# Schock bringing GIANT Worldwide here

By Mark Anderson News Editor

Companies and organizations always strive for a healthy culture that propels employees to fulfill their potential. An opportunity to help create such a culture is coming to Staples in the form of GIANT Worldwide, a leadership program that has proven results.

Rynell Schock is a GIANT Worldwide associate, and has gone through extensive training to become a representative of the company. She was working at NJPA in Staples when she started on this path and now she is transitioning so she can do more trainings for GIANT Worldwide.

"I've believed in it, and I've seen the results," said Schock.

She will bring the pro-

gram to Staples, with the first meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 4-6 p.m. at NJPA in Staples.

Schock said one goal of the program is to build everyone in an organization into a leader. There are toolkits and training modules that can help with the leadership process. She said it has to be intentional, so that everyone in the organization focuses on the culture and what they are trying to do. It also has to involve building relationships and improving communication.

"It grows capacity to be self-aware, develops a change in mind-set and grows a strong organizational culture," she said. NJPA is in their fourth

NJPA is in their fourth year of implementing the GIANT Worldwide program within the company.

"They are a forerunner in the nation," said Schock. "We thought, 'Why can't

### **GIANT** Worldwide program

Wednesday, Aug. 16, 4-6 p.m. at NJPA To RSVP, contact Melissa Radermacher, SEDA, 218-894-2550 or mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us, by 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 11.



### **Learning from GIANTs**

Rynell Schock at one of the training sessions in Atlanta, Ga., with GIANT Worldwide co-founders Jeremie Kubicek and Steve Cochram. (Submitted photo)

we have what's best?'" and they developed a program to get to that point. Lakewood Health System is also implementing the program in their organization.

GIANT Worldwide could be one of the reasons NJPA has been named one of the Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota by the Minnesota Star-Tribune. NJPA Executive Director Chad Coauette said it certainly has an influence. "No doubt they are connected, it played an important part of how we work together."

Coauette said "It was important to create a leadership language and the ability to pay attention to our organizational culture, how we want to work here. We use it every day, it applies to everybody in how we communicate and solve problems," said Coauette.

NJPA is also sharing the program with school



Rynell Schock

superintendents in the region and are promoting it with some of their other partners in the state and nationally.

The program offered in Staples on Aug. 16 will be modified to fit with small towns and small organiza-

"I've spent my adult life in small communities with

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# School district changes activity fee schedule

By Brenda Halvorson General Manager

Changes in activity fees and in co-curricular eligibility requirements were approved at the Staples-Motley School Board meeting July 24 along with the resignation of Chris Hal-

Hello, Readers,

On July 27, 1974, the

House Judiciary

Committee recommends

that America's 37th

president, Richard M.

Nixon, be impeached and

removed from office. The

impeachment proceedings

resulted from a series

of political scandals

involving the Nixon

administration that

came to be collectively

known as Watergate. The

Watergate scandal first

came to light following a break-in on June 17, 1972,

at the Democratic Party's national headquarters in the Watergate apartmenthotel complex in Washington, D.C. A group

of men linked to the White House were later arrested and charged with the crime. Nixon denied

any involvement with the

break-in, but several of

his staff members were

eventually implicated

in an illegal cover-up

and forced to resign.

Subsequent government

investigations revealed

"dirty tricks" political

campaigning by the

Committee to Re-Elect

the President, along with

a White House "enemies

list.'

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verson, the middle school principal.

Halverson accepted the job of high school principal in the Pine River-Backus School District.

Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie reported that the middle school principal's job was posted July 17 with a deadline of July 31. Some applications have already been received, he said, including two internally.

Bratlie expects to interview candidates Aug. 7 and 8 with second interviews set for Aug. 9. The interview committee includes Bratlie, board member Dave Hoemberg and principals Mike Schmidt and Kathy Johnson, along with two certified teachers and one office staff person.

### Fee changes

The changes for extracurricular and classroom fees presented by the finance committee includes reducing fees in most categories, but also adding activities not previously listed.

Ticket prices at the gate will remain the same but season passes will be reduced. Single student and senior citizen passes will now be \$25, down from \$40. A single adult pass will be \$50, down from \$75, and a family pass (immediate household) will decrease to \$100 from \$175.

Athletic fees will be \$100 for grades 9-12 and \$50 for grades 6-8.

Choir, band and orchestra fees are reduced from \$50 to \$25. However, fall play and the musical will be added to the academic and fine arts category. The participation fee will be \$25 for grades 8-12.

Robotics and Knowledge Bowl fees will be \$50

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### Roping competitor

Cody Noble, riding his horse Bud, winds up to rope a steer while practicing at his family's ranch near Leader. For more on Noble's roping competition, see page 10a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

# Nicky Anderson named president of United States Women of Today

By Dawn Timbs Staples World reporter

Nicky Anderson of Staples has recently been named National President of the United States Women of Today (WOT)

organization.
She's been a member of the Minnesota Women of Today since 2002; and since that time has served in a variety of positions at the local, district, state and national levels. She was state president from 2012

-2013.

"It's an exciting opportunity," Anderson said of being appointed national president. Her role includes overseeing all of the state chapters, as well as training and providing resources too all of the state presidents. She has a staff of 13 working under her and they hail from Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Arizona.

The Minnesota Women of Today focuses on community service, personal growth and building friendships; all aspects that are important to Anderson.

originally from Madelia, Anderson joined the local chapter there when her children (Sondra, Norah and Emmet) were young. "I was looking for fellowship with other moms," she said, adding that the group did a lot of activities that included children.

In addition to the camaraderie it provided, Anderson said that Women of Today gave her the skills she needed to further her career in the childcare field. "It taught me how to speak in front of a group," she said, adding that along the way she learned how to supervise. Anderson has also come to appreciate the

support system Women of Today provides, as well as networking. "I met a lot of other teachers," she said.

After joining Women of Today, Anderson went on to become an assistant director at a childcare center

and is now the co-owner of Magic Forest Daycare in Staples. "Women of Today taught me what I could become," Anderson said.

There wasn't a local Women of Today chapter when she moved to Staples, Anderson said. Her husband, Mark Anderson, had moved to the area earlier after being hired as editor for the Staples World and whenever she was introduced to people they would ask, "You're Mark Anderson's wife, right?" Nicky

In an effort to meet people and to give back to the community, Nicky decided to start the Staples-Motley Area Women of Today chapter. "That was in April of 2013," she said, adding that there were approximately 13 women at the first meeting.

The local chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Landmark Inn in Staples beginning at 6 nm

ning at 6 p.m. Since 2013, the women have participated in a number of activities and service projects. These have included kayaking down the Crow Wing River; and hosting a car show during Railroad Days in Staples, with all proceeds going back to the community. "We've raised money for the local food shelves and Friends of the Library," Nicky said. The Women of Today have also participated in Dollars for Scholars, March of Dimes walks and Relay for Life.

One of her passions is recruiting new members to WOT and helping leaders of other chapters retain members. Some of her past work at the national

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### **National president Women of Today**

Nicky Anderson, Staples, seated center, was recently elected president of the United States Women of Today. She held a training session for national leaders on the pier at Dower Lake July 22. Seated, from left, are Laura Gaylord, New Ulm; Anderson and Colleen Todd, New Hope. Standing, from left, are Cathy Snyder, Chaska; Kayla Hermann, Madelia; Daina Mirsh-Wenner, Duluth; Jo Ann Miller, Rochester; Samantha Mongold, Sun of the Valley, Ariz.; Jane Hanson, Madelia; Cindy Sanders, Duluth; and Bonnie Waller Anoka. Several others were unable to attend. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

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### 'In the seventh month of

.. Paul Bunyan gave to me, seven fishers fishing.' Pictured above at the Dower Lake Fishing Pier in Staples are, from left, Kevin Grondahl, Parks and Recreation Director; and park rangers Mary Rychner, Sarah VanDenheuvel, Tricia Jasmer, Mason Nyhus, Dylan Jasmer, Joey Amador. To see a video performance of their song, visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com; or our Facebook page. The Staples World will be highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, 'The Twelve Months of '17,' sung to the tune of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.' Stay tuned to find out what Paul Bunyan delivers each month. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

### ATV, dog attack issues on Staples Police report

The following are recent reports takes by the Staples Police Dept.:

July 18; at 1 p.m., Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Office with an intoxicated subject hitchhiking along Hwy 10 west of town. The subject was transported to detox in St. Cloud.

July 18; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a report of suspicious activity involving a stolen vehicle, near Philbrook. The stolen vehicle was located by the Motley Police Dept. on Todd County Rd 28, just west of Hwy 10. The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the incident.

July 19; Staples Police received a report of ATVs racing on streets near the 500 block of Cleveland St.

July 20; Staples Police responded to the 200 block of Long Prairie Rd for a dog at large complaint. The owner of the dog was advised, if the dogs continue to run at large, a citation would be issued.

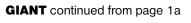
July 20; Staples Police stopped an individual driving an ATV in the ditch on Airport Rd. and advised the individual of ATV laws and was given a verbal warning for expired registration.

July 21; Staples Police received a complaint of a dog that had bitten a juvenile. The dog was determined as a potentially dangerous dog and the owners were advised.

July 21; Staples Police assisted Staples Fire Dept with a subject stranded in the box of a boom truck on Pine Grove Rd. Staples Fire Dept. was able to get the subject down safely.

July 23; Staples Police responded to the 400 block of 2nd St NE for a report of two stolen three wheelers and a dirt bike.

July 23; at 8:18 p.m., Staples Police received a report of a male subject at the Super America gas station, washing his hair in a sink and walking all around the store. After speaking with the complainant, police were able to identify the subject and observed him walking to his residence.



### Training begins with communication and can be tailored to specific companies or organizations

from becoming a top performer, but there are different needs in a small town. "There are options that fit well," she said.

The program starts with personal exploration. One of the tools Schock uses is a circles of influence chart, where the

self is at the center. "The self is the hardest to influence," she said, "the process starts with the self." Schock gave an example of a person

who realizes they often do more talking than listening, and then making a plan to become a better listener.

There is always something to take away and use in your life," said Schock. "Then at the next training you can come back to talk about how it worked.'

Another tool is the Work/Challenge Matrix, which makes sure every employee is challenged enough and supported enough to reach their potential.

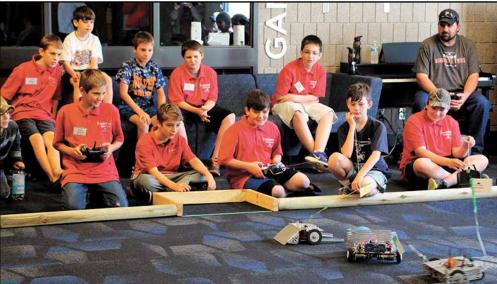
The six modules start with the "5 Voices Communication System" and ends

high needs," said Schock. She doesn't see with "Building a Liberator Culture." The that as a barrier to keep organizations other modules work on relationships, alignment and clarity, capacity and team performance.

Schock said companies or organizations can send groups of employees to trainings or she can go to an organization to help implement the program. The modules and toolkits can be targeted for the company's needs or they can start at the beginning and go through the entire

Schock said she has seen the results from a personal perspective. Her family did business with one company that has had GIANT Worldwide training, and she could tell. "Everyone talks like that, everyone acts like that. Everyone I saw was a leader and we felt valued.'

They then went to a different company and it was nothing close to the same. "It is not accidental that people begin to feel apathy and develop a mediocre culture,' she said.







### **Robot competitions at SEaM Camp**

Central Lakes College held their annual Summer Engineering and Mechanics (SEaM) Camp July 10-14 at the Staples campus. The camp is a one week adventure for students grades 6-12, and it gives them an opportunity to experience hands-on electronics, motor controllers, computer aided drafting, manufacturing machining and robotics automated systems. Students build radio controlled robot cars, all while gaining expert instruction in computer aided drafting and robotics automated systems. On July 14, students used their robots to compete in a battlebot competition, including an obstacle course, robot hockey and the battlebot demolition. Pictured, teams react to different portions of the robot hockey competition.



At left, Leif Wooden draws a crowd as he drives his robot in the obstacle course competition during the CLC SEaM Camp in Staples. Watching the competition are family, camp counselors and camp students Briston Domino and Meghan McConville. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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### One focus is domestic

violence

level included starting new chapters throughout the country and training leaders, Nicky said. During her time as Extension Director, she helped start several new chapters in Iowa, as well as the very first chap-

ter in Washington State. Nicky went on to say that at the national level, domestic violence is something they focus on. She noted the huge impact it has on women and that Women of Today does a lot to prevent this. Volunteering at shelters is something many chapters participate in. It's something the local chapter has been involved in as well, including giving financially to women's shelters.

As National President of the United States Women of Today, Nicky and her staff will plan two conventions this year. The first will be held in Boone, Iowa in October; and the second will be in Minnesota next June. Nicky facilitates monthly Zoom meetings (similar to Skype); and recently hosted a training session for national leaders in Staples.

"If I can help one other person make a difference, then I've done my job, Nicky said.

For more information about the Staples Motley Area Women of Today, contact Nicky Anderson at 507-381-0786



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### Todd County named a priority for homeless housing services

By Karin Nauber Todd County reporter

Lutheran Social Services (LSS) HOPE Housing program has named Todd County as a priority service area for homelessness prevention, commissioners learned at their July 18

The board approved a resolution authorizing LSS to be in charge of funding in Todd County from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Family Homelessness Prevention and Assistance Program. LSS HOPE Housing Director Kathy Sauve and Program Manager Rachel Zetah made the presentation requesting the desig-

LSS is, in part, a homelessness prevention agency with a service area which includes Todd, Morrison and Crow Wing counties.

They work with households who are homeless or facing homelessness. This is the only homeless prevention program in the service area and has been successful. It has been in place since 1999.

"We try to reach families before they are evicted," said Sauve.

Services are targeted toward low-income households (youth, single and families) who have no other funds or resources available to resolve the

One of the goals is to create a stabilization plan to help the family even after the crisis has passed.

Short term financial assistance is available to prevent evictions or mortgage foreclosures and to aid a household in obtaining new affordable housing if already homeless," added Sauve.

Even though Todd County makes up about 20 percent of the service area, only four percent of enrolled households were served from Todd County.

Sauve said that this will be changing and they have identified Todd County as a

"What this means is that if two households come up at the same time, the Todd County one will be the priority," explained Sauve.

Approximately 21 percent of the households served were youth.

With the goal of preventing homelessness, part of the service is stabilizing the enrolled household so they do not become homeless or return to a shelter after the case is closed.

They had a benchmark of 70 percent for this goal and exceeded it by 19 percent having an outcome of 89 percent.

Another goal they reported was to limit the number of days of homelessness. The benchmark was eight days, but the outcome for the average length of time households remained homeless was 15.35 days from application

Sauve said this was due to a number of factors, but the main one was the lack of available housing.

