

Rain didn't dampen Railroad Days spirits



Raining on the parade

Some parade entrants enjoyed the rain, while others were unsure what to think about it. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

It was easier the first time around

The Staples High School Band alumni decided to take a second trip along the Railroad Days parade route Aug. 26, just in time to catch the downpour that came as the last parade entries were halfway through. See more Railroad Days photos on pages 9a and 10a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Riding in the rain

As part of their four day, 300 mile ride, more than 100 bicycle riders from the Bicycle Around Minnesota (BAM) group stopped by England Prairie Pioneer Days Aug. 26, at Verndale. The rainy day made for a much needed break at the event along with free pie and ice cream offered to them. The bike tour, has been held for many years with route changes each year. The bikers were making their way from Walker, with stops at England Prairie, Bemidji, Park Rapids, Staples and then back to Walker. After pie and ice cream they were heading to Staples to spend the night and enjoy some time at Railroad Days. See more Pioneer Days photos on page 6a. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)

Railroad Days gets soaked

Intermittent downpours greatly curbed the number of people attending the Chili Cook Off and other Railroad Days events on Aug. 26, but those who stayed found the company of other hearty souls who didn't let the weather get them down. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

City requests proposals for marketing dollars

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council approved a request for proposals on using the newly implemented lodg-

Hello, Readers,
On Sept. 2, 1969, America's first automatic teller machine (ATM) makes its public debut, dispensing cash to customers at Chemical Bank in Rockville Center, New York. ATMs went on to revolutionize the banking industry, eliminating the need to visit a bank to conduct basic financial transactions. By the 1980s, these money machines had become widely popular and handled many of the functions previously performed by human tellers, such as check deposits and money transfers between accounts. Today, ATMs are as indispensable to most people as cell phones and e-mail.

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ing tax. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city will ask for proposals from non-profit organizations that have experience in marketing and tourism. The proceeds from the tax must be used to fund a tourism promotion committee. The request asks for a two year marketing plan, desired outcomes, detailed budget and an estimated timeline for the projects to be completed. The city has started collecting the tax from the lodging facilities within the city limits. Nelsen said they will not use any of the collected funds until January, 2018, so they will have some funds to start with and will have a better idea of how much they can expect to come in each year. The proposal deadline is Oct. 1, and groups submitting proposals may be asked to attend a city council meeting to explain it more in detail. Council member Doug Case questioned if it would be better to bring in an experienced marketing company instead of asking local non-profits to do it. Nelsen said the non-profit

groups can contract with a marketing firm if they feel it will be the best way to do it.

House purchase
The council approved a resolution to purchase a condemned home at 109 9th Street NE for \$8,220, minus unpaid utility costs and unpaid taxes. Nelsen said it will cost about \$4,000 to remove the structure. The lot is next to another home that was removed by the city earlier this summer. Nelsen said putting the two lots together on Highway 10 will make "a pretty good commercial lot."

Tobacco ordinance
The council agreed to look into a new tobacco ordinance that would include new systems of smoking. Council member Mary Theurer said the current ordinance does not include vaping and pens, and other electronic delivery devices and products. She showed the Todd County ordinance as an example. Nelsen said he would have the city attorney write up a new ordinance to include the changes.

In other news, the council
• Approved appointment of Eric Wallace to Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA).
• Approved addendum to personnel policy to establish a health care savings plan for the City of Staples Management Group.
• Scheduled public hearing on proposed 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan for Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m., which will be at the beginning of the city council meeting.

Accura Tooling decides to stay

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) approved a lease for Accura Tooling to use the city's industrial park building for another 18 months, after the business changed ownership. Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the business had looked at relocating to the Twin Cities area, but decided to remain in Staples. She said City Administrator Jerel Nelsen worked out some of the needs to help Accura Tooling make the decision. Nelsen said "From the EDA and city's perspective, we are happy to have them stay in town." Since the business is changing hands, Radermacher said they will pay less for their lease for the first three months to help with cash flow and then will get back up to their standard rate of \$4.25 per square foot.

CLC connection
Tara Karels, Central Lakes College Dean of Staples Campus, was at the SEDA meeting and indicated the college's will-



Amish buggy accident

Micheal Rossi, 34, of Staples, was driving south on County Road 21 north of County Road 24 just before 6 a.m. Aug. 28 when his 2011 white Toyota car hit an Amish buggy which was also going south on County Road 21. The buggy was driven by William Miller, 36, of Aldrich. Miller's two passengers were Levi Hersherberger of rural Aldrich and Emanuel Yoder of rural Bertha. All parties were taken to Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples by Staples Ambulance. Miller was later transported to a hospital in the Twin Cities. The car and the buggy were both totaled in the accident. The horses had minor injuries and were taken from the scene by a private party. The Staples Police Department, Staples Fire Department and Wadena County Sheriff's Office assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Office at the scene. (Submitted photo)

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Minnesota’s newest fiber arts trail opening

The newest Fiber Arts Trail in Minnesota is an art and cultural destination located in Central Minnesota. The fourteen members of the Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail will host their grand opening weekend Sept. 22 - 23, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days.

Whether you love to view exhibits, take a fall drive through the countryside, tour a woolen mill or fabric dyeing business, get your hands dirty or take a class; the best part of visiting fiber arts trails are the conversations with local people making the fiber art scene happen. Trail members include fiber artists, businesses, arts centers, shops and non-profits whose work and focus is on fiber and textile arts. The trail cuts diagonally along the Hwy 10 - Hwy 210 corridor, meandering through Little Falls, Randall, Brainerd, Staples, Wadena, Deer Creek and New York Mills.

In Little Falls, Great River Arts is exhibiting quilts made by members of the local Prairie Point Quilt Guild. The exhibit runs from Sept. 5 - 30. A special ‘Conversation with Quilters’ reception is Saturday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

In Randall, The Old Creamery Woolen Mill celebrates its grand opening. The woolen mill is owned by The Old Creamery Quilt Shop proprietors, Linda Thesing and Janelle Johnson. The new woolen mill is a welcome opportunity for small scale sheep, alpaca, llama and goat farmers who use the products mainly for fiber arts in knitting, weaving, spinning and dyeing, the woolen mill will host tours ‘on the hour’ during Weaving Waters Grand Opening weekend. The Quilt Shop will offer weaving, spinning, basketry and knitting demos by local makers. The quilt shop offers two drop-in classes; ‘Cathedral Window Block’ Friday, Sept. 22, 2 p.m. and ‘Card Trick Block’ Saturday, Sept. 23, 2 p.m. The quilt shop will have two maker stations set up to make ‘Folded and

Stuffed Fabric Pumpkins” and to try a drop spindle.

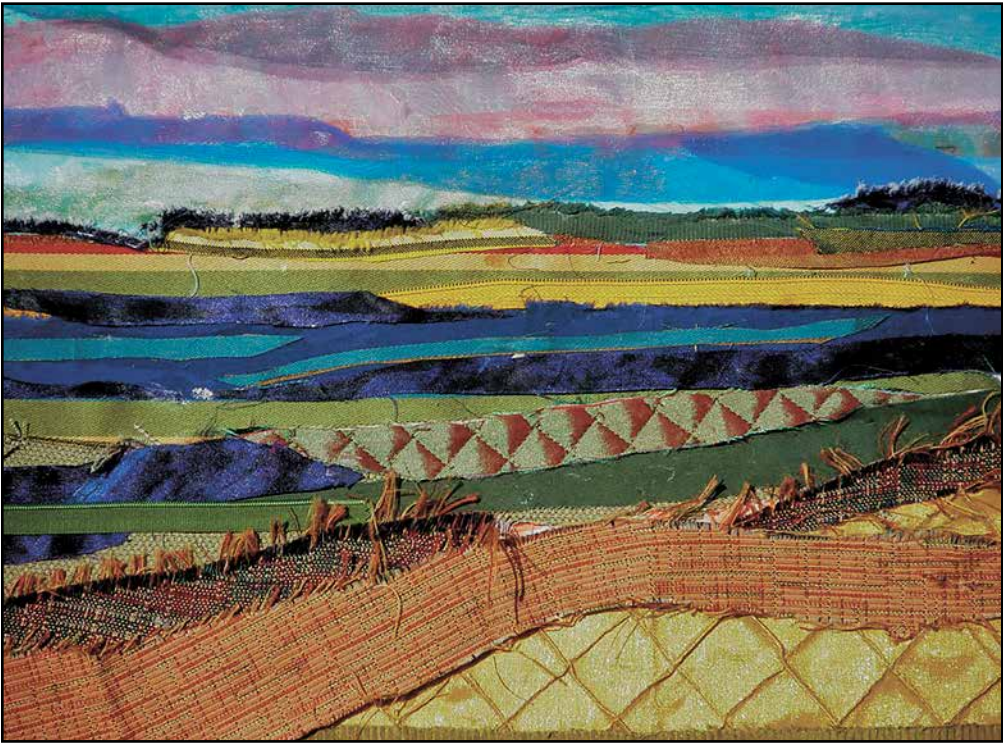
The Landmark Inn, in Staples, is hosting the Textile Artist Keynote Talk Friday, Sept. 22, at 6 p.m. for the Artist’s Reception which includes wine, tea, coffee, water and appetizers and music from a local band. Karla Overland, owner of Cherrywood Fabrics in Baxter, will present “A Challenging Study in Color” which is about a little contest idea that has gone global: The Cherrywood Challenge. Overland’s talk begins at 7 p.m.

Landmark Inn will also host the first Heritage Arts Fiber Festival at their retreat center. Stop by the ‘Sanctuary Lounge’ for a bit of downtime while you travel the trail. Pam Collins, from Staples, will demo her unique approach to art which includes pastels, textiles and ceramics. Demos throughout both days of the event. Free Spirit Designs’ Maday Delgado Lange, member of the Threaded Streams Fiber Arts Trail in Wisconsin, is a guest teacher at Landmark Inn and has two workshops planned. ‘Sashiko Slow Stitching’ and ‘Barn Quilt Workshop.’ Registration required by Sept 15.

“The textile artists, businesses, farms and art centers featured on this unique art trail are a part of the new tradition of makers fueling the resurgence of textile arts,” said Jennifer Wilder, founder and owner of Midwest Fiber Arts Trails, who developed the fiber arts trail concept in the Midwest. “Joining together, the trail members have formed a vibrant and diverse gathering place that fosters creativity and innovation.”

