

Timberlake Hotel opens in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It was 76 degrees and sunny June 1, the day the Timberlake Hotel in Staples officially opened for business.

At 2 p.m., the first guests checked in, commenting about the beautiful weather which seemed specially ordered to match the ambiance of the new hotel.

Hailing from Motley, Alan and Machel Marshall said they've been excited to watch the construction progress of the Timberlake Hotel since day one.

Early on, Alan Marshall decided he'd like to be the first guest at the hotel, which is owned by the Ives Family of Grand Rapids: Mike and Mary, their son Burl and his wife Kris.

"I've never walked on the moon or set anything close to a world record, but I want to be the first to stay at the hotel and support the Ives family in their venture here," Alan Marshall shared as he picked up his room key from Jordan Goodwater, general manager at the hotel.

This was a "soft opening" for the Timberlake Hotel, said Mary Ives. "We'll be feeling our way through the first breakfast, which will be for around 35 - 45 people."

They weren't quite ready to open up all of the floors yet to guests, Mary went on, but they were able to accommodate several family members in town for a funeral, as well as helping Alan and Machel Marshall check this item

off their bucket list.

"We wanted to help make that happen...they've been so excited about it," Mary said about the Marshalls' request to be the first guests. "Chef Ross made some hors d'oeuvres and had them waiting in their room."

The new hotel seems to be the 'talk of the town' as evidenced by chatter at local establishments, as well as on social media. Photos shared on Facebook boast of the hotel's pool and hot tub; spacious lobby, complete with a fireplace and sitting area; and a breakfast cafe. There are a variety of rooms available to guests, including an executive king room with a deluxe walk-in rain shower

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First guests...all the way from Motley

Alan and Machel Marshall from rural Motley were the first guests to check in at the Timberlake Hotel in Staples when it opened June 1. It had been something he'd wanted to do ever since hearing about the new hotel, Alan said. Pictured, from left, are Jordan Goodwater, General Manager of the Timberlake Hotel; JoAnn Loidolt, Leader, guest services; Machel and Alan Marshall. Machel works across the street from the new hotel at National Joint Powers Alliance, "so it won't be too much of a commute for her," Alan said, adding that after checking in, he was going to do his bus route for the Staples-Motley School District but planned to be back in time to enjoy the "luxurious affordable rooms at Timberlake Hotel." (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Even the birds pay tribute to the flag

Doug Wonders of rural Motley captured this photo with his trail camera of a red tail hawk landing near an American flag along the Long Prairie River...just in time for Memorial Day, May 29, and Flag Day, June 14. Wonders said it's a peaceful stretch of river and he has witnessed a variety of wildlife there, including geese, swans, otters and eagles.



Hello, Readers,

On June 10, 1752, Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a thunderstorm and collected a charge in a Leyden jar when the kite is struck by lightning, enabling him to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning. Franklin became interested in electricity in the mid-1740s, a time when much was still unknown on the topic, and spent almost a decade conducting electrical experiments. He also invented the lightning rod.

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Beautiful day for a walk

Priscilla Gillespie, 91, (left) and her sister, Betty Gillespie, 93, both of Staples, enjoyed a walk downtown June 1, stopping to shop for a few items along the way. The sisters, who grew up in Staples, share the maiden name of Grant and went on to marry brothers with the last name of Gillespie. Priscilla's husband's name was Charles; and Betty's was Edward. Priscilla said that she has lived her entire life in Staples. Betty spent several years in California, but moved back to her hometown in 2013. The sisters enjoy taking walks together when they are able. "Out of eight siblings, there's just three of us left," Priscilla said, mentioning their brother, LeRoy Grant from Nevada. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



School board offers Ron Bratlie interim superintendent job

By Dawn Timbs
and Brenda Halvorson

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

Board chair Mary Freeman reported that she and board member Bryan Winkels, the negotiating committee, will meet with Bratlie June 14 to begin discussions.

Bratlie lives in rural Detroit Lakes and is currently serving as an interim superintendent in the Rothsay School District.

The school board interviewed Bratlie on May 25.

During the initial interview, the six board members asked him a series of 10 questions. Some of the



Ronald Bratlie

areas covered included his work background, method of communication, budget experience and how he handled moral dilemmas.

Bratlie noted that he has had an extensive background in education, both as a superintendent and in the 'construction' area of administration. Since his retirement, he has done a

lot in the area of 'clean-up jobs' for school districts and he has enjoyed that work.

In regard to his communication style, Bratlie said that in the past he has sent out notes to school board members on a weekly basis, making sure they are aware of new legislation and its impact on education. He also has an 'open door' policy. "My door is always open to board members, staff, members of the community."

Relationships within the school are important, Bratlie said. During his career, he has made it a point to go into classrooms and observe. He asks teachers what they need.

When asked about budgeting, Bratlie said that his experience, especially

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Wings contest, pig races set at Motley June Fest

Helping celebrate the city's 130th anniversary

The second annual Motley June Fest, sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, June 17, in the City of Motley.

"The Chamber of Commerce is excited about the opportunity to work with a great committee of people representing Motley's businesses, organizations and service groups in planning the festival," said Barb Cline, the chamber's executive director.

Held in conjunction with the Motley Fair, the festival is sure to be a grand celebration of small-town values, with many fun-filled events planned for the weekend. The majority of these events will be held on the west side of Hwy 10.

Motley June Fest kicks off at 9 a.m., with vendors and crafts set up throughout town. The parade begins at 11 a.m., with the parade route following 3rd Ave. So., beginning near the Motley United Methodist Church. Loren and Kathy Morey, Motley, are this year's Grand Marshals.

Cline noted that this year the City of Motley is celebrating its 130th anniversary and Morey's Seafood International is celebrating 80 years in business. "I think it's neat that Loren and Kathy will serve as Grand Marshals at this year's parade, because of their history with the business," Cline said. Although the family has since sold the seafood company, Loren Morey's father, Ed Morey, started it in 1937; and Loren expanded it in 1978.

"These two anniversary celebrations will add additional flavor to the events planned for June Fest," Cline said.

Featured again this year will be the Leader Area Pig Races, with two shows held at Ernie Converse Park. The first will be held from 1-2 p.m.; and the second from 3-4 p.m. Sponsors for the pig races include area businesses, Motley School alumni and other individuals.

There are eight teams on board for this year's Wings Competition, which begins at 1:30 p.m. It will be held in the parking lot next to Northwinds Grocery and will continue until all of the wings are gone. Expect to taste a variety of flavors and be sure to vote for your favorite.

The 'Motley Singers' contest will be held from 2-3 p.m. Singers aged 15-25 years of age are welcome to participate. "We are looking for the best two voices to send to Minnesota Sings in September to represent our area," Cline said.

Beer and food gardens will be available from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. In addition, the Motley Free Methodist Church will offer ice cream and root beer floats during that time at Ernie Converse Park. The church will host a number of children's activities as well.

Some of the other events on the Saturday agenda include a bean bag tournament at the Ten-Hi parking lot at 1 p.m.; 'Karaoke with Rita' from 3-7 p.m.; and a street dance at Motley Hardware Hank featuring the band, King's Ransom, from 8 p.m.-midnight.

Fireworks, sponsored by the Motley

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Watching the National Spelling Bee on ESPN

Brenda Halvorson, Staples World General Manager, watches as Rose Han of Staples attempts to spell 'thistledown' at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. May 28 (above); and cheers after judges tell Han she spelled it correctly (bottom photo). In center, Han faces Dr. Jacques Bailly, left, the official pronouncer; and Dr. Brian Sietsema, associate pronouncer. The event was televised and broadcast live on ESPN. Thirteen-year-old Han was one of 291 students from all over the United States vying for the spelling bee championship. She spelled words correctly in rounds two and three; and went on to tie for 41st place. Only the top 40 made it to the final round. A complete story of Rose's week in Washington D.C. will be included in next week's Staples World. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





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Left to Right: Sydney Mohs, Samantha Lindula, Deb Toth, Amanda Wensmann

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Deb Toth RN, Motley Clinic Lead
Nominated by Julie Carry RN, Clinic, "Deb continues to adapt to her ever changing role daily. She consistently embodies work in a manner representative of Lakewood's values. On a regular basis she challenges the status quo and seeks to improve it in a positive and professional manner. She strives to further develop her current role and workflow, and supports change in her delivery of service to accomplish tasks."

Amanda Wensmann RN, Pillager Clinic Lead
Nominated by Julie Carry RN, Clinic, "Amanda has done a phenomenal job in taking on all of the additional duties of her ever changing role. The past year has been full of changes for her, and she continues to prioritize her tasks, and develop new workflows to adapt to the changes. She demonstrates a sense of ownership towards her job and is willing to put in the extra effort and time when needed."



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School board hires business manager, SMHS counselor

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board hired a business manager and a high school counselor at a special meeting June 5 before going in to a work session to review board committees, goals and possible training options. Jaime Boesen was hired as the school business manager. She has been with Cuyuna Medical Center in Crosby starting in accounts payable with the last few years as corporate comptroller. She will begin work sometime after July 10. Steve Jennissen was hired as the high school counselor. He has been the vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Staples-Motley School District as well as several other districts in the region. He will begin in August.

Facility study update

To open the work session board chair Mary Freeman reported that she had met with with representatives of Foster, Jacobs and Johnson (FJJ), the firm conducting the facility study for the district. The purpose of the study is to develop a long range facility plan. In light of the search for an interim superintendent they discussed the timing of presentations to the board. FJJ expects to present the results of the surveys at the August work session. The firm surveyed staff and students and held community meetings in both Motley and Staples. Because the community meetings were not well attended, they decided to add an online survey to solicit more input. The short survey will be available on the school district's website June 9-23. The public is encouraged to participate in the survey. A summary of the study will be presented at the regular August meeting or perhaps at a September work session. Freeman said the board will

review the study and prioritize short term and long term goals and discuss methods of financing. Some board members expressed concern that some district residents did not have computers and asked about a mailing. Some options were discussed but there was also concern about the timing, wondering if everything could get returned and compiled by early August. **Board goals, training** Freeman asked the board if they wanted to participate in a board training and also what goals they had as a board or individually. She noted that the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) would come and do a three-hour training on any topic for \$900. They also had an online self evaluation program for school boards. Members would complete the evaluation and MSBA would work with the board on any issues identified. GiANT Worldwide is another training offered through NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance.) Freeman said she would get more information on both options. She also said that as a board, they should have goals. She started by saying her three goals at this time are to secure an interim superintendent, begin the process for a contracted superintendent and continue setting the groundwork for the long range facilities plan. She asked other board members to share their goals, whether individually or collectively. Among the topics that arose were:

- personal growth and development as a board to work cohesively toward a common vision.
- more thoroughly investigate the reasons for and effects of open enrollment.
- make sure the younger administrators get the guidance, character development and support they need.
- improve building climate/culture so staff feels supported.