#### In other business:

• Approved the sale to the City of Staples of a property at 705 Oak Ave. SE, Staples, that had been forfeited to the state for non-payment of taxes. The amount of \$2,572.42 includes fees. Staples City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the property is being acquired with the intent of working with Habitat for Humanity to build a new house on the lot.

• Appointed Tricia Jasmer, Staples, to fill a vacancy on the Parks and Trails Board. She will serve until Dec. 31, 2018.

• Reappointed Kathleen Hetland to serve as Commissioner of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Todd County and to serve for a period of five years from Sept. 19, 2017 through Sept. 18, 2022.

 Todd County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with Gallagher & Co. on June 6 for benefits consulting. The expenses for Gallagher & Co. contract were not included in the original budget, therefore a budget transfer needs to be made to appropriately account for this expense. The transfer of \$10,000 from within the coordinator's advertising budget to the professional expense account was approved.

• The board had also previously approved the Americans With Disabilities Act Transition Plan and funding plan. Because the funding plan consists of money from two different funds, a resolution is required by auditor standards to complete the financial processing. The transfer of funds in the amount of \$15,048, from the general revenue fund to the public works fund was approved.

• Approved the transfer of \$5,285 from the County Ditch Fund to the General Revenue Fund. County Ditch Inspector's Department, which is the time the Ditch Inspector worked on county ditches.

• Approved the final payment to William D. Scepaniak for the 2017 Gravel Surfacing Contract for \$19,396.01 with the value of the total work certified being \$235,446.69.

• Approved the final payment to Traffic Marking Services, Inc. for the 2017 Pavement Marking Contract for \$7,419.63 with the value of the total work certified being \$73,004.28.

 Approved the final pavment to Northern Salt Inc. for the 2017 Dust Control Contract for \$2.903.25 with the value of the total work certified being \$58,065.

• Approved the final payment to Structural Specialties, Inc. for the 2016 Burnhamville Bridge Con-

tract located on 331st Ave. in Burnhamville Township for \$18,557.49 with the value of the total work certified being \$348,349.87.

· County Engineer Loren Fellbaum presented a request to appoint an interim maintenance foreman. He said that due to an anticipated future vacancy for that position caused by a voluntary retirement, he would like to conduct an internal job posting for an interim maintenance foreman and authorization to fill this position on a temporary basis until a permanent maintenance foreman can be appointed. Todd County policy states that the interim position will be paid a four percent increase during the term of the appointment.

The board approved it. • Awarded the contract for the County State Aid Highway #1 bridge construction project to Structural Specialties Inc. of Hutchinson based on their low bid of \$617,038.15.

 Approved MIS to replace a host server as part of the regular technology replacement. The total cost of the server is \$7,834. The following funds will be utilized to pay for the purchase: Compliance

\$2,585.22; Recorder Tech Funds - \$313.36; MIS budget \$2,506.88; Social Service budget - \$1,645.14; Corrections budget - \$783.40

o Approved the hire of Jodi Anderson as a parttime jailor/dispatcher.

o Approved the hire of Jacob Weishair as a parttime court security officer.

• A request to rezone 6.3 acres of land east of Highway 71 in Little Sauk Township from RT to AF-2 to be consistent with adjacent land to the east for James C. and Shannon Anderson was approved without conditions.

• Approved the request to establish Reese Estates Preliminary Plat. The subdivision request was submitted by landowner John and Barbara Reese to establish a two lot subdivision on parcel #25-0003101. It was approved with two conditions: 1) Get approval for an access to Todd Line Road for the new parcel to be created, 2) Create a property line adjustment so that building setbacks for existing structures are met.

• Authorized the request to establish Hailey Springs Second Addition Preliminary Plat on parcel #14-0025800 with no conditions for landowners Bruce and Maureen Welle.

• Authorized a request by G & K Sand and Gravel to operate a temporary hot mix plant on parcel #03-0036600 in Sauk Centre.

• Accepted the resignation of Neva Volkman effective July 21 as an eligibility worker.

• Approved the hire of Neva Volkman for legal assistant in the county attorney's office.

### Online marketing tips

Sarah Dregney talks about online marketing at the Lunch & Learn session on July 21, with more than 20 people listening to the presentation. (Staples World photo

### **Lunch & Learn stresses** mobile-friendly web sites

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

If a business web site is not mobilefriendly, Google will eventually cut it out of their searches, since most searches are now done on mobile devices. To be mobile-friendly, the web site must be able to shrink so that it is readable on the small screen of a smart phone.

That was one of the takeaways offered by Sarah Dregney during the Lunch & Learn on July 21, sponsored by the Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA). The event was held at NJPA in Staples.

Dregney, of J&J Solutions, had many tips for businesses who want to do more online and through social media. She noted that social media is not free any more, as businesses that pay more get more views on their ads and posts.

Dregney had advice for people confused by the many different social media platforms. "Pick one and be good at it," she said. She also advised to make sure it fit

the intended audiance, as younger people do more with instagram and snapchat, while older people use facebook.

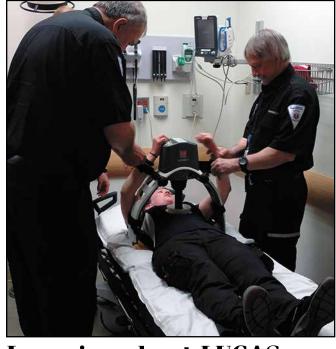
She suggested posting regularly and even creating a content calendar so that the updates can be planned.

'Posts have to be unique, short and simple," she said. "Be personal and have

Part of the presentation was how to get Google search engines to find a business. Besides the mobile-friendly sites, Dregney suggested controlling the web site's meta description, which is the small print that comes up after the web site name in an online search. She also said changing content, creating links and writing at least 500 words of text are important to keep up for Google to optimize the site in a search.

Dregney said online marketing should be part of an overall strategy that includes networking, signage, print, digital and personal relationship marketing.

### **Mechanical CPR devices given** to Lakewood Health System



### **Learning about LUCAS**

Lakewood Health System EMTs Kai Brings and Kevin Olsen practice using the LUCAS device on Shelby Smith. (Submitted photo)

sion System is a mechani-

cal CPR device that allows

medical personnel to per-

form hands-free consistent

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while attending to their

patient's other needs. Addi-

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The Minnesota Department of Health/Office of Rural Health & Primary Care, on behalf of the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmslev Charitable Trust, recently provided Lakewood Health System two LUCAS 3 mechanical CPR devices. Staff members Scott Braith, Sherrie Luyster, Alysa Olson, Donald Brusewitz, and Joanna Chmielecki were given a four-hour in-depth training on how to use the device to provide life-saving treatment during a cardiac arrest.

With the LUCAS devices, we're able to provide even better care to our patients," said Scott Braith, Lakewood Ambulance Supervisor. "We're grateful to the Trust for the donation of these devices, and I know they will go a long way to help our staff more effectively care for patients."

Known as an automated chest compression

ability to use the device in conjunction with an AED device; allowing for rhythm re-establishment during a cardiac arrest, eliminating rescuer fatigue associated with manual CPR, and decreasing risk of injury to medical personnel during transport. Although widely used

in Minnesota's Metro region, less than 80 percent of ambulance services and hospitals in Greater Minnesota have access to a LUCAS device. These rural communities have been identified by the Helmsley Foundation as areas of greatest need when it comes to access to quality, effective healthcare. By providing a device to all rural ambulance services and hospitals, the Grant will be instrumental in improving this imbalance. Minnesota's Commissioner of Health, Dr. Ed Ehlinger, sees the Helmsley Grant as "...part of our efforts to ensure quality healthcare for all Minnesotans." "Our goal is to improve cardiac arrest survival rates by installing these devices in every ambulance and hospital in the state."

### Buffer cost share funds available

Almost \$5 million is available to support landowners in meeting the requirements of Minnesota's buffer law. The buffer cost-share program funds were approved at the June meeting of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). These Clean Water Funds, passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Dayton at the end of the 2017 legislative session, provide important support to the Governor's Buffer Initiative.

If cost-share is used to install buffers or alternative practices, stipulations will apply. A cost-share

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contract for buffers is for 10 years, and regular spotchecks will be performed. Haying is allowed on costshared buffers outside of the nesting season. If costshare is not used to install the buffer having and grazing are allowed at any time as long as the vegetation is maintained.

The 2017 legislation also recognizes that some landowners may have hardships (ie; weather) in meeting the public waters deadline. The added language allows for an eightmonth extension for implementation; if the landowner or authorized agent has filed a riparian

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protection "compliance plan" with their local SWCD by November 1, 2017. Compliance waivers offer a buffer deadline extension until July 1, 2018.

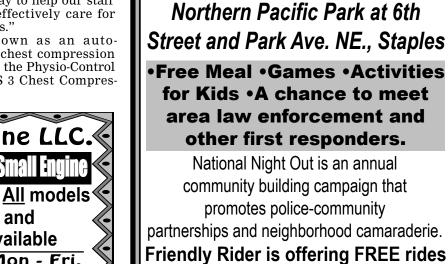
The state buffer law requires buffers on public waters by Nov. 1, 2017 and on public drainage ditches by Nov. 1, 2018.

For more information on the buffer law, including the cost-share program, Todd SWCD at 320-732-2644 or visit: www.bwsr.state. mn.us/buffers.

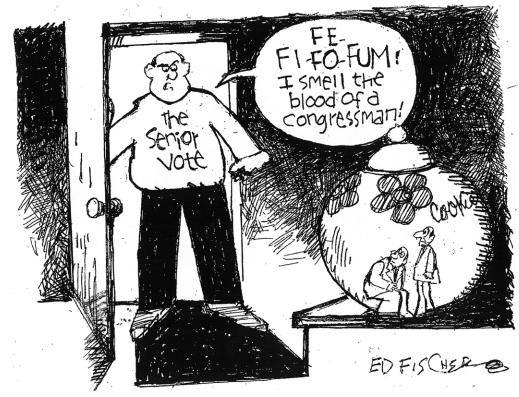




•Matthew Rezac •49 Ash St., Motley







# **Letters to the Editor**

### **Staples Pride**

There are so many things to be proud of in our community, but I cringe when I see the "beautiful" gardens along Second Avenue. What were planned to show off our town are instead a disaster of thistle, milkweed, trees and other weeds and litter. I can find the roses if I pull the weeds.

Is there any way your club, business, coffee group, family or other group can show your Staples Pride and "adodpt" one of the areas and clean it up before Railroad Days? If those weeds go to seed, it means more weeds next year.

A salute to the Rotary Club. Their boxes are watered and beautiful!

Thanks for letting me complain, a privilege of old age.

LaVonne Selleck Staples, Minn.

### Recycling bins lost due to abuse

It has happened again, Thomastown residents.

Our "recycling bins" located at the Thomastown Town Hall site have been removed again by Wadena County Solid Waste providers. Fewer than four years ago they had been removed for the same reasons.

Residents (not all, and the few who keep jeopardizing this convenience for the rest of us know who you are) have been leaving all kinds of garbage instead of materials that can be recycled. Recyclable means that these materials can be re-made (or recycled) into other usable products

That is it. The latest garbage and non-reusable items include a dead pet, soiled diapers, parts of beds and other furniture, plastics used in children's toys, containers full of dirt,

Several of us in Thomastown Township, and I have been a resident since 1970 (ves. that long ago) are extremely grateful for a venue that lets us take clean reusable items from our homes and let them be recycled. There is a listing of materials acceptable. Other items should and must be taken to solid waste facility north of Wadena or make other arrangements with garbage pick-up.

Will the bins be returned to the township site any time soon, or at all?

Time will tell. In the meantime we Thomastown residents are without a means of disposing of recyclables (note that I have used this term "recyclable" several times?). It is because this is the deciding factor for items placed in these bins (corrugated cardboard in one bin, and there is a lot of that; and other paper, plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans, newspapers, etc in the oth-

I apologize to the residents of Thomastown who, like I do, value this convenience, want and need it to be available to us. For the thoughtless and yes, selfish, others, take this letter and request to heart. If we are fortunate and Wadena County Solid Waste does return the bins, follow the instructions clearly printed on the bins and stop putting hazardous (diapers are considered such and require that all other materials are disinfected; ick, who would even think this is okay?) materials that no one can use in these bins.

A frustrated and long-time resident of Thomastown Township, Coralie J. DeWald Staples, Minn.

### **American** Legion needs

As you have previously heard, Commander Larry Denny and Adjutant Don Amundson have resigned

and are stepping down. As we discussed at our May 9 meeting, we need someone to take their positions so our Post #70 can continue to operate. Any member is eligible to vol-

unteer for these positions. We do not want to drop our Charter of nearly 100

We will meet on Thursday, July 27, at 7 p.m. at the Lion's Building located on Wisconsin Ave. on the south side of Staples.

Hope you all make a viligant effort to be there. Call 218-894-3747 with any questions.

Don Amundson, Adjutant Staples, Minn.

### **Appreciation**

Over the years, we have worked with just about every plumber in the area. Every one of them has been professional and knowledgeable and willing to do whatever it takes to solve the problem or just get the job done as quickly as possible. Believe me, not every town can make this claim.

My father was a plumber in Iowa and he had the same work ethic as the plumbers around here.

By the way, I think the same can be said about our local excavators

Anyway, when we see something praiseworthy, it is good to show our appreciation.

Thank you.

Sue Jenkins Staples, Minn.

# The false choice of working daughters

By Liz O'Donnell

I was riding home from work on the commuter rail one night when the train lost power. In the dark, without the hum of the engine, I could hear every detail of my fellow passengers' conversations.

"Listen honey," I heard a man behind me comforting his wife on the phone, Take your mother to her doctor's appointment. This is important. If your boss seriously fires you for going, we will deal with it."

My heart at once broke for the wife and swelled for the husband. How I could relate to her dilemma: go to work or help an elderly parent. And how grateful I was that she, absent the flexibility to both earn a living and have a life, at least had the support of an understanding partner.

That woman from my train ride faced a situation that is far too common. There are an estimated 44 million unpaid family caregivers in the Unites States and the majority are women. According to a new survey by Home Instead, Inc., half of working female caregivers feel they have to choose between being a good employee and being a good daughter. Another study calculated the financial hit women take if they make that false choice between work and family. According to MetLife and the National Alliance for caregiving, women lose an estimated \$324,044 in wages due to caregiving because they reduce their hours, take jobs with less responsibility or quit altogether. Or perhaps, they try

to hang on to their jobs and are penalized anyway. The Home Instead survey also includes the fact that 13 percent of women reported they were passed over for a promotion or raise due to caregiving and 25 percent say that at their place of work there is a stigma attached with taking time off to care for a parent or aging relative.