At the historic railroad depot on Hwy 10 in Staples, Barn Quilts of Central Minnesota will have barn quilt painting demos and share how they organized a barn quilt trail in the area. Stop by the depot to pick up a map of the barn quilt locations.

In Brainerd at The Crossing Arts Alliance at



On the fiber arts trail

Karla Overland, above, of Cherrywood Fabrics will be the keynote speaker for the Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail weekend Sept. 22-23. Her talk will begin at 7 p.m. Friday at the Landmark Inn, Staples. Pam Collins, Staples, will be demonstrating her various textile art methods at the Landmark Inn both days, including her fabric landscapes like the top photo. Another stop on the trail is an Amish farm near Deer Creek which includes a class in Amish style hand quilting. (Submitted photos)

712 Laurel Street, visitors can view their first exhibit in the new space. It’s called “Wearable Art: Textiles and



Beyond.” Not all entries are wearable in function but definitely in form. The exhibit runs Sept. 9 - 28. Lisa Jordan, a felt maker, will demo her needle felting techniques, Friday and Saturday. Lisa works primarily in miniatures. Also visit A2Z Yarn Shop at Franklin Arts Center.

Cherrywood Fabrics, Baxter is offering dye house tours where visitors can see the basic process behind dyeing thousands of yards of cotton in hun-

dreds of colors. This is ongoing both days. Demonstrations at Cherrywood include improvisational piecing techniques, long-arm quilting and art-quilt design. Visitors will also see the latest Cherrywood Challenge - Van Gogh Quilt Exhibit - before it hits the road. A fabric ‘cobblestoning’ demonstration is planned and and Karla Overland will have personal work including art quilts wearable art displayed.

Hometown Crafts and The Gray Horse Quilt Shop are the Trail’s Wadena stops. Hometown Crafts is offering a needle felted pumpkin make ‘n’ take. In neighboring Deer Creek, Deer Creek Farm is a part of the local Amish community and is offering farm tours 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each day. Farm tours include buggy rides, Amish bake sale and hand-crafted items for sale. Two sessions of hand quilting using Amish techniques taught by an Amish quilt maker, is on Friday there is a class fee. Homemade ice cream is served on Saturday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

New York Mills Regional Cultural Center a full slate of activities for all fiber enthusiasts. A special exhibit called ‘Unraveling the Thread’ curated just for Weaving Waters is planned featuring regional fiber artists. An Artist Talk and Reception 5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23 followed by an Annie Humphrey Concert at 7:30 p.m. Reception is free, though there is admission for the concert.

The Sit ‘n’ Stich Group has three classes planned for the weekend. Pam Robinson’s ‘Sit ‘n’ Stich’ Workshop: Crochet Shopping Tote. Learn how to make ‘plarn’ and begin producing your own tote made from recycled plastic bags. Shelly Johnson’s ‘Sit ‘n’ Stich’ Workshop: ‘Nifty-knit’ a Child’s Hat. Shelley Johnson has been creating hats, slippers, and scarves and ‘Niftyknit’ looms for ten years. Working Off the Grid: Wire Felting Class with Kristi Kudor is working with deconstructed aluminum wire mesh. Participants will felt the fibers to create beautiful, airy bowls or wall hangings. Registrations requested but not required, fee charged for class. Call 218-385-3339 to register.

Additional information is available at: <https://midwestfiberartstrails.org/weaving-waters/grand-opening-weaving-waters-fiber-arts-trail/>.

Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail is a part of Midwest Fiber Arts Trails, founded by Minneapolis-based publisher Jennifer Wilder, who writes about Midwest fiber artists. The mission of the Midwest Fiber Arts Trails is to honor the rich textile heritage and celebrate and promote the work of contemporary fiber artists in the Midwest.

Kern dies in ATV accident

William Kern 88, of Verndale, died Aug. 24 as a result of an ATV accident in Section 4 of Wing River Township. The Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept. responded to the crash at approximately 3:09 p.m.

Kern had been riding his ATV east on 220th St. near the intersection of 191st Ave. when the machine he was driving rolled over. He was thrown from the ATV and suffered severe head injuries. Medical

personnel arrived on scene and provided medical care but Kern was pronounced dead on scene. The accident is still pending investigation.

The Wadena County Sheriff’s Dept. was assisted on scene by the Sebeka Police and Verndale Police Departments, Sebeka First Responders, Tri-County Ambulance, North Memorial Air Care and K&K Towing of Menahga.

Child support bolsters children

Minnesota has recognized August as Child Support Awareness Month to reaffirm the state’s commitment to the well-being of children.

Minnesota ranks in the top five states nationally for collection of monthly child support payments and overdue payments. Child support is a consistent source of income and security for families across the state. Minnesota’s child support programs serve more than 245,000 children and more than 352,000 parents.

“For many children

and families, the financial resources provided by child support plays a crucial role in their well-being,” Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper said. “Our goal is to work with parents to make sure children have the support they need.”

State and county child support professionals work collaboratively with parents and partners to administer child support programs and help families access services. They can help parents facing financial difficulties get back on track with their

child support. Assistance is available in some counties to help parents reinstate driver’s licenses that have been suspended for nonpayment of child support.

A task force created by the Minnesota Legislature in 2016 is currently reviewing child support guidelines and policy issues and advise DHS on how to maintain an effective child support program. For information on the task force and upcoming meetings, visit the department’s website.

Gov. Mark Dayton proclaimed August as Child Support Awareness Month in Minnesota to highlight the importance of child support to families.

Welcome to the family

Kevin Fritz, CNP
Pain Medicine
Essentia Health
St. Joseph’s-Brainerd Clinic

Nurse Practitioner Kevin Fritz has joined the Pain Medicine team at the Essentia Health St. Joseph’s-Brainerd Clinic. Kevin will work with Dr. Nancy Henry-Socha to provide customized treatment plans to help patients manage pain.

Kevin earned a master’s degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Eau Claire, WI. He is certified as an adult health nurse practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

“I’ve been caring for patients as a registered nurse and a nurse practitioner for nearly 30 years, and I have seen health care change quite a bit,” Kevin says. “I think what patients are really looking for is empathetic, compassionate care with a personal touch, and I really strive to provide that for them.”

To schedule an appointment with Kevin, call 218.828.7100. To see his full profile, visit EssentiaHealth.org and click on “Find a Medical Professional.”

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Due to Labor Day the deadline for the Sept. 7 Staples World is

Friday, Sept. 1 at 5 p.m.

New and familiar faces await school students



District office new employees

Staples-Motley District Office new staff, front row from left, Josi Longbottom, accounts payable and Jackie Engebretson, accounts receivable; back row, Ron Brattie, Superintendent, Jaime Boesen, Business Manager, and Jenna Smith, HR payroll. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



High school new staff

Staples-Motley High School new staff include, front row from left, Robert Meszaros, paraprofessional; Julie Wakeman, paraprofessional; Caitlyn Strusz, math; Emily Hoeschen, FACS; back row, Jamie Nordick, physical education; Steve Jennissen, counselor; Nathan Thelen, choir; and Arthur Lordbock, math.



Elementary school new staff

Staples-Motley Elementary new school staff and new positions include, front row from left, Jennifer Dobson, reading corps; Michelle Karr, kindergarten; Shari Hendrikson, school readiness teacher; Liz Capistrant, school readiness teacher; Jesslyn Martin, kindergarten; Mary White, custodian; back row, Sheena Ziegler, reading corps; Denise Allshouse, school readiness paraprofessional; Kaitlin Spar, reading corps; Jolene Johnson, school readiness paraprofessional; Jolene Elfstrum, tech intregration/STEAM; and Emily Cushing, reading corps.



Middle school new staff

New teachers and new positions at Motley-Staples Middle School include, front row from left, Sabrina Mason, reading corps; Lyndsi Tyne, reading corps; Heather Kadus, STEAM; Michelle Jeziorski, five year support staff; Sarah Larson, grade four; back row, Deb Ferdon, Q-Comp; Lydia Olson, speech; Josh Mailhot, grade five; Nathan Thelen, choir; Laurie Trout, grade four; and John Regan, principal.



25 year Cardinals

School staff with 25 years at the district are Bonnie Madson and LaDeanna Simek. Deb Otteson was unavailable for the photo.



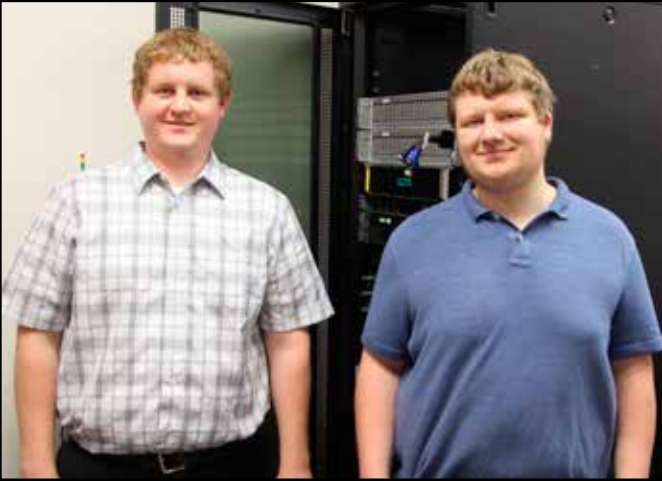
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LeRoy Peterson was honored for 28 years of service to the district.




Tenured faculty

Newly tenured Staples-Motley teachers, from left, are Laurie Trout, Melissa Holey, Joy Rippentrop, Kasey Odden and Steve Fligge. Dawn Paurus was unavailable for the photo.



IT crowd

New technology staff at Staples-Motley include Craig Waldvogel, IT coordinator, left, and Nick Reed, IT help desk, right.



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MEET AND GREET:

What's CAD Been Up To?


The Todd County Citizens Against Dugs (CAD) coalition has been busy with several projects in 2017, and would love to share the results and get your ideas for future projects!

Meet and Greets are planned on the following days:

Thurs., Sept. 7: 1:30-3:30 at Hats Off Coffee Shop, Long Prairie.