Committee work Freeman then reviewed the board committee assignments asking each member to report on the committees on which they served. Dave Hoemberg raised a concern about the Minnesota State High School League committee saying he's never received any communication from them. It was suggested he speak with the activities director and/or the high school principal, but he said he was going to contact the league directly. He was reminded that the school board representative was advisory only with no voting rights. The board also discussed reinstating a facility committee and a finance committee. Freeman noted that Ron Bratlie, the person they are negotiating with to become the interim superintendent, had strongly recommended it. She also said it was the recommended model of MSBA. Greg Frisk favored the work session approach because then "everybody is getting the same information at the same time." Bryan Winkels thought it helped to have a committee review financial and facility information to get it organized for the board to discuss, especially with the amount of work coming up in those areas. Freeman also brought up the practical consideration that Bratlie, because he lives some distance from Staples, may not want to commit to many evening meetings. Committees could more easily meet during the day.

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Bratlie said to be strong in school finances

in small schools, has been that the superintendent has to be in charge. He's a math person, so he enjoys it, Bratlie said. He believes budgeting is a year-long process. Responding to a question about any moral dilemma he's encountered, Bratlie cited a recent situation involving a student and a teacher that was "not good." He went on to say he worked closely with the school personnel and principal, going through the proper process, gathering facts. "You have to do your homework," Bratlie said, mentioning that in situations like this, one must be professional, non-biased and neutral, following proper legal channels. It's important to "be ethical and moral and to show that by our actions," Bratlie said. It's also important to do what's right and to always keeps students in mind, "because that's why we're here," he added. The board asked Bratlie what his three expectations would be in coming to Staples-Motley. He turned the question around asking the board what three accomplishments they would want him to achieve as an interim superintendent. Their answers would determine his priorities, he said,

as well as his strategies for accomplishing those items. "We will work as a team," he told the board. When asked about stakeholders, Bratlie said he views the stakeholders as everyone in the school district...taxpayers, students, parents, board members. "You have a lot of bosses," Bratlie said, adding that he views the stakeholders as his bosses. "You have to communicate what you want the outcome to be." That also corresponded to his answer regarding finding opposition at the board table to something he proposed. Bratlie said that if he is putting together a proposal, he'd better do his homework and make it very clear to the board. If they don't like it, or understand it, he asks what they would like to see changed. Bratlie said the board makes the final decision and it is his job to support that. Responding to Bratlie's question about the board's three priorities were in hiring an intern superintendent, Freeman noted they have had a large turnover in the school's business office. That would be an area of priority and it was shared by other board members. Freeman also mentioned the school's facilities study

which is currently underway with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson. Bratlie asked about open enrollment. Freeman said that they have some people in Staples proper that are enrolling elsewhere for a variety of reasons. Freeman also mentioned that the school district has new staff members and a young administration who "need mentorship. They are doing well, but would benefit from your experience," she said. Bratlie told the board he felt his weakest areas would be curriculum and instruction. Those are areas he feels should be designated to the principals. In summary, Bratlie told the board he brings to the table a lot of experience and knowledge, having worked in both small and large school districts. He believes he is able to work with groups even if they are split. He also noted that finance and school law are his strong points. "At this point in my life I don't need to work," Bratlie said. "I enjoy what I'm doing and think I have something to offer." Following their interview with Bratlie, the board spent time discussing their thoughts about the candidate and how they should proceed. They were impressed with Bratlie's experience, especially in the area of finance, although some concerns were raised as to whether or not the school district could afford him. Concerns were also voiced as to how many days Bratlie would be available. Winkels said he felt the interim superintendent needed to be on site at least four days per week. Freeman said she had gotten the impression that Bratlie would be willing to negotiate the number of days. Freeman pointed out that Bratlie is a "true interim" which is what they had set out to look for. She believed he would "do well." Winkels agreed, adding he felt Bratlie would "be a good fit." Winkels also pointed out that past schools where Bratlie has served as interim superintendent have wanted to keep him longer. "That speaks well of him," Winkels said. Board member Chad Longbella noted that the school district utilizes the

Skyward software program and wondered if Bratlie was familiar with it. Board member Bruce Lund noted that the last four schools Bratlie served at were on an interim basis, with finances being priorities at all. Longbella wondered if it would be fair to ask Bratlie what he believed a reasonable time frame would be to get the district's finances in order. He noted that they do not yet have a proposed budget for 2018. The board considered at their May 30 meeting what was in the budget for the superintendent's 2017-18 salary and benefits and they discussed what would be a fair daily rate based on information about other interims in similar size districts. They came to a range of \$500-\$650 per day. The final total will depend on the terms to be negotiated. If the negotiations are not successful, the board does have a back up plan. Freeman has been in contact with Sandy Gundlach with MSBA (Minnesota School Boards Association.) Gundlach has a list of recently retired superintendents who could be contacted to ask if they would be interested in the interim position here. Since his retirement 2007 as a full time superintendent, Bratlie has worked at a number of schools, mostly in the role of superintendent and interim superintendent. These schools have included Northland Community Schools in Remer, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Schools in Warren, Cromwell-Wright Schools in Cromwell, and most recently at Rothsay Public School in Rothsay. He has also served as Energy Efficiency Coordinator at Osseo Area Schools in Maple Grove. Prior to retiring Bratlie served as Director of Business, Operations and Construction (Assistant Superintendent) at Elk River Area Schools from 1994-2007. He first gained experience as a superintendent-intern in 1975, at Ulen-Hitterdal Public Schools. From there, he went on to serve as superintendent at Milroy Public Schools in Milroy, Storden-Jeffers Public Schools in Storden, Truman Public Schools in Truman, and Audubon and Lake Park Public Schools in Audubon.

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NJPA recommends \$450,000 for local funding

A drone to aid emergency responders, a mobile command trailer to streamline communication in emergency situations, and a specialized camera system for public sewer inspections are just some of the regional projects that will come to fruition in the next year.

These projects, plus three more, are thanks to the collaboration and work coordinated by area city, county, and other government associations, and are recommended to receive \$450,000 in Innovation Funding from National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA).

All project applicants and several local government leaders gathered at NJPA on June 1 for the 2017 Innovation Funding Review Day. Nine groups presented and fielded questions about their initiatives with a total request of \$848,600 in funding, nearly double the amount available for 2017-18.

NJPA City & County Solutions Manager Anna Gruber said the energy of nearly 100 review participants shows that Innovation Funding is doing as it was intended: connecting local government and supporting outside-the-box projects that directly benefit Region 5.

“It is rewarding to bring together colleagues and peers within the area and witness the networking, collaborations, and partnerships formed through this process,” Gruber said. “We had nine quality applications that all had visions to impact our region significantly. Any one of them could have been included in the top projects that were chosen to receive funding.”

Individuals who attended the Review Day as a representative of a city, county, or other government association within Cass, Crow Wing, Mor-

risson, Todd, or Wadena counties (Region 5) ranked the projects. Projects were scored on regional impact, innovation, collaboration and sustainability.

The top five projects will receive full funding, with the sixth-highest ranking project slated to receive partial funding.

NJPA Regional Program Director Paul Drange will present the recommendations to the organization’s board of directors at its June 20 meeting. The projects will come to contract after July 1, 2017.

Innovation Funding for City & County Solutions and Education Solutions began in 2014-2015 as a project partnership opportunity to help public agencies in Region 5 fund initiatives aimed at creating collaboration and improving the region. NJPA works alongside regional initiatives and financially supports them to ensure successful regional impact.

In its inaugural year, NJPA committed \$307,670 in City & County Solutions Innovation Funding. That total increased to \$411,933 in 2015-2016, and \$420,235 for 2016-2017.

2017 Innovation Funding – Recommended Projects (City & County Solutions)

- The Crow Wing County Sheriff’s Office, Baxter Police Department, Brainerd Police Department, Brainerd Fire Department, and Crosslake Fire Department - \$80,000 - This request is to fund the purchase and implementation of an Unmanned Aerial System, or drone, to be shared within Region 5 and deployed in emergency situations to help save lives. Examples include missing persons, search/rescue/recovery operations on bodies of water, delivering a personal flotation device to a victim waiting to be rescued, determination of

dangerous obstructions at a scene, hot spot detection at a fire scene, an aerial view of incidents such as a train derailment or structural collapse, and more. Funding would allow the purchase of equipment, as well as completion of training and federal regulatory requirements.

- The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office \$100,000 – The Morrison County Sheriff’s Office will use its Innovation Funding to purchase a Mobile Command Trailer to be shared by the sheriff’s departments in Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties. A Mobile Command Trailer (MCT) provides a portable emergency and disaster communications unit that can be deployed anywhere quickly, allowing for a controlled, effective response. Response personnel, along with dispatchers, are located at the site to increase the effectiveness and timeliness of sharing information. The MCT will also be used as a mobile learning station for citizen outreach and education.

- The City of Little Falls \$85,000 – Little Falls plans to purchase a closed-circuit television system to be used for sewer inspections. The camera would be loaned out to other cities and counties to observe the condition of pipes and enable the prioritization of replacement. According to the application, the project is due to the shortfall in funding to replace aging infrastructure; and, if awarded, the city would purchase the equipment and keep a calendar so other agencies (cities and counties) could reserve the equipment for a one-to-two week period.