Caregiving is stressful enough under good circumstances. The responsibility of helping someone through aging, illness and end of life, is tremendous. caregiving while worrying about your job and financial security can feel unbearable. And yet, every day working daughters soldier on. They soldier on because they know if not them, then who?

The Society of Human Resource Management says working female caregivers spend, on average, approximately 60 percent more time caring for aging loved ones, compared to their male counterparts. And a recent New York Times article noting both the propensity for women to manage family care and the lack of a national infrastructure to support our aging citizens, pointed out, daughter care, "is arguably the most reliable form of care in America.' If daughters don't step up, who will? And of course, they soldier on because regardless of how challenging it may be to balance family and work, they need to earn a living.

Perhaps you believe caring for mom and dad is a private family matter, or that caregiving is yet an-

other so-called woman's issue. Think again. Never mind the fact that how we support our oldest citizens should be a matter of national pride, their care is also a national economic concern.

Caregiving costs American businesses between \$17.1 billion and \$33.6 annually from absenteeism, workplace interruptions and replacement costs. If millions of women aren't contributing to their bank accounts or retirement funds during their earning years, who is going to pay for the care they will some day need?

Currently we are looking at deep and potentially devastating cuts to Medicaid at the same time our senior population is rapidly expanding. As a result, more and more women, and men, will be called on to assist their parents in the coming years.

Businesses must do more to support working caregivers. Adopting policies like flexible schedules, paid family leave policies, employee assistance programs, and eldercare referrals and subsidiaries, will help caregivers navigate their competing roles as workers and daughters. Better yet, creating workplace cultures that truly value families and care will mean those two roles will no longer need to compete against each other.

Liz O'Donnell is the author of Mogul, Mom & Maid: The Balancing Act of the Modern Woman and founder of WorkingDaughter.com.



### Keep strong safety net for ag, rural communities

main low and rural economies struggle, farmers and rural citizens need a strong safety net to stay afloat until conditions improve.

However, the budget proposals from the White House and the U.S. House of Representatives do not address that need. The

As commodity prices re- House Budget Committee recently released its 2018 budget proposal, which called for a \$10 billion cut in programs under the control of the House Agriculture Committee. And the 2018 Agriculture Appropriations Bill, released by the Congressional Budget Office, called for \$8.5 billion less in agriculture funding than the 2017 fiscal year enacted level. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has decided to eliminate its undersecretary position for rural development. We are deeply concerned about these changes.

Public funding helps farmers through programs such as crop insurance. Weather is never totally predictable. Minnesota experienced heavy rains in fall 2016 and spring 2017, which directly hit harvest and planting times. Farmers need strong funding not only to cover lost income, but for research on navigating these tough times.

Public services such as local soil and water conservation districts and university extension services provide valuable information on soil health, fertilizer

management and more. The good news is, according to news reports, the CBO expects the option of re-enrolling in the Agricultural Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture to re-

main viable.

Our members consistently tell us how much they have been helped by rural development programs. It's not just farmers who receive the benefits, and the 2018 Farm Bill will include titles on rural development. Funding cuts of this size will prevent the Farm Bill from serving the people who need it most.

For instance, many rural residents are investing in renewable energy sources such as solar and wind. Tax credits and federal and state assistance make it easier to do this. In a time when climate change is becoming more apparent, incentivizing renewable energy in rural areas is

crucial. Minnesotans were lucky this spring to get a strong agriculture budget from the state legislative session. Our state relies heavily on the agriculture industry for economic health, as does the whole nation.

Federal legislators should follow that example as they construct the 2018 Farm Bill. We urge them to listen to real American farmers and rural residents and keep strong safety net funding. Minnesota Farmers Union will continue to fight for the funding farmers deserve.

Submitted by the Minnesota Farmers Union. For more information see www.mfu.org.

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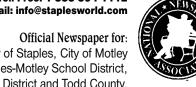
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### Rehearsing for 'Sleeping Beauty'

actors, chorus girls, sheep and production staff were learning lines, dances and songs July 24 at the rehearsal for "Sleeping Beauty," a Prairie Fire Children's Theatre (PFCT) production brought to Staples by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. Performances will be at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Friday, July 28, at Centennial Auditorium, Staples. Tickets will be available at the door. The public is invited to attend.

Above, the Henchmen rehearse one of their song and dance routines with

Henchmen, movie crew members, Antony Russell, right, one of the professional actors from PFCT. In the front row of dancers, from left, are Josie Jennissen, Sabrina Moe, Griffin Judd, Zachary Tabatt and Ceci Moe. In the back row, from left, are Nick Tabatt, Trent Dahl and Issiah Tabatt. Aften Robinson is hidden.

Below, the movie's production staff and directors run their lines. From left are Meghan VanAlst, Luke Bates, Ashlea Evans, Samantha Mrazek, Andrew Bates and Caden Mrazek. (Staples World photos by Brenda Halvorson)



### **Mark Your Calendar**

### Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH: AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAMI at 651-645-2948.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

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

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

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

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP Mtg second Monday, 3:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info.,

218-631-3510, ext. 5376. FOOT CARE CLINICS Sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-

894-8080. GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., TCHC, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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### Public library programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

#### **Animal Home** Matchup!

Animals have homes too. Some they make, some we make for them and some they find. Can you guess the animal that lives in each home? Each week we will draw a prize winner and post another animal guessing game. August during open hours.

#### **Minnesota Workforce** Center visits - Aug. 3

A workforce center staff person will be available Aug. 3, 2-4 p.m., to assist adult job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other oneon-one assistance.

**Reading Roundhouse** storytime - Aug. 9

A fun storytime and activities for ages Pre K -2nd grade. Wednesday, Aug. 9 10:30-11:30 a.m. Registration required. Limit 15. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

#### **Animal Architects -**Aug. 9

Join St. John's Outdoor University to explore some of the world's most talented architects—animals. We will read some stories, play games and have a lot of fun. Wednesday, Aug. 9; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Registration required. Limit 30. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. 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.

GROUP MTG second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-

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

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

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

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

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

STAPLES MOTLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD COALITION MTG second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smecc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

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

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

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

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

### August 3, 15

IMMUNIZATIONS CLINICS sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, Thurs., Aug. 3, 3 - 5 p.m.; and Tues., Aug. 15, 10 a.m. noon, at 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. For info.. 218-631-7629. Wadena County Public Health also offers family and child health services, including WIC. Call above number for info.. to schedule an appointment.

# Geoff Elvee to perform at Music in the Park

Geoff Elvee, country singer/songwriter, will perform at the Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 30, at 7 p.m.

As stated in his press release, "Hardships, hard work and heroes have always been key subjects in country music, but in the rugged working hands of Geoff Elvee these topics are eloquently transformed into first rate songs written or co-written by this established country musician."

A native of St. Peter, Elvee left the farm in his mid 20's traveling throughout the western states playing with pick-up bands, performing solo shows and working construction sites along the way.

In 1998, he moved back to Minnesota where he eventually co-produced and released his first and second albums, "It's About Time" and "Big Wheels," which contained songs he had written.

Elvee has been performing for 20 years both regionally and nationally with a cast of top notch professional musicians. He is currently working on his third album, "Being a Man," due to be released sometime this year.

He has also been involved with producing and performing veteran military appreciation charity concerts along the way.



### **Country musician**

Country musician Geoff Elvee will perform at Music in the Park Series in Staples on Sunday, July 30, at 7 p.m. at Norther Pacific Park. (Submitted photo)

Elvee describes himself as being a fan of "more traditional country music,' which means "you can expect to hear country music the way it was meant to be performed...with heart, soul and personality." His shows include original music, the stories behind the songs; and a Chris Ledoux Tribute upon request.

The Music in the Park Concerts are held in the Northern Pacific (NP) Park on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. and will run through August 13. For more information on the Music in the Park series as well as

the regular concert series, check out www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Northern Pacific (NP) Park is located at 625 6th St. NE. Go north on 6th St. at the junction of Hwys 10 and 210 and go six blocks. In case of rain, the concerts will be moved to Faith Lutheran Church.

The Music in the Park Series is funded by the Staples Host Lions Club. The Series is organized by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council, with the assistance of the Staples Motley Public Schools and the City of Staples.

### Koopmann, Crust, to be featured at Lakes Area Music Festival

Trumpet players John Koopmann of Motley and Jon Crust of Staples are two of the instrumentalists to be featured at the first Lakes Area Music Festival concert Sunday, July 30, at 2 p.m., at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd.

This year's Lakes Area Music Festival includes two concerts (Sunday, July 30 and Wednesday, Aug. 2); and will take audiences on a musical tour of the globe. The concerts are free.

begin the world tour in England with a fanfare by Benjamin Britten played by Crust, Koopmann and Chris Fogderud, all on trumpet. Then on to Italy,

where Koopmann and Crust will remain on trumpet, Fogderud will switch to horn and Ryan Webber will join them on trombone to play a "Canzona" by Giovanni Gabrieli.

Austria will be the next stop on the musical tour, where a lively allegro section from a Beethoven trio will demonstrate that piano and strings can make noise, too.

The program will also feature "Libertango" by Sunday's concert will Astor Piazolla; and performances by the Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota, acapella group Consensus Ensemble; and the lakes Area String Ensemble.

Wednesday's concert begins at 7 p.m. and will feature baritone John Taylor

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Ward, who will transport the audience to a variety of distant lands. Ward, the festival's associate artistic director, will be accompanied by piano, guitar and percussion. He will give a pre-concert lecture at 6:30

The Lakes Area Music Festival, an annual summer series attracting many leading instrumental and vocal performers, takes place July 30 - August 20. All performances are at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd and are free of charge. More than 130 instrumentalists and vocalists from 24 states and three continents will participate as guest artists. For more information, visit www. lakesareamusic.org.

### 9 **Educational Opportunities** 0-0

### August 15

55+DRIVER IMPROVEMENT CLASS offered by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues., Aug. 15, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294 or visit their web page at www.mnsafe-



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# Life Currents

### 0-0 **Hello World** $\Theta$

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKE-WOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL

Born to Victoria and Cody Vacek of Bowlus, a baby girl, Ilo Ann weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on July 17, 2017.

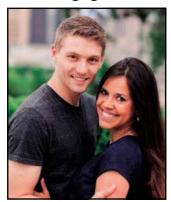
Born to Haley and Derek Wiese of Bertha, a baby girl, Alexandra Angeline weighing five pounds, two ounces on July 19, 2017.

Born to Christine Mayer and Taylor Bendson of Motley, a baby boy, Brantley James weighing six pounds on July 19, 2017.

Born to Jayme and Jay Ball of Pillager, a baby girl, Hannah Sawyer, weighing eight pounds, four ounces on July 20, 2017.

Born to Erica and Dana Cooper of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Eleanor Maureen, weighing seven pounds, three ounces on July 21, 2017.

### 9 **Engagement**



### Carter, Mejia

Dan and Stacey Carter of Staples announce the engagement of their son. Ryan Carter of St. Paul, to Cassidy Mejia, daughter of Ruben and Lianne Mejia, all of Pella, Iowa.

Ryan is a 2010 graduate of Staples-Motley High School; and a 2015 graduate of the University of Northwestern, St. Paul and the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. He is employed as a mechanical engineer at Wold Architects and Engineers in St. Paul.

Cassidy is a 2008 graduate of Pella Community High School; and a 2012 graduate of the University of Northwestern, St. Paul.

The couple will be married on Oct. 21, 2017, in





#### A PREVALENT CONDITION

You may already know that about 40 million U.S. adults (one in five between the ages of 20 and 69) are affected by hearing loss, making it the third most chronic condition in this country. What you may not know is that a recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Pr

evention (CDC) indicates that about one in four U.S. adults who say their hearing is "good" or "excellent" actually has some hearing damage. These individuals may think they have no reason to suspect they have any hearing loss because many are not exposed to loud noise at work. However prolonge use of power tools and listening to loud music can have the same adverse effect.

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P.S. Almost twice as many people report hearing loss as report diabetes or cancer.



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### 0-0 **Obituary** 9



### **Bess Hoff**

Bess A. Hoff, 97, of Fergus Falls, passed away July 23, 2017 at St. Therese of New Hope.

Services will be held Friday, July 28, at 2 p.m. at the Olson Funeral Home Chapel, 711 Pebble Lake Rd, Fergus Falls, with Reverend Kate Bruns officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Cemetery, Fergus Falls.

Arrangements are with the Olson Funeral Home, Fergus Falls.

Bess was born July 20, 1920 in Staples to Olaf and Stella (Williams) Johnson. She graduated from Staples High School and completed her training to be a teacher, Bess moved to the Fergus Falls area where she taught at the Aastad Country School. She married Milt on September 14, 1946, at Aastad Lutheran

In addition to teaching, Bess held various bookkeeping and administrative roles in Perham, Fergus Falls and Bloomington. She was a charter member of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Fergus Falls, participated in the church choir, wedding ring circle, Bible study, was a member of Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, Norwegian Choir, card clubs and Homemakers. She enjoyed reading, traveling, board games, walking, camping and gardening with her greatest joy being her family.

She is survived by one son, Tom (Karen) and one daughter, Mary (Mark) and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years; one brother, Elmer and two sisters Myr-

tle and Loretta. w30p A00006B2017JL27

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### New pastor event July 30 at **United Methodist Church**

tendent of the North Star District of the United Methodist Church, Minnesota Annual Conference. announced that Bishop Bruce Ough has appointed Greg Leslie as pastor of the Staples United Methodhalf of the congregation, the Staff Parish Relations Committee has confirmed the Bishop's appointment. Pastor Greg will also serve as the pastor of Motley United Methodist Church. There will be a service

The District Superin- ist Church. Acting on be- of Celebrating the Appointment on Sunday, July 30, at the 10:30 a.m. worship service at Staples United Methodist Church, 310 5th St NE, Staples, MN. Visitors are welcome to at-

### 0-0 **Care Center**

#### **August Birthdays**

Gladys Boe, August 2; Delores Arrigoni, August 3; Hal Totz, August 7; Arlene Stokes, August 8; Delores Hutchison, August 8; Marion Fuller, August 30

### **Joseph Roline graduates** from banking school

Joseph Roline, Commercial Loan Officer with First International Bank and Trust in Staples recently graduated from the Dakota School of Banking sponsored by the North Dakota Bankers Association (NDBA) and endorsed by the South Dakota Bankers Association (SDBA). In its 44th year, the school trained 61 bank personnel. The school has been held on the campus of University of Jamestown in Jamestown, North Dakota, since

"This school is designed to meet the needs of today's bank employees," said Dorothy Lick, NDBA senior vice president of education. "It provides focused education for bankers who seek a better understanding of the industry and advancement in their careers."

Students are enrolled

for two years, attending the school one week each summer. The first-year session provides a general overview of the banking industry and the departments that make up a bank. The second-year session builds on the general banking knowledge gained in the first year and adds a computerized bank management simulation to reinforce technical and functional management skills.

