



Memorial Day observed at Staples, Motley and Poplar cemeteries

Above left, Larry Doucette, right, gave credit to the veterans no longer with us during his Memorial Day address to the crowd gathered at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples May 29. Seated, from left, are Don Amundson, Arlene Grover and Huck Holst. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Above right, Major Christopher Staples of Brainerd gave the Memorial Day address at Poplar Cemetery near Leader May 29. Major Staples has been a full-time member of the Army National Guard for 23 years and said he is grateful and honored to serve his country. Tom Michalson, far right, served as emcee at the program which was sponsored by the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs) See more Memorial Day photos on page 10a.

Lodging tax questioned by business owner

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The owner of the Sunset Motel in Staples questioned the Staples City Council about the need for a lodging tax in the city.

At the May 23 council meeting, Sean Bhogadia told the council he thought it was unfair to charge a tax on just three businesses in town. The council had passed a lodging tax

at their March 28 meeting.

Bhogadia said the tax is going to benefit other businesses in the city, but is only being paid by three businesses. The proceeds from the lodging tax will go to a visitors bureau to market the community.

Mayor Chris Etzler said every town the size of Staples has a lodging tax, and they can only apply the tax to lodging businesses because that is what is required by the state.

Seasonal camping

The council reviewed some of the early planning for the seasonal camping sites at Dower Lake Recreation Area. Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Grondahl said they will charge \$1,800 per site for the season, with 2017 prices pro-rated to the amount of time left in the summer once the sites are finished. "We're not the cheapest and not the most expensive, we're pretty much right in the middle," Grondahl said about the price compared to other seasonal campgrounds.

Grondahl said there are many details still to work out, such as a parking area for visitors and boat options. He said right now the plan is to require all boats be taken off the water each day, but they may look into creating a marina area for boats.

The current plan also calls for campers to be removed each winter, but council members suggested looking into other options, as long as the camper owners would take responsibility for any winter damage.

In other news, the council

- Approved an outdoor seating area for B & B Bar and Grill.
- Approved outdoor seating area for the Timberlake Hotel restaurant.
- Approved liquor licenses for city establishments.
- Approved request from Knights of Columbus to conduct a raffle.
- Approved low bid to tar 6th Street NE from Chicago Ave. to Warner Road.

Second interim superintendent candidate met

School board develops contingency plan

By Brenda Halvorson and Dawn Timbs

The Staples-Motley School Board interviewed Ronald Bratlie of Audubon May 25 for the district's interim superintendent opening. He's an experienced superintendent currently serving as an interim in the Rothsay School District.

However, the board met again May 30 to discuss options in case Bratlie chooses to withdraw his name or if they cannot negotiate terms that are satisfactory to both sides. He was to contact school board member Bruce Lund sometime Wednesday, May 31.

Board chair Mary Freeman opened the May 30 discussion, reporting that she had contacted Sandy Gundlach with MSBA (Minnesota School Boards Association.) Gundlach had visited with the board May 2 when they began the search.

Gundlach said she will call Freeman late on May 31 with a list of retiring superintendents in Central Minnesota. The board agreed that, if things don't work out with Bratlie, Lund and Freeman will contact people on that list to ask if they would be interested in the interim position here.

"Sandy said recent retirees are not interested in the competitive interview process. They just want to know the situation," Freeman said, adding that, if someone is interested, then she or Lund could set up a meeting.

The other advice Gundlach had was to have the board agree on some parameters for the job, such as a range in the number of contract days and a range for pay.

The board decided that a superintendent was needed at least four days a week during the school year for a district of this size. During the summer months that could be changed to eight or more days a month. Depending on what could be negotiated, that would be a contract range of 168-208 days.

Gundlach noted that the daily rate of pay for an interim superintendent can be anywhere from \$400 to \$1,000, depending on many factors. This rate would

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Yeah . . . it's diploma time!

Giving a Cardinal shout-out

Above, Taylor Heldman (center), between Norah Anderson and Tesla Anderson, loved that diploma.

Staples-Motley graduates Megan Campbell, left, Mason Rychner and Jacob Bendson held their diplomas high May 26 at graduation.

These were a few of the 87 seniors who walked across the stage at the high school gym. Musical performances were given by the school orchestra, a capella choir and a special performance by seniors Samantha Svendsen, Cade Bestland, Noah Han and Zach Strickland. See more photos on page 3a.

(Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



SEDA explores needs for housing, manufacturing

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) discussed the relationship between housing and business growth at their May 23 meeting. Board member Doug Case said with the new townhomes going up, the SEDA should concentrate on bringing in more manufacturing businesses.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said there's enough demand that the townhomes should fill up and the city will need more housing. She said businesses that are expanding are struggling to find housing for employees.

Case also talked about the need for single family

homes, since few new homes are being built in Staples. He said if someone builds a new home, it'll be valued at less than it costs to build. Board member Chris Etzler said that's the case across rural America, not just Staples.

Case also suggested the city should annex property to the west along Hwy 10, where there're currently several businesses, to allow for business district growth. Etzler said they've looked into it in the past, and the business owners in that area were against it. He said it might be time to look back into it.