- The City of Eagle Bend \$90,000 - Hilltop Regional Kitchen will use its awarded funding to support the current construction of the facility, primarily



Funding food co-ops

Crosslake EDA chair Patty Norgaard and Barb Mann of Ideal Green Market talk about their plan to enhance food co-ops in the five county area, through education, networking and branding. NJPA Board member Mike Wilson and NJPA City & County Solutions Manager Anna Gruber oversee the Innovation Funding Day. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

adding on a new entrance, parking lot reconstruction, and other external necessities. The current facility, built in 1906 and purchased by seniors in 1970, is the hub for Meals on Wheels, Bundled Services, and congregate meals for Todd and Wadena counties. On average, the kitchen produces 5,000 meals per month to the communities of Long Prairie, Browerville, Clarissa, Eagle Bend, Bertha, Hewitt, Motley, Staples, Wadena, and Verndale. A new kitchen facility in Eagle Bend will ensure residents have the necessary nutrition and services they need to stay independent and in their homes. The facility will increase effectiveness of meal production, safer space for kitchen staff and volunteers, additional storage for ingredients, provide a dining area for congregate meals, and also provide space for the Senior Center to be relocated.

- The Regional Food



Wi-fi pitch

Wadena County Transit Director Ryan Damlo talks about his plan to put wi-fi in all of the Friendly Rider busses and on school buses in Wadena County. His project was recommended to be partially funded at the NJPA Innovation Funding event.

Co-op Coalition \$49,600 - Led by the city of Crosslake, the Regional Food Co-op Coalition will use its funds to launch an educational campaign, emphasizing the value of food co-op membership/ownership and purchasing. Supported by six food cooperatives and communities from Region 5, the proposal allows for all regional food co-ops to work together on a campaign that relays the economic value of purchasing from local food retailers, who in turn purchase from local growers and providers – creating and retaining our regional wealth. The campaign will also focus on the personal benefits of purchasing healthy foods and further advise how neighbors and coworkers can help each other become food co-op members/owners.

- Friendly Rider \$99,000 requested, recommended funding of \$45,400 -The Friendly Rider is recommended to receive partial funding for the installation of Wi-Fi on eight of its transit buses, 12 school buses in four school districts

within Wadena and Todd counties, as well as one to three buses for Tri-Cap Public Transit in Little Falls and Rainbow Rider in Long Prairie. According to its application, access to Wi-Fi on public transit and school buses will allow residents and students to access their electronic documents, answer emails, search for a job, start homework assignments, and more during their commutes. Friendly Rider is working to create a partnership between Todd and Wadena counties, four school districts in Wadena County, and Central Lakes College, as all have identified the need to expand Wi-Fi services for business, school, and personal purposes.

Projects that were presented but were not ranked high enough to receive funding included Cass County and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe’s aromred vehicle application, Morrison County’s trauma certified training application, and City of Long Prairie and CentraCare’s well-being facility.

Police investigate various issues

On May 11, Staples Police investigated inappropriate photographs being taken and shared via social media between juveniles.

On May 11, Staples Police responded to a report of a two vehicle motor vehicle crash at the intersection of 14th Street NE and US Highway 10. Tyra Ann Palmer, of rural Brainerd, was traveling eastbound on Highway 10, when Frank Jares, 92, of Staples, entered Highway 10 from 14th Street NE, and collided with Palmer. Minor damage to both vehicles involved, and no injuries were reported. Jares was cited for failing to yield. Also responding to assist on scene were the Staples Fire Department and Motley Police Department.

On May 15, Staples Police assisted Todd County Sheriff’s Office with a report on an elderly man thrown out of a vehicle into the ditch on Pulaski

Rd. Police located the subject at a residence not far from where the incident occurred. The subject was not injured and was later taken into custody because of outstanding warrants in Wadena and Crow Wing Counties.

On May 18, Staples Police were called to the 100 block of 2nd Ave. NE for a report of an assault. Police cited Ryan Schmidt, 24, for fifth degree assault.

On May 19, Staples Police responded to the 200 block of 6th Street NE for a report of a microwave that started a fire inside of a residence. Police arrived and found that the microwave was removed and the fire was put out. The individuals at the residence informed police that they did not need any further assistance and they did not want the fire department to come and assist.

On May 19, Staples Police assisted Minnesota State Patrol on Highway 10 with a vehicle in the ditch.

The vehicle was pulling a trailer that started weaving out of control, causing the vehicle to slide into the ditch facing the wrong direction on the highway. There were no injuries and when State Patrol arrived, police cleared from the call.

On May 25, Staples Police received a report of a suicidal subject. Police made contact with the subject and transported him to Lakewood Health System ER for an evaluation.

On May 25, Staples Police received a report of a bear entering a culvert on the 600 block of 8th Street NE. Police responded to the area and observed the bear walking east in a ditch near that area. Police observed the bear until it was out of sight and away from any residences.

On May 25, Staples Police received a report that a man found syringes

on his lawn when he was mowing. The items were taken and destroyed. The complainant requested police watch for suspicious activity in the area.

On May 26, Staples Police responded to a report of a window broken out of a car on the 1400 block of 8th St. NE. It is unknown if it happened from a nearby lawnmower or if someone damaged the window intentionally.

On May 26, at 10:30 p.m., Staples Police responded to a bear on 2nd Avenue NE. The bear was monitored and directed out of town. The bear was later seen again on the 800 block of 8th Street NE. Police observed the bear getting into garbage cans in peoples yards. Citizens are advised not to leave garbage in the open as it attracts bears into town.

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Ice Cream & Root Beer Floats by Motley Free Methodist Church Ernie Converse Park		
Kids Games - Free	Start at 12:30pm	Ernie's Park
Wing Competition	1:30pm - until gone	City
Kiddie Tractor Pull	1:30pm - until done	City
Pig Races	1-2pm or 3-4pm	Ernie's Park
Motley Sings Contest	2 - 3pm	Stage
Bean Bag Tournament	start at 1pm	Ten-Hi lot
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As of May 15th, Dr. Seth Dokken of the Staples Eye Clinic has taken over the Staples Location. I am pleased that you have the opportunity to have him as you optometrist and am glad to have left my patients in his capable hands.

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Lorna Landvik, author, to speak in Wadena



Lorna Landvik

Lorna Landvik, Minnesota's premier Funny Girl, is the June guest author at Book Ends, the monthly meet-the-author event at The Uptown in Wadena. Lorna has authored many best sellers and is best known for her novel Patty Jane's House of Curl. On June 10, she will premier her sequel to Patty Jane, Once In A Blue Moon Lodge.

Lorna honed her comic skills performing standup comedy in Los Angeles and Minneapolis. She bills herself as an author, comedian, actress and public speaker. We'll see all facets of her talents.

Lorna has published eleven novels including her

memorable Angry Housewives Eating Bonbons and her hilarious Best To Laugh which chronicles her time in California. Before finding fame and fortune, she supplemented her income with a variety of temp jobs including a stint at the Playboy Mansion, but not as a bunny.

Book Ends is a second-Saturday event beginning at 11 a.m. hosted by An Open Book in Wadena. It brings Minnesota's best-selling authors and their readers together for an hour of conversation, followed by book sales and autographs and optional lunch.

"Lorna is a total hoot," says moderator and Nimrod author Jerry Mevissen. "Be prepared for extreme hilarity."

For further information on this presentation or the series, visit www.anopenbookmn.com or call Gillette Kempf at An Open Book, 218-632-2665.

Public library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Reading Roundhouse

Join us for a fun storytime and activities Wednesday, June 14, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for ages Pre K to 2nd grade. Registration is required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

The Great Brodini

Magic and fun abounds in this show by the Great Brodini Thursday, June 15, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Celebrate the Summer Reading Program with this show that guarantees laughter. For all ages/families.

Tween/teen book club

Join The Page Turners for a fun hour of book chat, games and snacks Tuesday, June 20, 4-5 p.m. for ages 8 to 15. Registration is required.

Imagination Camp

Come join our two-day fun camp workshop with experiments and games for ages 8 to 12. Registration is required. The program runs on Tuesday, June 20, and Wednesday, June 21, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Book club

Read the book and join the fun discussion on Thursday, June 22, from 6-7 p.m. For teens and adults.

For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. The hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Gildow to speak at Council on Aging

Ray Gildow will be the guest speaker at the Todd County Council on Aging meeting at 1:30 p.m., June 14, at the Bertha Community Center. Note the date change.

Gildow, former vice president at Central Lakes College, will speak on "Changes We Will See." He currently hosts Lakeland Currents, a show on Lakeland Public Television focusing on public issues. He

also is an experienced fishing guide.

New business at the meeting will include the State Fair trip. Old business will include an update on the Hilltop Regional Kitchen and Todd County Outstanding Senior Volunteers.



Planters in Staples renewed by students

Students in Brian Schornack's Plant Science class planted the planters in Staples May 31. The City of Staples provided new dirt in time for the students to plant the started seedlings they had grown in class. Five 18'x5' planters - like the large one shown above on Highway 10 - were planted along with several smaller ones. The Plant Science class had about 29 students participating in the planter facelift. Above: Schornack assesses the petunias spelling out SMHS with Rylie Rau and Lizzie Boyer, as Colton Fraley brings another flat of flowers. Not pictured: Tate Maciej.

Below: Alyssa Bartkiewicz, Jonathon Lisson, Sean Trana and Tyson Miller finish the planter near the Hwy. 10/210 stoplights in Staples. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



JUNE FEST continued from page 1a

Festival gets help from many sponsors

Lions, will begin at dusk.

"Events like this could not happen without sponsors," Cline said. To date, sponsors include Motley Lions, Motley Area Historical Society, Morey's Seafood International,

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surance, Horizon Health, Motley Discount Liquor, Motley Hardware Hank, Bjerga Feed Store.

For more information about Motley June Fest, call the chamber office at 218-894-3974 or check them out on Facebook.

Mark Your Calendar

June 11

HARVEST AMERICA/GREG LAURIE sponsored by Motley Free Methodist Church, Sunday, June 11, 7 p.m. A live nationwide free event, streamed live from Arizona, featuring top Christian artists including MercyMe, Trip Lee, Phil Wickham, and Need to Breathe. For info., call 218-296-1954.

June 19

CELIAC DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP Mtg Monday, June 19, 6 p.m., Wadena Alliance Church, 1428 S. Jefferson St., Wadena. For info., 218-631-2170.

Mustful to speak

Colin Mustful, the author of several historical novels, will speak at the Wadena County Museum on Thursday, June 15, from noon to 1 p.m.

Mustful has recently compiled his research into one comprehensive resource title, "Confronting Minnesota's Past: A Resource to Test Your Understanding on the U.S. - Dakota War of 1862."