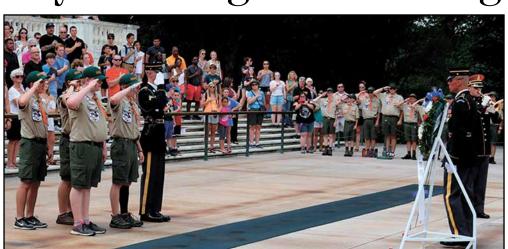
Teachers at the school include bankers, attorneys, accountants and financial industry consultants. Sessions combined lecture, hands-on activities, a computerized banking simulation and testing.

The North Dakota Bankers Association offers services to banks in the areas of government relations, education, communications, insurance and bank

The Staples Rotary Club recenty welcomed a new member. President Jim Vogel, left, presented a membership pin to Kurt Wilson. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

### **New Rotarian**

### Boy Scouts go to Washington, DC



### Wreath laying ceremony

Boy Scouts Austin Erickson (front emony at Arlington National Cemetery's left), John Muhlenkamp (front right), Jordon Carlson (back left) and Garrett Carlson (back right) render a hand salute July 16 during a wreath laying cer-

Day one of Central Min-Swanville.

ture has just begun. The Scouts packed their first day in Washington with visits to the Boy Scout Memorial, the Newseum and a packed visit to Arlington National Cemetery, where four of the Scouts took part in a wreath lay-

nesota Council's Boy Scout

trip in Washington D.C. is

in the books but the adven-

ing ceremony. "It was a big honor to be a part of the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," said John Muhlenkamp, 16,

Muhlenkamp was a member of the previous Jamboree Contingent in 2013 from Central Minnesota Council and was looking forward to being a part of the wreath laying group. He is the Senior Patrol Leader for the contingent, which means he holds the highest leadership position for the youth members.

"I was really proud to visit the Boy Scout Memorial," said Austin Erickson, 16, Baxter. "Prior to visiting today I didn't know we had our own me-

Tomb of the Unknown. The Scouts are in Washington, D.C., touring before attending the Boy Scout National Jamboree in West Virginia. (Submitted photo) morial here and it really

> importance of Scouting to have a memorial of that size in the Nation's Capi-The Scouts spent their morning at the Newseum.

says something about the

which focuses on the documentation of the First Amendment.

'I was really surprised by the Newseum and the amount of artifacts they had and the variety of topics they covered," said Muhlenkamp.

In one room they had front-pages of newspapers

going back over 100 years and the Scouts were able to look at them. Many of the Scouts focuses on the year of their birth. They all talked about

Y2K when I looked," said Erickson.

"Mine all focuses on 9-11." said Muhlenkamp.

In one section there was a large portion of an antenna from one of the twin towers and on a wall behind it was front-pages from around the world.

In another section there were several complete sections of the Berlin Wall and documentation of its existence and its fall. For several of the Scouts they knew very little about it because it came down long before they were born.

"It was not at all what I was expecting when I heard we would be visiting the Newseum," said Muhlenkamp.

The Scouts will continue their trip in Washington D.C. for the next three days and will be visiting the Capital building, Smithsonian museums, Holocaust Museum and much more before heading to the Boy Scout National Jamboree, in West Virginia. Jordon and Garrett Carlson, Motley are also part of the Central Minnesotas Council's

### Guide published on starting a child care business

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) is offering a free manual on how to start a family child care business.

"First Considerations in Starting a Family Child Care Business" provides details on licensing, financing, state laws, child care resources and more. The agency was directed by the Minnesota Legislature last year to develop and publish the manual in response to a

nappy 80th Birthday, Lucille!

Join Walter and the

family in wishing

**Lucille Sowers** Happy 80th Birthday

Happy 80th Birthday
on Sat., August 5
from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

at their home

North of Leader

shortage of child care services in the state, particularly in Greater Minnesota.

"Lack of quality, affordable child care is a barrier that can prevent parents throughout Minnesota from fully participating in the workforce. And with the looming labor shortage, all workers are needed, said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy. "This publication offers information that will help Minnesotans decide whether

to enter this industry at a time when child care services are badly needed."

The Mankato-based Center for Rural Policy and Development last year called the shortage of child care in Minnesota "a quiet crisis." The group issued a report that said in-home family child care providers are leaving the field. The number of licensed in-home family child care providers decreased by 27 percent across the state between 2006 and 2015.

Continget.

Earlier this year, DEED awarded grants totaling \$500,000 under the Greater Minnesota Childcare Grants Program to eight groups that will work to increase the number of child care providers in their Greater Minnesota communities. "First Considerations in Starting a Family Child Care Business" covers six broad areas that often are barriers to successful entry into the field:

• The child care market and consumer choices

· Licensing require-

 Startup costs and ongoing expenses

• Business structure

• Working capital and commercial loans

• Tax and regulatory requirements

The manual is available in hard copy, CD or online. Customers can get a free hard copy or CD by calling 651-259-7476. A PDF of "First Considerations

on the DEED website. DEED will award a second round of grants totaling \$500,000 later this year.

in Starting a Family Child

Care Business" is available





# **Todd County Commissioners Minutes**

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 20, 2017

#### **Public Comment**

Pat Lunemann addressed the Board of Commissioners with concerns in the proposed ISD 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools) land division.

Eric Koep, Superintendent of ISD 786 (Bertha Hewitt) and Scott Vedbraaten, Superintendent of ISD 787 (Browerville) addressed potential concerns on territory attachment proposal changes due to the impending dissolution of ISD 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools).

#### **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 20th day of June, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### Consent Agenda

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

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2017 as presented.

To approve a two-day On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Lefty's Bar on June 24 and 25, 2017 at the softball/baseball fields located in Staples Township. GAMBLING PERMIT – MIDWEST OUTDOORS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Midwest Outdoors Unlimited through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for Midwest Outdoors Unlimited to hold a raffle at Thunder Lodge in Long Prairie Township at the address 22056 US 71, Long Prairie, MN on August 13, 2017.

To approve the 2017 tobacco license application for Shady's Golden Eagle Inc.

### nc. **Auditor-Treasurer**

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 46270 through 46387 in the amount of \$154,262.55.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 512650 through 512737 in the amount of \$135,936.58.

#### ISD 2759 – Eagle Valley Public Schools Dissolution

Motion was made by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann to adopt the Resolution and Order for the ISD 2759 Dissolution with the change of a north/south division line for the territory attachment, after further discussion the motion and second were rescinded.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was introduced which included attachment of territory under map Option 3 and failed by roll call vote: Kneisl-yes, Kircher-yes, Neumann-no, Becker-no, Erickson-no

RESOLUTION AND
ORDER DISSOLVING
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
2759 (EAGLE VALLEY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
AND ATTACHING ITS
TERRITORY

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

RESOLUTION AND ORDER DISSOLVING
INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.
2759 (EAGLE VALLEY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS)
AND ATTACHING
ITS TERRITORY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") received from Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools) ("EVPS"), its April 10, 2017 Resolution Giving Notice of the Involuntary Dissolution of Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools) and Proposing Recommendation for Attachment ("Resolution Giving Notice of Involuntary Dissolution"); and

WHEREAS, the County Board acknowledged receipt of the EVPS Resolution Giving Notice of Involuntary Dissolution at its April 18, 2017 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2017 the County Board adopted a Resolution Calling for the Dissolution Hearing of ISD 2759 Eagle Valley Public Schools which provided for a public hearing on that issue to be held on May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing regarding the dissolution of Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools) and the attachment of its territory to one or more adjoining school district(s), was mailed to all adjoining school district clerks, EVPS and the Commissioner of Education; was posted in EVPS for ten (10) days; and was given one week's published notice in the legal newspaper of the County Board; and

WHEREAS, the reasons necessitating the dissolution of EVPS as of July 1, 2017 were set forth in the Notice; and

WHEREAS, all adjoining school districts provided the information and resolutions required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 122A.46, subdivision 8, to the County Board prior to the public hearing;

WHEREAS, a public hearing on said dissolution and attachment was conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 123A.60 and 123A.46, subdivision 6 pursuant to said Notice by the County Board beginning at 7:00 p.m. on May 23, 2017 in the Commissioner's Board Room of the Historic Courthouse located at 215 1st Avenue S, Long Prairio Minnesota; and

Prairie, Minnesota; and WHEREAS, testimony and materials were received during the course of the hearing by anyone in favor of or opposed to said dissolution and attachment and the hearing was not deemed closed until everyone who desired to testify had had an oppor-

tunity to do so.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED that,
after considering the testimony and materials presented at said hearing held
pursuant to Minnesota
Statutes, Section 123A.46,
subdivision 6, and in accordance with Minnesota
Statutes Section 123A.60,
the Todd County Board of
Commissioners makes the
following findings of fact
and order:

### and order: FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Independent School District No. 789 (Clarissa) was established in 1940.

2. Independent School District No. 789 (Clarissa) consolidated with Independent School District No. 790 (Eagle Bend) in 1995, forming Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools) ("EVPS").

3. The territory of EVPS is wholly located within Todd County, Minnesota.

4. EVPS originally operated a PK-12 education program with the PK-6 elementary program located at 106 Frank Street South, Clarissa, Minnesota and the 7-12 secondary school program located at 405

Main Street West, Eagle Bend, Minnesota.

5. It became necessary to remove the 7-12 secondary school program from the Eagle Bend building due to the condition of that building and the secondary students were moved into the elementary school building in Clarissa beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

6. EVPS experienced a decline in high school enrollment during the 2014-15 school year primarily due to its inability to offer vocational and industrial arts classes to its high school students.

7. EVPS has operated in deficit spending since the 2011-12 school year.

8. Following its annual audit in the fall of 2015, EVPS discovered that over-estimated average daily membership (ADM) counts were submitted by former employees of EVPS to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for school years 2013-14 and 2014-15.

9. Upon learning of the over-estimated reporting, current EVPS employees immediately reported the corrected numbers to MDE.

10. EVPS was informed by its accounting Region that EVPS would incur negative adjustments to its funds in 2015-16 by MDE as a result of the incorrect reporting.

11. EVPS entered into a Secondary Tuition Agreement with Independent School District No. 787 (Browerville) ("Browerville") for the 2016-17 school year to educate all EVPS secondary students in grades 7-12.

12. EVPS only provided direct educational services to grades PK-6 beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

13. The Commissioner of Education certified to EVPS on July 28, 2016 that school district aids to be received by EVPS during the period of June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017 would not be less than \$2,288,341.00.

14. The Commissioner of Education authorized EVPS to approve the issuance of its General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness in an aggregate amount, not to exceed \$1,716,256.00

for the 2016-17 school year.

15 Based upon the Commissioner of Education's authorization, EVPS approved the issuance of its General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2016A through the Minnesota Tax and Aid Anticipation Borrowing Program in September 2016 in the principal amount of \$373,796.00.

16. EVPS is required to repay the principal and interest on those Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness on September 15, 2017.

17. Because of the prior misreporting of ADM, MDE started withholding aid payments from EVPS, which will result in a reduction of approximately \$1,251,746 in state aid for fiscal year 2017, an action which has significantly contributed to EVPS's negative financial condition.

18. EVPS has also experienced declining student enrollment for five (5) consecutive years and enrollment projections indicate continued future decline.

19. On approximately December 16, 2016, EVPS's operating debt was more than 2-1/2 percent (%) of the most recent fiscal year's expenditure amount for the funds considered as operating debt and EVPS was in statutory operating debt pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 123B.81.

20. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 123B.83, EVPS prepared a Special Operating Plan to reduce the district's deficit expenditures but, after review with MDE staff, it was determined that EVPS would not be able to enter into a tuition agreement with any surrounding district and thus the plan could not be approved by MDE.

21 EVPS will not have sufficient funds to repay the \$381,271.92 in principal and interest on its General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, Series 2016A, which is due on September 15, 2017.

22. If it has insufficient funds to make the payment and wishes to avoid a default, EVPS would have no option other than to trigger the Minnesota State Credit Enhancement Program to make the payment for its General Obligation Aid Anticipation Certificates of Indebtedness, and to levy to repay the State for same.

23. Browerville informed EVPS that it would not renew the Secondary Tuition Agreement with EVPS for the 2017-18 school year.

24. On March 21, 2017, the surrounding school districts of Independent School District No. 786 (Bertha-Hewitt), Independent School District No. 787 (Browerville), Independent School District No. 2753 (Long Prairie Grey Eagle) and Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples Motley) informed EVPS by letter that it would not enter into a Secondary Tuition Agreement with EVPS for

the 2017-18 school year.
25. Without a secondary tuition agreement, appropriate secondary educational space, and sufficient revenues, EVPS will not be able maintain a secondary school program in the school district as required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 123A.64 in the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter.

26. As a result, EVPS will not maintain a classified secondary school in the School District as of June 30, 2017.

27. Minnesota Statutes, Section 123A.60, subdivision 1 provides that "any organized district not maintaining a classified school within the district, . . . shall hereby be dissolved as of the date the district ceases to maintain a classified school."

28. Minnesota Statutes, Section 123A.60, subdivision 1 also provides that "[a]ny such district not maintaining a classified school must be attached by order of the county board to such district maintaining classified elementary or secondary schools upon notice and hearing as provided in section 123A.46 for the attachment of dissolved districts."

solved districts."
29. Minnesota Statutes,
Section 123A.60, subdivision 3 provides that "[t]
he order must also attach
the dissolved district to
a proper district as determined by the county
board, and a copy of such
order must be filed with
the commissioner."

30. Minnesota Statutes, Section 123A.60, subdivision 3 also provides that "[t]itle to all the property, real and personal, of the district dissolved passes to the district to which such dissolved district is attached" and "[i]f a district is divided by virtue of the proceedings the county board shall issue its order providing for the division of the current assets and liabilities according to such terms as it may deem iust and equitable.

31. Minnesota Statutes, Section 123A.60, subdivision 3 further provides that "[i]f the order of the county board attaches any land area to a district with bonded debt, the taxable property in such area assumes its proportionate share of the authorized and outstanding debt of the district to which it is attached."

32. Minnesota Statutes, Section 122A.46, subdivision 9 provides that "[w] ithin 90 days of the date set for the original hearing ... the county board may issue its order: . . . (2) providing for the dissolution of the district and the annexation of the territory to adjoining districts, or the entire district as a unit may be attached to and become part of a district which maintains a secondary school located within

the same high school area if there is no intervening district maintaining a secondary school."

#### ORDER

1. Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley Public Schools), State of Minnesota ("EVPS") is hereby involuntarily dissolved effective July 1, 2017 pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.60, subd. 1.

