentives by reducing the funds available for maintenance and sustainment of Minnesota National Guard armories and other facilities despite a documented \$140 million maintenance backlog. This is concerning considering the average age of Minnesota’s armories is 50 years old, requiring significant maintenance and upkeep costs.

The House version (H.F. 691) of the bill maintains DMA funding at its current level, however, does not address the forecasted

shortfall in the Enlistment Incentives Appropriation which will result in elimination of enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses and a reduction in state tuition reimbursement levels for members of the Minnesota National Guard, key benefits used to both recruit and retain quality personnel into the guard.

Keeping the funding for the Department of Military Affairs and Minnesota National Guard at the levels it needs to continue to operate and maintain high-levels of readiness is an issue that impacts every community within our state that the men and women of the National Guard support.

Brent Jensen is President of the National Guard Association of Minnesota.

Ray Kennedy is President of the Minnesota National Guard Enlisted Association.

Brian Winter is Vice President for Legislative Affairs of the National Guard Association of Minnesota

Letters to the Editor

School board duties

Having talked to many people and read several stories about the recent state of our school, I felt compelled to write this letter.

I read Ms. Sharp Anderson’s letter to the editor last week and felt she touched on a very important thought regarding a school board’s responsibilities. But in my opinion, she might’ve missed an even bigger issue which I feel started this whole situation and that’s the matter of parents who insist on trying to influence coaches/ decisions.

I’m sure that the vocal minority pushed the issue of the football coach which led to him not being rehired and then the subsequent resignations of his assistants along with our superintendent. I was told by a school board member, “We didn’t see that coming.”

A good friend of mine stated many years ago, “The only safe place to coach is in an orphanage.” What this means is that there won’t be interference from outside forces and they can just do their job, which is to coach and put the right athletes in the right places for the greater good.

I know there are instances when a parent may need to speak to a coach about something relating to their child, but after the coach has explained his or her position, you move on. Coaches make decisions every day that some people may not agree with, but they’re the coach. If the parents feel that strongly about something, get your coaching license and apply for the job.

This letter was written the day an editorial in the Star Tribune which addressed exactly the same issues stated above in the Minneapolis School District. It’s the case of a school board overstepping their range of duties by lis-

tening to a vocal minority and not following the recommendations of the administration/coaches who are paid to do just that.

To all school board members, please rethink your ideas of what a school board does and let other people do their jobs.

Roger Houselog
Staples, Minn.

Responding to comments

I would like to respond to some recent comments and concerns printed in the paper as well as phone calls and emails I have received from people and to the comments made by staff at the recent school board meetings.

First, I would like to say to the people who have been offended by my words “recruit” and “misinformed” that I have not received one call from any kids or the school nurse stating that these words hurt them. If these words are that offensive, then maybe we need to look at the actual issues and discuss them like adults.

There were many people who are complaining that policy and procedures are not being followed. Funny, that is exactly what I have been saying. In order to make sound decisions on the taxpayer’s behalf, the board needs proper time in receiving information so they can make good, informed decisions. These people only seem to recognize this when they are not happy about board decisions. There are many issues that the board needs to sit down and address. Being publicly attacked by a few unhappy adults isn’t a solution to these problems.

Our special board meeting agenda was not legally posted for an open forum for the coaches to address the board. When I questioned board chair Mary Freeman why this was be-

ing allowed as it was not on the posted agenda, she said she would allow it anyway.

In response to Mitch Anderson’s statements at the school special board meeting on April 25, 2017:

Mr. Anderson claimed that he has never met me or spoken to me. I was in his classroom with Mary Freeman and Mike Schmidt discussing how the facilities have changed over the years. So, yes, we have met and spoken before.

Mr. Anderson also took great offense at the term “recruited.” I received emails from these five coaches on April 6, 2017, and the school board agenda wasn’t publicly posted until April 12, 2017. How did they get the information before the rest of the board and why were they giving the board an ultimatum about their upcoming decision on the head coaching contract?

I also asked Mr. Anderson if I could ask him a question at the meeting. He responded, “No, I don’t want any questions. Thank you.”

In response to Kermit Klefsaas statements at the school special board meeting on April 25, 2017:

Mr. Klefsaas claimed the information gathered by school board before making their decision did not include interviews with any of the assistant coaches. I called Mr. Klefsaas several times on the 6th of April after receiving the emails. I left him a voice mail on my last attempt to reach him at 7:32 p.m. Mr. Klefsaas never returned my phone call. I also contacted Mrs. Klefsaas on the 6th at 4:46 p.m. in response to the email she sent me. We had a lengthy conversation during which she stated that Mary Freeman had contacted her husband about the upcoming decisions to be made.

I also call to question how Mr. Klefsaas knew such a detailed outline of Mr. VanOverbeke, including his words “investiga-

tion” and “improvement plan.”

Over the past 20 years we have lost \$3-3.5 million of revenue each year that has left our district through open enrollment.

Prior to myself coming onto the board in 2015, there have been serious concerns about the numbers of students who have chosen other school districts over the one they live in. Since we became “the district of choice” in the last school year, we have lost another 39 kids, which equals \$390,000 in lost revenue for our schools. I did not vote in favor of the “restart” of the grades realignment when it was presented by the superintendent and we were informed that we would lose students.

I represent all the people who reside in District 2170. I make my decisions on what I think is best for the entire district, not just what conforms to public opinion.

I know a few people took offense to my comment about people quitting when they don’t get their way. That may not have been the exact words of the people, but when you send out emails stating if we don’t rehire one of the staff, the rest are going to resign, the actions to me state I will quit if I don’t get my way. So I apologize for the misconception that I was quoting anyone directly.

The school board is responsible to approve policy and procedure and is accountable to the entire district to make sure all approved policies and procedures and laws are being enforced. These policies, procedures and laws are only as good as the people willing to enforce them. If they are not consistently and fairly enforced on everyone and no one is accountable, they are not worth the paper they are written on. That’s reality.

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William Kent Krueger

Wm Kent Krueger to visit Wadena May 13

New York Times best-selling author William Kent Krueger is the May guest author at Book Ends in Wadena. The meet-the-author event is at the Uptown at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 13.

In his 15 Cork O'Connor mystery novels, Krueger has thrust his protagonist in a series of spellbinding challenges, including his latest "Manitou Canyon," set in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

A taut, masterful thriller, "Manitou Canyon" features everything readers love in a Cork O'Connor novel - a dramatic Northwoods setting, an intriguing view of Objibwe culture, and an enigmatic crime. All that, plus brilliant storytelling and a profound understanding of the natural world.

Krueger also authored "Ordinary Grace," winner of the 2014 Edgar Award for Best Novel.

Book Ends is a monthly meet-the-author event. Minnesota authors are invited to discuss their books and writing style, read from current work, and respond to audience questions and comments. The free event is followed by lunch (at attendee's expense) at noon.

"We're fortunate to host Kent Krueger," said event moderator Jerry Mevissen. "He has a huge fan base in north central Minnesota. And he's an accessible guy, humorous and generous to a fault. This will be fun."

Book Ends is hosted by An Open Book, where details are available by calling Gillette Kempf at 218-632-2665. Krueger's books will be available for autographs and sales at the door.

"I suggest you arrive early," says Mevissen. "We're likely to pack the back room at The Uptown."

Certified Nursing Assistant training offered

Lakewood Health System will host a certified nursing assistant (CNA) training class at the Lakewood Care Center (401 Prairie Ave. NE, Staples) from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, June 5 - 16. The class will be taught by a registered nurse, certified in CNA training.

Becoming a CNA in Minnesota requires 75 hours of training, which includes classroom learning as well as hands-on skills. Once training is complete, a certification test must be taken. Those who complete training and pass the certification test will be placed on the Minnesota Nurse Aide Registry. A full list of testing sites is available online at the Minnesota Department of Health website.

The cost for certification testing varies; and registration is the responsibility of each participant after they've completed the training.

For more information and to RSVP, call Tamara Mench at 218-894-8326 or email her at tamaramench@lakewoodhealthsystem.com. The deadline to register is May 15.

Dementia Forum set for May 9 in Baxter

The Lakes Area Memory Awareness Advocates (LAMAA) will host their 7th Annual Educational Forum on Dementia Tuesday, May 9, at the Arrowwood Lodge in Baxter.

LAMAA is a group of advocates from throughout the lakes area working together to improve education and understanding of dementia. They are also an ACT on Alzheimer's team.

This event will showcase morning and afternoon sessions based on the forum's title, "Hope is in the Air." Featured speakers include Dr. Waring from Essentia in Duluth; Dr. Schoephoerster, from Central MN; and Dr. Ray Lindeman, a retired physician who has transitioned into the role of caregiver

for his wife with dementia.

In addition to these speakers, other local and regional resources will be highlighted. This forum is open to both professionals and non-professionals looking to learn more about finding hope while managing a diagnosis of dementia.

Registration and doors open at 8 a.m., the program begins at 8:45 a.m. A buffet lunch is included with the registration, as well as opportunities to win numerous door prizes. Register at the door or online, at www.memoryadvocates.org.