For more information visit www.WadenaCountyHistory.org or call 218-631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, June 13, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider request from Staples '93 Lions for permission to conduct a raffle on Dec. 11.
- Consider approval of tobacco license for Myers & Myers dba Southside Mini Mart.
- Committee reports including Public Works and the Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

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Obituaries



Dawn Bleess

Dawn Eileen (Haidle) Bleess, 54, formerly of Staples, died suddenly in Maryland, on June 2, 2017, apparently of a heart attack.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. June 9, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Visitation will be held at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples, on Thursday, June 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Brenny Funeral Chapel of Staples.

Dawn was born on December, 4, 1962, in Wadena and grew up in Staples. She was a 1981 graduate of Staples High School. In recent years, she was working on her education again, as a part-time student at Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Odenton, Maryland. She was active in various church activities, community organizations and the Meade Area Garden Club.

Dawn is survived by her husband of 35 years, Senior Master Sergeant (retired, USAF) Brian Bleess, formerly of Long Prairie; one son, Jacob Bleess; her mother, Rita Haidle and two sisters, Delana Krause and Dori Fremstad.

She was preceded in death by her father, Curt Haidle, of Staples.

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Loretta Hoemberg

Loretta Mary (Kasper) Hoemberg, 87, of Staples, passed away on June 2, 2017, at the Lakewood Care Center, Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held June 10 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples at 11 a.m. Visitation will be Friday, June 9 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples and one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

On March 4, 1930, with the help of a midwife, Loretta was born at home on the family farm in Fawn Lake Township to Christine (Gettl) and Matthew Kasper. Growing up she attended country school until eighth grade. After beginning work right out of school, she married Ernie Brastad. Ernie passed away in 1949. Loretta was remarried in 1960 to Paul Hoemberg. She worked as a CNA for several years until deciding to become a homemaker. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family.

Loretta is survived by three sons, Howard Brastad, Aldrich, Greg (Julie) Hoemberg, St. Cloud and Darrell (Lisa) Hoemberg, Bertha; one daughter, Laurie Keller, Sauk Rapids; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one sister Florence Avery of Staples.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband; one daughter, Paula Hoemberg in 1975; husband, Paul Hoemberg in 1997 and 14 siblings.

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Lois Resch

Lois Resch, 95, of Cambridge passed away June 3, 2017 at Grace Point Commons in Cambridge.

Services will held at 11:30 a.m. June 10, 2017, at the Church of Christ in Staples, with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be at Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Lois Viola Williams was born June 26, 1921, in Fawn Lake Township to Albert and Susanna (Senti) Williams. She grew up in Motley and graduated from Motley High School in 1939. Lois completed Normal Teacher Training School and taught in a country school in Osakis. On June 6, 1942, she married Clarence Resch in Pequot Lakes. They farmed until 2002. After selling the farm, the couple moved to Isanti. Lois sold the Isanti home after Clarence passed away. She lived in Assisted Living in Cambridge.

Lois is survived by three sons, Gary (Arlene) Resch of St. Cloud, Jack (Shirley) Resch of Motley and Richard (Linda) Resch of Barnum; three daughters, Cheryl (John) Anderson of Cambridge, Linda (Lowell) Blom of Monticello, and Bonita (John) Tidgwell of North Branch; 12 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and one sister, Edna Hayes of Motley.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years; parents; one brother, Roy; one sister, Ada and two great grandchildren.

Memorials are preferred to Presbyterian Homes Hospice or International Bible Givers.

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Marie Moulton

Marie Evelyn Moulton, 93, passed away May 20, 2017.

She was born in Staples, to Clarence and Harriet Johnson. She was married to Stephen Moulton who passed away in February 2013.

Marie worked at the Mary Rondorf Retirement Home in Staples in the 1960's. She had a wonderful personality and a great sense of humor. She was very devoted to her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Joy (Gordon)Ward of Payson, AZ and Peggy Norwood of Staples; three sons, Lyle (Mary) Moulton and Glenn (Elaine) Moulton, all of Torrance, CA and Stephen "Pete" (Barbara) Moulton of Granite City, IL., 11 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

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Thank you... for reading the Staples World



Food shelf donation

Terri Kobliska, right, Staples Branch Manager of Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union (MMFCU) presented a check in the amount of \$123.20 to Joretta Jasmer at the Staples Area Food Shelf.

During the month of April, MMFCU collected non-perishable food items, as well as cash donations, to benefit each of its respective branch location's food shelves. Through the

generosity of its members, MMFCU recently donated over \$1,700 to local food shelves. Donations were provided to each branch city's area food shelf, including Aitkin Food Shelf, Alexandria Outreach Food Shelf, Becker County Food Pantry, Brainerd Salvation Army, Cuyuna Food Shelf, Morrison County Food Shelf, Staples Area Food Shelf; and St. Williams' Food Shelf.

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
Sunlight & 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 Stensvaag
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 a.m.
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, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton..... 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion..... 1st Sunday of Month

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

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
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Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
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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.

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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.

Family

One of the valuable lessons which I learned growing up was that family is important. My father was fond of saying that friends would come and go, but that family would always be there for you. I also recall how painful it was to both of my parents when there was an argument between siblings. Brothers and sisters shouldn't fight like mortal enemies, a little healthy competition is okay, but siblings should always stick up for each other. If there are rifts in your family, do your best to heal them, and strive to help your family and always be there in times of need. We should have this same attitude to our extended family, to our aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, and even distant cousins. But, we should also realize that we are all God's children and thus part of the human family. No doubt it pains God to see his children fighting and killing each other, no less than it pains human parents when they see their children fighting.

"From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. . . . As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'" -Acts 17: 26-28

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In Re the Marriage of
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Contreras,**
Petitioner

**Dannie Kory
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Respondent

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1. The Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a lawsuit against you asking for dissolution of your marriage (divorce). A copy of the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage* is attached to this *Summons*.

2. You must serve upon Petitioner and file with the court a written *Answer* to the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*, and you must pay the required filing fee. *Answer* forms are available from the court administrator's office. You must serve your *Answer* upon Petitioner **within thirty (30) days** of the date you were served with this *Summons*, not counting the day of service. If you do not serve and file your *Answer*, the court may give your spouse everything he or she is asking for in the *Petition for Dissolution of Marriage*.

3. This proceeding involves, affects, or brings into question the real property located at the following address 210 6th Street NE in Todd County, State of Minnesota, with the following legal description: Lot 3, Block 23, Townsite of Staples.

**NOTICE OF
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Under Minnesota law, service of this summons makes the following requirements apply to both parties to the action, unless they are modified by the court or the proceeding is dismissed:

(1) Neither party may dispose of any assets except (a) for the necessities of life or for the necessary generation of income or preservation of assets, (b) by an agreement of the parties in writing, or (c) for retaining counsel to carry on or to contest this proceeding.

(2) Neither party may harass the other party.

(3) All currently available insurance coverage must be maintained and continued without change in coverage or beneficiary designation.

(4) Parties to a marriage dissolution proceeding are encouraged to attempt alternative dispute resolution pursuant to Minnesota law. Alternative dispute resolution includes mediation, arbitration and other processes as set forth in the district court rules. You may contact the court administrator about resources in your area. If you cannot pay for mediation or alternative dispute resolution, in some counties, assistance may be available to you through a non-profit provider or a court program. If you are a victim of domestic abuse or threats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 518B, you are not required to try mediation and you will not be penalized by the court in later proceedings.

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Construction of primary underground electric distribution lines, including the installation of conduit, cables, box pads, enclosures and other related equipment and material.

The above work shall be in accordance with the specifications and proposed form of contract now on file in the office of the City of Staples in said City of Staples, Minnesota, by this reference made a part hereof, as though fully set out and incorporated herein.

All bids shall be made on bid forms furnished by the Engineer and shall be accompanied by bid security in the form of a certified check or bid bond, made payable to City of Staples, Staples, Minnesota, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, which security becomes the property of the City of Staples in the event the successful bidder fails to enter into a contract and post satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$15 by inputting Quest project **#5166777** on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of the proposal forms and specifications for individual use may be obtained from the office of the Engineer, DGR Engineering, 1302 South Union, P.O. Box 511, Rock Rapids, Iowa 51246, telephone 712-472-2531, Fax 712-472-2710, e-mail: dgr@dgr.com, upon payment of \$100, none of which is refundable.

Payment to the Contractor will be made on the basis of ninety-five percent (95%) upon certification of work completed; five percent (5%) thirty-one (31) days after final completion and acceptance.

The construction may be started after the execution of the Construction Agreement and delivery of a Notice to Proceed issuance. A portion of the project shall be substantially completed by August 31, 2017, and the remaining portion of the project shall be substantially completed by October 13. See Section 01 3213 "Construction Schedule" in the Technical Specifications for more details on construction timing requirements.

The City of Staples reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period. The City of Staples also reserves the right to reject any or all bids and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of the City of Staples.

CITY OF STAPLES
BY /s/ Jerel Nelsen
City Administrator
22-23pnc

**ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING #23
Monday, April 17,
2017, 7:00 p.m.
HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA
CENTER**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Freeman, Winkels, Longbella, Lund, Frisk and Hoemberg present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Klamm; Principals Johnson, Schmidt, and Halverson; S. Anderson; T. VanOverbeke; L. Peterson; N. Klimek; SMEA reps Schneider and Hogan; a standing room only group of coaches, parents and students; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary Madson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Chair Freeman thanked everyone for attending.

School/Community Forum

Eric Wallace addressed the board regarding the vocal music contract.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lund, seconded by Hoemberg, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. MC

Finance Items

Ms. Vacek presented the Financial Report for March.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers. MC

Ms. Vacek presented Budget Revision #1 indicating increases in the budget due to needed paraprofessional hires, the additional Jump Start section; and increases in curriculum costs. Revenue reductions were due to more high school students transferring out.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve Budget Revision #1. MC

The Capital Outlay list was presented with expected projects for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund to approve the Capital Outlay List.

Hoemberg asked if this item could be tabled because he had not had a chance to review it prior to the day of the meeting, and questioned the policy of getting references to them in a timely manner.