2. The territory of EVPS will be attached as follows:

a. All territory of the current EVPS situated in Wykeham Township, Bertha Township and Germania Township and Sections 1-18 of Eagle Valley Township; and in the City of Eagle Bend is hereby attached to Independent School District No. 786 (Bertha-Hewitt) ("Bertha-Hewitt").

b. All territory of the current EVPS situated in Burleene Township, Iona Township, Ward Township, Leslie Township and Sections 19-36 of Eagle Valley Township; and in the City of Clarissa is hereby attached to Independent School District No. 787 (Browerville) ("Browerville").

3. EVPS Outstanding Bonded Debt. EVPS presently has outstanding bonded debt for its General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 1998. Pursuant to debt service levies certified in 2016, payable 2017, EVPS has levied for the remaining principal and interest payments due on said bonds on August 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018, respectively, totaling \$36,715.00. On or before June 30, 2017, EVPS shall transfer the first half debt service levy proceeds received in 2017 to Browerville. The Todd County Auditor shall transfer the second half EVPS debt service levy proceeds received in 2017 to Browerville to be used for the identified bond principal and interest payments on behalf of the former EVPS. On July 1, 2017, Browerville is responsible for the administrative duty of making the stated principal and interest payments due on said bonds on August 1, 2017 and February 1, 2018, respectively with the funds received from EVPS and the Todd

County Auditor. 4. Outstanding Bonded Debt of Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville. In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 123A.60, subdivision 3, the taxable property of EVPS attached to Bertha-Hewitt shall assume its proportional share of the authorized and outstanding debt of Bertha-Hewitt; and the taxable property of EVPS attached to Browerville shall assume its proportional share of the authorized and outstanding debt

of Browerville.
5. EVPS Capital and Energy Loans. Browerville has no outstanding capital or energy loans. Bertha-Hewitt has no outstanding capital or energy loans. Thus, no apportionment of debt for such loans by the County Board is required.

6. Effective Date of Order. The effective date of this Order is July 1, 2017.
7. Other Information.

a. <u>Legislative bonding</u> authority for reorganization operating debt. The County Board recognizes that Laws 2017, First Special Session, chapter 5, article 1, section 18 provides authority for Bertha-Hewitt and/or Browerville to issue general obligation bonds without an election under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 475 for the reorganization operating debt of the former EVPS. EVPS must estimate its reorganization operating debt as of June 30, 2017 according to Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.82, and submit that amount to the Commissioner of Education for approval. The bonded debt is payable by the taxable property located within the boundaries of the former EVPS and must

be repaid within six years

of issuance. The County

Board recommends and encourages the Commissioner of Education to apportion the reorganization operating debt to Browerville and encourages Browerville to accept all of the Commissioner apportioned reorganization operating debt and issue the bonds therefore in order to save on costs of issuance.

b. Reorganization operating debt levy. The County Board recognizes that, to the extent that it is necessary to levy for reorganization operating debt of the former EVPS that was not approved for bonding authority, Bertha-Hewitt and/or Browerville may levy under Minnesota Statutes, Section 123A.73, subdivision 9, upon the approval of the Commissioner of Education. See Laws 2017, First Special Session, chapter 5, article 1, section 18, subdivision 6.

c. EVPS Property.

i. The previous Eagle Bend High School is located in the former EVPS territory that is attached to Bertha-Hewitt. Pursuant to Laws 2017, First Special Session, chapter 8, article 1, section 20, subdivision 8, Bertha-Hewitt may obtain a grant from the State in the amount of \$1,500,000 to prepare and develop the previous Eagle Bend High School building site, including demolition of buildings and infrastructure, to remove safety hazards and to facilitate the redevelopment and reuse of the site. The State appropriation does not require a nonstate con-

ii. The previous Eagle Bend High School baseball field is located within the EVPS territory that is attached to Bertha-Hewitt.

iii. The Eagle Valley Elementary School is located within the EVPS territory that is attached to Browerville.

iv. The Clarissa Baseball Field is located within the EVPS territory that is attached to Browerville.

v. The County Board encourages and strongly recommends that Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville transfer title to said properties to the local communities at a nominal price so that they may be used by the respective communities for public purposes.

vi. Any other real property owned by EVPS shall be transferred as a matter of law to the school district to which that real property is attached.

d. EVPS Teachers. The County Board acknowledges that Bertha-Hewitt, Browerville, EVPS and their respective local teacher associations reached a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the staffing and employment rights of the five (5) EVPS continuing content teachers. (Exhibit A)

tract teachers. (Exhibit A). e. <u>EVPS Assets and Liabilities.</u>

i. It is the intent of the County Board that EVPS liabilities be addressed through the reorganization operating debt bonding and/or levy processes.

ii. The County Board charged Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville to review the EVPS assets and to reach agreement on movable assets. That agreement is hereby approved and attached hereto as Exhibit B, and is incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

iii. Any assets which remain or upon which an agreement could not be reached between Bertha-Hewitt and Browerville shall pass to the school district to which the attached territory where the asset is located is attached.

iv. In the event that conveyance of title to an EVPS asset to Browerville or Bertha-Hewitt is not completed prior to July 1, 2017, this Order shall be sufficient authority to convey and transfer title.

See **TCC** on page 8a

f. <u>Trustee.</u> Browerville is hereby designated as the Trustee of EVPS which will no longer exist after June 30, 2017. As trustee, Browerville will have the responsibility for the payment of final obligations, completion of audit and other reports, and will be the custodian of records of the former EVPS school district.

g. Delivery of Order. The County Auditor shall immediately serve a copy of this order by mail upon the Clerks of EVPS, Browerville and Bertha-Hewitt and upon the Commissioner of Education.

h. Recording of Order. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to record this Resolution and Order in the Office of the Todd County Recorder.

#### **Safety Committee**

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

#### 2017 UPDATED AWAIR MANUAL

WHEREAS, the Todd County, "A Work Accident and Injury Reduction' (AWAIR) manual has been update;

WHEREAS, the information conforms to the State of Minnesota AWAIR Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all Todd County Departments and affiliates should follow the safety practices as spell out in the AWAIR manual, and;

BE IT FURTHER RE-**SOLVED**, that this updated Todd County AWAIR manual be adopted.

#### Sheriff's Office

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to post in-house for two Sergeants within the Todd County Sheriff's Office. This position is a Grade 11.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Tyler Christianson as a Temporary Seasonal Recreational Assistant. The wage for this position is \$11 an hour effective June

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Guadalupe Botello-Becerra as a Temporary Seasonal Recreational Assistant. The wage for this position is \$11 an hour effective June 25, 2017.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Andrew Mattson as a fulltime Jailor/Dispatcher effective June 25, 2017 at a Grade 6, Step B.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of James Uhlman as a Part-time Court Security Officer effective June

#### **Planning and Zoning**

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve request for granting CUP for establishment of bar and restaurant on parcel 11-0087700 with two conditions recommended by the Planning Commission: 1. Approve SSTS design for site to be approved within one year 2. Install septic system on parcel 11-0087700 within three years.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To anprove request for granting CUP for establishment of a truck maintenance shop on parcel 06-0001002 for owners trucking without condition.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve request by Jerry Kobliska to rezone 40 acre parcel 22-0014000 from R-2 to Commercial zoning.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve request by Jerry Kobliska to establish a feedlot on parcel 22-0014000 not exceeding 49 animal units.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve request by Verizon Wireless to establish a 199 foot telecommunications tower on parcel 06-0010600 as requested with no conditions.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request to put out a bid for a used SUV with local ven-

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

#### RESOLUTION REGARDING THE **ELECTION OF** JURISDICTION FOR THE MINNESOTA **BUFFER LAW**

WHEREAS, provisions in Minnesota Statute 103F.48 (Buffer Law) allow a county or watershed district to affirm jurisdiction to carry out the compliance provisions regarding riparian vegetated buffers and alternative water quality practices for those waterbodies identified on the Department of Natural Resources' Buffer Protection Map; and

WHEREAS, a county with jurisdiction over a noncompliant site shall enforce corrective actions through a coordinated approach under the authority granted in Minnesota Statute 103B.101, subd. 12a, the Buffer Law or other authority granted by

statute; and WHEREAS, Todd County agrees to carry out corrective actions on a parcel basis to ensure compliance with the buffer requirements, which may include an Administrative Penalty Order (APO) plan under the authority provided in Minnesota Statutes 103B.101, subd. 12a and 103F.48; and

WHEREAS, Todd County is electing jurisdiction on all public drainage ditches for which it is the drainage authority and public waters, located within its boundaries. identified on the Department of Natural Resources' Buffer Protection Map;

WHEREAS, the Buffer Law requires that each Local Government Unit provide notice affirming jurisdiction and identify the mechanism to be used to carry out the compliance provisions of the buffer law, Todd County will use ordinance enforcement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Todd County hereby accepts the authority and administrative responsibility to implement the Buffer Law as the Local Government Unit within the legal boundaries of Todd County for the water features identified above as of November 1, 2017 in accordance with Minnesota Statute 103F.48.

BE IT FURTHER RE-**SOLVED**, that the point of contact of ongoing Buffer Program implementation for Todd County is the Division Director of Planning and Zoning.

#### GIS Department

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hiring of Kathryn Macey as full time GIS Technician, Grade 7 Step B, \$18.77 per hour, with a start date of June 21, 2017.

#### **Health & Human** Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Steven McCoy to fill the open eligibility worker position.

### Auditor-Treasurer's

Report The Auditor-Treasurer had nothing to report at this time.

#### Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report The Coordinator reported on the meetings Auditor-Treasurer

County

Chairperson

attended and projects inprogress including negotiation preparations, insurance committee meetings, and work on grant funding for the rock wall project.

### Adjourn

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

#### COMMISSIONERS WAR-RANTS

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### \$154,262.55

TRUENORTH STEEL.....

111 PAYMENTS LESS

THAN \$2,000.....

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TOTAL

STEP...

NEXUS INC-MILLE

NORTHERN PINES

MENTAL HLTH CTR

NORTHWOOD CHILD.

VILLAGE RANCH INC.

On a motion by Neu-

mann and seconded by

Kneisl, the preceding min-

utes of the County Board

meeting held June 20,

2017 were duly approved

by unanimous vote at the

Todd County Board of

Commissioners at the Reg-

ular Board Meeting held

Witness my hand and seal:

30pnc

on July 5, 2017.

Rodney Erickson.

**Todd County Board** 

Denise Gaida, Todd

PAYMENTS LESS

THAN \$2,000...

LACS ACADEMY.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS Vendor Name \$ Amount COMMUNITY AND FAM. SRVS LLC..... \$2,933.31 #4453.. 2,790.00 GERARD TREAT. PROG. ..... GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC... HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS.....

KINDRED FAM. FOCUS ..... LUNSER/ROBERT..... LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN-ST PAUL ...... MID MN DRUG TESTING

> Joseph A. Krueger BROWN & KRUEGER,

3.YOU MUST REten response to the Plain-Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff thing asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in

YOUR CASE IF YOU DO RESPONSE TO THE COM-PLAINT TO THE PERSON MONS. If you do not answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the

#### **STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD** SEVENTH JUDICIAL **DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT** Case Type: #14 -**Other Civil**

**SUMMONS** 

City of Staples, Plaintiff

Betty Self Drone, Estate of Betty Self Drone, Starr Botzet, a/k/a Star Botzet, Larry C. Botzet, also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the Complaint herein, and all unknown heirs or assigns of the above in real estate described in the Complaint herein, Defendant.

THIS SUMMONS IS DI-RECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS.

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against vou. The Plaintiffs Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away, They are official papers that affect your rights, You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PRO-TECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons, You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at:

P.A. 124 Lake Street South Long Prairie, MN 56347

SPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your writtiffs Complaint. In your should not be given everyyour Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE WHO SIGNED THIS SUM-Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the

6. ALTERNATIVE DIS-PUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute,

7. THIS LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT OR BRING INTO QUESTION TITLE TO **REAL PROPERTY located** in Todd County, State of Minnesota, legally described as follows:

Lot Ten (10), Block Twenty-five (25), Original Townsite of Staples.

The object of this action is quiet title to a tax forfeited parcel, pursuant to Minnesota Statute §284.11.

Dated: 5/18/2017

BROWN & KRUEGER, P.A. By Joseph A. Krueger Attorney for Plaintiff 124 Lake Street South Long Prairie, MN 56347 Telephone: (320) 732-6112 Atty. Regn. No. 0328911 28-30pnc

#### **NOTICE OF AUGUST 2017 MEETING FOR BYRON TOWNSHIP**

Please be advised that Byron Township will be holding a monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 7:00 at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubel, Clerk 30-31pnc

#### **NOTICE: MOTLEY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

**NOTICE** IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Motley City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2017. The meeting will take place at City Hall. There will be no council action taken at this meeting; however, a quorum of the council may be present. The purpose of the work session is to discuss the 2018 budget.

Lacey Smieja, City Clerk 30pnc

#### NOTICE **MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP 2018 LEVY MEETING**

Moose Lake Township will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. The 2018 Township tax levy will be set during this meeting.

Karen Roubel, Clerk 29-30pnc

## **Freshwater Education District Minutes**

### **MINUTES**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING** FRESHWATER **EDUCATION DISTRICT # 6004** WADENA, MN 6/28/17

CALLED TO ORDER at 5:30 p.m. by C. Wolf, Chair Board Present: C. Wolf-Long Prairie-Grey Eagle, V. Hinojos-Wadena-Deer Creek, S. Veronen-Verndale, A. Bailey-Eagle Valley, P. Benning-Browerville, R. Van Denheuvel-Bertha-

**TIONS-** ALC Specialist; J. Timm.

sented. VOTE- UC

Hewitt, R. Thalmann,-Henning, J. Kangas-Menahga, B. Lund-Staples-Motley, C. Funk-Sebeka, Others: J. Nesland, L. Murdock, S. Thiel and J. Timm. STAFF PRESENTA-

APPROVAL OF APRIL

**BOARD MINUTES- MO-**TION BY Thalmann, seconded by Lund to approve

the 4/26/17 minutes as pre-**Notice of Intent to Establish** 

Cass County Ordinance No. 02 For The Management Of The Public Rights-Of-Way **Under Cass County's Jurisdiction** The Cass County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 during the meeting that be-

Walker, MN for the 1st reading of: Ordinance For The Management Of The Public Rights-Of-Way Under Cass County's Jurisdiction. An Ordinance to administer and regulate the public Rights of-Way in the public interest, and to provide for the issuance and regulation of Rights-of-Way Permits, pursuant to the powers granted under Minnesota Statutes 162.02, 222.37, and 237.16 through

gins at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Courthouse

237.163, and Minnesota Rules Chapter 7819. Copies of the referenced ordinance may be viewed during regular business hours at Cass County Administrator's Office or on the Cass County website: http://www.co.cass.mn.us/ordinances. To submit written comments or obtain additional information contact

the Cass County Highway Department at (218) 547-7368. /s/ Joshua D. Stevenson, Cass County Administrator

ADOPTION OF AN **AGENDA-** MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Veronen to approve the Agenda as presented. **OLD BUSINESS** 

### REVIEWED the previ-

ous Supt meeting summa-

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Benning to adopt the second reading of Policy 791L -Service Animals, as revised. VOTE- UC **NEW BUSINESS** 

### ALC/TARGETED SER-

VICES REPORT: MOTION BY VanDen-

heuvel, seconded by Funk, to approve the NJPA "Small Project Partnership Grant" amount of \$1,619.70 for the SALC site. VOTE-

MOTION BY Kangas, seconded by Lund, to approve Service Agreements with NP Mental Health in the amount of \$7,000 for each ALC site. VOTE-UC TECHNOLOGY RE-

UPDATE of E-Rate Fiber Lease.