Fri. Sept. 8: 11 a.m.-1p.m. at the Depot Room, Central Lakes College, Staples

Questions? Contact Connie Burns, Health Education Coordinator at connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us or 320-732-2221



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Slow mail costs money

By Matthew Paxton IV
Publisher of The News-Gazette, Lexington, VA and
President of the National
Newspaper Association

Most people receive mail every day, Monday through Saturday. But what happens when the mail comes later than we expect?

We found out a few years ago, when the Postmaster General had to take away overnight First-Class and Periodicals mail from most of the nation. That caused a problem for a lot of consumers and businesses. Now, we may be facing a new slowdown, if something isn't done by Congress very soon.

Who needs the mail, some people ask? We have the Internet now. But a lot happens in the mail, and a lot goes wrong when it is late. To begin with, mail is the backbone for about \$1.3 trillion in jobs, products and services. And there's the personal impact.

People send their credit card payments at the last minute when cash is tight. The payment reaches the credit card company late, and credit scores take a beating. That causes loans for cars and houses to get more expensive.

Many people count on the mail for medicines. A missed dosage can mean a trip to the hospital.

Small businesses count on the day's mail to bring in cash from customers. A few days' delay can mean a trip to the bank for a loan. Loans cost money, and put pressure on the business to raise prices.

Some things just can't be emailed. It's hard to send your grandkid's birthday cake overnight by the Internet. Some farm supply houses use the mail to deliver small animals quickly. They certainly can't zap them across broadband, or allow them to die in a post office waiting for a mail truck. And then there are legal documents that have to arrive by certified mail. Also, I have to mention late newspapers, where sales coupons are missed and public event announcements arrive after the event. Newspapers rely on the mail for delivery to

readers took it on the chin the past few years, with disappointed readers canceling their subscriptions.

We are at another crunch point. The U.S. Postal Service has a \$57 billion deficiency on its balance sheet, most of it caused by Congress. Fixing it may require the Postmaster General to close more post offices and mail sorting plants, eliminate mail-hauling truck routes and ground the airmail. The mail would be slowed down even further.

USPS last received a major overhaul by Congress in 2006. The next year, Steve Jobs appeared on a stage with a new gadget called an iPhone. Since then, Congress and the Postmaster General have been grappling with the tough problem of collecting enough postage for a system that must reach ever more mailing addresses in America, but with less mail - though still important mail - to pay for the service. So far, Congress has done nothing but tinker.

This is nothing new. Since the birth of the nation, Congress bogged down many times in finding resources for this essential economic backbone—one of the few government services actually in the Constitution. Usually a slow Congress results in slower mail.

The choices are tough, and Congress is never good at tough choices. Businesses that buy postage cannot afford big increases and will simply find alternatives if the rates are jacked up too much. Consumers cannot afford to pay more for slower mail. USPS wants to protect jobs for its workers.

Of course, USPS is not supported by tax dollars, but by postage. And no taxpayer money should be needed unless Congress lets the system deteriorate further. There is a better choice.

A bill was sent to House Ways and Means Committee last March by the House committee responsible for overseeing the U.S. Postal Service. The bill, HR 756, is now sponsored by Republican Rep. Mark Meadows of

North Carolina, and three Democrats: Reps. Elijah Cummings of Maryland; Gerald Connolly of Virginia; and Stephen Lynch of Massachusetts. All are experts on postal matters. That this group, who agree on little else, could come up with a solution says a lot about this bill.

The legislation would require about 77,000 retired postal workers who draw benefits from a federal benefits health fund to use Medicare instead. Medicare taxes were already paid for these workers. The Medicare fund owes these retirees their benefits anyway. It is just that this group has chosen a different benefit for themselves, which they were allowed to do. Now it is time for them to follow the practice of most private sector workers and draw their earned benefits from Medicare instead.

Commercial mailers would have to accept a small postage increase to pay most of the new cost to Medicare. But the benefits to the federal budget and to USPS would be substantial. Overall, the federal deficit would be \$6 billion less if the bill passed.

And the U.S. Postal Service would save about \$30 billion over 10 years. The rest of its red ink would have to be erased through new efficiencies, and many steps have already been taken to find those, without creating slower mail. All that needs to happen is for House Speaker Paul Ryan to put the bill up for a successful vote before it is too late.

If you're concerned about losing more mail service, particularly in rural America, the way to protect it is to contact your Representative and ask for a big push for HR 756 in September. www.house.gov will take you to a message page for your Member of Congress.

Rep. Collin Peterson, District 7, can be reached at <http://collinpeterson.house.gov> or 202-225-1593.

Rep. Rick Nolan, District 8, can be reached at <http://nolan.house.gov> or 202-225-6211

Bipartisan health care solutions needed for rural America

By Gary Wertish

At one of Minnesota Farmers Union's (MFU) Rural Issues Discussions last spring, a farmer told us that his yearly health insurance premium plus deductible was more than \$40,000. There was hardly a dry eye in the room when he spoke about this.

Meanwhile, federal legislators have been unable to agree on a health care solution that works for everyone. They've been playing the politics of "repeal and replace" on the Affordable Care Act, while farmers, rural residents and others on individual health insurance plans suffer under the burden of high costs.

ACA isn't perfect. Many farmers, young and old, have told us the cost makes it difficult to keep farming full-time without seeking employment elsewhere for the insurance benefits. The depressed farm economy may even leave some choosing not to have health insurance at all. It's time for legislators to stop playing politics with our health care and come to a bipartisan solution that will end up with more people having insurance, not fewer, especially in rural areas.

Amending ACA to become a comprehensive

single-payer health plan would make things much easier for rural citizens. MFU supports a plan that enables all people to be fully participating members of medical, mental, dental, hospitalization, alternative and nursing home care plans. This would ensure that every person can get the health insurance they need, when they need it.

At the state level, we have an opportunity for progress with MinnesotaCare. It's already helped several Minnesota farmers, including Stearns County Farmers Union President Mike Orbeck. He told reporter Don Davis during Farmfest that he discovered MinnesotaCare on the MNSure website, after his deductible on his previous individual policy got too expensive. Now he pays a price he can afford.

MinnesotaCare is available for those who cannot afford an individual market insurance policy, but who also make too much money to qualify for Medicaid. We want to see it strengthened and expanded to include a buy-in option, so more people will have access to it.

Another option we've seen play out in neighboring Wisconsin is a farmer's health care cooperative. Legislation was passed in

Minnesota in the recent session that includes language that allows farmers and agribusinesses to work with providers to establish cooperative health plans. Farmers work with the co-op model in many other instances, so it is worth trying it with health care.

Mike Orbeck is lucky to have found an option that works for him. But the uncertainty he felt is shared among countless farmers and rural residents on the individual health insurance market.

The rhetorical debate playing out in the U.S. House and Senate leaves people everywhere unsure of what their insurance is going to look like. We want to see more cooperation among legislators about an issue that's critical to the country and take action to reform ACA.

As our members and staff travel to Washington, D.C., for the 2017 National Farmers Union Legislative Fly-in, a health care model that serves rural residents better is one of MFU's top priorities.

Gary Wertish is the president of the Minnesota Farmers Union. He can be reached at 800-969-3380 or see www.mfu.org

Letters to the Editor

Penny Auction

The Staples Congregational UCC Church would like to thank all the individuals and businesses who donated and participated in our annual Penny Auction held during Railroad Days.

We had a tremendous turnout, the best year yet. Due to everyone's generosity, we were able to donate \$2,060 to the Staples and Motley food shelves. A big thank you to all involved in this fun event.

We hope to see you all again next year. It will be

the Penny Auction's 10th anniversary. We appreciate your commitment to our community.

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Your support makes it fun

On behalf of the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation Board of Directors I would like to thank all the performers who participated in this year's Little Red Caboose Variety Show. Words cannot express the heartfelt thanks to all who donated time and effort to make our fifth show one of our best.

Thanks also to the businesses who sold tickets,

the board members who worked the show and community members who helped make the show run smoothly.

Thanks to the Staples World for all the help with tickets, programs and advertising and thanks also to Ken Klose for his unique photography for our posters.

Finally, thanks to all the wonderful folks who attended the show. It was one of our biggest turnouts, if not the biggest, in the show's five year history. It is your support that makes the whole event so much fun for our performers.

Very grateful,
Ray Gildow,
Program Producer
Staples, Minn.

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Penny Auction action

The Penny Auction at the Congregational Church in Staples was a popular spot Aug. 26. People carefully chose which buckets would get their tickets. The good crowd brought in \$2,060 which was donated by the church to the Staples and Motley food shelves. (Staples World photo 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 LUTHERAN 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., 218-639-9743.

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

AA MTGS IN VERDALE: 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 SUPPORT 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.

Monthly events

Todd County Farm Bureau fall banquet

The Todd County Farm Bureau has set their Fall Harvest Banquet for Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Clarissa Ballroom. A social time will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The program will begin at 7:45 p.m. The public is invited.

Holly Hoffman is the keynote speaker. She is an American author, motivational speaker and television personality best known for competing on the reality competition show Survivor Nicaragua and for her book “Your Winner Within.”

“I hope people will walk out of the room realizing you can do anything in life you set your mind to. When you face your fears,

you gain strength and courage,” Hoffman said. “Don’t let your past mistakes define your future. Nobody can go back and make a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new end.”

The evening is an opportunity for people to get together for a night of entertainment and fellowship with neighbors and friends. There will be drawings for cash door prizes.

Advance tickets are requested for meal planning. They are available from Roger Dukowitz at 218-296-0530 or Roger Zastrow at 320-732-2364.

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 smeccc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

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

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

WAHO 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.

September 9

THE CENTRAL MN SMALL WOODLAND OWNERS ASSOCIATION (CMSWOA) hosting their annual Field Day/Annual Mtg Sat., Sept. 9, 9:15 a.m., 3 p.m. Field trip begins at Crane Meadows Nat’l Wildlife Refuge south-east of Little Falls and continues to the Ivan and Marie Schumann property near Rice. Public welcome. For info, to pre-register, call 320-632-3923.

September 11

CELIAC DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG Mon., Sept. 11, 6 p.m., Wadena Alliance Church, 1428 S. Jefferson, Wadena. For info., 218-631-2170.

RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MN (FOR ALL TRA & PERA PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES) MTG Mon., Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m., Staples City Hall. Come learn about REAM.

‘ADULT SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS’ SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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.

LYME DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-2352.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

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

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT 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.

Long Prairie Salsa Fest set for Sept. 16

In celebration of food grown locally in Central Minnesota and the rich cultural diversity of our farming community, the Sustainable Farming Association (SFA) will bring together salsa lovers from all over the state to enjoy live music, salsa tasting, local food vendors and artisan shopping, a salsa contest and fun for the whole family at the first Minnesota Salsa Fest at the Todd County Fairgrounds Saturday, Sept. 16, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This community event will spotlight all things salsa-related available in the region, showcasing Mexican food from Taqueria Chavez, Long Prairie; El Portal, Melrose; Griff’s Pizza, Long Prairie; Ted & Gen’s BBQ, Aldrich; and Finnegan’s beer.

There will be live music by Diamante de Mexico (Diamond of Mexico), salsa-making demonstrations and a salsa contest. Salsa ice cream will also be available to sample and for sale. Developed by the University of Minnesota Ice Cream Lab and served by the Todd County dairy processes. Local vendors will be selling salsa and other farmers’ market goods.

The goal of the event is to build friendships, raise awareness of SFA and support local growers and producers by giving them a new marketing opportunity to compete with their salsa recipes and/or sell their goods.

The following is a tentative program:
11 a.m. - Welcome
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Local artisan shopping, food vendors, demos and classes

12:30-2 p.m. and 2:30-4 p.m. - Live music
3:30-4:30 p.m. - Salsa contest judging
5 p.m - Introduction of celebrity judges. Contest winners announced
6 p.m. The event concludes.

There is a gate fee for adults; children 12 and under free, or the SFA is promoting Salsa Fest at one of the area’s events this summer, with a buy-one-get-one-free ticket.

Anyone interested in competing in the salsa taste-test contest, being a vendor, or becoming a sponsor for Salsa Fest, visit the event webpage at www.sfa-mn.org/sal-safest or send us an email at central@sfa-mn.org for more info.

The event is a fundraiser for the Sustainable Farming Association as it continues to teach the importance of sustainable agriculture in protecting and restoring soil health, water quality, wildlife habitat and air quality.

Current sponsors for this event include; Local Harvest Market, the U of M Central Regional Sustainable Development Partnership, the Initiative Foundation, Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace, CentraCare, Finnegan’s Brewing, CentraCare, Long Prairie Farmers Market, Long Prairie Sanitation and Cass County Farm Bureau.

The SFA is hoping to make the Minnesota Salsa Fest an annual event and plans to return to the Todd County Fairgrounds for the 2018 celebration.

Firearm safety classes begin

Firearm safety classes, a Minnesota DNR certified program, will be offered in Motley and Staples Sept. 18, 19, 21, 25, 26 and 28, from 7 - 9 p.m. each evening.

Classes in Motley will be held at Motley City Hall and in Staples, at the Staples Sportsmen’s Club (McGivern Park).

The classes are free and open to youth ages 11 and older. Firearm safety classes and the field day experience allows students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the handling of firearms. It includes live fire on a rifle range. Students must attend all firearms safety classes and field day instruction to receive their

certificate. The Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.

In order to purchase a hunting license in Minnesota, DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after Dec. 31, 1979.

Pre-registration is required and the class will be limited to 24 students.

Online classes are available in combination with Field Day.

Staples

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg
- Dates: Sept. 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28.
- Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Staples Sportsmen’s Club (McGivern Park)
- Cost: Free

Motley

- Instructor: Bob Koenig
- Dates: Sept. 18, 19, 21, 25, 26, 28.
- Time: 7 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Motley City Hall
- Cost: Free.

Field Day

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg/Bob Koenig
- Date: Sept. 30
- Time: 9 a.m., online class students; noon, traditional class students.
- Location: Staples Sportsmen’s Club (McGivern Park)
- Cost: Free

For more information about the Staples and/or online classes, call Jon at 218-894-2255.


For more information about the Motley classes, call 218-352-6390.

A parent is requested to stay on Monday, Sept. 18, for about 15 minutes at both Staples and Motley locations.

Educational Opportunities

September 9

TRAPPERS EDUCATION COURSE sponsored by the Minnesota Trappers Association, Sat., Sept. 9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., at Dewey’s Taxidermy, 63539 340th St., Wadena. Pre-registration required. To register, or for more information, call Duane Schmitz at 218-631-4988. Lunch provided. Anyone born after Dec. 31, 1989, who has never purchased a trapper’s license and would like to, must take a Trappers Ed. Class.



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Stop in each week and guess the vegetable. A winner will be drawn each week from the correct answers for a prize. For ages 3-12, register during open hours. Sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Minnesota Workforce Center visit – Sept. 6

A workforce center staff person will be available the first Wednesday of the month - Sept. 6; 2-4 p.m. - to assist adult job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance.

Reading Roundhouse storytime – Sept. 13

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EARLY DEADLINES

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How to build a birdhouse

Nevaeh Flanery, Hewitt was learning how to build a birdhouse, with the help from Jon Hamberg of Staples during the England Prairie Pioneer Days event held near Verndale Aug. 25-27. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)



Visiting the blacksmith

Dean Griffith, Staples stopped by the blacksmith shop to visit Josh Dukowitz of Verndale. Griffith enjoyed a chicken leg/thigh as he made his way around the grounds at England Prairie Pioneer Days Aug. 26. The wet weather didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)

England Prairie Pioneer Days 2017



Antique engines on display

Jess Thew (left) of Staples, brought in some of his small antique gasoline engines for the England Prairie Pioneer Days event held Aug. 25-27, near Verndale. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)



2017 Royalty

The 38th annual England Prairie Pioneer Days began Aug. 25, with the crowning of the 2017 royalty. King Ken Derby of Verndale and Queen Martha Moen of Wadena were selected as the 19th royal couple for this event. The Slewfoot Band provided music on Friday evening, with Pickin' and Grinnin' playing on Saturday evening. (Staples World photo by Karin Nauber)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Mariah and Tyler Steele of Brainerd, a baby boy, William John weighing eight pounds, one ounce on August 21, 2017.

Born to Ashley Wendt and James Volk of Pine River, a baby girl, Ella Catherine weighing seven pounds, six ounces on August 21, 2017.

Born to Kelsey and Terrell Thompson of Baxter, a baby boy, Benjamin Bernard weighing 11 pounds, two ounces on August 23, 2017.

Born to Meagan and Matt Matich of Brainerd, a baby boy, Rielyn Grant weighing eight pounds, seven ounces on August 23, 2017.

Born to Amy and Tim Rutten of Staples, a baby boy, Colt Timothy weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on August 24, 2017.

Born to Bridget Butler and James Kircher of Clarissa, a baby boy, Gavin Jade weighing seven pounds, one ounce on August 24, 2017.

Born to Katie Lundquist and Ambrose Krugel of Long Prairie, a baby boy, Rylan Michael weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on August 24, 2017.

Born Suze and Brad Lamusga of Brainerd, a baby girl, Renee Faith weighing seven pounds, two ounces on August 24, 2017.

Born to Tabitha Wagner and Cody Hamman, a baby girl, MaKenna Marie Hamann weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on August 22, 2017 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena. Grandparents are Margo and Tim Wagner and Karen and Jeff Hamann.



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Horsager is hall of famer

David Horsager, right, speaks at the NJPA R5 Summit for government and education leaders in Staples in October. Horsager was recently inducted into the National Speakers Association Speaker Hall of Fame. (Staples World file photo)

Horsager in CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame

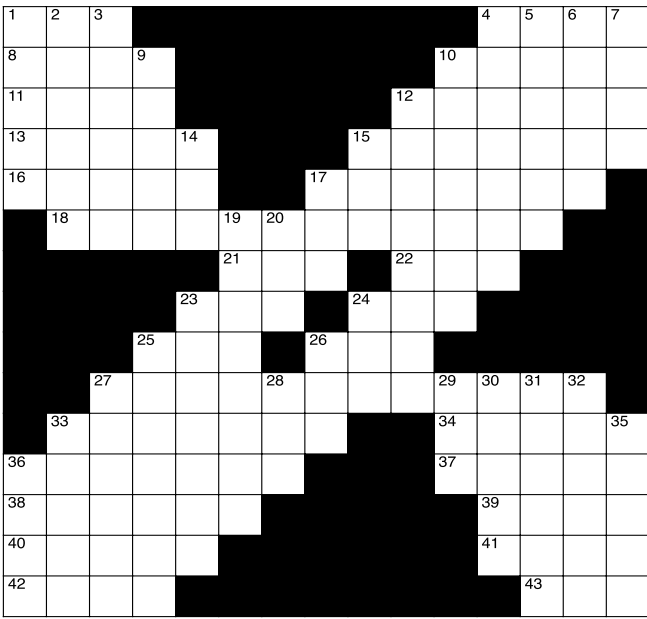
David Horsager, MA, CSP, CPAE, and CEO of Trust Edge Leadership Institute, has been inducted into the National Speakers Association CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame. The National Speakers Association (NSA) is an organization for professional speakers. Established in 1977, the Council of Peers Award for Excellence (CPAE) is an award for speaking excellence and professionalism given to speakers who have mastered five categories: message, presentation/delivery, experience, professionalism and collateral material. The award is not based on celebrity status, number of speeches, amount of income, or involvement in NSA, but is an award bestowed by their peers through a rigorous and demanding process. Horsager is one of five professionals to be inducted into the 2017 CPAE Speaker Hall of Fame. Horsager was honored during a ceremony on July 10 at Influence 2017, NSA's annual convention, in Orlando, Fla. Trust Edge Leadership Institute (TELI) is a St. Paul, Minnesota-based company that helps global leaders and organizations build trust. Since 1999, TELI has pioneered trust development through speaking, consulting, human capital development, and research on trust and its proven impact on the bottom line. Their clients range from Fortune 100 companies to national sports franchises to industry-leading businesses to global governments.