Freeman asked that they go over the list, as delaying could hold up some projects which need to be scheduled with contractors. Following a line by line explanation by Bldg. & Grounds, L. Peterson, the motion was called. Voting in favor: Lund, Longbella, Winkels, Frisk and Freeman Opposed: Hoemberg

Motion by Lund, seconded by Longbella, to Approve the Resolutions to serve as Fiscal Agent for NJPA Grants (pending approval of the grants) MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Resolution Regarding the Dissolution of the Eagle Valley School District. MC

This resolution will be taken to the Todd County Board in expectation of Browerville taking the students and land.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve the purchase of a 10 passenger van at an estimated cost of \$31,000 from the 2016-2017 school year budget. MC

Personnel

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2017-2018 contract for Laurie Paskewitz; Title I lead Teacher; 1.0 FTE MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the 2017-2018 contract for Caitlyn Strusz; HS Math; BA Step 1. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve

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the 2017-2018 contract for Jenna Smith; Payroll/HR/ Risk Management; GR 12P. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the recommendation to offer the 2017-2018 contract for Travis VanOverbeke; Head Football Coach. Voting in favor: Freeman, Winkels, and Lund Opposed: Frisk, Hoemberg and Longbella. Motion Failed

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to approve the recommendation to offer the 2017-2018 contract to Nathan Thelen; MS and HS Vocal Music; BA Step 1. Voting in favor: Longbella, Freeman and Lund; Opposed: Frisk, Hoemberg and Winkels Motion Failed

The position will now need to be re-posted and go through the interview process again.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve adding the coordination of the Adventures Program at SME to the Community Education Coordinator's job description. Motion Carried

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the increase in the Community Education Coordinators' contract from 180 days to 220 days. Motion Carried.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to accept the retirement request from Joyce Beilke-Vacek; eff. June 2; 2017. MC Thank you to Joyce for her 22 years of service to our district and we wish her the best in retirement.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to accept the resignation request from Catherine Wise; eff. immediately. MC Catherine has been on a leave of absence and is now officially resigning her position.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the resignation request from Jackie Hanson; eff. immediately. MC Jackie has been on leave and as of now resigns her position.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Nonrenewal of Teaching Contract for Probationary teacher, Sarah Newkirk. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to approve the list of Q-Comp Positions for 2017-2018. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the resignation request of Roseanne Rivers; School Readiness; eff. May 12, 2017. MC

Policy

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 1:World Chromebook Handbook. MC

Consideration of Policy #600 Parent Volunteer and Visitors and **First Reading** (No action at this time)

First Reading of Policy #520 Student Surveys (No action at this time)

Policy #600 and #520 will be brought to the May Board meeting for adoption.

Recommendation to form a Policy Committee

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels to recommend establishing a Policy Committee. MC

Longbella and Winkels will sit on this committee, do annual reviews and bring recommendations to the full board which will make better use of time.

Reports

NJPA; FED; Principals - written reports were available

Superintendent - the FJJ Facility Study is well underway; public meetings have been held with low attendance. A community survey will be available as well a certified staff survey.

SMEA - staff are busy with testing and working toward a strong ending of the school year.

Adjournment

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING
#24 TUES., APRIL 25,
2017, 7:00 p.m.
HS MEDIA CENTER**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Winkels, Hoemberg, Frisk, Lund and Freeman (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Klamm; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Halverson; AD VanOverbeke; approx. 60 teaching and coaching staff, department heads, parents, students and community members; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Carried

School / Community Forum

a. Coaches Mitch Anderson and Kermit Klefsaas addressed the board on behalf of the coaching staff. Letters of resignation were shared.

Personnel

Motion by Lund, seconded by Longbella, to approve the contract for Nathan Thelen; MS and HS Vocal Music; BA Step 1. Voting in favor: Freeman, Longbella, Winkels, Lund and Hoemberg. Opposed: Frisk Motion Carried.

Accept the resignations of Football coaching staff:

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Hoemberg, to table this item to allow coaches time to rethink their decision and time for discussion. Freeman explained that the coaching process needs to keep moving as MSHSL will need to be informed if S-M does not have football program for the fall 2017 season - as well as other schools. MF

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Hoemberg, to accept the resignations of the football coaching staff (Nick Schultz, Chris Kappler, Mitch Anderson, Kermit Klefsaas, and Tab Erickson.) Voting in favor: Freeman, Lund, Hoemberg, and Winkels Opposed: Frisk and Longbella Motion Carried

A plan or committee will be developed to work on coaching relationships and communication; dialogue on a coaching policy including programming.

Accept the resignation of Mary Klamm; Superintendent; eff. June 30, 2017

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Hoemberg, to accept the resignation of Mary Klamm; Superintendent; eff. June 30, 2017. Motion Carried

Other

Discussion of Superintendent Search

•The main job of the board is to hire a Superintendent

•Must decide whether to hire a search firm or do the process on our own

•Hire an interim Superintendent or fill the position now (can post for both at the same time)

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, for Freeman to contact MSBA to see what they can offer. Motion Carried

A date will be scheduled for their presentation as well as scheduling a date for MSBA to work with our board on reflection and improvement such as "Conflict Management".

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to have Winkels and Longbella (Policy Committee) work on a coaching policy (handbook or guidelines). This group will include the AD, several coaching reps, and a community member if there is interest. Motion Carried. Principal Schmidt explained that there is a handbook in place which could be reviewed as a committee.

Member Winkels extended a thank you to Mary Klamm for her leadership and for moving our district in a positive direc-

tion. Supt. Klamm thanked the community, staff and board for the opportunity to work with them.

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL
BOARD MEETING #25
Thurs., May 18, 2017
7:00 p.m.
HS MEDIA CENTER
MINUTES**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Lund, Winkels, Longbella, Hoemberg and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Staples World Manager, Halvorson; Recording Secretary Madson; and three S-M employees. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Recognize Public - Chair Freeman welcomed everyone.

Personnel:

Review of Interim Superintendent Candidates

Members took this opportunity to make comments regarding any of the 11 Interim Superintendent applications.

Selection of Interim Superintendent Candidate finalists

Members wrote down their top choices and the choices were tallied with applicants J, K, and M receiving the most votes. Freeman will contact candidates on Friday to schedule interviews and upon accepting an interview, names will be made public. Applicants L and R were the runners-up and will be contacted for an interview if J, K or M decline an interview.

Develop and finalize interview procedures and questions

The list of questions supplied by MSBA was reviewed and narrowed down to 10 questions. Each interview will be 55 minutes.

Adjournment

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

Complete minutes are available at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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Public Notices

**NOTICE
STAPLES-MOTLEY
ISD #2170
BID REQUEST FOR
DAIRY PRODUCTS**

Sealed bids for the **2017-18** school year for dairy products will be accepted until **12:00 p.m. on June 16, 2017**, in the district office of Independent School District #2170 located at 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479 at which time bids will be opened in said office.

Proposals must be submitted in sealed envelopes with **"Bid for Dairy Products"** clearly marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope. Bids should be sent to Independent School District #2170, District Office, 202 Pleasant Avenue NE, Staples, MN 56479.

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting the district office at the above address or by calling (218) 894-5400, ext. 3164.

Independent School District #2170 reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, any bid received, and to waive all technicalities.

Dave Hoemberg, Clerk
School Board
Staples-Motley School
District, ISD #2170

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES
TODD COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 2, 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 2nd day of May, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Erickson.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2017 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT – HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Holy Family School through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Holy Family School to hold a raffle at Diamond Point Steakhouse & Lounge in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on August 11, 2017.

GAMBLING PERMIT – LITTLE BIRCH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association to hold a raffle at The Hub Supper Club in Burnhamville Township at the address 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN on September 9, 2017.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the April 2017 Auditor Warrants number 229349 through 229480 in the amount of \$378,591.18.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 45942 through 46030 in the amount of \$215,793.37.

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 512512 through 512535 in the amount of \$48,631.05 and warrants number 700472 through 700615 in the amount of \$118,847.06.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO TODD COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUND

WHEREAS, The 2017 Budget for Todd County's support to Todd County Development Corporation has been approved at \$68,600; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received asking for the allocation of funds from the General Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$68,600 from the General Fund to the Todd County Develop-

ment Corporation Fund.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the sale of tax forfeited parcel #38-0028700 for \$4,916.02 and #38-0061200 for \$3,462.26 to the City of Staples in which the price includes all applicable administrative fees with the stipulation that the buildings on these parcels be removed within 60 days at the City of Staples's non-transferable expense.

ISD 2759 – Eagle Valley Public Schools Dissolution

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

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE DISSOLUTION

HEARING OF ISD 2759 EAGLE VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2017 via Board Tracking #20170418-06, the Todd County Commissioners acknowledged the receipt of the Resolution Giving Notice of the Involuntary Dissolution of Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools) and Proposing Attachment that was filed in the County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County is the sole county containing the land area of the district and is charged with executing the dissolution process, and;

WHEREAS, per Minnesota Statute 123A.46 subd 5 the hearing shall be not less than 20 nor more than 60 days from the date of said meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners due hereby call a public hearing to discuss the involuntary dissolution of ISD 2759 – Eagle Valley Public Schools and subsequent attachment to neighboring district(s) on May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse at 215 1st Ave S, Long Prairie, MN 56347 and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners direct the County Auditor-Treasurer to work with its legal and financing consultants to prepare the documents and calculations related to the Hearing, to collect required data, and to cause notice of the Hearing to be published in the County's legal publications 10 days prior to the Hearing. In addition, ten days prior to the hearing the County Auditor-Treasurer will give mailed notice to the Clerk of ISD 2759, Clerks of adjoining districts and the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education. Along with, seven days prior to the Hearing the County Auditor will post notice of the Hearing.

Public Works

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

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION – 2016 BITUMINOUS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Hardrives, Inc. for the 2016 Bituminous Construction Contract known as SP 077-610-010, SAP 077-610-011, SAP 077-602-019, SAP 077-650-004, and CP 77-16-01 located along various Todd County Highways, has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2016 with the value of the total work certified being \$3,158,633.42, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$3,000,160.26 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$158,473.16 still remains to be paid to Hardrives, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said

completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

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

REQUEST FOR SPEED LIMIT STUDY ON COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY #10

WHEREAS, some Todd County residents have expressed concerns over the appropriateness of the regulatory 55 mile per hour speed limit on County State Aid Highway 10 from 145th Avenue to County State Aid Highway 37 in Leslie Township, and;

WHEREAS, by Minnesota Statute 169.14, Subdivision 5, local authorities can request the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to authorize a speed limit on a local (non-trunk highway) roadway.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby request the Commissioner of Transportation to make the necessary investigation to determine the reasonable and safe speed limit, as provided in Section 169.14, Subdivision 5, of the Minnesota Statutes, on Todd County State Aid Highway #10 from 145th Avenue to County State Aid Highway #37 in Leslie Township.