For additional information, contact LAMAA Chair Amanda Mithun via email at amandamithun@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

Free bicycle helmets for area children

The Lakewood Health System (LHS) Foundation will be distributing free bicycle helmets at its clinics to area children as part of its annual "Helmets Worth Wearing" program.

The program will kick off Monday, May 15 and continue through Tuesday, May 23. Children of all ages will be properly fitted and given a free helmet along with instruction on the importance of wearing a helmet during activities such as bike riding, roller skating and skateboarding.

Bicycle helmets have been shown to reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent and it is estimated that 75 percent of bicycle related fatalities among children could be prevented with a bicycle helmet. To help prevent such injuries, Lakewood's Foundation gave more

than 450 helmets to area children during last year's Helmets Worth Wearing clinics.

All area children are welcome to attend any one of the scheduled clinics to receive a free helmet. For more information, contact Becki Lonnquist, LHS Foundation Assistant at 218-894-8508 or foundation@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

Clinic locations, dates and times for this year's event are as follows:

- LHS Eagle Bend Clinic, Monday, May 15, 3 - 5 p.m.
- LHS Staples Clinic, Tuesday, May 16, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- LHS Motley Clinic, Wednesday, May 17, 3 - 5 p.m.
- LHS Pillager Clinic, Thursday, May 18, 3 - 5 p.m.
- LHS Browerville Clinic, Friday, May 19, 3 - 5 p.m.

Support group offered for people with COPD

Lakewood Health System's Respiratory Therapy Department will host a COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) support group on Wednesday, May 17, 1:30 p.m., in Classroom B on the lower level of Lakewood's main campus, 49725 Cty 83, Staples.

This group is open to everyone who lives with COPD. During this month's meeting, facilitated by a respiratory therapist, participants will learn how to exercise when you have COPD.

For more information, or to register, call 218-894-8623.

National Day of Prayer

The Staples Motley Area Ministerial invites you to join together with them and millions of individuals across our nation on Thursday, May 4 for the annual National Day of

Prayer. This local prayer event will take place at the Staples Government Center (122 6th Street NE) from noon to 1 p.m.

At this gathering, prayer will be offered on behalf of our government, churches, military, families, educational institutions, media and our businesses.

Mark Your Calendar

May 15

CELIAC DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Mtg Mon., May 15, 6 p.m., Wadena Alliance Church, 1428 S. Jefferson St., Wadena. For info., 218-631-3614.

May 16, 17

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC - WALK-IN sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., May 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., May 16, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., May 17, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Summary of April 25 closed meeting to evaluate the performance of the city administrator.
- Consider adoption of a personnel policy.
- Consider library branch agreement with Great River Regional Library.
- Committee reports including the Public Works Commission and the Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.



Discussing eye health

On the next episode of Lakeland Currents, host Ray Gildow, right, welcomes Dr. Seth Dokken, Optometrist at the Staples Eye Clinic. They will discuss eye health and the steps you can take to protect your vision. In particular, they will examine three of the more common eye diseases and conditions - cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. Through new prevention and surgical techniques, eye diseases like these can often be diagnosed early and treated successfully. This episode will be broadcast Friday, May 5 at 8 p.m. on Lakeland Public Television. (Submitted photo)

Save trauma patient lives by giving blood

Blood donation opportunity in Motley

During Trauma Awareness Month in May, the American Red Cross urges eligible donors to help ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients with traumatic injuries and other serious medical needs by donating blood.

An upcoming blood donation opportunity will be Tuesday, May 23, noon - 6 p.m., at Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S.

According to the National Trauma Institute, trauma accounts for approximately 41 million emergency department visits and 2.3 million hospital admissions in the U.S. annually.

"A single car accident victim can need as many as 100 units of blood," said Sue Thesenga, communications manager, North Central Red Cross Blood Services. "In trauma situation, when there's no time to check a patient's blood type, emergency personnel reach for type O negative red blood cells and type AB plasma."

O negative red blood cells and AB plasma can be transfused into any patient, regardless of blood type, making donors with these universal blood types an important part of the Red Cross trauma team. Less than seven percent of the population has type O negative blood and only about four percent of the population has type AB blood.

Platelets may also be needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding. Because platelets must be transfused within five days of donation, there is a constant - often critical - need to keep up with hospital demand.

"As a trauma surgeon, I know that a readily available blood supply can mean the difference between life and death for patients in the most serious situation," said Dr. Gregory J. Jurkovich, board chair, National

Trauma Institute; fellow, American College of Surgeons; and professor and vice chairman, Department of Surgery, University of California Davis Health. "Blood products can only be provided by generous donors, so I urge you to roll up a sleeve and help save lives."

In 2014, donated blood helped save Ethan Moser's life after his personal watercraft collided with the boat carrying his family. He suffered massive blood loss due to a severed femoral artery and other serious injuries. Moser received 160 transfusions of blood and blood products.

While his recovery continues, Moser remains grateful to the generous donors who provided the blood he received. "I'm here simply because there was enough blood available to replenish what I lost," he said. "You never know when an accident's going to happen, so please donate today to be sure blood is available for those who will need it."

Blood donors of all types are currently needed. Those who come out to donate blood or platelets by May 14 will have a chance to win one of three \$1,000 gift card shopping sprees from GiftCertificates.com. Donation appointments can be scheduled by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.



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Enjoying the square dance

Many residents at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples stopped by the dining hall April 30, to watch square dancers from Wadena Whirlaways, North Country Plus (Sta-

ples) and several other square dance organizations throughout Minnesota as they danced to the calling of Larry Johansen. (Submitted photo)



Ready to start cooking

The Culinary courses at Staples-Motley High School received a gift of culinary equipment with the help of Chef Tom Kavanaugh and funding from the Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. Mary Gottsch, Brainerd Lakes Chamber, delivered three Ninja Blenders, five KitchenAid Mixers and two Cuisinart Food Processors. Students at SMHS are able to enroll in a Bridges Workplace Connection Culinary Academy and can earn a ServSafe Food Handlers Certificate. Next year the students will be able to participate in a program called “ProStart” and work with an area chef. To learn more

about the Culinary Academy contact Mike Schmidt at Staples-Motley High School. In front, from left, are Logan Paklonsky, Deven Paskewitz, Lissabeth Pierce, Owen Bjerga, Hunter Berggren and Cameron Bendson. In back, from left, are Maykayla Lambert, Sara Nantik, Parker Thompson, Ashley Black, Taylor Heldman, Tayiah Shegstad, Kiera Dumpprope, Amber Longworth, Aleecia Fall, Alexis Beach, Emilia Moore, Kaila Erbe, Haley Payne, Amy Michel, Josh Lombard, Krystal Yoder, Riley Peterson, Lula Robinson and Principal Mike Schmidt. (Submitted photo)

Student Achievements

KASEY ODDEN, Staples, will graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato, on May 6, receiving a Master of Science degree in Education Technology.

ALLISON VANGSNES, Staples, will graduate from Minnesota State University, Mankato, on May 6, receiving a Master of Science degree in Education Technology.

Obituaries



Frank Disterhaupt

Frank H. Disterhaupt, 88, of Pillager, passed away April 29, 2017, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held Thursday, May 4 at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

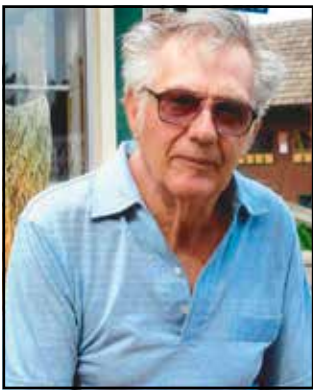
Interment will be at Bridgeman Cemetery following a luncheon at the church after the service.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Frank was born on December 25, 1928, in Atkinson, Nebraska to Frank and Ida (Braun) Disterhaupt. He married Thelma Wondercheck on October 4, 1950 in Nebraska. They moved to May Township in Minnesota in 1956, where Frank started raising dairy cattle, later switching to raising beef cattle and was a rancher until the time of his death. Frank was a member of the Minnesota Cattlemen’s Association. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors. Frank’s greatest joy was raising his cattle and spending time with family, especially his grandchildren.

Frank is survived by four daughters, Bonnie (John) Ruby; Carol Webster both of Motley; Sally (Dennis) Reger of Farmington and Kathy (Dave) Achermann of Motley; four sons, Steve (Lois) Disterhaupt of Hayden, ID, Doug (Jodi) Disterhaupt of Thief River Falls, Albert (Karen) Disterhaupt of Motley and Joe Disterhaupt of Eden Prairie; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Anna Mullen, Doris Terwilliger and Maryann McDaniel; five brothers, Herman Disterhaupt, Lonnie Disterhaupt, Ed (Delores) Disterhaupt, Clem Disterhaupt and Alden (Cindy) Disterhaupt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jay and Ray Disterhaupt.



Mort Young

Mort Patrick Young, 76, of Staples, passed away April 25, 2017, at the Lakewood Care Center; Staples from Parkinson’s disease.