UPDATE of Bandwidth for SY 17/18; will be increased to1 gig. UPDATE of State Tele-

com Aid reimbursement

to participating member schools for a total of \$27,648. MEMBER SERVICES:

Update of Level IV Site Access fee for Nonmember Districts, Recommendation by Member Superintendents; Effective FY-18, nonmember districts will be invoiced by the FED business office a \$55 daily access fee to the FED Level IV Program for the days a

nonmember student is en-

rolled.

MOTION BY Funk, seconded by Hinojos, to publicly recognize the value that the

Eagle Valley School District has provided to the children of ISD No. 2759, to thank the School Board and Staff for their positive contributions to the lives of their STUDENTS, and to offer continued support of the FED to the students and families of ISD No. 2759 as the School District transitions into the future. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by Veronen, to increase the voting member district annual membership fees by 2 percent (%) for FY18. VOTE-UC

REVIEWED draft of

amendments of the FED Bylaws with recommendation of Member Superintendents to approve as proposed at the August Board Meeting

NOTICE of Todd Cty. Collab. Annual Meeting on 8/23/17.

REVIEWED Board Pers. Comm 4/26/17 Mtg. Min-

#### **BUSINESS, FINANCE, AND NEW BUSINESS** MOTION BY Funk, sec-

onded by Thalmann, to approve the 4/25/17 - 6/23/17 cash reports and payments of checks numbered 119462 –19683. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Benning, seconded by VanDenheuvel, to approve the FY18 CMERDC Copier Maintenance AGMT as presented. VOTE- UC MOTION BY Funk, sec-

onded by Lund, to approve the current year Revision III Budget as follows. FUND: 01 General -

REVENUE, \$9,205,032; EX-PENDITURES, \$9,397,459. FUND: 04 Commu-

nity Service - REVENUE, \$611,969; EXPENDITURES, \$603,289.

VOTE- UC MOTION BY Lund, seconded by Hinojos, to approve the FY18 Interim Budget as follows.

FUND: 01 General REVENUE, \$9,097,139; EX-PENDITURES, \$9,258,211.

FUND: 04 Community Service - REVENUE, \$572,963; EXPENDITURES, \$675,783 **PERSONNEL TOPICS** 

#### AND CONSENT **AGENDA ITEMS** MOTION BY Thalmann,

seconded by Funk, to approve the following personnel items as follows; Hiring of K. Becker, D. Abrahamson, J. Fundine, N. Heilman, E. Clark, K. Johnson; Resignation of J. Smith, L. Otto, H. Kalina, H. Bucher; Authorization to advertise and fill the vacancy of (3) Program. Asst., OT. Inst., EBD Inst., ECSE Para, Admin Asst., FACTS Facilitator: Retirement of M. Jensen; Voluntary reduction of D. Baune, T. Gould; Reassignment of D. Soukup, S. Thiel, L. Wick; Increase in days of R. Nyhus; VOTE-

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. VOTE-UC

30pnc

# **Public Notices**

#### **NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORCLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage.

DATE OF MORTGAGE: September 5, 2008; Assigned January 20, 2017 ORIGINAL PRINCI-PAL AMOUNT OF MORT-

MORTGAGOR(S): Nathan George, a single

GAGE: \$44,998.47

person MORTGAGEE: American Heritage National Bank; Assigned to Jason

George DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Mortgage: Recorded October 1, 2008; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Docu-

ment No. 459390 Assignment: Recorded February 7, 2017; Todd County Recorder; Todd County, MN; Document No. 502805

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: All that part of Government Lot Two (2) of Section Twentyeight (28), Township One Hundred Twenty-eight (128), Range Thirty-four (34), lying North of the Sauk River which runs through said Lot Two (2), and which lies East of Highway No. 11, also known as the "U" Trail Road

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

Property Address: 16086 County 11, Osakis, MN

Tax Parcel ID No.: 17-0030801

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORT-GAGEE: \$39,050.67

That all preforeclosure requirements have been complied with; that no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof:

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

SALE: August 10, 2017, at

PLACE OF SALE: Sher-

iff's Office Lobby, 115 3rd Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, to pay the debt secured by said Mortgages, as assigned, and taxes, if any, on said premises and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys' fees allowed by law, subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the Mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns. If the mortgage is not reinstated under Section 580.30 or the property redeemed under Section 580.23, the time to vacate is 11:59 p.m. on that date.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINAN-CIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

THIS COMMUNICA-TION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPT-ING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMA-TION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PUR-POSE.

THE RIGHT TO VERI-FICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PRO-VIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMP-TION B YTHEMORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PER-SONAL REPRESENTA-TIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORT-GAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESI-DENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED

Dated: June 22, 2017

Jason George Assignee of Mortgagee

PEMBERTON, SORLIE, RUFER & KERSHNER, P.L.L.P. By: Marc W. Sugden, No. 0390267 Attorneys for Assignee of Mortgagee 203 22nd Avenue West Alexandria, MN 56308 Telephone: 320-759-3143 25-30pnc

Public Notices: Your Right to Know

# **Crossword Puzzle**

- CLUES ACROSS
- "ER" actress Leslie 5. The Ibo tribe
- 10. Weapon 14. Olympian Jones
- 15. Moth genus 16. In addition 17. Neighborhood in Rio
- 18. Anoint 19. Insect repellent
- 20. Indigenous person
- 22. Tooth caregiver
- 23. Vacation here
- 24. Aware27. 7th letter Greek
- alphabet 30. Actress Ling
- 31. Gandalf's real name 32. Luxury car
- 35. Evildoer 37. Cricket term (abbr.) 38. Primal goddess of the
- 39. More depressed
- 40. Cattle genus 41. Dish

- 43. Founder of Babism 44. Speak rapidly and foolishly 45. Fall back, spring
- forward 46. Where you sleep 47. Inform
- 48. Former CIA 49. Salts
- 52. Bleated
- 55. Never sleeps 56. Cavalry sword 60. Ceramic jar
- 61. Cyprinid fishes 63. Home to Cathedral of San Sabino
- 64. Edible Indian fruit 65. Lake in Botswana
- 66. University of Miami 67. Perceives
- 68. Yellow-fever mos-69. All humans have one

CLUES DOWN

- 2. Private school in New York 3. Pancake
- 4. Cichlid fish
- 5. Independent Voters
- Association 7. Suburb in Copenhagen 8. Heavy cotton garments Self-addressed envelope

10. A way to make wet 11. Genus of trees

- 12. Millisecond 13. Kiss ballad 21. Unlock
- 23. \_\_\_ mot 25. "Joy Luck Club" author Amy
- 26. Catch 27. \_\_ and flowed 28. Monetary units 29. Scorched
- 32. Italian aviator 33. Things to eat 34. Waddles 36. A Queens ballplayer 37. It's on your driver's
- license 38. Talk 40. Witty conversation 41. Satisfies
- 43. Sound unit 44. Placental mammal 46. Offer 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Stamps 50. Palmlike plant 51. Developed poliomyeli-52. Newhart, Marley,
- Dylan 53. Wings 54. Away from wind 57. Slugger Ruth 58. Musician Clapton 59. Gamble
- 61. Desoxyribonucleic acid 62. Female sibling

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#### **SCHOOL** continued from page 1a

### Improvement noted in co-curricular grade eligibility changes

for high school and \$25 for middles

Graphic Arts increased from \$10 to \$20. Other courses with a \$20 fee include art classes, shop fees and Family and Consumer Science classes. Other fees may be incurred depending on project costs.

The addition of the 1:World annual fee of \$30 was noted. This is for the tablets given to students for school

Family and individual caps will remain the same at \$300 for individuals and \$600 per family.

The fee schedule noted the criteria for courses or activities that require

· Courses that require a large consumable supply budget.

• All Minnesota State High School League activities.

• Any activity occurring outside the classroom requiring paid super-

Board member Greg Frisk asked how they find out if students want to participate but can't afford it and how that was handled. Activity director Travis VanOver-

beke said they work with parents to devise a pay system. Student meal prices increased five cents. Breakfast is still free.

#### **Eligibility changes**

Changes in the student handbooks were approved with a question from board member Bryan Winkels about

...218-894-2891

.9:30 a.m.

..11:00 a.m.

.6:15 p.m.

9:15 a.m.

.10:30 a.m.

.6:00 p.m.

.6:30 p.m.

25430 Bison Rd.Cushing, MN 320-749-2140

Lincoln Evangelical Free

Rev. Jean M. Megorden Lay Pastor Bob Mueller

Sunday Worship..

Friday Office Closed

SUNDAY

WEDNESDAY

Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown

Worship Gathering ....

Praise & Prayer ...

**Cushing Baptist** 

26298 Bear Rd., Cushing

Sunday School Worship.....

Bible study

Leader

Pastor David Stevens

Sunday Worship.

Pastor David Stevens

Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle

Sunday School for all ages ..

Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group ...

www.cushingbaptistchurch.org

The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6

Swan Valley Lutheran

**Maple Hill Lutheran** 

.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School .......9:00 a.m

218-894-2609

..218-894-2296

..8:30 a.m.

.10:45 am.

.9:45 a.m.

..7:00 p.m.

.9:00 a.m.

218-894-2372

. 218-894-1081

**Staples** 

**Staples Alliance** 

Sunday Worship..

**Assembly of God** 

914 3rd Ave. NE. Staples ...

Youth Pastor Julie Boone

Discipleship Class.

Sunday Worship.

**Evening Prayer** 

Sonlight & Youth

**Church of Christ** 

27343 490th St., Staples.. Pastor Barry Klein

**Pastor Tony Romaine** 

Faith Lutheran

Coffee Fellowship..

310 4th St. NE, Staples

Pastor Fr. Joe Korf

Saturday

218-894-0033

Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag

Sunday Worship Service..

Sacred Heart Church

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples

Thomastown Covenant

Pastor Nathan Hillman

Sunday Worship..

**Trinity Lutheran** 

WEDNESDAY ....

Rev. Robin Collins

15940 251st Ave., Staples......218-894-3923

Sunday Divine Service ......9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class...... 10:15 a.m.

Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org

Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship......10:30 a.m.

Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship, refreshments following service

430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546

Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family &

Monica J. Simmons..... 218-414-0081 cell/text

WFDNFSDAY

Sunday School WEDNESDAY

Pastor Roy Miles

1512 8th St. NE, Staples

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries

gibility requirement to C-.

'Kids were striving to get a D-, just to say eligible," said high school principal Mike Schmidt. "We expect better of our students so we developed something uniform.'

"Co-curriculars are a privilege," he added later. "Academics come first." Hoemberg asked about students

who just weren't capable of making that grade.

"Like special education students?" asked board member Bruce Lund.

Schmidt replied that it depends on the nature of the disability and they provide support and options to work with the student.

He and VanOverbeke said they began implementing the change last year and noted an improvement.

- In other business the board: • Appointed board chair Mary Freeman as the school board representative authorized to sign for the district in the sale of the property which was the site of the Freshwater Education District on 5th St. NE in
- Heard a report from Craig Waldvogel, technology coordinator for the district, about increasing problems with the servers, including the one for Skyward, the system used for district finances, human resources and student information. Waldvogel presented options for the board's consideration that included outright

the change in co-curricular grade elipurchase of new servers and software or financing a one to three year payment plan. The option to purchase outright is about \$84,400. The financing plan would cost more, but payments could be spread out monthly. Bratlie noted this was preliminary to let the board know something needed to be done. He will research more ontions

• Did not have a financial report to review. Business manager Jaime Boesen said she is still working on reconciling some bank accounts and working with Skyward to fix some issues. Bratlie noted that the auditors would be in the district Aug. 14-16.

 Accepted the resignations of Aubrey Fussy, fourth grade teacher. and Robert Larson, paraprofessional.

 Accepted the retirement of Linda Beebe, IT support desk.

 Approved contracts for Deb Ferdon, QCOMP/district curriculum and assessment coordinator; Jolene Elfstrum, elementary technology/ STEAM; and Laurie Trout, fourth grade teacher.

• Heard a report from Freeman, who sits on the board of NJPA (National Joint Powers Alliance) about their preliminary report which shows that contract purchasing will end the year at \$2.45 billion, up from last year's \$1.88 billion. Proceeds go back into programs and support for cities, counties and school districts in Region Five.

### Staples Area Church Directory

#### United Methodist Motley .218-894-2248 **Motley Free Methodist** Pastor Greg Leslie . 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship. ..218-352-6888 Motley 56466 ..... (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) ......9:15-10:15 a.m. Pastor Jim Johnson Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg ..9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship...... Sunday School . WEDNESDAY Aldrich Congregational, United **Church of Christ** Youth Group .5:30-7:30 p.m. One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich .218-445-5831 Pastor Dave Seaton St. John's Lutheran Sunday Worship,. ..218-352-6399 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley..... Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler .1st Sunday of Month Sunday School and Bible Class ..... 8:30 a.m. **Balsamlund Lutheran** Sunday Worship... 19550 490th Street, Aldrich .....701-261-2394 (cell) St. Michael Sunday Worship..... Sunday School ..... ..218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf MASS: Cushing Wednesday **Bethany Lutheran**

#### Pastor Greg Leslie www.motleyumc.org Monday AA meeting .9:00 a.m Sunday Worship Service...

9:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

Saturday.

Sunday..

1354 320th St., Cushing..........218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. **Oylen Oylen Alliance** Cty. Rds, 7 and 9, Oylen 218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316

**United Methodist** 

Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday School .10:00 a.m Sunday Worship. ..11:00 a.m Pillager First Lutheran Church

.8:00 p.m.

#### .6:00 p.m. 218-746-3775 Pastor Hector Merced Sunday School .320-749-2583 Casino Assembly of God

. 10:30 a.m. N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104. Phone .........218-746-3839 .7:30 p.m. Worship..... .....10:30 a.m. Leaf River Township Sunday Worship. .....7:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY.