CentraCare Health – Long Prairie

Dan Swenson, Administrator at CCH-LP presented information on the Regional Community Well-Being Facility project.

South Country Health Alliance

Leota Lind presented a report of SCH's current activities and projects.

Midwest Medical Examiner

Dr. Quinn Strobl provided the 2016 Summary Report of cases for Todd County.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the Board Chair to sign a letter requesting assistance from MN DNR to allow the best possible resolution of large shoreland violation on Big Birch Lake.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Kandace Christianson as a full-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective May 14, 2017 at a Grade 6, Step B.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Ryan Rickbeil as a full-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective May 14, 2017 at a Grade 6, Step B.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Hunter Henkels as a Jailor/Dispatcher effective April 12, 2017.

Human Resources

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Pay Equity Compliance Report.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

Tax Season is fast approaching. Volunteers are scheduled for May 11, 12, 2017 to assist with Property Tax Refund forms. Requested formal work sessions for future discussions of ISD 2759 Dissolution processes.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in progress.

Recess

Vice-Chairperson Neumann recessed the meeting until May 16, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CLIFTON LARSON	

ALLEN, LLP	\$3,500.00
REGENTS OF THE UNIV OF MN	32,377.02
VERIZON	2,781.51
16 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	7,321.76
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	5,067.37
COMPUTER PROS	4,823.32
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	5,083.71
GENE-O'S COUNTRY- SIDE REST LLC.....	7,805.65
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,834.00
HELM/KEVIN	2,290.91
LONG PRAIRIE SANI, INC	2,379.90
MORRISON COUNTY	6,041.75
PETERS LAW OFFICE, P.A.	5,321.00
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	74,141.67
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES	2,438.72
38 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	17,663.32
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	28,219.93
CARD SERVICES COBORNS.....	4,063.33
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	10,868.23
MN DEPT OF FINANCE.....	5,860.50
NELSON AUTO CENTER INC	25,080.89
OTTER TAIL CO. DEPT. OF SOLID WASTE	2,238.60
STEP	3,440.25
30 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	13,296.32
AMERICAN HERITAGE..	16,598.92
ANOKA CO GOV'T. CENTER	14,956.75
COOPERSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT.....	4,600.00
SELLNOW TRUST ACCOUNT.....	40,046.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE ...	3,689.28
STOECKEL JAHNER INC.....	12,705.00
VOYANT COM., LLC	3,579.27
20 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	7,476.30
Total:	\$378,591.18

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	\$12,172.25
CORBIN PICKAR EXC INC.....	50,000.00
JERRY'S AUTO BODY	2,113.77
M-R SIGN COMPANY INC	2,196.73
MCCC, MI33.....	5,508.68
MORRISON CO DEPT OF PUB. WORKS.....	86,635.67
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV	2,214.82
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	2,463.28
TRUENORTH STEEL.....	24,590.18
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET.....	2,915.67
79 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	\$24,982.32
Total	\$215,793.37

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SRVS. OF MN-ST PAUL.....	3,804.32
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	31,483.77
VILLAGE RANCH INC	2,435.42
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	10,907.54
Total	\$48,631.05

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRENNY FUNERAL CHAPEL - STAPLES - 2 BURIALS	\$8,400.00
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROG.....	5,735.00
DHS - SWIFT.....	31,437.00
INFORMATION SYSTEM CORP	3,476.00
RURAL MN CEP INC	14,422.90
TODD COUNTY ATTY'S OFFICE	2,050.00
TODD COUNTY AUD./ TREAS.	15,096.10
US POSTAL SERVICE.....	5,662.00
136 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000.....	32,568.06
Total	\$118,847.06

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by

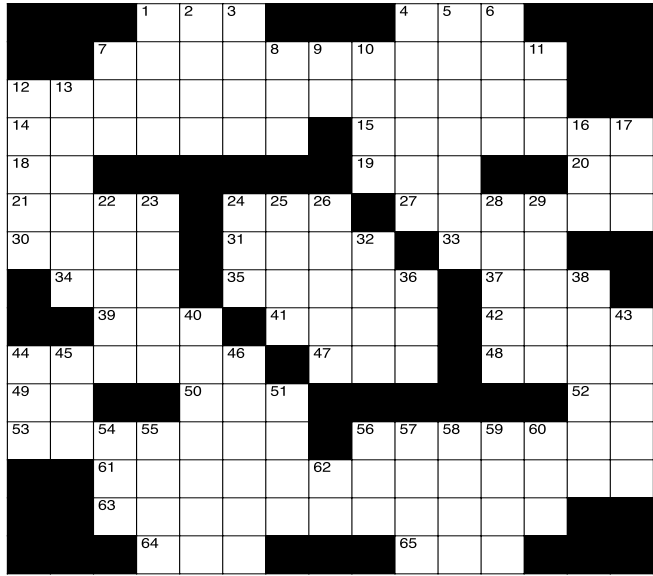
Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held May 2, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on May 16, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer
23pnc

Crossword Puzzle



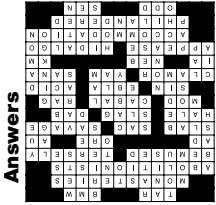
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Formed by burning tobacco
- 4. Luxury automaker
- 7. Religious residences
- 12. Crusaders
- 14. Puzzled
- 15. In a curt way
- 18. Selling tool
- 19. Solid material
- 20. Gold
- 21. Thick piece of something
- 24. Pouch
- 27. "Wonder Years" actor Fred
- 30. Strong and healthy
- 31. Waste matter
- 33. Apply lightly
- 34. Type of squad
- 35. Secret political faction
- 37. Mock
- 39. Immoral act
- 41. Early Syrian

- kingdom
- 42. Neutralizes alkalis
- 44. Loud, confused noise
- 47. Sweet potato
- 48. Yemen's largest city
- 49. Farm state
- 50. Bird's beak
- 52. Measures distance
- 53. Pacify
- 56. Spanish noble
- 61. Lodging supplied for public convenience
- 63. Womanized
- 64. Not divisible by two
- 65. Monetary unit

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Used in perfumery
- 2. Arabic man's name
- 3. Assess
- 4. Prickly plants
- 5. Falsely assess
- 6. "___ the whistle"
- 7. Mama
- 8. Rocker ___ Vicious
- 9. Toward
- 10. Prefix meaning within
- 11. Midway between south and southeast
- 12. Cause to be embarrassed
- 13. Pandemonium
- 16. Fall behind



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40'x64'	Building with 12' Sidewalls.....	Sale Price	\$14,331*

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HOTEL continued from page 1a

Restaurant to open sometime next week; open house being planned

and a spa suite soaking tub. The decor of the hotel has themes that relate to the logging and railroad history in Staples and some of the artwork featured is that of local artists. Mary is the decorator, Mike Ives said of his wife, crediting her for the taste-ful color choices throughout the hotel and her eye for detail. Staples Mayor Chris Etzler stopped by to wel-

come the crew at Timberlake Hotel June 1. "We really appreciate the Ives family and all that they are doing in Staples," Etzler

said. "This east end of town really presents itself and this (hotel and restaurant) is kind of the icing on the cake."

The mayor went on to say that he believes this venture of the Ives' is a catalyst for bringing additional business to Staples. "We've had two families that have really invested in this community in recent months," Etzler went on, mentioning the Ives as well as the Roach family, who have been building townhome units in Staples. "I can't thank them enough."

"The last couple of weeks have been intense," Mike shared, going on to note that they received the certification needed from the inspectors in time for their opening. "I'm very excited for the future...to have people come through," Mike said.

"It's going to be great fun," Mary added.

In addition to the hotel, the Ives family will be opening Timbers, a restaurant and events center located on the same property. Formerly known as the Town's Edge, the Ives have been in the process of remodeling it.

A tentative opening of the restaurant is scheduled for June 12 but it will be

open for sure on June 17. "We've got an anniversary party scheduled that day, so it has to be open and it has to be good," Mike said.

They are looking forward to getting everything up and running, Mary said. "We've found some wonderful staff from the local area and surrounding area. They are currently in training."

The Timberlake Hotel has an outdoor patio area available for guests; and Timbers restaurant will have a patio as well, with outdoor dining. "It's great fun," Mary said of the outdoor patios, adding, "There are so few nice days in Minnesota, that we want to be able to take advantage of them."

Mike Ives said that they are planning a community open house in the near future, most likely on a Sunday afternoon.

"We're hopeful it's going to be a great addition to the town," Mary Ives said of the new hotel and restaurant. "And it's a great opportunity for us as well."

The Timberlake Hotel is located at 1212 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. For more information, call 218-895-1300 or email gm@timberlake-hotel.com.



Spacious lobby

The lobby at the new Timberlake Hotel in Staples features high ceilings with tin tiles, a fireplace and seating area, along with views of the pool area. Adjacent to the lobby is a breakfast cafe with ample seating for guests. Pictured above on June 1, from left, are Chris Etzler, Mayor of Staples; Alan and Machel Marshall of Motley, first guests at the hotel; and Lisa Jenkins, Staples. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Restaurant renovations

Crew members with Hy-Tec Construction out of Brainerd were at work in Staples June 1, remodeling the Timbers restaurant owned by the Ives family of Grand Rapids. The restaurant, formerly known as Town's Edge, is tentatively scheduled to open June 12. It sits across from the Timberlake Hotel, also owned by the Ives family. Below, Hy-Tec employees Brian Hines, Jeremy Brotherton and Mike Moe work on the entry of the restaurant. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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Cardinal golfers

Staples-Motley boys golfers at the section meet, from left, Beck Erholtz, Jack Benson, Tyler Helling, Jack Adamietz, Alex Giza and Finn Erholtz. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal golfers surge at Section 6AA meet

The Staples-Motley girls placed third and the boys were eighth at the section golf meet. Although no golfers advanced to state, both young teams were right in the thick of the medal hunt. The section meet was played June 5 and 6 at Blackberry Ridge in Sartell.