Memorial Services will be held May 6, at 11 a.m. at the Staples Church of Christ with visitation one hour prior to the services at the church. Pastor Barry Klein will officiate.

Interment will be at the Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral and Cremation Care of Staples.

Mort was born on January 21, 1941, in Staples, to Patrick and Bertha (Lee) Young. He was baptized in the Church of Christ. Mort attended the little old school house in his childhood, and often spoke of how he walked 1-1/4 miles to school almost every day.

Mort joined the U.S. Army in 1957. In 1962, he married his first wife, Lois and they lived in Willmar. In 1970, Mort met Judy Carlock at a Fourth of July picnic near Staples. They were married September 2, 1972, two years later they moved to Staples. Mort was a trucker for most of his working life and logged over 3.5 million miles during his employment. He enjoyed traveling, watching football, golf and was a fan of Tiger Woods. Mort was very mechanical and loved cars, enjoyed wood-working, hunting, working on the family farm when he was younger and was fond of the family pets, especially his dog, Puppy.

Mort is survived by his wife, Judy; two daughters, Pamela Young of Willmar and Denielle (Felix) Ledesma of Cottage Grove; one brother, Tony (Dorothy) Young of Staples; three sisters, Gwendolyn (Clarence) Schoon of Sebeka, Marcy Young of Litchfield and Denise Young of Staples; six nieces and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Toby; two beloved cats, Cindy and Fritzie.

Care Center

May Birthdays

Joann Crider, May 10; Glenda Kurtz, May 14; Lyle Nordquist, May 26

MAY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Thurs., May 4 - 10 a.m. Bible Study, Pastor Brown; 2 p.m. Birthday party hosted by Poplar Birthday Club; 6:30 p.m. Games

Fri., May 5 - 10 a.m. Cappuccino; 1:45 p.m. Entertainment by “Sleufoot Band”

Sat., May 6 - 1 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., May 7 - 1:30 p.m. Word games; 2 p.m. Social time

Mon., May 8 - 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., May 9 - 9 a.m. Casino trip; 2:15 p.m. Church-United Methodist; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., May 10 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by ABE

Fri., May 12 - 9:30 a.m. Church - Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday with Faith Lutheran; 2 p.m. Mother’s Day Party; 2 p.m.

entertainment

Sat., May 13 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Tues., May 16 - 11:30 a.m. Resident’s Picnic; 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Alliance; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., May 17 - 10 a.m. entertainment; 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., May 18 - 10 a.m. Bible Study - Pastor Johnson

Fri., May 19 - 1:45 p.m. Root Beer Floats

Sat., May 20 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., May 21 - 2 p.m. Assembly of God Singers

Tues., May 23 - 2:15 p.m. Church - Church of Christ; 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Weds., May 24 - 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., May 25 - 10:30 a.m. \$\$ Store trip; 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Lincoln Ladies Aid

Fri., May 26 - 4 p.m. Cheers; 6:30 p.m. Games

Sun., May 28 - 1:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Tues., May 30 - 2:15 p.m. Church - St. John’s Lutheran; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Chad and Tracy Hines of Little Falls, a baby boy, Fletcher David weighing eight pounds, eight ounces on April 22, 2017.

Born to Tiffany Carlson and Coleman Coughlin, of Pine River, a baby boy, Everest Indigo weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on April 22, 2017.

Born to Josh and Sierra Wagner, of Clarissa, a baby boy, Orlando Rebel weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces on April 22, 2017.

Born to Kristal Milton and Paul Blomquist, of Motley, a baby girl, Michelle Lee weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on April 26, 2017.

Master Artist Award nominations sought

The Five Wings Arts Council is looking for nominations for the 2017-2018 Master Artist Award.

The award, given biannually recognizes an individual Minnesota artist, living in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd or Wadena counties, who has achieved creative excellence, a superior mastery of their art form, has accrued a reputable body of work, and is recognized for making important contributions to the arts.

Nominations will be accepted for artists working in any artistic discipline, including but not limited to: visual arts (two and three dimensional), music, dance, writing, theater, film and media. Deadline for nominations is June 7.

Anyone can nominate an artist for this distinction, which includes a \$10,000 cash award, an original, custom designed, hand-crafted award, public recognition at the 2018 Celebration of the Arts, and online presence on FWAC website.

To be eligible, nominees must have lived in Region Five for at least five years, be a current practicing artist and not be enrolled in any degree-seeking program at any educational level, nor a previous Five Wings Arts Council Master Artist Award recipient.

Selection criteria includes an evaluation of the artist’s body of work which must represent an investigation and maturation of their personal creativity, must demonstrate a high aesthetic level of artistic ability, with a strong consistency of expression over the course of his/her career. The nominee should have made a significant impact, as demonstrated by respect of peers and community, contributions to excellence and public appreciation of the art form

through teaching, preserving and/or advocacy.

Previous Master Artist award recipients are Kayleen Horsma, painter from Menahga; Charles Kapner, painter from Little Falls; Jeff Kreitz, sculptor of Breezy Point; and Doris Stengl, poet from Brainerd.

More information and access to the online nomination form can be found at the Five Wings website, www.fwac.org. For further details about the Five Wings Master Artist Award program, visit the Five Wings Arts Council website.

Contact the Five Wings Arts Council for more information, 1-877-654-2166 or e-mail vicki.fwac@arvig.net.

This program is funded through support from the McKnight Foundation, which supports an environment in which artists are valued leaders in our community, with access to the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.

The Five Wings Arts Council is one of eleven regional arts councils in Minnesota. Its mission is to encourage and promote arts creation, appreciation, and education through grant programs and technical assistance in order to enhance the quality of life for Minnesota residents in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties.

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



**Smorgasbord**
Sunday, May 7
Swan Valley Lutheran Church,
Leader, Mn.
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
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Potatoes & Grav,
Salads, Lefse, Bars,
Cookies, Cupcakes.
Donations for prizes,
quilts and other prizes.

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Left to right: Jesse Greenwaldt, Mandy Berndt, Brian Tepley, Sid Greenwaldt, Gail Donarski

Mandy Berndt, Home Health Aide, Home Health / Hospice
Nominated by Ed and Lynn Lenk, “Mandy is amazing. My husband had a medical episode while Mandy was in our home. Mandy remained calm and professional throughout the visit. She contacted the right people, assisted with appointments and stayed until my husband was loaded and cared for before she departed. Mandy is a remarkable home health aide and we hope Lakewood is happy to have her because we sure are.”

Sid Greenwaldt, Jesse Greenwaldt, Brian Tepley and Gail Donarski, Maintenance
Nominated by Mary Kay Wohler, “Recently, Sid helped me with my personal vehicle. The entire department is always available and willing to help with whatever we need. They are so nice every time we call them they say, “be right there.” and they are. They take great pride in the job they do to keep this building up and running. Our patients benefit by having up to date rooms and equipment. Great job guys, thank you for all you do.”



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Bike give aways...
at Bike Rodeo

The Staples Area Friends of the Trails will host their annual Bike Rodeo and Family Trail Ride Thursday, May 11, from 5-7 p.m. at the parking lot of Jon's Family Foods and Staples True Value.

Ten bicycles so far have been donated by area groups, to be given away in drawings held at the

bike rodeo. The event will also include free food and drinks.

Jake Capistrant of Jake's Bikes in Alexandria will be on hand to tune up kids' bicycles, there'll be a skills course and trail rides along the paved bike trail starting at the store's parking lot.



Robin the cockatiel safe

Dale Vukelich is reunited with his cockatiel Robin, with the help of the Staples Police and Staples Fire Department. "I didn't think we would ever get him back," said Vukelich, after the bird flew away from his home on McKinley Ave. in Staples on April 27. Vukelich had opened his garage door while family members had Robin out of his cage, which they do often. Vukelich said he has a connection with the bird so it may have heard him and flew over to land on his head, one of its favorite perches. But this time the bird kept going, out the garage door and high into a tree across the street.

Luckily it was cold that day and Robin didn't know what to do so he stayed in the tree. After the police were contacted, they called the fire department. Vukelich said they were doing some training and had a new trainee on hand to help with the rescue. The fire department extended the ladder truck, climbed up and the bird hopped right into their hands.

"Robin has no doubt become a member of the family. We would be so lost without him, he truly is a remarkable bird," said Vukelich. "Thank yous go out to the Staples Fire Department and Staples Police Department for a job well done. We could not have done it without you."