**First Baptist** Info. 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Skip Hansen 218-746-3768 Sunday Worship... Children's Church. ..218-397-2470 WEDNESDAY

Adrenaline Youth Group

#### **Church of the Nazarene** 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffert ..9:30 a.m Sunday School . . 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer **Trinity Lutheran Church** 524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN Sunday Worship .. 10:30 a.m Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries ..6:30 p.m, Sunday Worship......Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses ...8:30 a.m. .7:00 p.m. ..11-11:45 a.m Family Life Church 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466

402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale ..218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com . 218-371-7189 Pastor Amos Self Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard Prayer. ..8:45 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship. ..9:10 & 11:00 a.m. Worship. Prayer or Life Groups. WEDNESDAY . Family fellowship meal 6:00 p.m.. Ministry Groups/Bible study

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

**Immanuel Lutheran Church** of Bartlett Township (LCMS) 17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Vernd Pastor Robin Fish WEDNESDAY Bible Study.... .6:30 p.m.

**Verndale United Methodist** 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Sunday Worship...

.9:30 a.m. **Central United Methodist** 5 miles N on Ctv Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) 218-639-4225 . 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

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### **Communication?**

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God

11:00 a.m

With all the cell phones, texting, facebook, emails, etc. are we really connecting with each other or are we just busybodies? Where's the closeness of relationships? Where's reality? What ever happened to face to face conversation? What happened to working out problems with the people we are having problems with without bringing in the whole world? Why are moms and dads left out when the child is having problems? These are not easy questions to answer. Most of the problems come from a lack of listening time. Here are two articles that may give us some insight. In the first one the author is unknown; the second is by Ruth Graham Bell.

### PLEASE, MOM AND DAD...

...my hands are small, I don't mean to spill my milk ... my legs are short ... please slow down so I can keep up with you. Don't slap my hands when I touch something bright and pretty ... I don't understand. Please look at me when I talk to you ... it lets me know you're really listening. My feelings are tender ... don't nag me all day. Let me make mistakes without feeling stupid. Don't expect the bed I make or the picture I draw to be

perfect ... just love me for trying .... Remember, I'm a child, not a small adult. Sometimes I don't understand what you are saying .... I love you so much. Please love me for just being me ... not just for the things I can do. - Most Any Child

..5:45 p.m.

### **TELL ME MORE**

The time for training children is during their early years. By the time they reach their teens, we need for the most part - to shut up and listen. By that time they know what we expect of them, but they do need a sounding board. It can be inconvenient, especially if the teenager is a night owl or if they catch you in the middle of an interesting book. Never mind, prop yourself comfortably in bed even if you have to force your eyes open. Put the book down. Stop whatever you're doing.

You're fortunate to have a teenager who wants to talk. Be interested and listen. Don't argue. If you can, ask a question like "Do you think what you're doing (or thinking of doing) is wise? Would you want your son to do it?" Or just be interested. "Tell me more" will encourage them to talk.

CONDENSED: Preteens, teach. Teens, listen. - Ruth Graham Bell

### **Ernie's Food Market**

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

**Central Building** 

Supply

Bob Reeck, Manager

Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more

Staples. MN 218-894-1072

**Staples World** our community newspaper since 1890 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN

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

#### **Tower Pizza** Pizza. Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches Staples. MN 218-894-3299

Fully Insured to \$250,000 Staples, MN 218-894-3900

**Staples True Value** "Just Ask Rental"

Mid-Central Federal

**Savings Bank** 

Open 7 days a week. Staples, MN 218-894-3263

### The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses: Staples Veterinary

# Learning the ropes pays off for Noble

Cody Noble attributes his roping success to being

"I pick up on every little to have very good listening has a suggestion, I will try

Noble's study paid off at a national roping competition in New Town, ND, in July, as he earned one first place and one second place in the team roping competition, against 380 teams. The performance earned him two saddles and a belt buckle, plus cash bonuses.

The process starts at the Noble ranch near Leader, where Cody's dad, Luke, helps him hone his craft. 'My dad watches roping on TV and he gives me things to work on." He has also been to professional clinics, all part of learning the

In team roping, there is a header and a heeler. The header throws a rope around the steer's horns and the heeler ropes the back legs. Noble is a heeler, which takes accuracy and timing to get the rope under the legs while they are up in the air. In competition, the team gets a time penalty if he ropes just one

leg instead of two.

Noble started throwing a rope at age seven or eight and has been trying it from a horse since he was 11

Now, as a high school senior, he works on the family ranch, but that doesn't leave a lot of time for roping practice. On July 20, he had just finished a day of clearing downed trees from fences after a windstorm swept through the ranch, but his dad, sister Lizzy and a few friends started practicing late into the evening.

"I hope to get done with a little bit of daylight left for practice," said Noble.

Noble competes in steer roping and team roping in high school competitions. He has a regular header for high school tournaments, Jacqueline Lucas of Jordan, Minn., but for the big competitions the ropers usually draw for a partner.

Noble's roping horse is Bud, who he bought after his first horse, Cletus, got injured and had to avoid competition for a year. He said he paid \$5,000 for Bud and has already won back \$4,000 in prize money.

He is a fast learner," Noble said about Bud, 'He's like a human, he has amazing days, good days and terrible days."

Noble has been to three big competitions so far this summer and has three roping events planned for the upcoming week, first in Effie, then New Ulm and finally a big jackpot competition in Jamestown, N.D.



### Team roping takes more than two people

After clearing downed trees from the arena at the Noble ranch on July 20, Cody Noble (left) and Isaac Swendsrud (right) attempt to rope a calf. Swendsrud is just learning the sport to help his friend. Sitting on the fence is Cody's father Luke and Dalton Holmberg. Working the gate to release the steer is Lizzy Noble

won at the roping competition in New Town, N.D. (Sub-

and Izabella Edin. Holmberg and Swendsrud often volunteer for roping practice. "I don't know what I'd do without my friends picking (rocks out of) the arena and helping me out," said Cody. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



#### Successful throw Noble with the two saddles and a belt buckle he

Cody Noble snares both hind legs of a steer, the goal of the team roping competition. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

### New review process may help when property is split

By Karin Nauber **Todd County reporter** 

mitted photo)

Roping swag

A presentation made to Todd County commissioners at their July 18 work session by Recorder Cheryl Perish and Soil and Water ConservationDirector Tim Stieber on a new split statute policy being reviewed could make things a lot easier on landowners who want to bulla on those property splits.

Perish said that since 1987, planning and zoning has wanted to review all land splits, but it wasn't until 2017 that legislation was passed allowing for it.

This will allow a review of splits before they are recorded.

Stieber said this wasn't anything new, but it was trying to get everyone to follow the rules when splits are done.

"We have an average of 80 of these a year. The planning commission has an average of 30 on record so most go directly to the recorder," said Stieber.

Having the review done at the time land splits are made will help solve some problems, including showing landowners if the land will be able to be built on once a split is done.

Perish said that this is a safeguard for landown-

ers because they'll get approval for things like building before they do a split.

Stieber said that he anticipates they'll receive 30 to 50 more of these through their office with the change.

If applications are complete, they have to be authorized within 24 hours. He said that if parts cations would be deemed incomplete.

After complete, they'll go to the recorder.

Stieber added that they will need to work with the three townships that do their own planning and zoning.

Stieber said that when a split in a property causes a problem they've had to go around some of the rules in the past to figure out a way for people to use the land the way they hoped to.

He said that doing it this way, they'll be following a process which should help eliminate problems.

Perish said the plan is to begin this Jan. 1, 2018.

Commissioner David Kircher said that this would be better between the two departments and for the taxpayers.

'We're not sure where the break in communication happened because the ordinances are out there," said Perish.

Stieber said that the property splits would not be rolled into the process with no additional fees.

"We'll just work with people on it," said Stieber. Commissioner Randy Neumann commented that

this was a nice preventative measure. Perish added that the properties, but the property owner may not

have been able to do anything (build) on it. "This will fix that," she

said. Stieber and Perish will work on the requirements and plans to present the

board something in August.

### **Personnel Policy**

County Coordinator Joe Hatch presented the work he's done on the county personnel policy, noting that the policy hasn't been updated in many years.

He provided an outline of some of the recommended changes for board review including new laws that are required to be addressed. He worked on many of the details with Human Resources Manager Karla Nalezny.

He's also recommending that the policy be transitioned into a handbook.

Some areas of change noted was that the curinclude; the employment section, with its current practice of how the hiring is done and a recommended process which would include a consistent process for each recruit-

One of the problems

rent process takes too long to complete from start to finish.

Hatch also added a new section on employee conduct that would outline employee expectations. Even though some of the language is in many position descriptions, it would add consistency. It would not change the additional language and policies for an employee's specific ser-

Changes will be brought to the board for final review and approval.

### U of MN Extension Dairy and Dairy Goat Field Days set

Bv Brenda Miller, University of Minnesota Extension

The University of Minnesota Extension will be holding two summer field days; one for dairy goat producers and one for dairy cattle producers. The field days will allow extension to team up with successful dairy operations to showcase their farms with local producers and agribusinesses.

Marty and Heather Olson of Long Prairie will host the 2017 Todd County Dairy Goat Field Day, August 3; 10 a.m -noon. The Olson's farm is located at 15814 County 50, Long Prairie. Approximately 7.5 miles south of Long Prairie just off Hwy. 71 near Little Sauk. Watch for signs.

The Olson's milk 80 registered Alpine and Saanen

dairy goats in a double eight parallel parlor. They started with just two milking does and hope to expand to 150 in the next few years. All female kids are kept as replacements and fed heat treated colostrum, then milk replacer. Heather also makes soap, lotions and other products from their goat's milk. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsors include: Montchevre and Central MN Dairy Initiative.

Donnie and Carolyn Middendorf of Long Prairie will host the 2017 Todd County Dairy Field Day August 8; 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Middendorf's farm is located at 20102 County 36 Long Prairie. Approximately 3.5 miles west of Long Prairie. Watch for signs.

The Middendorf's

milk 100 cows in a swing eight parallel parlor. The parlor was retrofitted into their old tiestall barn five years ago. The cows are housed in a three row, sand bedded freestall barn. They revamped the manure handling system which includes a manure pit and filter strip. In addition, the Middendorfs are currently in the process of transitioning the farm to organic. Refreshments will be provided. Sponsors include: Compeer (formerly AgStar Financial Services) and Central MN Dairy Initia-

To promote good herd health practices when visiting farms, wear clothes that have been washed and not worn in other livestock facilities since washing. Plastic boots will be provided. RSVP by August 1, to www.z.umn.edu/2017dairy or contact Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office: 320-732-4435 or nels4220@umn.edu.

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# Jack and JoAnn (Shake) Lund's family farm celebrates 100 years



### At home on the farm

The Jack and JoAnn (Shake) Lund farm in rural Staples has been recognized as a Minnesota Century Farm. Located in the Leader area of Cass County, the farm has been in continuous family ownership since 1916. Pictured above with Jack and JoAnn (holding the sign) are, back row from left, their granddaughter, Mary Lund; daughter-in-law Sue Lund; son, Jim Lund; and grandson, John Lund. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs Staples World reporter

It's been over 100 years since Joseph (Joe) and Emma Shake purchased their farm in the Leader area of Cass County, located near the once-thriving community of Ellis.

The year was 1916; and the Shakes had moved from Marshall to continue the life they knew and loved... farming. It was a life they passed down to their children and grandchildren; and the seeds they sowed decades ago are still growing strong.

Now owned by their granddaughter, JoAnn (Shake) and her husband. Jack Lund, the farm was recently recognized as a Minnesota Century Farm.

To qualify for this title, farms must have been in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years and are 50 acres or more.

Her grandparents originally purchased 160 acres, JoAnn shared recently during an interview at the family farm. They milked cows by hand, and raised

sheep and pigs as well. Before they could begin farming the land, they had to clear numerous oak trees from the property.

being built, Joe and Emma lived in the chicken coop, JoAnn said, noting that they certainly didn't know the modern conveniences of today. Even after they moved into the house, it would be many years before they had electricity there. JoAnn still has the lanterns they used at night during those early days.

four children, a daughter, Blanche; and sons Woodrow, Gordon and Ward. Eventually, Gordon and his wife Bernice (Denning), JoAnn's parents, pur-

Prior to moving into the old home place, her family lived across the road, JoAnn said, adding, "I was four when we moved here." She went on to note that they switched houses with

In addition to JoAnn, Gordon and Bernice had another daughter, Donna,

While their house was

Joe and Emma had chased the farm.

her grandparents.



### **Earlier days**

Emma (far left) and Joseph Shake (far right) were the original owners of the family farm that was established in 1916 and is still going strong in the Leader area. Also pictured is their grandson, Glenn Williams of rural Staples, son of Roger and Blanche (Shake) Williams; and Joseph's mother, Charlotte Shake. (Submitted photo)

who is now deceased. The second generation of Shakes continued to milk cows for awhile, but eventually transitioned to raising beef cattle and sheep. Later on, Gordon and Bernice purchased an

additional 160 acres. JoAnn and her sister learned early on how to work on the farm. "I was about seven years old when my dad put me on a tractor," JoAnn said, adding that it was a 1952 Ford Ferguson. "I was always outside...cultivating corn, raking hay. I

never worked inside. The farm was often a gathering place for the neighbors. JoAnn has memories of fellow farmers stopping by to play a game of 500 now and then; and there was the occasional shivaree when someone in the neighbor-

hood got married. You never know what might happen when you live on a farm. JoAnn remembers the day her dad brought a horse in the house. And then there was the time someone brought a calf inside the house because it needed to warm up. It stayed there for three

"It's a good thing I met someone like Jack, someone who likes the same things I do," JoAnn said.
"Not everyone wants a cow in the house.'

JoAnn went to high school in Staples; and Jack, who grew up in Cushing, attended school in Little Falls. Their paths crossed at the Ten-Hi in Motley and it didn't take them long to realize they had a lot in common, including a love for farming. They were married in 1969.

In the early years of their marriage, the Lunds lived in the Twin Cities area as well as Granite Falls, due to Jack's job working as a manager for a granite quarry. Their son, Jim, was born during that

Every weekend, Jack, JoAnn and Jim would come back to the farm. They helped JoAnn's parents with chores and young Jim learned to drive on the same tractor his mom had. Jack remembers every Fourth of July he'd be mowing hay at the farm.

Her dad always had two large gardens, JoAnn shared. "He had 100 tomato plants," she said, going on to say that before anyone could go fishing, the strawberries and raspberries had to be picked. Jim remembered doing a lot of the tilling in those gardens.

When JoAnn's dad passed away in 1987, she and Jack bought the farm, putting it in their name. "Mom moved in with us then," JoAnn said, adding that she lived with them for 17 years.

When Jack retired 14 years ago, the family moved back to the farm for good. He'd crushed rock for 35 years, Jack noted, adding that he was ready to pour all of his energy into the farm.