The girls team has been improving steadily all season and saved their best for the section. Only the top four teams advance to day two and the Cardinals were in second place after the first 18 holes. Alix Peterson and Bo Erholtz each shot 92, Ava Schneider had 99 and Adriana Dickey shot 105 to reach a total of 388. They were still 18 strokes off the lead, so their chances of making it to state were slim, but they did qualify for day two of the section meet.

The team slipped a little on the second day but still were good enough to place third. Dickey dropped five shots to score 100, Peterson had 101, while Erholtz and Schneider each shot 103.

Their team score was 407 for a two day total of 795. In the boys meet, Beck Erholtz finished just one shot away from qualifying for the state tournament. He shot 78 on the first day to qualify to play on day two. He improved by one stroke with a 77 on the second day, but it was still one stroke short of the top five, finishing seventh overall.

The other boys golfers improved their team score from a few days before when they played the same course, finishing with 348 at the section meet, compared to 354 in a warm up meet on June 3. Tyler Helling shot 85 in his last round as a Cardinal; he is the only senior on the team. Other Staples-Motley scores were Jack Benson 92, Finn Erholtz 93, Alex Giza 99 and Jack Adamietz 106.

In the team competition, the Staples-Motley boys were six shots from qualifying for day two, nestled in a pack of five teams going for that final spot.

Both the boys and girls

had seasons of improvement, and finished with a promising future, as the young golfers proved they can play with the area's best teams.

Team results
Section 6AA girls team scores after day two:
Osakis 759, St. Cloud Cathedral 778, Staples-Motley 795 (388,407), Foley 829. Other day one scores: Milaca 400, Becker 405, Albany 405, Pierz 408, Paynesville 414, ROCORI 415, Sauk Centre 422, Little Falls 514
Staples-Motley scores: Alix Peterson 92, 101 - 193; Bo Erholtz 92, 103 - 195; Ava Schneider 99, 103 - 202; Adriana Dickey 105, 100 - 205
Section 6AA boys team scores: St. Cloud Cathedral 632; Becker 639; Melrose 647, Little Falls 689; Other day one scores: Kimball/EVW 343, Albany 344, ROCORI 345, Staples-Motley 348, Sauk Centre 354, Foley 356, Zimmerman 368, Milaca 368, Pierz 376, Osakis 437
Staples-Motley scores: Beck Erholtz 78, 77 - 155; Tyler Helling 85, Jack Benson 92, Finn Erholtz 93, Alex Giza 99, Jack Adamietz 106

Klefsaas, Giza headed to state track meet

Millie Klefsaas will be back to defend her two state titles, in the 100 meter hurdles and the pole vault, as she won both events at the Section 6A track and field meet on June 1. Her hurdle time was 15.89 and she pole vaulted 11'4" to set the section record.

Max Giza qualified for the state pole vault for the second year in a row, winning the section with a vault of 13'6". Giza also finished strong in the 300 hurdles and qualified for state with a second place finish of 40.00 seconds, his best time of the year.

Other Staples-Motley competitors did well, but came away disappointed by just missing qualifying for the state meet. Matt Miller finished third in the 100 meter dash, just seven hundredths of a second from second place.

The boys also had two relays that came up just short. In the 4x100 relay, Matt Miller, Cael Sams, Jordon Carlson and Josh Lombard were right with the leaders but finished third by half a second. Likewise, the 4x400 team of Miller, Matthew Fisher, Sams and Giza finished third, as Giza closed on the second place team in the anchor leg, only to fall just short. It was a tough section, as the Cardinals time of 3:29 was faster than eight teams that qualified in other sections.

Another close call was Giza placing third in the 110 meter hurdles in 15.66, one-hundredth of a second from second. In the girls 3,200 meter run Kira Sweeney closed on the second place finisher in the last two laps, but couldn't make up the difference in time and she finished third. In the boys 3,200 meter run, Emmet Anderson led the first three laps but then fell to sixth. Addison Lorber had a good run in the girls 1,600, finishing sixth.

The Minnesota State Track Meet is Friday and Saturday, June 9-10. Klefsaas and Giza both have their hurdle preliminary races on Friday, with the boys pole vault Friday and the girls pole vault Saturday.



Soaring to state

Max Giza, top, looks to the next hurdle while placing 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles. Millie Klefsaas draws a big crowd to watch her win the pole vault. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Team results
Girls results - Staples-Motley 8th out of 20 teams
100 hurdles - 1. Millie Klefsaas 15.89
100 - 19. Jordan Dechaine 14.22
1,600 - 6. Addison Lorber 5:45, 12. Kiera Dumpprope 6:01
3,200 - 3. Kira Sweeney 12:15
Discus - 15. Toni Brings 78'5"
Long jump - 11. Amber Robben 14'7.25"
Pole vault - 1. Klefsaas 11'4"
Boys results - Staples-Motley 5th out of 25 teams
3. Matt Miller 11.59
110 hurdles - 3. Max Giza 15.66
1,600 - 11. Hunter Klimek 5:05
300 hurdles - 2. Giza 40.00
3,200 - 6. Emmet Anderson 10:33
4x100 - 3. (Miller, Cael Sams, Jordon Carlson, Josh Lombard) 45.28
4x400 3. (Miller, Matthew Fisher, Sams, Giza) 3:29
Pole vault - 1. Giza 13'6"

Vintage Ladies League holds first weekly event

The Vintage Golf Course Ladies League started on Monday, June 5, with 22 golfers playing a 3-4 person 9 hole scramble, teeing off between 5-5:30 p.m. There was a tie for the low team score of 33 on the front nine. The team of Heidi Chapman, Michelle Wolhowe, Julie Nelson, and Jody Hagenson tied the team of Deb Pickar, Judy Jenkins, Ana Marie Miller, and Ellen Ogg.

Everyone received a "Golf Survivor Kit" for joining the league, and Julie Nelson won the door prize, a beaded bracelet. After playing, most stayed to have dinner and drinks in the clubhouse and enjoy some club fellowship.

Each Monday the league will rotate nines and play different events where golfers can pick their partner/group. The league will always play a scramble on the first Monday of the month, and it's optional for the last one as well.

Other events vary from a "Par 3" event

to "Bingo-Bango-Bongo." All events are meant to be fun and encourage golfers to improve their skills and enjoy the night out. The league gives out small prizes each Monday, some by event, others by random draw. It is a non-competitive league, and golfers are encouraged, but not required, to attend each Monday evening during the months of June, July, and August. There are reduced rate green fees for non-members of the Vintage.

Anyone interested is encouraged to join the league. Some of the members are beginners, and some are experienced. If you are able to come early to warm up before heading out to play, the league offers lessons starting about 4:30 p.m. League director Jody Hagenson helps every league member out with tips at the practice green and/or the range as a part of the league dues. For more information call the Vintage Golf Course at 894-9907.



Gordy Thompson Award

Alex Erpelding was presented the Gordy Thompson Wrestling Memorial Award on June 2 by Staples-Motley Coach Dave Anglin. The award is for a senior wrestler who has displayed "dedication, desire, determination and drive." Erpelding will continue wrestling in college at Itasca Community College. He said the school has an up an coming program with a bunch of good recruits coming in this year. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Many Canadas make the mystery migration

Saturday morning I was up early, on the road to a fishing destination just after sunrise. As I turned the car north on a secondary road close to the Mississippi River, I saw a large formation of Canada geese rising in their slow, majestic way, above the trees that separate road from river. Then another, fewer in number, beating hard for altitude and gaining ground, until they linked up with the others and formed an uneven V-formation. I kept them in sight - what I guessed to be 45 or 50 birds - until my route took an abrupt turn to the west. The Canadas continued north, my guessing their destination to be a series of lakes and marshes not far away.

The bigger question to me was not where they were going, but why on this first weekend of June almost 50 adult Canada geese were winging their way northward together. This is "family time" for geese, ducks, and birds of all kinds. Many young are already hatched and being brooded, either by mama alone or by both parents, depending on the species. With Canadas it's both parents, since they mate for life and jointly rear their young.

My curiosity piqued, I called my friend Mike, a retired Department of Natural Resources biologist, who has made a specialty of waterfowl. Not only were ducks and geese an important part of his "day job" as a wildlife manager, but Mike raised ducks and geese as an avocation, living as he does on a small landlocked lake.

I was pretty sure that my mystery would be no mystery to him. I speculated that this flock might be made up of young ganders that were unsuccessful in wooing a goose to take

them as a mate. Off to some local lake, or to a field to feed, was my guess. Probably they would eventually go through their annual summer molt together; this, the process that leads to replacement of their flight feathers.

That was just a small part of the story. "If you've got a few minutes, I'll tell you what's going on," Mike said. It seems that researchers have been watching this second spring migration of Canada geese for some time. And a true migration it is. "I usually start seeing these large groups of geese heading northward during the third week of May," he said. This is long after ducks and geese in our Mississippi flyway arrive and begin nesting, or pass through on their way to breeding grounds farther north. Mike said that at some locations in Northwest Minnesota the numbers of north-bound Canadas at this time can be truly dramatic.

Is this just wanderlust, or having second-thoughts about their initial breeding destination? Not at all, says Mike. Many of these geese

are headed much farther north, a large percentage of them to the remote western side of Hudson Bay in Manitoba, Canada. There they will molt, becoming temporarily flightless until they're grown a new set of feathers. This finding is based on information that comes primarily from leg bands, usually placed on waterfowl when they're goslings; or ducklings, as the case may be.

Mike says that biologists have concluded that essentially four groups of Canada geese make this lengthy late spring molting migration. Some have been unsuccessful in their initial attempt at nesting; perhaps theirs was destroyed by a predator. Others are birds that were juveniles from the previous breeding season that followed their parents back north, but are not ready to breed. Then there are some two-year-olds that will not pair up and breed for another year.

Another group that makes this molting trek consists of Canada geese that have left their offspring behind with other parents.

This sounds like the plot for a reality show; but it, too, is based on data from banding. After goslings are hatched, some family groups blend together with multiple adults and young. Sometimes one or more dominant pairs of adults will "take over" - so to speak - and parent a group that includes goslings hatched by others. The parents of these hijacked goslings find themselves without parental duties (perhaps not all bad, from a human point of view), and the next logical order of business for them is to go through the post-breeding molt.