Crossword Puzzle

Week 18

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8 9 10 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

CLUES ACROSS

1. Computer security philosophy (abbr.)

4. "Antman" actor Paul

8. Region

10. Heart veins ___ cavae

11. Stem

12. Public house

13. Outdated monetary units

15. Experiences again

16. Took possession of (Brit.)

17. Absolved

18. "His Airness"

21. Unhappy

22. The entirety

23. Meds without prescription

24. James Bond is one

25. Signal

26. Midwife

27. "The Who" guitarist

34. "Independence Day" actor

35. East Asian territory

36. Moved slowly

37. God of Assyria

38. Highland

39. Photographers' requests

40. Makes tractors

41. Witnesses

42. Not beginnings

43. Prosecutors

CLUES DOWN

1. Prejudice

2. Known for its sultans

3. Boston hoopster

4. An evangelistic meeting

5. Inconsistent

6. Challenged

7. Hideaways

9. Members of Menonite sect

10. Cogently

12. Univ. of Maryland mascot

14. The Caspian is one

15. Greek letter

17. Law degree

19. Respected

20. Resin-like substance

23. A basis for

24. Popular horror movie franchise

25. Basements

26. Boxing promoter

27. Plucked

28. Small amount

29. Shape-memory alloy

30. Metal plates

31. Resonated

32. Sicknes

33. Coercion

34. Franz van ___, German diplomat

36. Type of ranch

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Deadlines for all classified ads, including garage sale ads is 5 p.m. MONDAY to be published in Thursday's Staples World and 5 p.m. Wednesday for the Staples Square Shooter.



Staples JCI Pitch, Hit & Run competition

JCI Staples also known as the Staples Jaycees hosted the MLB Pitch, Hit & Run competition April 23, at Pine Grove Park. The following awards were given and they're eligible to compete at the sectional competition May 20 at the Bemidji Middle School Ball Fields - Mark Evanson Fields at 1 p.m. 7/8: Softball, Andrew Dobson, All Around Champ; 9/10, Softball, Isabelle Dobson, All Around Champ; 7/8, Baseball, Jackson White, Pitch, Hit & Run Champ; All Around Champ; 9/10, Baseball, Shawn Schmitz, Hit Champ, All Around Champ; 9/10, Baseball, Hayden Rutherford, Pitch Champ; 9/10, Baseball, Dylan Lawrence, Pitch Champ; 9/10, Baseball, Carter White, Run Champ; 11/12, Baseball, Ben Tyrrell, Pitch, Hit & Run Champ;

All Around Champ; 13/14, Baseball, Joe Tyrrell, Pitch, Hit & Run Champ; All Around Champ.

Participants pictured included: (not in order) Andrew Dobson, Isabelle Dobson, Jackson White, Tae Heier, Dylan Lawrence, Peyton Mithun, Shawn Schmitz, Hayden Rutherford, Reed Olds, Carter White, Ben Tyrrell, AJ Nienow, Connor Schmitz, Michael Ballantine and Joe Tyrrell.

JCI Staples thanks the Staples Lumberbats and the Staples Parks and Rec Dept. for their continued support of local baseball event. Anyone interested in volunteering at any of the other events; Pitch, Hit & Run, contact Zach Johnson, President at; 218-820-6003. (Submitted photo)

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaat
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

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

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m..
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

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

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

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages.....9:00 a.m..
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m..
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m..
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m..
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

Verndale

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m..
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m..
Prayer & Praise.....6:00 p.m..
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study groups, all ages

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.

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Did you see?

John 20:19-31

Rev. Tony Romaine, First Congregational Church UCC, Staples

There is a scene in the movie Patch Adams where an old genius holds up four fingers and asks Robin Williams' character Patch, "How many do you see?" Patch answers that he sees four and the old man says, "No, look at me, don't focus on the problem. If you focus on the problem, you can't see the solution." "How many do you see?" Patch still only sees four fingers and the old man says, "Look beyond the fingers, how many do you see?" When Patch focuses on the old man, Alfred, instead of the problem, he gets the answer correct, he sees eight fingers.

If we are not willing to look beyond what we consider to be logical, what we consider to be worldly, what we consider to be right; we may never truly find God in our midst. For as long

as we are blind to the love God has for us; how God longs for us to forgive each other, then we will never be able to see God amidst us.

Truly blessed are those who have not seen and still believed. Truly blessed are those who have looked beyond what our world wants us to see and into the realm of what God longs for us. Truly blessed are those who will not settle for the sensible world, but are willing to have faith in a God who is beyond our reality.

In the movie, after Patch answers correctly, Alfred, the old man says, "See what no one else sees, see what everyone else chooses not to see... See the world anew each day." May God grant you sight to see, ears to hear, hands to heal, and a heart open to love anew each day. Amen.

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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218-894-1112

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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value "Just Ask Rental"
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Staples, MN 218-894-3263

**NOTICE
LEADER COMMUNITY
HALL BOARD
MEETING**

The Leader Community Hall Board will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, May 11, 7:00 p.m. at the hall.

Mark Strom, Secretary
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**NOTICE
TODD-WADENA
COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONS
MEETING**

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, May 8, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Wadena County Courthouse, Wadena, MN

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant
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**STATE OF
MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No.
77PR-17-354**

In Re: Estate of
Janet E. Sufka,
Decedent

**NOTICE AND ORDER
OF HEARING ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
OF INTESTACY,
DETERMINATION
OF HEIRSHIP,
APPOINTMENT
OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE
AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on June 6, 2017 at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 221 First Avenue South, Suite 100, Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the Decedent dated, July 21, 1992, and (“Will”), and for the appointment of Nancy A. Bitz, whose address is 10431 Amigo Trail, Grey Eagle, MN, 56336 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

A charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceedings be given to the Attorney General pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 501B.41, subdivision 5.

BY THE COURT

Dated: April 20, 2017

/s/ Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Dated: April 20, 2017

Rhonda Bot
By Patti Johnson
Deputy Court
Administrator

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**MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 4, 2017**

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner’s Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 4th day of April, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.
Approval of Agenda
On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with the deletion of 11.2 Request to move Officer Manager Position from Grade 9 Step 3 to Step 6 for further research.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
To approve the Commissioner’s Meeting Minutes

**Public
Notices**
**NOTICE
EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY**

Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples, held its annual meeting Feb. 14, 2017 at the Staples Community Center. Election of officers was held. Elected were: Bob Reeck, President/ Treasurer; Marlene Card Reeck, Secretary; Huck Holst, Vice President.

The board chose May 1 to open the cemetery.

New policy signs were posted at the cemetery. Some revisions were needed as the cemetery is taking on a cluttered look. The board made the mtion that all shepard hooks or pedestal style flower pot holders, vases (maximum of two) must be placed next to the grave headstone. NO other items allowed. If families have other items placed by the headstone, the board asks that you please remove them.

Also remember that pets must be on leashes and owners need to pick up after their pets.

For questions, contact Bob Reeck, President, 218-296-0877 or Huck Holst, Vice President, 218-296-2469.

Bob Reeck, President
Evergreen Hill Cemetery
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
TODD COUNTY
DITCH 18**

Notice is given by means of this legal newspaper that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the Commissioner’s Board Room on the third level of the Historic Courthouse located at 215 1st Ave South, Long Prairie, MN 56347.

This Public Hearing is regarding: 1) Outlet Petitions that have been submitted by several landowners asking to use CD18 as an outlet for their water.

2) a Repair Petition that has been submitted to maintain County Ditch 18 located in Iona Township.

All interested landowners are welcome and encouraged to attend this Public Hearing. Todd County Commissioners Becker, Erickson, Kircher, Kneisl, and Neumann; County Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, and Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter will be present. If any additional information is needed before this meeting, please contact Nancy Uhlenkamp County Ditch Inspector located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Praire, MN, 56347, phone 320-533-4651, email: nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us

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for March 21, 2017 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – LONG PRAIRIE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Long Prairie Hockey Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Long Prairie Hockey Association to hold gambling activities at Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township at the address 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN effective May 1, 2017 until revoked or otherwise cancelled as provided by law.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Auditor Warrants number 229214 through 229348 in the amount of \$1,038,112.46.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 45738 through 45815 in the amount of \$72,835.19.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 700320 through 700471 in the amount of \$89,857.77 and Warrants number 512407 through 512421 in the amount of \$6,786.69.

Ditch Inspector
On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To acknowledge receipt of Outlet Petitions to County Ditch 18 for parcels 13-0014600, 13-0016000, 13-0016200, and 13-0020600.

Custodial Department
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize administration to begin recruiting in house for the Building Services Supervisor position.