Marketing

Etzler agreed that the SEDA could start shifting its focus on attracting new businesses and manufacturers, and start with their

new branding and marketing initiative. Radermacher showed the board a mock-up of a booklet that could be given to potential business partners so they become interested in Staples.

Radermacher also told the board about plans for the city, LEAP and the SEDA to create videos on why people in Staples live the good life. She said they're applying for a \$5,000 grant from the regional branding campaign.

In other news, Radermacher said she's been getting a lot of questions about the new hotel opening in Staples. She also said the regional place-making project is looking at the Batcher Building as a performing arts hub.

Hello, Readers,

Bob Dylan's instant reaction to the recently completed album Paul McCartney brought by his London hotel room for a quick listen in the spring of 1967 may not sound like the most thoughtful analysis ever offered, but it still hit the nail on the head. "Oh I get it," Dylan said to Paul on hearing Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band for the first time, "you don't want to be cute anymore." In time, the Beatles' eighth studio album would come to be regarded by many as the greatest in the history of rock and roll, and oceans of ink would be spilt in praising and analyzing its revolutionary qualities. But what Bob Dylan picked up on immediately was its meaning to the Beatles themselves, who turned a critical corner in their career with the release of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band on June 1, 1967.

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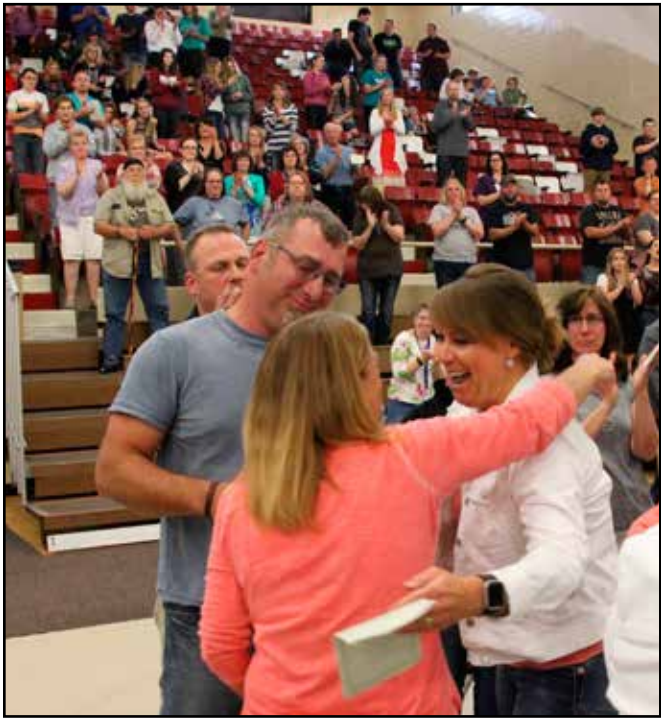
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Top students given honor cords

Staples-Motley students attaining the highest honor cords at the Cords and Awards ceremony May 26 for the highest academic ranking based on grade point averages were, from left, Norah Anderson, Katie Benson, Hunter Berggren, Taylor

Converse, Noah Han, Alisha Johnson, Millie Klefsaas, Matt Miller, Chelsea Nanik, Samantha Svendsen, Grace VanAlst and Mackenzie Zetah. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Standing ovation for Silent Cardinal awards

Ken and Becky Christensen get hugs from Special Olympics advisor Kristi Johnson after Johnson handed them their Silent Cardinal award, given to community members who do great things for the school. The Christensens raised \$35,000 for Special Olympics, much of that going back to the local team. Their son, Special Olympian Gaven Christensen, was also given a Silent Cardinal award. The other Silent Cardinal award went to Paul Anderson for his announcing and volunteering. The Staff of the Year award went to Shawna Poncelet.

Accident involves semi and house

On May 26 at approximately 1:11 a.m., the Wadena County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a crash involving a semi vs a house. Wadena County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a residence, located in Section 36 of Orton Township. Upon arrival the deputy saw a semi-tractor and trailer in the yard that had hit the house. The homeowners were awake inside the residence when the accident occurred. The semi, driven by Gary Humphrey, 74, of Pine River was traveling west on Co. Rd. 12 when Humphrey attempted to avoid a skid steer being driven on the shoulder of the road by a juvenile male. The semi driver said it appeared that the skid steer was coming at him due to two white lights on the rear of the skid steer, which was traveling west on the shoulder.

The skid steer did not have a slow moving placard or hazard lights on at the time of the accident. The semi driver tried to avoid the skid steer, but struck the right rear of it and entered the ditch on the south side, drove over a tree, struck another tree and went in to the west end of the house where he came to a stop. The semi-tractor trailer was empty at the time of the incident. The semi driver, skid steer operator and homeowners were treated for possible injuries at the scene and released short time later. Alcohol was not a contributing factor during the accident. The semi-tractor trailer was removed from the house and transported to an impound lot for inspection by the MN State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Inspector.