Care Center

Mon., Sept. 4, Labor Day
Tues., Sept. 5, 10 a.m. Mass; 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Assembly of God; 4 p.m. Bingo /Marge; 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Make & Take
Weds., Sept. 6, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Thurs., Sept. 7, 9:30 a.m. Activity meeting; 2 p.m. Birthday Party
Fri., Sept. 8, 9:30 a.m. Church - Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday/

Faith Lutheran
Sat., Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge
Sun., Sept. 10 Grandparents Day; 1:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge
Mon., Sept. 11, Cruise Week - England; 10 a.m. Catholic service; 11 a.m. Boarding Passes for River Tour; 1 a.m. Ship Tour; 2 p.m. Tea & Crumpets; 2:30 Trinity Lutheran Church; 3:15 Word game; 6:30 Bingo

Crossword Puzzle



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1. Captain Ahab sailed this
4. Rugged rock or cliff
8. Statistical test
10. Wall angle
11. Irish river
12. Winged nut
13. Japanese animation
15. More flexible
16. Military slang
17. Strangle
18. 'Taxi Driver' star
21. Go quickly
22. Part of a play
23. European Economic Community
24. Woman (French)
25. Thai river
26. Golfers start here
27. Disgruntled
33. In an implied way
34. Actors appear in them
36. Hide
37. Small Italian village
38. Tropical grasshopper
39. Ladd is one
40. Clumsy
41. Scottish tax
42. Footballers wear them
43. Pigpen
CLUES DOWN
1. Curse
2. Brings home the bacon
3. Iron alloys
4. Conduct oneself
5. Commercial center of Venice
6. Share an opinion
7. Growl
9. British soldiers' post-WWII clothes
10. Impulse
12. Last names
14. Midway between northeast and east
15. Car mechanics group
17. Ethiopian airport
19. Electrical instrument
20. Twitch
23. Not the hardest
24. Chinese dinosaur genus
25. Reflexes
26. Thick target yield
27. Cut a rug
28. Complete
29. Feet per second
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Staples Area Church Directory
Staples
Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:15 p.m.
Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class..... 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth 6:30 p.m.
Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult)..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service
Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples..... 218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship..... 10:05 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296
Church.....
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons..... 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday..... 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples..... 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class..... 10:15 a.m.
United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
..... 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Aldrich
Congregational, United Church of Christ
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Communion 1st Sunday of Month
Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Joan M. Megard
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club 6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m.
Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes..... 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.
Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement
Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Motley
Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club..... 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m.
Oylen
Oylen Alliance
Cty. Rds. 7 and 9, Oylen
218-472-3440 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Pillager
First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Hector Merced
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Casino Assembly of God
Pastor Dan Johnson
N. of Motley, Hwy. 64, E. on Cty 34 to Cty. 104.
Phone 218-746-3839
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group..... 5:45 p.m.
Hewitt
Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffer
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Verndale
Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
..... 11-11:45 a.m.
Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer 8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 8:45 a.m.
Worship..... 9:10 & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m. Ministry Groups/Bible study
Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.
Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Listen to Jesus
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church
I recently heard the opinion of a Christian leader who said that if given the chance to witness any one moment of the life of Jesus, he would have chosen to be present for what we call the Transfiguration. Matthew 17 tells of that day with the following words:
"Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with Him."
In that moment of His transfiguring, Jesus was not changed. Jesus did not suddenly become something different than what He had been. That day was merely a revealing of the eternal glory that had been His from before creation. His glory and radiance had been veiled by His humanity, but it was now revealed for a just moment to three privileged witnesses. One day we will all see and bow before Jesus as the glorious Lord, but Peter, James and John were granted a preview of that day.
Then shortly afterward, Matthew records that they heard the voice of the Father speak from a cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The three heard the voice of the Father, who only on rarest occasions has chosen to speak audibly from heaven. And when God speaks from heaven, it is never a trivial matter. In this case His message was simple: "Listen to Jesus."
We were not on the mountain to see the shining glory of Jesus nor to hear the voice of the Father. But the testimony of those who were present has been recorded, so we can know that Jesus is the glorious Son of God. For today, it is enough to know who Jesus is and to heed the Father's instruction. Listen to Jesus.
May you hear the words of Jesus today, and may you follow Him as Lord.

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NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TOURISM MARKETING

Overview

The City of Staples recently approved an ordinance that allows the City to implement a Local Lodging Tax. The proceeds of this tax must be utilized to fund a Tourism Promotion Committee for the purpose of marketing and promoting the City as a tourist center. The City is requesting proposals from non-profit organizations which have experience and qualifications in regards to marketing, specifically tourism marketing.

The selected organization will be held responsible for all financial management, implementation, and reporting duties to execute a defined strategic marketing plan. This would include the management and oversight of any and all hired resources to complete plan requirements.

Proposal Requirements

The lodging tax has an anticipated approximate first year budget of \$25,000 and a second year budget of \$50,000, with an anticipated start date of January 2018. The proposal must include a two year marketing plan that includes desired outcomes along with a detailed budget sharing how much each activity will cost as well as approximate timeline for implementation.

- Proposal Package:
- 2-year Marketing Plan
 - Desired Outcomes
 - Detailed Budget
 - Estimated Timeline

The City is interested in utilizing all forms of marketing including but not limited to print, digital, mobile/interactive/apps, social media, radio, television, partnerships and promotions. Submitted marketing plans do not need to include all forms listed. However, the City requires a written explanation for any listed activities excluded from the strategy.

Timeline

Please submit proposals by **October 1, 2017** for initial review. You may be asked to present your proposal to the council to assist in making an informed decision. The anticipated start date of the project will be January 1, 2018.

Please submit full proposal package to: City of Staples

Attn:
Melissa Radermacher
122 6th Street, NE
Staples, MN 56479
Or by email at mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us
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SECTION 00100 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**Motley Well No. 6
Supply Project
City of Motley
Motley, MN**

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Sealed proposals for the work described below will be received at the Office of the Clerk/Treasurer, City of Motley, 316 Highway 10 S, Motley, MN 56466 until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the construction of approximately:

Construct one (1) 12-inch diameter production well approximately 110 feet deep.

together with numerous related items of work, all in accordance with Plans and Specifications. This project is subject to Responsible Contractor Certification.

COMPLETION OF WORK: Interim well work will be completed by November 10, 2017 and with a final completion date of March 15, 2018 under the Contract.

PLANHOLDERS LIST, ADDENDUMS AND BID TABULATION: The planholders list, addendums and bid tabulations will be available for download online at www.boltonmenk.com or www.questcdn.com. Any addendums may also be distributed by mail, fax or email.

TO OBTAIN BID DOCUMENTS: Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.boltonmenk.com or www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #5346010 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for \$20. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, viewing, downloading, and working with this digital project information. An optional paper set of project documents is also available for a nonrefundable price of \$50 per set, which includes applicable sales tax and shipping. Please make your check to payable to Bolton & Menk, Inc. and send it to 7656 Design Road, Suite 200, Baxter, MN 56425-8676, phone (218) 825-0684, fax (218) 825-0685.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or proposal bond in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total amount bid, drawn in favor of City of Motley shall accompany each bid.

OWNER'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in their discretion, the interest of the Owner would be best served thereby.

Dated: August 28, 2017

Lacey Smieja
Clerk/Treasurer

Published:
Finance and Commerce:
August 30, 2017; September 6, 2017
Staples World: August 31, 2017; September 7, 2017
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NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that the Staples City Council will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2016 at the Staples City Hall to consider the proposed 2018-2022 City of Staples Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Plan is a plan for major expenditures, beyond maintenance and operating costs, for the acquisition or construction of facilities, public improvements, and major equipment purchases.

This hearing allows the public to provide input on the proposed Capital Improvement Plan. A copy of the proposed Capital Improvement Plan is available at the Staples City Hall for public inspection.

Dated: August 23, 2017

Jerel Nelsen,
City Administrator 35pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type: Domestic Abuse Court File No. 77FA17727

In the Matter of:
Stella Christensen
Petitioner
vs.
Todd Elliot Smith,
Respondent

Affidavit and Order for Alternate Service or Publication

(Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subds. 5(f) and 8)
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD

Affidavit
Petitioner requests that the court authorize service of the petition for an order for protection, any order that has issued under Chapter 518B, and any notice, states the following in support of the request for service by:

- publication.
- 1. An attempt at personal service made by the sheriff or other law enforcement or corrections officer was unsuccessful because Respondent is avoiding service by concealment or otherwise, and a copy of the Petition and either the Order for Hearing or Request for Hearing form has been mailed to Respondent.
- 2. Personal service was attempted on the following date(s): Per Deputy Laven on 8/9/17, personal service has been attempted 12 times since Ex Parte was granted on 7/31/17.
- 3. The last known location of Respondent is: 46453 Co. 21, Staples, MN 56479.
- 4. My most recent contact with Respondent was: 7/29/17.
- 5. The last known location of Respondent's employment was: NA - self-employed.
- 6. The names and locations of Respondent's parents, siblings, children, and other close relatives are: Judy and Roland - mother and step-father reside in Hastings, MN during the summer.
- 7. The names and locations of other persons likely to know Respondent's whereabouts are: Stewart Weekley and Michael Dvorak.
- b. I have made the following efforts to locate these persons: no contact
- 8. The following circumstances indicate Respondent is avoiding service: Law enforcement has gone to resident 12 times since Ex Parte was granted on 7/31/17. Resp. is home but refuses to answer the door.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.
Minn. Stat. § 358.116

Dated: August 11, 2017
Stella Christensen 35pnc

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NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUOTE STAPLES TOWNSHIP RED OAK ROAD

Staples Township is requesting two (2) quotes as follows for work on Red Oak Road.

First Quote:

Remove asphalt beginning at Highway 210 going south 1,560 feet. Sub grade preparation - dig out culvert, put in 1' of rock and reset culvert; place fabric 24' wide; put on one (1) foot of class 5 gravel, 23' wide, compacted, estimated at 1,700 yards. Work to be completed by October 30, 2017.

Second Quote:

Remove asphalt beginning at Highway 210 going south 1,560 feet. Push back topsoil on shoulders and pull back after road is raised. Dig out culvert, put in 1' of rock and reset culvert. Sub-cut two (2) feet of road bed 26' wide, estimated at 4,700 yards. Add 8" of class 5 gravel, compacted, 23' wide, estimated at 1,150 yards. Seed shoulders when done. Work to be completed by October 30, 2017.