Hands of Hope
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
2017 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION
WHEREAS, the board of commissioners and Hands of Hope resource Center work jointly towards making every home and community in Todd County safe, and;

WHEREAS, the voices of those who have been victimized by sexual assault must be heard through public awareness and education activities, and;

WHEREAS, in 2016, Hands of Hope Resource Center served 51 new victims of sexual assault, 12 of those victims were children, 26 were adult victims, and the remainder were secondary victims, moms, dads, siblings, friends and extended family members, the bulk of which are constituents of this county board. The other important factor we need to remember is that over 60 percent of sexual assaults are never reported, and;

WHEREAS, over three fourths of these assaults are committed by someone that is known to the victim, and often times take place either in the victim’s home or within a mile of that home, and nearly half of all sexual assaults are happening to our children under 18 years of age, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners join Hands of Hope Resource Center in encouraging all Todd County residents to become a part of the solution to eliminate sexual violence in our county, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd

County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and urge citizens to reach out to victims, learn more about this crime, and speak out against it.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK
APRIL 2 – 8, 2017

WHEREAS, Americans are the victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, affecting individuals, and communities;

WHEREAS, Providing victims with knowledge of their rights and available services further strengthens their ability to recover by restoring a sense of self-empowerment;

WHEREAS, A trauma-informed response to victims promotes healing and fosters strength in survivors;

WHEREAS, Unaddressed trauma from victimization weakens the resilience of victims and their communities, impeding their ability to withstand future trauma;

WHEREAS, Victims who feel understood and supported are more likely to disclose their victimization, seek services, and participate in the justice process;

WHEREAS, A multidisciplinary response, involving collaboration among victim service professionals, criminal justice officials, legal professionals, medical and mental health providers, and community leaders is essential to reach and serve all victims - especially those who are marginalized, have disabilities, or live in remote locations;

WHEREAS, Strengthening the multidisciplinary response – bringing diverse skills, perspectives, and understandings together in the service of victims - also serves to build the resilience of those responders, by strengthening the confidence in their roles, abilities, and sense of contribution;

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims’ Rights Week, April 2-8, 2017, provides an opportunity to recommit to ensuring that all victims of crime - especially those who are challenging to reach or serve – are afforded their rights and receive a trauma-informed response; and

WHEREAS, Hands of Hope Resource Center is hereby dedicated to strengthening victims and survivors in the aftermath of crime, building resilience in our communities and our victim responders, and working for justice for all victims and survivors.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of April 2-8, 2017, as

Crime Victims’ Rights Week

And reaffirm Todd County’s commitment to creating a victim service and criminal justice response that assists all victims of crime during Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the year; and to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our response to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

Soil & Water
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

**RESOLUTION
TO ADOPT TODD
COUNTIES AQUATIC
INVASIVE SPECIES
PREVENTION PLAN
FOR 2017**

WHEREAS, 2014 Session Law Chapter 308 enacted by the Legislature provides Minnesota counties a County Program Aid grant for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention. The amount designated to

each county is based on the number of watercraft trailer launches as well as the number of watercraft trailer parking spaces within each county. Todd County was allocated approximately 1.6 percent (%) of the total, which equates to \$154,769 in 2017, and;

WHEREAS, the legislation requires that Todd County must establish, by resolution or through adoption of a plan, guidelines for the use of the proceeds which are to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all access sites within the county, and;

WHEREAS, the county may appropriate the proceeds directly, or may use any portion of the proceeds to provide funding for a joint powers board or cooperative agreement with another political subdivision, a soil and water conservation district in the county, a watershed district in the county, or a lake association located in the county. Any money appropriated by the county to a different entity or political subdivision must be used as required under this section, and;

WHEREAS, the county must submit a copy of its guidelines for use of the proceeds to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31 of the year the payments are received, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota, designated oversight of Todd County’s AIS prevention efforts to the Todd Soil, Water, Conservation Development Division (SWCDD) and delegated to them the responsibility to convene an Advisory Committee and prepare, implement and report annually plans to allocate funding in accordance with above legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Todd County, Minnesota, adopt the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Plan for 2017 as presented.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To agree to enter into contracts with Big Birch Lake Association and WaterGuards, LLC for services outlined in attached contracts.

Health & Human Services

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

**CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities and need to be addressed by the entire community;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of partnerships created between parents, practitioners, schools, faith communities, health care organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

WHEREAS, family-serving, youth focused prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage parents and youth to develop strong ties to their communities;

WHEREAS, all citizens need to be more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention within the community, and be involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing society;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that We, The Todd County Board of Commissioners, hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Todd and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participa-

tion in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

County Attorney
On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to begin the recruitment process for a part-time legal assistant.

Auditor-Treasurer’s Report

Forfeited Land Auction was held on April 3, 2017 and 15 parcels were sold. 2017 Property Tax Statements were mailed beginning March 27, 2017. Continued meetings with Eagle Valley School District. CliftonLarsonAllen will be present the week of April 10 for yearly audit processes.

Commissioner’s Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator’s Report
A meeting was held with Ann from Springsted and now awaiting further information for review.

Recess
Commissioner Erickson recessed the meeting until April 18, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BROCK/JERRY	\$3,777.47
COMPUTER PROS	4,612.00
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	4,279.94
LIBERTY TIRE SERVICES LLC	15,560.36
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC.....	3,347.29
STREAMWORKS.....	4,476.00
WONDERLICH/ SCOTT A	4,157.00
16 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	7,128.43
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	30,755.44
CARD SERV COBORNS.....	2,065.49
GENE-O’S COUNTRYSIDE REST LLC	4,879.20
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,499.00
HEGG, PC/LAW OFF OF DOUGLAS R.	2,100.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO.....	5,244.86
MN POWER & LIGHT	15,274.47
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	5,532.50
MORRISON COUNTY.....	2,275.00
PHEASANT’S FOREVER ..	14,627.60
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	243,874.25
SHIRLEY’S GAS & GROCERIES	2,346.73
STEP	4,214.25
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	8,063.00
TODD TRAILS ASSOC.....	30,101.00
34 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	11,411.20
AMERICAN HERITAGE.....	14,593.80
GREAT RIVER REG. LIBRARY	84,348.25
PETERS LAW OF, P.A.....	4,114.00
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	243,448.50
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	3,570.06
TED & GEN’S BAR B Q.....	2,440.85
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	8,063.00
VOYANT COMM, LLC.....	3,388.02
32 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	13,513.07
ALLIANCE BUILDING CORP	64,213.05
CENTERPOINT ENERGY.....	3,679.52
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	13,750.77
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	74,141.67
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS.....	4,719.50
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	62,800.55
17 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	4,725.31
Total	\$1,038,112.46

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CHAMBERLAIN OIL CO.....	2,134.70
GRANITE ELECTRONICS INC	34,492.32
HILDI INC.....	6,450.00
MORRIS ELECTRONICS.....	2,613.82
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET	3,173.14
73 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	23,971.21
Total	\$72,835.19

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - ANOKA METRO RTC - 412	16,500.00
DHS - MSOF - MN SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM ...	5,180.00
DHS - SWIFT	13,317.62
ITEN FUNERAL HOME - BROWERVILLE	3,385.00
PERISH/ALAN	2,143.14
RURAL MN CEP INC	12,422.16
V#14261 - COST EFF. HEALTH INSURANCE ..	2,882.50
145 PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	34,027.35
Total	\$89,857.77

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
PAYMENTS LESS THAN \$2,000.....	6,786.69
Total	\$6,786.69

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held April 4, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 18, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson, Todd
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer
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Short timeline necessary so neighboring districts can plan for next school year

The timeline is short for the county board to determine where Eagle Valley Public Schools will be attached to neighboring districts.

In the case of an involuntary dissolution the surrounding districts could lose their operating levy/ referendum authority - the dollars they collect beyond the general fund to bring in funds so they can stay solvent, said Hoheisel.

At their May 2 board meeting the commissioners set the dissolution hearing for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, in the county board room.

Hoheisel said the expectation was that the county would issue the final order for dissolution on June 20.

June 30 would be the last day for the county auditor to provide dissolution issuances to all school district clerks and the MDE commissioner.

July 1 would be the effective date of the dissolution and attachment.

Technically they had 90 days to complete this which would bring them out to Sept. 4. However, the districts needed an idea of how many students they might have coming in and the educators they needed to hire.

“The quicker you can move along on this schedule, the better it will be on the education side of it,” he said.

The following items must be in the order:

- Dissolution Statement.
- Provide a new plat map.
- Provide outstanding debt statement on dissolved district.
- Provide outstanding debt statement on attached districts as it relates to the dissolved district.
- Include any other necessary information.

Prior to the hearing each adjoining district must provide the following information:

- Outstanding bonded debt, outstanding energy loans and outstanding capital loans.
- Net Tax Capacity.
- Current school tax rates including referendum, discretionary or other optional levies being assessed currently and the expected duration of levies.
- Expectations statement on current debt obligations.

They have to provide information if they will continue to pay just their district debt or with the new land (if any) attached.

Hoheisel asked the commissioners if the districts agreed to a plan would they be okay with that? Or would they prefer to develop their own plan based on what they’re hearing from their constituents?

Commissioner David Kircher asked if they issued the final order could it go into litigation.

Yes, it could, but Hoheisel said that once the order was signed by the commissioner of education it would be less likely.

He further said that Browerville School District was willing to take all of the staff and the book-keeping, but wanted a concession made for the land.

“The commissioner of education could say that the district needs to be divided more equally,” said Hoheisel.

Several things are trying to be done legislatively including changing the old rule that causes districts that receive attachments of property from a dissolved district to lose their voter approved operating referendums.

Another proposed change is that the debt can be spread over 10 years instead of five years which would make paying off the debt less of a burden for the taxpayers.

Hoheisel said they wanted this as a separate bill as it would be the cleanest way to do this legislation, but he said it did not look like this would happen.