Since that time, Jack and JoAnn have remained busy at their Century Farm. "We still have 100 head of cattle and I just was out raking hay this morning," JoAnn said recently.

Their son Jim, his wife Sue; and their children Nathan, Vanessa, John and MaryJo have also spent hours helping out at the

"Jim and Sue lived here in 1990, until they got their own place down the road, JoAnn said. She shared how Sue liked to raise goats and sheep, in particular, when they were at the

Although Jim and Sue are busy running JL Trucking, Excavating & Grading in Staples, they still find time to help farm

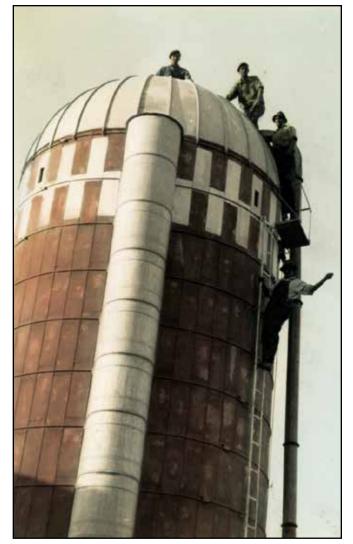
"This has been a great place for kids to learn how to work," Sue said, recalling the summers spent haying in the fields and tending to the animals. "They all have a good work ethic. When something needs to get done, you do it.'

There have been ups and downs over the years, JoAnn said, mentioning animal diseases on occasion and times of drought (they don't have irrigation); but all in all, the positives have outweighed any

negatives. She felt very honored to receive the Century Farm certificate, JoAnn said, adding that she hopes she and Jack will be able to see the Century Farm display at the upcoming Minnesota State Fair.

Although the original barn and silo are no longer there, the same spirit that Joseph and Emma Shake brought to their farm over 100 years ago is still going strong.

JoAnn hopes it will remain in the family for years to come.



### The old silo

Joseph (Joe) Shake, standing on the lower rung of the silo's ladder, along with his wife Emma (not pictured) were the original owners of the Shake family farm in Cass County which they purchased in 1916. Also pictured are two of the Shakes' sons, Ward and Gordon; and one unidentified person. The Century Farm is currently owned by Joseph and Emma's granddaughter, JoAnn, and her husband, Jack Lund. Although the silo is no longer standing, an old grainery which was once the cheese factory in Ellis, remains on the property. (Submitted photo)



### **Sharing memories**

JoAnn (Shake) and Jack Lund are pictured in the original living room of their house which was built in 1916, the same year the Shake family established their farm at that location. Above them are two pictures of the farm, painted by Jack's Uncle Dan. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

### **Growler's Gathering in Leader set for July 29**

The 19th Annual Growler's Gathering in Leader will be held Saturday, July 29, from noon until dusk.

Pig races, fireworks, music, food, magic show and a parade are just a few of the events on the roster. This year's theme is 'Vegas' and a D.J. will kick things off at noon.

There will be something for everyone at the Growler's Gathering. The parade begins at 2 p.m., followed by the annual Growler's Competition at 3 p.m.

Young people will enjoy the free 'Kids Entertainment' which includes a bounce house and a magic show by The Amazing Charles the Magician at 3 p.m.

Two 'LA (Leader Area) Racing Pigs' shows will be held during the gathering: one at 5 p.m. and a second at 7 p.m. Stop by the races to cheer on your favorite pig and perhaps win a prize during the evening. A food booth will be available throughout the event;

and there will be beer wagons and an outdoor bar on site

The live band 'Rhyme or Reason' takes the stage at 9 p.m. and fireworks begin at dusk.

Downtown Leader is located 13 miles north of Motley on Hwy 64. For more information, call The Bear's Den at 218-397-2331.

lice Department (MPD) and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

July 18 - The MPD assisted Todd Cty with a stolen vehicle last seen heading towards Motley from Philbrook. According to the report, Officer Jason Borash located the stolen vehicle at Cty Rd. 28; and the driver and passenger were taken into custody and transported to the Todd County Jail by Todd County deputies. The Staples Police Department was also at the scene and assisted with the call.

Recent reports from the Motley Po-

July 16 - The MPD received a call regarding suspicious activity at Country Terrace Apartments in Motley. According to the report, someone had thrown a number of items in the laundry room, including paddle locks and keys.

July 16 - The MPD responded to a report of an RV vehicle that was on fire at the BRICKS Travel Center parking lot. The Motley Fire Department had already extinguished the fire prior to the MPD's arrival.

Motley Police Department, MCSO reports

July 14 - The MPD assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a crash at Hwys 210 and 64. No injuries reported.

July 13 - The MPD received a report that a woman from a group home in Motley had run away and was last seen heading southeast from the group home.

July 13 - The MPD attempted to conduct a traffic stop at 385th St. and Hwy 10 in Motley, after noticing a horse trailer, being pulled by a pickup truck, did not have any functioning lights. The officer also noticed that the pickup was traveling at 33 mph in both the 50 mph and 65 mph zones. Officer activated the emergency lights and the vehicle pulled over. As the vehicle came to a stop, the driver fled out of the vehicle and headed to the southwest. Driver was described as being about 5 ft. tall, skinny, wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans, and appeared to be the missing person for earlier in the day. Officer attempted to catch the suspect but lost her in the darkness. Officer radioed dispatch and other units arrived, including Morrison County, Todd County and Staples PD. Law enforcement searched the area and residences in the area and were unable to locate the subject. It was learned that the vehicle was stolen from a residence a couple of miles east of Motley off of Hwy 210 in Cass

July 19 - The MCSO reported suspicious activity in Motley. According to the report, Deputy Al Yoder came across a vehicle parked along Hwy 10 in the eastbound lane near Aztec Road. The vehicle's engine was still warm and some clothing items were lying outside the vehicle. The vehicle came back as stolen from Minneapolis with the suspect being armed. Vehicle was towed to Always Available in Motley.



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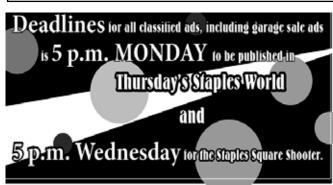
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### BBB, DLI warn against insurance deductible rebates

weather, many Minnesota homeowners are looking to their insurance policies to cover the costs of repairs to their homes. Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) wants to ensure that Minnesota homeowners are aware of a rule to protect them when they begin the process of finding a contractor to make repairs. In particular, BBB and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) want to alert consumers about a Minnesota law en-

contractors from advertising or promising to pay or rebate all or part of any applicable insurance deduct-

"This law protects consumers and insurance companies from contractors who might inflate repair costs in order to pay the homeowner's deductible," said Charlie Durenberger, Manager of Licensing and Enforcement Services in DLI's Construction Codes and Licensing Division.

The practice of contractors artificially increasing

surance company to cover homeowners' deductibles would ultimately lead to rising costs of homeowners insurance for all consumers. Under the 2010 law, DLI has broader powers to enforce this provision. Contractors who are found to have offered to pay or rebate a homeowner's insurance deductible can face a number of penalties, including suspension or revocation of their contrac-

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up to \$10,000. Before you hire a con-

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their license number and then contact the Department of Labor and Industry at 651-284-5069 or 1-800-342-5354 to verify that the contractor is currently licensed and also to find out if they have a disciplinary history.

"BBB is always monitoring the marketplace for questionable business practices," said Susan Adams Loyd, President and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Homeowners need to know they are responsible for paying the deductible on their homeowners insurance. If a contractor claims otherwise, consumers should report the incident to DLI at 651-284-5069 and Better Business Bureau at bbb.org or 1-800-646-

The mission of Better Business Bureau is to be the leader in building marketplace trust by promoting, through self-regulation, the highest standards of business ethics and conduct, and to instill confidence in responsible businesses through programs of education and action that inform, assist and protect the general public. We are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact BBB atbbb. org or 651-699-1111, toll-free at 1-800-646-6222.



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# Find the crayfish, find the hungry fish

A great way to locate fish in midsummer is to find crayfish. Just about every kind of fish likes to chew on crayfish, especially young crayfish before they get too big and their outside skeleton gets too hard. Bass, walleye, pike and even big panfish like to munch down crayfish.

Crayfish are common in streams and lakes and really like to hang out in areas where they can hide during the daylight hours and sneak out to feed at night. They feed on snails, algae, insect larvae, worms, tadpoles and some kinds of vegetation. Research shows that older crayfish are most active at dusk and continue to feed until daybreak. It is the young crayfish that are most likely to be out feeding during the daylight hours and this also makes them much more vulnerable to predation. They live short lives, usually less than two years. Crayfish are very producmales carrying as many as 800 eggs at a time.

It is very easy to tell when fish are eating young crayfish because they often spit them up when caught. On Leech Lake and other lakes with the invasive rusty crayfish the distinctive color being spit out when caught is a red orange. Native crayfish adapt to the water color of the lake they inhabit. If using artificial crayfish as bait, it is a good idea to try to match the color of the bait to the actual color of the crayfish in the lake being fished.

Crayfish need places to hide so on big lakes looking around gravel bars and rocky areas is a very good bet. They also like to hide around wood and aquatic vegetation. I have a number of areas marked on my favorite lakes where I know the crayfish are hanging out and fish come to hunt. I have found that when cleaning fish in July, August and September cray-

tive, with egg carrying fe-fish are a common site in the bellies of walleye and bass. I have been amazed at the size of the crayfish in some of the smaller fish I have caught.

I have had my best luck fishing for bass when using artificial crayfish bait. The walleyes will take the bait too, but seem to be able to tell the fake from the real deal easier than bass. Areas with rocks and gravel are some of the best spots for fishing for small mouth bass. On the days when smallmouth don't like to chomp on the artificial crayfish, I just switch to other baits to catch them, but I know the crayfish are the reason they are in the

So, whether your fishing for bass, walleyes, or even alligators look for areas that have populations of crayfish. Yes, alligators love them too!! And if you are fishing on a lake with Rusty Crayfish you might want to consider catching a bunch of them to eat yourself. They are delicious! Fish know that already.



### **National 4H Shooting Sports**

Jack Benson and Jack Adamietz of Wadena County 4H qualified for National 4H Shooting Sports in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 26-30. They participated on the Hunting Skills Team. This team competes in 3-D archery, sporting clays, and three position 22 rifle. They complete written testing in ethics, hunting scenarios, wildlife ID and orienteering.

Benson placed fifth in the shooting skills and ethics portion. He placed 10th overall. Pictured above from left, Adamietz, Benson, Coach Sue and Megan D. of Pine City. At right, Benson with his national awards. (Submitted photos)





As 2016 ended and 2017 began, I - like some others who write about the outdoors – took a wait-and-see attitude on how policies under a new president might impact fishing, hunting, outdoor recreation and the environment in general. I recall writing of a first-family member's involvement in back-country big game hunting, about an administration that might be more inde-

pendent from special political interests - "the swamp," as it's sometimes called - than other politicians and administrations. As an angler, hunter and someone who calls himself an environmentalist, I considered the possibility that everything

would be alright. That confidence was not based on a track record, for there really was

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none. None, that is, other than a track record of shrewd business dealing. It was instead based on hope and on giving a new government the benefit of the doubt. Some of that optimism has been shaken by recent actions or announced intentions of the new administration, actions that have also alarmed respected conservation

The most far-reaching of these involves the administration's announced intention to undo 2015 regulations that were issued to clarify which waters - wetlands, streams, rivers and such – are subject to the protections of the 1972 Clean Water Act. Although federal courts have gotten into the fray over how to in interpret which of our waters are subject to tighter rules on drainage, filling and exposure to pollution, those 2015 regulations sought to make things clearer, and - it's no secret - to be more protective.

The regulations made the case that many waters that seem isolated and of no special importance, are really interconnected and important. Most waters – even "temporary" seasonal ponds and wetlands and small

streams – serve a purpose in meeting the needs of both human and other life. Temporary wetlands contribute to the recharge of underwater aquifers that provide drinking and irrigation water, as well as resting and nesting places for ducks, geese and other birds and animals. Small creeks and tributary streams feed into larger streams, which then empty into lakes or major river systems. The 2015 regulations made it tougher to alter, pollute or otherwise degrade

the quality of any of these waters. The administration recently announced that it wants federal administrators to review, withdraw and undo those protective 2015 regulations, essentially maintaining strong protections only for those lakes and rivers that are "navigable," a sometimes confused and abused term that essentially means such waters are large enough and permanent enough to be traveled or navigated by water-

So what's the problem with that? It may be too simple to say "all things are connected," but it's often the case that if you make a change in one place, you'll create an effect elsewhere. It's true whether it's a change in a recipe or a river system. If you dam a stream or river and create an impoundment, the biology of the resulting lake - and the kinds of creatures that live there - will be different from when it was a free-flowing stream. If you ditch and tile a wet meadow that holds water from April to August, that water will run rapidly off the land and into connected ditches that may speed it into bigger waterways, and take it to the Gulf of Mexico. This, instead of slowly percolating into the soil and reaching an aquifer that can be tapped to irrigate nearby fields, tapped for a rural resident's well or that will contribute to fish-sustaining water flow in a nearby river. To say that if you can't navigate waters in a boat such waters don't deserve some thought before being destroyed or altered, ignores how the water systems in our world are connected to one another.

Estimates vary as to of the impact on wetlands and streams if the 2015 Clean Water Act regulations are withdrawn. The President of the

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, a prominent U.S. conservation group, stated that with the withdrawal of the regulations, 60 percent of the country's streams could lose their protections, as could more than 20 million acres of wetlands that support ducks, geese, furbearers and many other wildlife species.

Other disconcerting conservation news is in the wind, too. The federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides incentives for farmers to keep some of their poorest or marginally productive acres in cover crops instead of under cultivation and is a boon to pheasant and other wildlife production. A boon to hunters, too, as a consequence. The administration has announced that farmers will not be able to enroll any new acres in this program for three years, even though there is "headroom" under that program's cap on total CRP-enrolled acreage.

The administration's proposed budget would end funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a program whose purpose is to improve water quality, control the spread of invasive species, and protect and restore native fish and wildlife populations in Great Lakes ecosystems. Minnesota would be directly affected, as the cuts would halt efforts to clean up and restore water quality and fish populations in the St. Louis River, which flows through Northeastern Minnesota and empties into Lake Superior near Duluth.

There are further fears that federal lands now open to the public to hunt, fish, hike, camp and enjoy in other ways, will be turned over to state control, to either be maintained or instead sold to private interests; if the result is the latter, the outcome is likely to be an end to public access

These are clearly uncertain and disturbing times if you are a hunter, angler or call yourself a "conservationist." About all one can do is become more active in conservation causes, and be certain to somehow communicate to your congressman or senator that you are not liking some of the things you see, and are watching how he or she comes down on conservation issues.



Ray Gildow with a 21 inch smallmouth bass caught on a crayfish reef.

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