Without reading a goose's mind, it's speculation as to why these Canada geese would fly as much as 800 or 900 miles from Central and Northern Minnesota to Hudson Bay to molt and grow new feathers. The answer in all probability is remoteness. Geese and ducks cannot fly after they've molted their flight feathers and until new ones have replaced the old. Flightless is not quite defenseless, but it's not all that far from it. Waterfowl

are certainly more vulnerable when they can't fly. Remoteness is no guarantee of safety, but it's the best they have going for them.

Mike says that once a pair of Canada geese has successfully hatched and raised a family, they are not likely to make this long migratory trip to molt. Certainly not in the current year. By the time goslings are fully grown and on the wing, time will be of the essence for the adults to complete their molting, regain flight capability, and be ready to begin staging for the southward migration.

Probably not in future years, either, Mike says. Why Canadas are unlikely to become long-distance molting migrants after successfully raising a family here within our borders probably has as much to do with imprinting on a location as anything else. The place where they raised a family is the place they know best.

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Motley Fair runs June 16 - 18

The Morrison County Fair in Motley opens Friday, June 16 and runs through Sunday, June 18. 'Entry day' is Thursday, June 15. The fair is being held in conjunction with June Fest.

Highlights include a Demo Derby on Friday evening at 7 p.m. and back by popular demand, the 'Meech Bucking Bulls & Great Frontier' show will be held Saturday, June 17, at 7 p.m. Both events will be held at the grandstand and a beer garden will be available both days.

The horse show will take place on Friday and expect to see a variety of poultry, rabbits, cattle and goats during the 4-H open class judging events both Friday and Saturday. Several displays will be set up in the commercial building.

A number of free activities will be available to children during the fair, including inflatable bounce games.

Stop by the shelter to hear free music both Friday and Saturday evenings; and senior citizens are invited to play bingo on Sunday afternoon, while enjoying free cookies and coffee. On the agenda for Sunday afternoon is a lawn tractor pull at 1 p.m.

A variety of food items will be available at the fairgrounds and the Leader Lions Eatery, serving burgers, pie and other goodies, will be open each day.

Law enforcement reports, Motley

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

May 31 - The MPD received a call from a Motley resident who had been subject to a scam phone call. The caller claimed to be from the Clearinghouse Sweepstakes office out of Brainerd and told the resident that he had won \$5,000 a week for life. He proceeded to ask for financial information, which the resident did not give out.

May 30 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Jeffrey Wickham, 24.

May 30 - The MPD received a call from a resident advising that his dog had bit a jogger in front of his house on Morrison St. E. in Motley. The bite victim was treated at Lakewood Health System in Staples. When the MPD stopped by the dog owner's residence, the dog got out and took hold of the officer's boot with its mouth.

The owner called later to say that the dog had been put down. Victim requested a copy of vaccination records.

May 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Wade Schnepenheim, 45, for driving after revocation and for not having insurance.

May 28 - The MPD Chief Ron Smith was called from home about a fire that had been started and then extinguished in one of the dug-outs at Ernie Converse Park in Motley. After the officer arrived, he met with the complainant and his sister who reported that several children were in the dug out when they saw smoke coming from it. They assisted the children in putting the fire out. Burnt items appeared to be school papers, books and the contents of a backpack. Chief Smith learned from some other children in the area as to which children were present at the time of the fire; and then proceeded to make contact with those children. The incident is under investigation.

May 25 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Mark Borst, 41; Andrew Puzder, 42, Loralyn Kuechle, 43.

May 25 - The MPD issued citations to Brian Hjelden, 40; and Noe Ramos, 61, for driving after revocation.

May 27 - The MCSO responded to a report of a rollover on Hwy 10 in Cushing. Driver was injured and transported to a hospital by Gold Cross.

May 26 - The MCSO observed a vehicle parked along the Motley Fairgrounds fence. No one was around.

May 25 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Mick Marjama, 44.

May 25 - The MCSO received a call regarding suspicious vehicles parked near the caller's residence at Stanchfield Lake Rd. in Motley. Deputy arrived and did not see any vehicles, but did find that someone had torn up the road with an ATV.

Teenage girl injured in crash

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on June 2, at approximately 4:19 p.m., their office received a report of a one-vehicle crash with injuries on Dove Rd., south of Bear Rd. in Cushing Township.

According to the sheriff's office, 16-year-old Anda Petcu of Little Falls was traveling south on Dove Rd. in a passenger vehicle when she went off the road and the vehicle became submerged in a pond. Petcu was later transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls by Gold Cross Ambulance where she was treated for minor injuries. The vehicle was a total loss.

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by Randall Fire and Rescue and Gold Cross Ambulance.



Middle School students give back

Twenty-five students at Motley-Staples Middle School were chosen to participate in WE Day, a celebration of youth making a difference in their local and global communities. It's a yearlong program that nurtures compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create transformational social change. Following the kick-off to WE Day last September, at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, MSMS students picked a local cause, buying fleece and making 27 tie blankets which were donated to Hands of Hope Resource Center in Little Falls; and a global cause, collecting used shoes (over 186 pairs) for the organization Soles to Souls. Pictured above are some of the students with bags of shoes they collected. Back row, from left: Grace Jennissen, Aften Robinson, Georgia Kruchten, Izzy Mikel, Klaire Storry, Ryan Larson, Emilyya Case. Middle: Morgan Becker, Mandy Carter, Tahlia Craft, Ashley Robben, Wyatt Koblika, William Dolezal. Front: Leah Bestland, Malaya Reem, Bo Erholtz, Adriana Dickey. Pictured in lower photo, students work on one of the fleece blankets. (Submitted photos)

SEaM Camp registration underway

Registration for area students is underway for the Summer Engineering and Manufacturing Camp, or SEaM Camp, July 10-14, at Central Lakes College's Staples campus. The week long camp runs from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and is intended for students in grades 6-12.

The camp gives students an opportunity to experience hands-on electronics, motor controllers, computer aided drafting, manufacturing machining and robotics automated systems. Students build "battlebots," all while gaining expert instruction in computer aided drafting and robotics automated systems. At the end of the camp, students will compete in a battlebot competition, an obstacle course, robot hockey and the battlebot demolition. Awards will be awarded to first, second and third place teams.

"Kids should attend this camp because it's a week long camp where they can explore and actually build a 'robot car' of their own design. It's kind of like when I was a kid, playing and building with my Erector set," said Nathan Peterson, CLC Robotics instructor. "Here the kids can build, connect RC controls, and enter a demolition derby at the end of the week."

Scholarships are available for campers who are unable to pay the fee. Transportation from Brainerd to the Staples campus is also available. Register by June 23.

The camp is sponsored by CLC's Staples campus and the Center of Excellence of Bemidji State University.

To sign up or for more information, contact Jill Albie at 218-894-5138 or JAlbie@clcmn.edu.



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GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 8, Fri., June 9, Sat., June 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 987 Pleasant Ave. NE, Staples. ssw23p

HUGE INDOOR GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri., June 9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., June 10, 7 a.m.-noon (bag day). Something for everyone! Bethany Lutheran Church, 25430 Bison Rd., Cushing. Follow signs off Hwy. 10. ssw23p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 8, 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Fri., June 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Household, furniture, coolers, dryer, CD player, clock radio, lots of treasures. 10950 County 32 SW, Motley. Goffs. ssw23p

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 8, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Fri., June 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat., June 10, 8 a.m.-11 a.m. 1701 8th St. NE (Ravilla St.), Staples. Clothing: boy's NB-4T; crib, baby swing, bouncy seat, double stroller, a lot of toys, household items, sm. chainsaw, much more! w23p

HUGE GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 9, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 2 window ACs, kid's toys, baby boy and girl clothing, doors, building materials, guns and much more. 22895 Co RD 2, Staples (Johnson's) w23p

DON'T MISS THIS SALE: Thurs., June 8, Fri., June 9, Sat., June 10, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 27684 Cty. 26, 1 mi. east of Don & Dave's Store off Cty. 21. Johnson 15 hp boat, motor runs, needs adjustment; clothing: men's total wardrobe, plus sz. women's; books, kerosene heater, furniture, bedding, household, baby stroller, sm. printer, much more. No early sales - Look for GREEN signs. (Callis, 27684 Co. 26, Browerville) ssw23p

BACK YARD RUMMAGE SALE: Baby to adult clothing, home décor, furniture, a lot of stuff. 500 NE 8th Street, Staples. Thurs., June 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Jackie Dumpprope. w23p

"ONCE WAS NEW SALE" at STAPLES FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, 430 12th St. NE. Thurs., June 8, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Grilled brats 11 a.m. Fri., June 9 BAG SALE, 9 a.m.-11 a.m. \$2 / bag (Friday only). All proceeds go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help people in need. ssw23c

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 8, noon-7 p.m., Fri., June 9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 218 Ravilla Street NE, Staples. Clothing: boy's NB-18 mo., Junior brand name, men's sm., women's M-L; toys, misc. household. w23p

6th ANNUAL HUGE MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 8, Fri., June 9, Sat., June 10. 500 4th St. SW, Staples. TONS of items, most are 50¢. Clothes: all ages; toys, books, household items, strollers, exercise machines, fish tank, girl's electric car, wake board, sewing table, bikes, trap shooter, area rugs, reclining chair, a lot of yarn, baby food Bullet, much more! Open until noon on Saturday: Everything you can fit in a bag for \$2. ALL proceeds go to a family and school in Haiti. w23p

MOVING SALE: 1110 Park Ave. N., Staples. Fri., June 9, 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 10, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Furniture, household items, power saws, 1995 Ford Taurus. ssw23p

PILLAGER SCOUTS ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: Sat., June 10, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Pillager Community Center/Fairgrounds. ssw23c

GARAGE SALE: Weds., June 14, Thurs., June 15, Fri., June 16, Sat., June 17. Lawn mowers, weed whippers, vacuums, antiques, tools, propane grills, 4x22' boat dock, smokers, power tools, Craftsman tool box, over 100 tires, many bikes, shop vacs, new picnic tables, skis, fire pit, 100's knives, a lot of construction materials, guns, tons and tons of misc. items. 50707 285th Ave., Staples. w23-ssw24-ss25p