Because one district was stepping up to handle the books, the county auditor would assess the levy out over five years.

Bertha-Hewitt Superintendent Eric Koep said that they favored the same option as they had agreed

to last week, that Browerville would take all of the Eagle Valley District.

Eagle Valley Superintendent Dessica Veum has been working with lawyers on the dissolution process and said that the other superintendents were invited to call them. The lawyers had advised that until any legislation was signed, they not count on it.

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Superintendent Jon Kringen said that the superintendents had met the previous day and they had not reached a consensus recommendation.

“We’re each in a different place because the involuntary dissolution effects each district differently,” said Kringen.

He also said that they stand behind the resolution they passed which stated they neither expected nor accepted any of the Eagle Valley District. That same resolution was passed by the Staples-Motley District.

“It would be simpler and easier for the land to go to Browerville,” said Kringen.

Browerville Superintendent Scott Vedbraaten said he had a great deal of respect for his fellow superintendents as they were simply doing business.

“But just because it’s cleaner and easier doesn’t make it right,” said Vedbraaten.

Because Eagle Valley had been two districts, it would more than double the size of his district.

He felt they needed to do what was in the best interest of the students and that geographically, it didn’t make sense to give the entire district to Browerville as they’d be transporting students from within a few miles of Bertha to Browerville.

In Browerville’s opinion, it made more sense to split the district in half. He said that there were seven districts that touched Eagle Valley.

“Yes, it would be easier and cleaner to give it all to Browerville, but realize the impact it would have on Browerville by doing this,” said Vedbraaten.

Hoheisel said one scenario was that Browerville would take all the responsibilities by statute including the accounting and reporting.

The second scenario was that if land was attached to any district, they would be obligated to take staff from Eagle Valley.

Browerville was willing to take all of the first part of the scenario as long as less land was attached.

“We want to keep this as clean as possible and try to keep the townships together,” Hoheisel said.

He said that if they divided the district between Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville based on market value, then 47 percent would go to Bertha-Hewitt and 53 percent would go to Browerville.

He added that there were many other ways they could look at this, but that the other districts would like to see all of it go to Browerville.

“How will this affect the districts in the long-term?” Commissioner Barb Becker asked.

Hoheisel said that rural areas were not doing well and that the furthest they could look out into the future was five years. There were some very viable districts in the county and that a stable environment meant that a district was growing.

There was discussion about what parts would go to Bertha-Hewitt if a split were made.

The next topic was transportation. Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, Browerville, Eagle Valley and Bertha-Hewitt all are served by Aksamit Transportation.

Vedbraaten said that the time of the students on the bus as well as the cost of transportation were two of his concerns.

They would be obligated to provide transportation to all of the district. Even if the kids were not going to attend Browerville, they would have to assume they were and provide a seat for them.

Vedbraaten said that they’ll have to add another busing contract, but that they can’t assume they’ll get all of the students.

Commissioner Gary Kneisl noted he would be absent on June 6 and, since most of the Eagle Valley District is in his district, he would like to be at the hearing.

Kringen said that the school districts would prefer an “expedited process.”

“The faster we can get it done, the better. We can plan for staff and other needs as this has a potential to impact us all,” said Kringen.

Koep said that it could still impact his district because if he has to hire an Eagle Valley teacher because he would have to lay off a teacher he just hired.

“Browerville has made the statement that we need teachers and will take all of them, but we still want the Eagle Valley District split in half,” said Vedbraaten.

He added that he and Koep had the biggest question marks for their districts.

“I will need Eagle Valley teachers and I am willing to take them,” said Vedbraaten.

Kringen said they’d have one more meeting to make a plan before the commissioner’s May 2 meeting.

Hoheisel said that County Auditor Denise Gaida had finalized the tax rate, but that there could be different scenarios to look at and there could be different concerns for the Eagle Valley taxpayers.



Printed product projects

Staples-Motley students are shown with the projects they created at Central Lakes College graphic design department in Brainerd, front, from left, Liz Stimac, Kiara Storry, Emma Gerard; middle, Mason Nyhus, Amber Robben,

Chelsea Nanik, Claire Wolhowe, Page Kittelson and Alyssa Bartkowicz; back, teacher Jill Schneider, Jack Benson, Liz Flansburg, Chelsea Hofmann, Trey Skeesick, Brittney Lisson, Larken Hirschey and Caitlin Becker. (Submitted photo)

CLC, SMHS share high tech graphic design tools

Students from Staples-Motley High School had a hands-on lesson using Adobe software and a UV printer during a recent visit to Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

The students, along with their graphic design teacher Jill Schneider, explored various printers that the industry uses.

Each student brought a design idea for printing on 3-dimensional objects, like box covers, wooden

slabs and business cards. The students were excited to try the gloss feature that gives the design a clear embossed texture. Decals were also printed on a Roland VersaCAMM VS300i.

Students listened to a presentation on graphic design, the industry and how CLC’s programs work with internships in its print shop.

The unique experience was possible with

a partnership between Central Lakes College and Tech Mobile, which recently brought high tech machines to the college, including two UV printers, two vinyl printer/cutters and two laser etchers. Each of the machines expand student’s knowledge of the process used for specialty printing in the graphic design. Similar hands-on learning events are planned for other area high schools.

Dates for road restrictions and overweight permits set

The Minnesota Department of Transportation will start full summer overweight permits in the southeast, south and metro frost zones May 5.

Starting date for full summer overweight permits in the central frost zone will be May 8.

Spring load restrictions in the north-central frost zone ended May 1.

Spring load restrictions are still in effect in the north frost zone.

Road restriction maps indicating the locations of weight restricted routes and those state highways open to maximum 10-ton axle weights are listed on the MnDOT Seasonal Load Limits website at www.mndot.gov/loadlimits. Click on “Spring Load Restrictions.” Also available is a text list of the restricted segments along with exceptions to the map.

Permits for over 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight will continue and new permits will be issued if all axle and group weights are

legal.

Up to full summer overweight permits can be issued during the spring load restriction period only on interstate through movements.

Middle-range overweight permits become available within each frost zone when spring load restrictions are lifted.

Full summer overweight permits become available within each frost zone starting two to three weeks after spring load restrictions are lifted. For questions about the legal weight and size heavy haul trucking, call MnDOT’s Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations department at 651-296-6000 or email ofcvopermits.dot@state.mn.us.

For enforcement questions, call the State Patrol’s Commercial Vehicle Enforcement at 651-405-6196 and select option 3 and then option 3.

MnDOT will report dates on its 24-hour automated message center at

1-800-723-6543 for the U.S. and Canada, and locally at 651-366-5400 for the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.

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Presented by
Steve Trebil, BC-HIS



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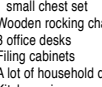
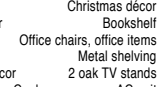
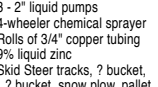
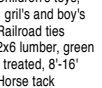
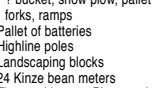
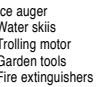
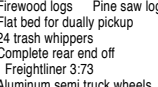
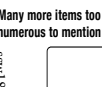
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Motley Motel burned; space will be parking

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

All that's left of the Motley Motel is a sign that lost its neon years ago; and some assorted memories of the building along Hwy 10 first known as the El-Ray Motel.

On April 29, the motel was burned to the ground by dozens of firefighters participating in a controlled burn. The event was organized by the Motley Fire Department, with 13 other area fire departments participating, including Staples, Bertha, Hewitt, Bluffton, Pillager, Aitkin, Brainerd, Deerwood, Ironton, Nisswa, Crosslake, Ideal and Hackensack.

The all-day event served two purposes. It provided both level one and level two training sessions for firefighters; and it will enable the new property owners, Joe, Susie and Pat Brichacek, to build a parking lot where the motel once stood.

Dozens of people camped out at a safe distance, watching the event unfold. A few children sat on the hoods of their families' trucks, in order to have a good view of the firefighters at work.

They came for a number of reasons.

Several children mentioned they came to watch their dads, who were firefighters. Karen Thiede said her husband is a new firefighter and was participating in the training. "It's exciting," she said.

Dan Orth of Staples said he stopped by because he has a great respect for the fire department and all that they do. Orth went on to mention that he lost his house to a fire in 2012.

"It brings back a lot of memories," said Bob Jenkins of Motley, as he watched the growing

flames.

Built in the late 1950s, the motel was first owned by Elmer Gold and Ray Savard, business partners who also owned the El-Ray Truck-stop.

It had a number of owners over the years; and Jenkins recalled that "when Donna Clavetts owned it, there was a big flower garden in the back."

The motel closed down for quite a spell; and about 10 years ago Gene and Dianna Eisel bought it, renaming it the Motley Motel. They sold it to the Brichaceks this past April 3.

She didn't want to be there to watch the burn, Dianna Eisel said, going on to recall a few memories of her own. "My mom, Hattie LaFontaine, managed it for 14 years," she said. The Eisels had been in the trucking business for 31 years; and would often stop at the El-Ray. "We got to know Elmer Gold really well," Dianna said.