Quote must be mailed to Bonnie Thoele, Staples Township Clerk, 48301 County 21, Staples, MN 56479 or hand-delivered to the town hall no later than 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township 34-35pnc

STATE OF MINNESOTA DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF TODD SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION Court File No.: 77-PR-17-793

**In Re: Estate of
Lila Rosalie Lewis,
Decedent.**

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on September 19, 2017, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at the Todd County Government Center, 221 First Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated February 2, 2017, and for the appointment of Brian H. Lewis as personal representative of the estate of the decedent in a supervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: 8/24/17
BY THE COURT
/s/ Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Dated: 8/24/17
/s/ Rhonda Bot
Court Administrator
by Patti Johnson, Deputy

Jason R. Sellnow
(MN #0391558)
Sellnow Law Office, P.A.
229 Central Avenue
Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347
Telephone: 320-732-1919
Facsimile: 320-732-1922
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ISD #2170 Staples-Motley School Board

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #1 Monday, July 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Lund, Winkels, Frisk and Hoemberg present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Business Manager, Boesen; Principal Johnson; SMEA rep. Schneider; several SM employees; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Alligiance was recited.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda with the addition of #25 Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the sale of the property. Motion Carried (MC)

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Finance

A brief Financial Report was given and the check register was circulated.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk to approve the Financial Report and Authorization to pay vouchers. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2017-2018 School Meal Prices /Fee Schedule. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to sell misc. items on the FED garage sale in August. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the LTFM plan. MC

The plan requires annual review and will be finalized in December.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to Approve the Resolution authorizing the sale of FED building and appointing Board Chair Freeman as the designated representative of the School Board. MC

Curriculum

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the HS, MS and Elementary 2017-2018 Student-Parent Handbook revisions. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2017-2018 Literacy Plan. MC

Personnel

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Fall Extra Curricular and Coaching assignments. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Chris Halverson; MS Principal; eff. July 31, 2017. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to accept the resignation of Aubrey Fussy, fourth grade classroom teacher. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Bob Larson; Para; eff. June 2, 2017. Motion Carried.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to accept the retirement of Linda Beebe; IT Support Desk, eff. Aug. 1, 2017. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2017-18 contract for Deb Ferdon; QCOMP/ District Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2017-18 contract for Jolene Elfstrum; SME Technology / STEAM. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2017-18 contract for Laurie Trout; Grade 4. MC

Policy

First Reading of mandatory Policy #534 Unpaid Meal Charges

First Reading of mandatory Policy #721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy Regarding Federal Revenue Sources. No action required - these items will be on the August agenda for

adoption.

Reports:

Technology Coordinator, Craig Waldvogel, informed the Board that the Skyward server will need replacing and that the virtual system is overloaded. Several options for server replacement will be considered.

Supt. Bratlie noted that the CLA auditors will be in the district Aug. 14-16; the Levy Certification will be reviewed; MS Principal interviews are being scheduled.

Adjournment

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

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

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - #1 Mon., August 7, 2017 HS Media Center 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order with Vice Chair Lund, Winkels, Longbella, Frisk and Hoemberg present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Attornys Hastings and Felix; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; C. Sorenson; D. Reed; SMEA rep. Schneider; L. Peterson; several employees; and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Alligiance was recited.

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

Open Session

School Board Review of grievance of Staples-Motley Support Staff Contract provision

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Hoemberg, to move to closed session. MC

Closed Session

Pursuant to the attorney client privilege, MN Statute §13D.05

Reconvene Open Session

Potential action related to School Board Review of grievance of Staples-Motley Support Staff Contract provision

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to deny the grievance. Voting in favor: Longbella, Lund, Winkels, Frisk and Hoemberg. Opposed: None. Freeman was not present. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. MC

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION Mon., August 7, 2017 HS Media Center 7:00 p.m. or Immediately following the Special Board Meeting

MINUTES

The work session was called to order with Vice Chair Lund, Winkels, Longbella, Frisk and Hoemberg present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Bratlie, members of the firm of FJJ; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary Madson.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Hoemberg, to adopt the agenda. MC

FJJ Presentation

Results of the Facility study were shared as well as a Long Term Facility Maintenance Health & Safety potential project summary.

Other

Hoemberg asked that procedures be put in place for a hiring committee. This will be brought forward for a work session topic.

Adjournment

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

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EARLY

DEADLINES

Due to Labor Day
the deadline for the
Sept. 7 Staples World is
Friday, Sept 1
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Little Red Caboose Variety Show Aug. 24



Abbott and Costello?

Brothers Lee (left) and Gary Paskewitz of Browerville had the crowd laughing at the Little Red Caboose Variety Show in Staples, during their performance of ‘Who’s on First,’ a comedy routine made famous by Abbott and Costello. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Good to be back home

Staples native Eric Neznik (left) and his wife, Leah Neznik, performed the song, “Home.” They were backed by the Little Moran River Band, which included drummer Ray Gildow (center). The Nezniks currently live in Texas. Eric, a 1997 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, remembered getting his start in music performing at Centennial Auditorium, where the variety show was held. Gildow was also producer of the show.



Father/daughter duet

Jayme Carlson (center) and her dad, Mike Hajek (right) performed “Have You Ever Been Lonely,” a country standard made famous by Patsy Cline and Jim Reeves. Accompanying them on guitar was Carlson’s cousin, Dan Kushel. Kushel and Carlson also performed the Creedence Clearwater Revival classic, “Have You Ever Seen the Rain.”



Family harmonies

Three of the Klimek siblings performed their own mashup version of “Ho Hey, Riptide and Stitches.” From left are Tayler (Klimek) Bjornson, Fargo-area; Paige (Klimek) Sterriker, Staples; Coleman Klimek, Staples; and Joey Bjornson, Tayler’s husband, on percussion.

Siblings in song

The Judd siblings of Staples performed, “A Spoonful of Sugar” from the movie ‘Mary Poppins’ at the recent Little Red Caboose variety show in Staples. From left, are Connor, Griffin, Ella and Macy Judd with Mike Schmidt, Master of Ceremonies. He spoke with the Judds following their performance and proceeded to take a ‘selfie’ photo with them. Schmidt is chair of the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, which hosts the annual variety show.



Dancers take the stage

Music General’s Staples Studio Line Dance team performed an upbeat routine. Kristin Goddard is the group’s instructor. Dancers include Sabina Moe, Ashley Robben, Georgia Kruchten, Malaya Reem, Brookelyn Huisenga, Mackenzie Wilds, Shelby Brusewitz, Rachell Fisher, Taylor Converse, Brian Sterriker, Aleesha Carlson.



Belting it out

Powerhouse vocalist Deb Otteson (left) and the Little Moran River Band closed the Little Red Caboose variety show with their upbeat version of, “Jump, Jive and Wail.” Members of the band included Rick Brichacek, bass guitar; Phil Solem, lead guitar, Mike Blessing, piano; Ray Gildow, drums.



Country, rock, blues concert Aug. 27

Close to 100 people came to watch Wayne Renn perform at Lincoln Park in Staples. Renn, right, invited guest musicians to sing their original songs and entertained the crowd with country, rock, and blues music. The concert inspired one of his fans to climb up the playground equipment for a better seat, right. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



College Ag & Energy Center Field Day Aug. 25

Experimental grain to grow in Staples

Dr. Craig Sheaffer of the University of Minnesota was at the CLC Field Day to show samples of kernza, a new grain that is being developed to make bread, beer and other foods. Sheaffer said the plant is early in the process of domestication, and if it looks like quack grass, it is because it is related to that weed. It is a perennial plant with roots up to 15 feet deep to stabilize sandy soils and pull carbon underground, up to 4 tons of carbon per acre. It can be grazed or used to protect wellhead areas. Sheaffer said it doesn’t produce well after three years and would need to be replaced, but it is still better than plowing a field over every year. He will be part of a team to plant an experimental stand of kernza at the Staples Ag Center next year. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



FFA growing projects

Ben Olander, a Staples Motley FFA student, talks about the vegetables growing in the high tunnel at the CLC Ag Center. The FFA students are growing pumpkins, onions, cucumbers and tomatoes in the high tunnel, which is ever closed but still grows the plants out of the ground.



Minnesota fruits and berries

CLC specialty foods instructor Thaddeus McCamant, right, shows one of the many varieties of apples growing on the Staples campus. His portion of the local foods tour also included black currants, saskatoons, aronia berries and cherries growing on the CLC campus. “Everyone should grow cherries,” said McCamant, after noting that one small tree had about 10 pounds of fruit growing on it.

Pilot Senator

Senator Paul Gazelka, right, had a chance to take the controls of the CLC drone during one of the demonstrations at Field Day on Aug. 25. Gazelka also gave a speech at the lunch event.





Chili Cookoff People’s Choice award

The Staples Rotary Club team once again won the People’s Choice award for their chili during Railroad Days. Team members included from left, Bob Hamann, Ed Perry, Jim Vogel, Chuck Mayer, Marv Rothstein, Jim Hofer, Jerel Nelsen and Al Kolling. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Judge’s Choice award

The judges chose the white chili made by the Curves team as the best chili. From left are Beth Fabian, Autumn Pechan, Isabelle Pechan and Chuck Pechan.



Best Theme award

The Lakes Area Pregnancy Support team’s patriotic themed attire was voted number one by the judges. Team members were from left, Barbara Brown, Lisa Boie and Michael Sickels.



Remembering, preserving times past

Scenes from yesteryear were featured by the Motley Historical Society in the Railroad Days parade. They were judged the number one unit. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Classic cars come out in the rain

Another casualty of the rainy Railroad Days was the car show on Aug. 26. Only twenty classic car and truck owners braved the weather to show their vehicles.



Square dance at Railroad Days

The Wadena Whirlaways demonstrated their square dancing moves.



Family folk on stage

The Slewfoot Family Band offered gospel and folk music.



Thrashing in the rain

Cabin 10 played their energetic rock set straight through some pouring rain on the Railroad Days stage Aug. 26, inspiring one of their young fans to get out and do some dancing in the rain, right.

Staples World photos
by Mark Anderson

See photos from the Kinship Railroad Days Dash in next week’s Staples World.



All you need is love, and good hair

The float from Jemma’s Salon had junior hairdressers throwing flowers with the theme “spreading love, kindness and beauty.” They were awarded second place in the parade. The Dower Lake Campground entry placed third.

Singing at state event

The Staples Sings and Motley Sings winners will be offered a chance to sing at the Minnesota Sings competition on Sept. 24. Pictured from left Staples Sings second and third place winners Rachel Fisher and Noah Han, first place winner Delaney Larson and Motley Sings winner Macy Judd, who also sang as part of the Staples Sings program.



Staples Sings, and grooves

Several of the Staples Sings contestants and their friends danced while waiting for the judges to make their decision.



Horse racing at the pig races

The fun at the pig races isn’t limited to watching the pigs. Gary Dauer incorporates some contests and races for children and adults, such as the hulu hoop contest, the bouncy ball race and this horse race for adults. Chris Compton, left, of Fargo crossed the finish line just before falling off his horse. Seth Dokken, Staples, easily won his first race but had a hard time staying on his horse in this race. Compton is Dokken’s brother-in-law. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



John Regan excited to begin new role

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Students at Motley-Staples Middle School will meet a new principal at the start of the school year Tuesday, Sept. 5.

John Regan of Staples, 39, has been hired for this position, taking over for Chris Halverson who resigned this past summer.

"I'm excited for the upcoming year," Regan said recently at his middle school office.

He's no stranger to the Staples-Motley School District, having previously taught math and robotics at both the middle and high schools.

When he heard about the principal position opening, Regan decided he would apply for the job. "I've always loved this place," Regan said of the middle school, adding that he gelled with the other faculty immediately when he first came on board as a teacher. "It's the people that make this place," he went on, noting the

students and staff.

Regan found his calling to education by accident.

After graduating from Woodbury High School, he went on to get a math degree at the University of North Dakota.

He hadn't thought about teaching, but his degree provided an opportunity to substitute at a Catholic school in Maplewood. "It was great," Regan said of the teaching experience. "I thought it was the best thing I had ever done."

Regan was later hired as a full-time teacher at the school, a position he held for six years. Along the way, he went on to get a Master's in Teaching degree at Bethel University in St. Paul.

Although he loved his job, Regan said that he and his wife, Besa, wanted to move out of the Twin Cities to be part of a smaller community. It was important to them that their son, Jack, attend an elementary school in a small town.

Besa's only requirement was that they live within a half-hour of a Target, Regan laughed. After being hired to teach math at MSMS, John and his family found a home in Staples.

It was very important to him that they live in the same area where the school was located, Regan said. Being part of a community is something he highly values, he went on.

He greatly enjoyed his time teaching at both the middle school in Motley and the high school in Staples; and now is looking forward to being a part of the school in another capacity.

Although he hadn't initially set out to become a principal, Regan decided to pursue a Master's in Administration degree at St. Cloud State University, going on to attain his principal's license. He is excited to put it into practice.

Outside of work, Regan enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing and riding his mountain bike. He, Besa and Jack also enjoy traveling as a family.



New principal

John Regan is the new principal at Motley-Staples Middle School. He has been employed with the Staples Motley School District for two years; and prior to being hired as principal, taught math and robotics at both the middle school and high school. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

2 Tall Tavern raising support for service personnel in September

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Determined to bring about something positive on Sept. 11, John Brichacek, owner of 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing, launched a program called, "Never 2 Much Respect."

It's a program to raise funds for the Motley Police Department, Motley Fire Department and First Response Team, Scandia Valley Fire Department and First Response Team, Morrison County Sheriff's Office and the Motley Food Shelf.

"You can't ever show enough respect to these people," Brichacek said of the service men and women who give of themselves every day.

Brichacek said that for months on end, whenever he happened to look at his watch he noticed the digital numbers read 9:11. The numbers conjured up negative feelings, stemming from the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001. He wanted to turn his thoughts around to something positive.

What better way to remember the 9/11 attacks than to honor service men and women who have given so much to the United States of America and put their lives on the line every day. Brichacek decided to do just that at 2 Tall Tavern.

"I don't think people realize what they go through to protect us," Brichacek said, going on to mention the local law enforcement agencies, fire departments



Giving back

Nearly 500 tickets line the walls at 2 Tall Tavern in Cushing, each indicating a donation to an area service organization, including law enforcement, fire departments and first response teams. In addition, during the month of September, past and present service members may grab a ticket to go toward their tab at the tavern. Pictured above, front row from left, are 2 Tall Tavern employees Sarah Bornreger, Briana Fischer, Kyli Larson, Hank Allord. In back is John Brichacek, owner of the tavern. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

and first response teams. He is a former member of the Motley Fire Department and knows first-hand the risks faced when responding to a fire call, as well as the emotional effects of the job.

During the month of September, patrons will have the opportunity to purchase tickets at the tavern. On that ticket they can indicate which organization they wish half of the funds to go to. Choices include military, law enforcement groups, fire departments and first response teams.

These tickets are then

placed on the walls at 2 Tall Tavern.

As of Aug. 25, over 470 tickets had been sold. "We've raised just shy of \$3,000 in 16 days," Brichacek said. "That's very cool."

Brichacek said that law enforcement donations will be split between the Morrison County Sheriff's Office and the Motley Police Department. Fire department and first response team donations will be split between Motley and Scandia Valley. Military donations will go to the Veterans Cemetery in Morrison County. In cases

where 'other' is checked on the ticket, the donation will go toward the Motley Area Food Shelf.

From Sept. 1 - 30, any past or present service member may take one of the tickets and use the other half of the donated funds toward their bill at 2 Tall Tavern. Tickets are limited to one person, per tab, per day.

A silent auction, part of the 'Never 2 Much Respect' program, will take place Sept. 8 - 11. A number of donations have already been received, including BBQ grills, tent packages, golf packages and gift certificates. The silent auction will culminate on Sept. 11, at 9:11 p.m.

Brichacek has invited the local law enforcement agencies, fire departments and first response teams to stop by the tavern on Sept. 11; and he's hoping many people from the community will also stop by to pay their respects. It would be a great opportunity for children to be able to meet these service men and women.

At exactly 9:11 p.m., the National Anthem will be played and all bidding will stop.

"This is for them (service personnel), not for us," Brichacek said of the 'Never 2 Much Respect' program.

For more information about the program, or to drop off a donation for the silent auction, stop by 2 Tall Tavern located at 31723 Azure Rd. in Cushing.



New waiting area

The expanded portion of the Lakewood Health System Pillager Clinic includes a new waiting room area, complete with a fireplace. Pictured above at the Aug. 28 open house are, from left, Dr. Kaitlyn Schoeck, family medicine physician; Helen Hicks, Pillager; and Amanda Wensmann, RN (Registered Nurse) Lead. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Lakewood's Pillager Clinic expansion/renovation project nearly complete

Lakewood Health System hosted an open house at their Pillager Clinic Aug. 28 in celebration of the newly completed expansion project.

The expansion project encompasses approximately 8,300 sq. ft. The new structure includes exam rooms, a centrally located care team area, as well as a new centrally located X-ray room.

Laminate flooring is featured in several of the rooms, lovely artwork graces the walls throughout the clinic, and the spacious waiting room offers comfortable seating and the beauty of a fireplace.

Craig Wolhowe, Vice President of Clinic and Hospital Services, noted that the additional space has enabled Lakewood to expand their behavioral health department from one office to two. Other

rooms included in the expansion will be home to family medicine, women's health and some specialists, Wolhowe said.

Ultrasounds will now be offered at the LHS Pillager Clinic. "That's something new here," Wolhowe said.

A renovation project is still in the works for the existing space of the Pillager Clinic, which is approximately 6,200 sq. ft. Wolhowe said that the entire project is expected to be completed by November.

The renovated portion will be home to the clinic's reception area. A temporary reception area has been set up in the new expansion area.

The original Pillager clinic was built in 2003 and the first expansion project followed in 2009. Construction on the current expansion/renovation project began last November.



Central location

The care team work area at the newly expanded Lakewood Health System Pillager Clinic is now centrally located, allowing the medical personnel to work closer together. Pictured, from left, are Leah Anderson, radiologic technologist; Dr. Kaitlyn Schoeck, family medicine physician; Sara Bain-Richter, clinic nurse. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



New X-ray room

The expansion project at Lakewood Health System's Pillager Clinic features a new X-ray room that is centrally located. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the Labor Day Holiday
the deadline for the

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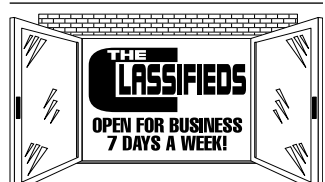
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Cardinal frontrunners set fast pace early

The Staples-Motley cross-country teams started the season with some scorching times by their top runners and good performances from other varsity runners. The Cardinals competed in their home meet on Aug. 28.

Kira Sweeney won the girls meet, leading the entire race. She jumped out to a big lead, saw the gap narrow a little in the second mile, then made a strong push in the last mile to win by 14 seconds. The girls team had two other top ten runners, with Addison Lorber placing seventh and Ashley Robben eighth.

In the boys race, Emmet Anderson ran with the class AA's eighth ranked runner from Buffalo for the first two miles, as the pair pulled away from the pack in the first half mile. Anderson faded slightly in the last mile to place second, still 43 seconds ahead of third place. Ben Bartczak was the second Cardinal finisher and Isaac Christoffersen passed runners steadily throughout the race to cross the line in 24th place, as the third Staples-Motley finisher.

Team results

Girls results

Team scores: United North Central 51, Buffalo 56, Staples-Motley 64, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop 129, Detroit Lakes 132, Ottertail Central 138, Wadena-Deer Creek 170, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 191, Deer River/Northland 230, Pine



Cardinal teamwork

Kaitlyn Smith and Madysen Hull work together during the cross country race.