Mashelle Deutsch, now of Motley, grew up in the Twin Cities area but her mother's relatives were from Motley. "I remember when we came to visit Uncle Bill and Aunt Florence (Berndt) when I saw the (El-Ray Motel) sign, I knew we were in Motley and almost there," she reminisced.

A.J. Langley, of Texas, said that she and her family used to come to Motley every summer for two weeks. "We always stayed in that last room," she said.

Richard DeLeon of Motley and his family set up lawn chairs on the east side of the motel. "I've been here since 9 a.m.," DeLeon said. He went on to note that he used to manage the motel about 15 years ago; and that he and his family had lived in the adjoining house. His son,

See **MOTEL** on page 4b



Aerial view of the fire

A drone belonging to Chris Holmes of Breezy Point captured this picture of the controlled burn in Motley April 29, of the Motley Motel. Chris said his brother,

Tim Holmes, is the Brainerd Fire Chief; and also an instructor for Fire Instruction and Rescue Education, which led training sessions that day.



Smoke gets in your eyes

Susie (left) and Joe Brichacek, along with Pat Brichacek (not pictured), recently purchased the Motley Motel, which was located on property adjacent to their business, BRICKS Travel Center in Motley. The Brichaceks decided to have the motel burned down and plan to put a parking lot in that space. Joe and Susie posed for a photo in front of the burning motel April 29. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Sharing memories

Pillager Firefighter Cherokee DeLeon (left) and his dad, Richard DeLeon of Motley shared memories of the Motley Motel during the recent controlled burn. Richard said he and his family used to manage the motel 15 years ago (then called the El-Ray Motel) and lived in the adjoining house for about a year during that time. Cherokee said it was a little strange helping set fire to a house he once lived in; but that "it was fun going in there." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Utilizing the ladder truck

Firefighters climbed to the top of the Staples Fire Department's ladder truck April 29, during the controlled burn of the Motley Motel. Fourteen fire de-

partments were involved with the training event, including 30 new firefighters and 30 experienced firefighters. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Organizing their gear

Firefighters participating in the training sessions at the recent controlled burn in Motley were divided into two groups; one consisting of level one fire-

fighters; and the other, level two. Training sessions took place in the motel rooms, as well as in the adjoining house. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Sprinter handoff

Chase Davis hands to Jordon Carlson for the final leg of the winning 4x100 meter relay.



Race pace

Coleman Klimek runs in the 4x800 relay

Boys track team wins Cardinal Invite

The Staples-Motley boys track team performed well at home as they had seven first place finishers to help them win the Cardinal Invite on April 28. The girls team finished fifth.

Matt Miller powered three of the wins for the Cardinals, winning the 100 and starting out two winning relays. Noah Han won the long jump and the triple jump. Matthew Fisher crossed the finish line in front twice, first in the 300 hurdles, where he came from behind in the last two hurdles, and again running the anchor leg in the 4x400 relay. The other first place was Emmet Anderson in the 3,200.

In the girls meet, the distance teams did wall, as they had two placers in the 800, Kiera Dumpprope and Kelsie Weite, three in the 1,600, Kira Sweeney, Addison Lorber and Dumpprope, and Sweeney was second in the 3,200.

Team results
Cardinal Invite
Boys results: Staples-Motley 159, Minnewaska 156, Ottertail Central 126, Pillager 109, Park Rapids 89, Ashby/Brandon/Evansville 40, United North Central 7
100 - 1. Matt Miller 11.70, 4. Dalton Holmberg 11.97, 9. Josh Lombard 12.28, 12. Zac Carlson 12.41, 20. Jakob Sachopar 12.97
200 - 3. Holmberg 24.73, 19. Sachopar 27.13, 21. Kristian Thompson 31.44
400 - 2. Mason Rychner 56.87, 6. Cael Sams 57.74, 16. Logen Weite 1:03, 19. Alex Vernon 1:09
800 - 8. Jack Tyrrell 2:24, 10. Garrett Carlson 2:29, 13. Coleman Klimek 2:46
1,600 - 3. Emmet Anderson 5:11, 4. Hunter Klimek 5:18, 5. Bentley Christensen 5:29, 9. Isaac Christoffersen 5:47
3,200 - 1. Anderson 10:54, 3. Klimek 11:20, 6. Tyrrell 12:04, 7. Christoffersen 12:29
110 hurdles - 9. Scout Strickland 20.96, 10. Matthew Fisher 21.01, 13. Sam Jennissen 22.73
300 hurdles - 1. Fisher 45.25, 14. Strickland 52.68, 17. Jennissen 55.43
4x100 - 1. Staples-Motley 46.93
4x200 - 6. Staples-Motley 1:49
4x400 - 1. Staples-Motley 3:45
4x800 - 5. Staples-Motley 10:13
High jump - 4. Chase Davis 5'2", 4. Tristin Etzler 5'2", 7. Derek Kennedy 5'2", 10. Lombard 5'0"
Pole vault - 8. Jennissen 8'0", 10. Strickland 7'6"
Long jump - 1. Noah Han 17'6", 6. Miller 16'7", 12. Rychner 15'8", 15. Kennedy 15'3"
Triple jump - 1. Han 39'2", 3. Fisher 35'7", 9. Kennedy 33'11", 15. Daniel Lozano 30'11"
Shot put - 5. Hunter Carlson 29'1", 6. Hunter Berggren 38'10", 8. Luke Schmieg 35'10"
Discus - 6. Strickland 103'9", 7. Schmieg 102'8"17. Berggren 84'5", 18. H. Carlson 84'1"
Cardinal Invite Girls results: Minnewaska 177, Park Rapids 151, Pillager 107, Ottertail Central 106, Staples-Motley 66, Ashby/Brandon/Evansville 62, United North Central 14
100 - 5. Jordan DeChaine 13.84, 10. Amber Robben 14.12, 15. Heidi Lombard 14.51, 16. Larken Hirschey 14.55, 19. Camryn Banaka 14.75, 25. Aleeah Halverson 16.63
200 - 13. Brooke Ferdon 30.30, 19. Jenna Dvorak 32.32, 21. Cassidy White 34.54
400 - 16. Abby Dukowitz 1:17, 18. Mikayla Sauber 1:24, 21. Emma Holmberg 1:26
800 - 5. Kiera Dumpprope 2:41, 6. Kelsie Weite 2:42, 12. Madyson Hull 3:05, 13. Allison Knosalla 3:06
1,600 - 2. Kira Sweeney 5:57, 3. Addison Lorber 5:58, 5. Dumpprope 6:08, 16. Malaya Reem 7:04
3,200 - 2. Sweeney 12:51, 10. Abby Brown 15:26
100 hurdles - 15. A. Hirschey 20.23, 17. Ashley Vasquez 21.14
300 hurdles - 8. Vasquez 57.39, 18. A. Hirschey 1:04



Shot put action

Hunter Berggren explodes out of the shot put circle as teammate Luke Schmieg looks on.



Runners working together

Kelsie Weite and Kiera Dumpprope start fast in the 800 meter run.

Ehresman hits game winning double

James Ehresman knocked in the game winning run with two outs to score Isaac Swendsrud and break a 4-4 tie as the Staples-Motley baseball team beat Park Rapids in the first game of a doubleheader on April 28. The Cardinals slipped in the second game and lost 15-1.

In the first game, the

teams stayed close for all seven innings before Ehresman ended it with his double. Swendsrud also pitched five innings, had two hits and two walks. Ben Olander pitched in relief and got the win.

Ehresman had three hits and three RBI.

In the second game, the Cardinals were down 3-1

after three innings, but Park Rapids hit some balls between the defenders and scored 12 runs. Except for that one inning, it was a close game.

Olander, Trey Skeesick and Tommy Kossan pitched. Skeesick had two hits at the plate and Ehresman had a hit and a walk.

Boys golfers in the thick of the pack

The Staples-Motley boys golf team was just a few strokes away from beating some of their rivals in the Cardinal Invitational at The Vintage golf course on April 29.

The Cardinals finished in fifth place, two strokes behind Bemidji and Pe-

quot Lakes, but were two strokes better than Pine River-Backus.

Team results
Cardinal Invitational
7. Beck Erholtz 37-40 - 77, 18. Finn Erholtz 41-45 - 86, 23. Tyler Helling 43-45 - 88, 34. Jack Benson 44-49 - 93, 54. Alex Giza 54-52 - 106, 61.

Jack Adamietz 57-57 - 114
Team scores: Brainerd 302, Annandale 311, Bemidji 342, Pequot Lakes 342, Staples-Motley 344, Pine River-Backus 346, Crosby-Ironton 363, Albany 369, Pierz 377, Princeton 402, Wadena-Deer Creek 449

Kossan, Cushing hits lead to softball win

Lisa Kossan and Allison Cushing led a 13 hit performance for the Staples-Motley softball team as they defeated Pillager 14-8 on April 28.

Of Kossan's four hits, three were dou-

bles. She also scored four runs and had three RBI. Cushing had three hits, five RBI and scored once.