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Staples-Motley results: 1. Kira Sweeney 20:37, 7. Addison Lorber 22:39, 8. Ashley Robben 22:41, 27. Kaitlyn Smith 25:11, 31. Madysen Hull 25:25, 51. Abby Brown 27:53

Boys results

Team scores: Buffalo 23, Detroit Lakes 85, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop 91, Staples-Motley 97, Ottertail Central 119, Park Rapids 180, Wadena-Deer Creek 182, Deer River/Northland 188, Bagley/Fosston 217, New York Mills 281, Pine River-Backus 296

Staples-Motley results:

2. Emmet Anderson 16:58, 17. Ben Bartczak 19:12, 24. Isaac Christoffersen 19:35, 26. Tanner Robben 19:38, 32. Bentley Christensen 20:02, 37. Nicholas Tabatt 20:28, 40. Brayden Christensen 20:37, 42. Jack Tyrrell 20:53, 63. Austin Johnson 22:50

JV results: 12. Jacob Schmitz 21:27, 38. Trenton Plopper 23:32, 45. Grant Johnson 24:37, 62. Caleb Piccanoto 28:23



Determined racers on the move

Left photo Isaac Christoffersen charges up the final hill before the sprint to the finish. At right, Nick Tabatt and Austin Johnson pace each other in the race. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Hitting from all angles

Left, Katie Johnson leaps for a backhand return at the tournament Aug. 23. Right, Brynn Williams smashes a forehand. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Tennis teams mixing players with mixed results

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team played in their Highway 10 Tournament on Aug. 23, with doubles matches played in Staples and singles matches at Wadena. None of the Cardinals went undefeated, but all got at least one win.

Seniors Claire Wolhowe and Bryn Williams placed second at number one doubles, while Kelsi Peterson was third at number one singles and Haylee Wold was third at three singles.

The Cardinals experimented with very different lineups in a triangular meet on Aug. 29. Staples-Motley lost to Detroit Lakes 4-3 and to Moorhead 6-1.

Both matches were extremely competitive with two matches against DL going to a super-tiebreaker after players split the first two sets, and the Cardinals dropped three tie-breakers against Moorhead, which was the difference in the match.

Team results

Highway 10 tournament

Singles: Kelsi Peterson 2-1, Anna Willgoths 1-2, Haylee Wold 2-1, Rose Han 1-2

Doubles: Claire Wolhowe/Bryn Williams 2-1, Bethany Johnson/Brittney Lisson 1-2, Jenna Dvorak-Katie Johnson 2-1

Staples-Motley 3, Detroit Lakes 4

Singles: Peterson W 6-0, 6-3; Wolhowe W 1-6, 6-3, (10-5); Williams L 1-6; Han W 6-2, 6-4

Doubles: Willgoths/B. Johnson L 1-6, 3-6; Wold/K. Johnson L 7-5, 4-6, (6-10); Tasha Achermann/Lisson L 3-6, 1-6

Staples-Motley 1, Moorhead 6

Singles: Wolhowe L 4-6, 3-6; Wold L 4-6, 3-6; B. Johnson L 6-3, 4-6, (5-10); Dvorak L 3-6, 6-1, (5-7)

Doubles: Peterson/Willgoths W 6-0, 6-1; Williams/K. Johnson L 6-4, 2-6, (7-10); Haley Cichos/Achermann L 3-6, 2-6

Volleyball team starts on a winning note

The Staples-Motley volleyball team won their first set of the season at the Royalton tournament on Aug. 25, but it was the only win of the day for the Cardinals.

They ended up splitting that match against Royalton 25-20, 18-25. The team went on to lose 2-0 in their next three matches.

Team results

Pool play game 1: S-M vs Royalton 25-20, 18-25

Stats
Kiara Storry: ace serves-1, digs-4, kills-3
Alix Peterson: digs-8, set assist-1, kills-5, blocks-2
Camryn Banaka: ace

serves-1, digs-14, set assists-1, kills-1

Mackenna Bjerga: ace serves-1, digs-1, set assists-12
Alex Davis: Digs-4, blocks-1
Tabetha Allen: kills-1, blocks-3, set assists-1
Kiera Dumpprope: kills-4, blocks-3

Pool play game 2: S-M vs Pine City 23-25, 19-25

Storry: digs-8, set assists-1, kills-4
Peterson: digs-8, kills-3, blocks-1
Banaka: ace serve-1, digs-15
Bjerga: digs-2, set assists-12
Davis: digs-3, kills-1, set assists-2, blocks-2
Allen: digs-1, kills-5, blocks-2
Dumpprope: kills-2, blocks-1

Pool play game 3: S-M vs Foley 9-25, 13-25

Storry: digs-4, kills-2
Peterson: digs-5, kills-1
Banaka: digs-12, set assists-1
Bjerga: set assists-5
Davis: digs-3
Allen: kills-1, blocks-1
Dumpprope: kills-2
Tournament game: S-M vs. Pillager 22-25, 23-25
Storry: ace serves-4, digs-6, kills-1
Peterson: digs-6, kills-5
Banaka: ace serve-2, digs-16
Bjerga: digs-4, set assists-10
Davis: ace serves-2, digs-4, kills-1
Allen: digs-1, kills-2, blocks-1
Dumpprope: kills-2

Like Rodney Dangerfield, ‘fish duck’ gets little respect

For many, the Labor Day weekend just ahead is a more meaningful marker of summer's end than the almanac or calendar that place it at September 21st. Too many things change with the start of September for us to believe otherwise. Students are back in the classroom. Fall high school and college sports are already several games, meets, and matches into their seasons. The local trap and skeet range is into shortened fall hours, and the first of the fall hunting seasons has already begun.

The earliest of the birds that migrate south for the winter will soon begin "queuing up," congregating in a manner we can take as a sign that they're getting ready to leave us.

Among the most conspicuous migrants are the many species of waterfowl; the ducks, geese, swans, coots, grebes, loons and cormorants. Some, like blue wing teal, are among the earliest to migrate. Others, like trumpeter swans or goldeneye ducks, are among the last. All waterfowl need open water to feed and rest, which explains why they can't remain here in Minnesota year-

round; exceptions being birds that remain near the few sources of open water on swift-flowing stretches of rivers, or where warm-water discharge from power plants keeps patches of water open.

In just a few short weekends the 2017 waterfowl hunting season will begin, and many of these birds will be the object of hunters' pursuit on marshes and shallow lakes. Some, like the fish-eating loons and cormorants described here in recent columns, are protected and not legally hunted. Others, like the equally capable fish-eating mergansers, are members of the duck family, and therefore fair game.

"Fair game" merits a qualifier, for while mergansers can be harvested, they generally rank low in hunter preference. The reason for this is their reputation for palatability; more to the point, their perceived unpalatability. The top ducks on the table are those that eat mostly aquatic plants. If a duck has been on a diet of wild rice, smartweed, wild celery, or sage, chances are good it will taste pretty good. On the other hand, if what it's eaten swims or crawls, it will most likely have a stronger taste, what the hunter calls "gamey." The word shouldn't be a slur, but it is.

Actually, many ducks will eat a mixed diet that includes both vegetable and animal items, based on availability. A scaup – better known to hunters as a bluebill – will dine on wild rice, but will eagerly consume small snails, too.

Depending on how long the duck has been eating a particular combination of foods, one might taste noticeably different from another of the same species.

Then there are the mergansers. Three subspecies are common to North America, and all share both a defining physical characteristic and dietary habits that place them on the low end of the gourmand's top 10 list. All are outfitted perfectly for catching and eating small fish. Instead of a broad, flattened bill typical of most ducks, a merganser's bill is narrow and tapers to a blunt point; more importantly, its margins are set with tooth-like serrations that are perfect for gripping a small squirming fish struggling to escape. Little wonder that they are referred to uncharitably as "fish duck."

If you've ever seen an "alligator clip" like those used to attach wires to the terminals of a household battery, or to an appliance testing meter, you've seen a good approximation of a merganser's bill: sharp, tooth-like edges you'd rather not get pinched by. Artists' concept drawings based on fossils of early bird-like dinosaurs depict jaws that look remarkably like a merganser's. Not surprising, since dinosaurs are the ancestors of birds, and it's believed these early flying reptiles were carnivorous. Or, as the young heroine in the movie Jurassic Park put it: "meat-o-saurus."

As you'd expect of ducks so perfectly suited to eating fish, mergansers are diving ducks. This

means that rather than tipping their rump in the air and extending their head and neck to feed just beneath the surface, mergansers dive under water where they feed not only on small fish, but on crustaceans, tadpoles and small frogs, and aquatic insects.

Here in the Mississippi Flyway where Minnesota is located, I've more often seen the smallest variety, the hooded merganser, during fall duck hunts. Its name refers to the male's unusually large crest that extends all the way from the top of its head to the nape of its neck; more a hood than a crest, really. A large wedge of bright white plumage is set against its black head when the crest is fully erect, making misidentification virtually impossible. The female's crest, or hood, is smaller, and a reddish brown.

The hooded merganser favors small forest ponds and open water in wooded swamps, a preference that often finds it in the same habitats as the similarly-sized wood duck. So similar are they in their nesting habits – under natural conditions both nest in tree cavities created by woodpeckers – that many nesting boxes erected for wood ducks instead become homes for hooded mergansers. The merganser's and wood duck's feeding preferences are different, but their nesting habits are much the same.

The hooded merganser and its larger relatives the red-breasted and the American – or common – merganser, have Minnesota breeding ranges that overlap in

the Northeast "Arrowhead" region. The American merganser nests either in trees or on the ground, while the red-breasted is a ground nester. Both American and red-breasted nest in regions that extend to the sub-arctic regions of Canada and Alaska, while the hooded does not venture far north of the U.S.-Canadian border, but also eastward to New England. None of the mergansers is a colony-nesting bird like the much-maligned cormorant.

As for wintering, the American merganser will winter just about anywhere in the continental U.S. where open water can be found, but favors larger lakes and reservoirs. In winter the hooded merganser typically leap-frogs from its northern breeding grounds to secluded ponds and swamps in the Southeastern U.S. and along the Gulf Coast. The red-breasted merganser is more like a sea duck than its cousins, and winters on the Great Lakes, and on Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coast tidal areas.

My duck hunting partner and I are careful shooters, but occasionally we will row or motor out to the decoys only to find that we've downed a merganser. Believing as we do that you eat what you kill, we sometimes must resort to a cache of recipes designed to "enhance" the appeal of certain ducks. Spices, marinades, spirits, or creative what-have-you's, any and all can have a place in the preparation of the under-appreciated "fish duck."

Inside the Outdoors



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