Sarah Kossan was the winning pitcher and gave up eight hits.

Comeback of the lake sturgeon

By Ray Gildow

According to the Minnesota DNR, sturgeon were once common throughout Minnesota. They could be found in many lakes and rivers in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Catch estimates since the early 1890s have declined by 99.4 percent. Pollution, agricultural practices, dam construction and over-harvesting have all contributed to the decline of these long-lived, slow-growing unique fish. The Lake Sturgeon is Minnesota's largest fish and can reach a total length of 78-79 inches and weigh over 100 pounds.

Lake Sturgeon grow very slowly and mature later in life. Typical female sturgeon spawn once every four to six years and males spawn every two to three years. The typical male lives 55 years and some females are capable of living to nearly 150 years.

DNR records indicate that commercial harvesting of Lake Sturgeon in Minnesota was closed in the 1930s. Today, sport fishing harvest requires a special tag and is limited to one fish per year from the St. Croix River or Canada-Minnesota border waters (Rainy River and Lake of the Woods).

A number of state, federal and tribal governments have been working on efforts to restore and reintroduce Lake Sturgeon into four Minnesota watersheds; Red River, Lake of the Woods, St. Louis River Estuary/Western Lake Superior and the St. Croix River. In 2002, the Minnesota DNR embarked on 20-year stocking plan in the Red River basin with the goal of having a naturally reproducing population over the next 20-30 years.

There are a number of other bodies of water around the state where anglers are reporting catching Lake Sturgeon. The Ottertail River, Kettle River, Mississippi River and the Minnesota River are just a few.

The Lake Sturgeon is making a comeback. Credit needs to go to clean water legislation, and the fine work of the groups that have been investing time and money into reintroducing and protecting the giant fish. Lake Sturgeon are rebounding but they still have a long way to go to meet recovery goals.

It's a well-known fact that if an angler wants a good chance of catching a Lake Sturgeon the Rainy River is the place to go from mid-April until early June. These big fish are staging for the spawn and every year the fish caught seem to be getting bigger and bigger. Anglers fishing for walleye on the river are often surprised with the fish of a lifetime when a big Lake Sturgeon is the unexpected visitor on the other end of the line. It's not uncommon to fight these big fish for 30-60 minutes before landing them in the boat.

The basic technique for fishing these fish is a weight that keeps the bait on or near the bottom, a two-three-foot leader, a glob of worms and a good stiff rod. Many anglers prefer to use ultra-light line and ultra-light tackle, a technique that will guarantee a long battle. For anglers who know area rivers well and know where the fish hang out in the summer, they can be fished all year. Anglers willing to put in the time and who know where to go catching a Lake Sturgeon can be the thrill of a lifetime. These magnificent fish are truly making a comeback.



Power swing

Jace Hoemberg puts the wood on the ball during the Staples Lumberbats game April 29.

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Controlled burn training in Motley was a success

Cherokee DeLeon, is now a member of the Pillager Fire Department and participated in the controlled burn.

The Eisels put a lot of work into remodeling the motel after it had sat vacant for so long; but in recent years, it had often been mentioned in law enforcement reports.

"I'm glad to see it gone," said Motley Police Chief Ron Smith. "I have taken many, many calls here in the one-and-a-half years I've been in Motley," he said, going on to mention drug deals, assaults, thefts and assorted medical calls.

Motley Fire Chief Todd Judd said that he was glad for the opportunity to host the controlled burn.

"It was a successful day," Judd said, going on to mention that their entire department participated in the event, including two of their new firefighters.

"The training was excellent," said Jeney Christensen of Hewitt. She and her husband Brian Christensen are both on the fire department in Hewitt and it was the first time they had participated in a controlled burn, with sessions led by Fire Instruction and Rescue Education out



One of the instructors

Mike Schwankl (right) of Pequot Lakes was one of several instructors with Fire Instruction and Rescue Education (FIRE) out of Crosslake, which offered training sessions in Motley April 29. He is pictured with Motley Police Chief Ron Smith who was on duty during the event. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

of Crosslake. "It was eye-opening to get right in the fire."

Fire Chief Judd said that the training sessions wrapped up shortly after noon and at 1 p.m., they "finally let it (the fire) go." They finished everything by about 4 p.m., Chief Judd said. "No one got hurt," he

added.

Several bystanders offered opinions as to what they thought might replace the motel.

But, what is the official word, asked this reporter.

"A parking lot," Joe Brichacek said with a smile. "That's the official word."



Wrapping it up

After several hours at the scene of a controlled burn at the Motley Motel April 29, Motley firefighters worked to put all of their equipment and gear away. Pictured above in front of the last remain-

ing remnants of the motel are, from left, Lonna Dille, Jim Uhlman, Chief Todd Judd; and Nick Dille, 2nd Asst. Chief. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Motley Area Food Shelf raises \$33,000 during March drive

"Thanks to the community's support of the Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS), we raised \$33,000 during our March Campaign and received 900 lbs. in donated canned goods," reports Sherry Miller Frisk, food shelf director.

"Going over our \$20,000 goal is allowing us to be able to purchase meat and order some fresh fruit for our clients," Frisk added.

The MAFS is able to get some meat from Second Harvest food bank; but now they will also be able to purchase more meat from stores in the community, as well as some fresh fruit.

Donations during the March food drive came from a number of area organizations, churches and businesses. These included the Leader Lions, who held a breakfast; Motley Free Methodist Church, had a concert and supper; Employees at Ten-Hi bar raised over \$1,200; Bethany Lutheran Church in Cushing designates the fourth Sunday of every month as Food Shelf Sunday; the Motley-Staples Middle School held a canned goods drive; the social services department of Morrison County held pot luck dinners and silent auctions, dividing the proceeds between the Motley, Little Falls, and Pierz Food Shelves; a Thrivent donation allowed the MAFS to purchase some extra beef.

Many organizations continue to give all year long, Frisk said. "We are able to give out turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas because of the Motley Lions; and fresh potatoes in the fall thanks to the potato man, Jerry McCardle. Joe Dubbles brings us bushels of apples and Morey's do-



Leader Lions raise food shelf funds

The Leader Lions donated \$1,000 to the Motley Area Food Shelf. The proceeds were raised from the Lions annual pancake breakfast held March 19. Pictured above: Lion Deb Alexander and Sherry Frisk, Motley Area Food Shelf. (Submitted photo)

ates salmon."

Frisk also reports that the MAFS recently had a barn quilt put up on the outside of the building. "The Bread Basket" was painted by Staples-Motley student Haley Payne. "She painted it with happy colors as they clients are happy when they leave the food shelf," Frisk said. "Thank you to Lisa Kajer and Mary Noska for including us in the barn quilt trail," she added.

Following the March food campaign, Frisk said she visited many of the churches, organizations and the middle school to personally thank them for their support of the food shelf. "I think the personal touch is much more grati-

fying then just a thank you note," Frisk said, going on to note that, "With out their support, we could not help those in need."

Frisk said she volunteers at a lot of organizations and committees in the area; and that the food shelf is one of the most rewarding. "The smiles we see are all the rewards we need," she said.

The Motley Area Food Shelf couldn't run without all of the volunteers, Frisk said. She went on to recognize the various tasks they do on a regular basis, including unloading the food truck, stocking shelves, assisting the clients and helping in the office. "It's all because of them that we run so smoothly."



Students donate to food shelf

The Motley-Staples Middle School held a contest in March to see which class could collect the most canned goods for the Motley Area Food Shelf. They collected a total of 607 pounds, with the fourth grade class collecting 213 pounds which earned them popcorn and a movie. In addition, the students collected canned goods during a dance in February, making a total of 847 pounds. Pictured above are some of the

seventh graders who helped carry the canned goods to the two trucks which delivered them to the food shelf. From left, Joe Tyrrell, Morgan Becker, Jadyndy Vogel, Isabel Mikel, Ameara Chenoweth, Allison Knosalla, Brent Hansen, Tristan Zetah, Connor Rossetti, Alick Nelsen, Easton Ecker, Joshua Mathison, Andria Dolezal, Evan Allen, Tyson Franks. (Submitted photo)

Motley Police, Morrison Cty Sheriff's Office reports

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

April 26 - The MPD received a call from Todd County Sheriff's Office requesting extra patrol at the Motley Cemetery. Four-wheelers have been using the ditch to ride in, tearing it up, as well as the approaches. Todd County

will send deputies as well to keep an eye on it.

April 26 - The MPD issued a citation to Zed Lawrence, 60, for driving without a valid license.

April 22 - The MPD received a call regarding a man who has been seen hanging around Converse Park in Motley on several occasions, speaking with children. He is described as being older, with dirty blonde hair, wearing sweat

pants that were sagging.

April 21 - The MPD assisted at a two-car collision at the intersection of Hwys 10 and 210 in Motley.

April 24 - The MCSO received a report of theft at Lincoln Lakes Liquor in Cushing.

April 21 - The MCSO received a report of theft at a property located at the 34000 block of Hwy 10 in Motley.

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