State Degrees go to FFA seniors

Five Staples-Motley graduates earned the FFA State Degree this year. From left, Katie Banson, Dominic Nistler, Mikayla Sauber, Zach Strickland and Brenden Thompson get hugs from teacher/advisor Kerry Lindgren and special honor cords from Principal Mike Schmidt at the Cords and Awards ceremony May 26.

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School board gives ranges to begin contract negotiations

include any travel and housing expenses. It might or might not include health insurance, depending on the candidate. It would not include any other benefits like vacation or personal leave time. The board considered what was in the budget for the superintendent's 2017-18 salary and benefits and they discussed what would be a fair daily rate based on information about other interims in similar size districts. They came to a range of \$500-\$650 per day. The final total will depend on the terms to be negotiated. Using this process there will be no formal interview. Instead the board will meet with the potential candidate informally. They also decided the full board would meet with a candidate, rather than just a committee, because "then everybody gets to hear the same thing," said board member Chad Longbella. The actual negotiations would be handled by a small committee. Bratlie was the second person to meet with the board during this first round of interviews. The first had been Jim Muckenhirn of Princeton. During the discussion following Bratlie's interview, Lund mentioned that after Muckenhirn's interview, he had called some people who had previously worked with him. Based on feedback from Lund's inquiries, the board did not feel that Muckenhirn was a viable candidate. Prior to retiring in 2007, Bratlie served as Director of Business, Operations and Construction (Assistant Superintendent) at Elk River Area Schools from 1994-2007. He first gained experience as a superintendent-intern in 1975, at Ulen-Hitterdal Public Schools. From there, he went on to serve as superintendent at Milroy Public Schools in Milroy, Storden-Jeffers Public Schools in Storden, Truman Public Schools in Truman, and Audubon and Lake Park Public Schools in Audubon. After retiring, however, Bratlie received calls from a number of schools requesting that he consider working for them. "I've failed retirement five times," Bratlie said to the board during his interview. Since 2007, he has worked at a number of schools, mostly in the role of superintendent and interim superintendent. These schools have included Northland Community Schools in Remer, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Schools in Warren, Cromwell-Wright Schools in Cromwell, and most recently at Rothsay Public School in Rothsay. He has also served as Energy Efficiency Coordinator at Osseo Area Schools in Maple Grove. Some of these were "Clean-up jobs," Bratlie said, adding that he enjoyed the sense of accomplishment and had a lot of fun along the way. "I like what I'm doing," Bratlie said. During the nearly hour-long interview, the board asked Bratlie the same 11 questions they had previously asked Muckenhirn. When the interview concluded and Bratlie left, the board spent some time in discussion. The consensus of the board seemed to be that they felt Bratlie had a lot of great experience, especially in the area of finance. To be fair, board member Dave Hoemberg said he felt that reference phone calls should be made in regard to Bratlie as well.



Pullman Townhomes plan to open June 1

With blacktop being laid and landscaping being done in this week, the Pullman Townhomes in Staples are on target for people to start moving in on June 1. The photo above was taken from 6th St. NE, north of Chicago Ave. The townhomes were built with help of a tax increment finance (TIF) district from the City of Staples. Courtyard Property Management built the townhomes and indicated they're accepting applications for residents. They've also purchased the Freshwater Education District building located just to the south of the townhomes from the Staples-Motley School District, but declined comment on their plans for it. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Education projects to receive \$2.6 million in Innovation Funding

Thirteen projects that will directly benefit school districts in Region Five are recommended to receive a collective \$2.6 million in Innovation Funding from National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA) for the 2017-18 school year.

Region Five education leaders gathered at NJPA on May 11 for the 2017 Innovation Funding Review Day, giving nearly a dozen local schools and education partners an opportunity to present their projects. There were 19 project presentations with a total request of \$4 million in funding.

NJPA Director of Regional Programs, Paul Drange, says the number of proposals and the wealth of ideas were overwhelming in a good way.

“It’s exciting that there continues to be more enthusiasm and understanding of the process and commitment of Innovation Funding,” Drange said. “Since 2014, we’ve seen room to grow existing projects and room to introduce new projects while maintaining a good pace to make sure projects are aligned with each other, are effective and work well with the services provided through NJPA Education Solutions and with other key regional partners.”

Area superintendents attended the Review Day and had the opportunity to rank proposals, as well as provide comments and Paul Drange, NJPA Director of Regional Programs-feedback on how well each project aligned with Innovation Funding criteria: meets needs within Region Five school districts, is collaborative in nature and has the potential to expand to multiple districts.

NJPA’s Superintendent Advisory Committee along with Drange and NJPA Leader of Education, Cassidy Rice, looked at superintendent feedback and made the final recommendations for funding.

“The rankings and comments from Region Five superintendents guided our discussion on choosing the final recommended projects,” Drange said. “We feel we selected projects that align well with what’s happening in the region and what’s needed and projects that can grow and expand to have multi-district impact.”

Drange presented recommendations for 13 projects to the NJPA’s Board of Directors at its May 16 meeting. It’s expected the board will give final approval of NJPA’s overall budget for fiscal year 2017-18 at its next meeting in mid-June, allowing the projects to come to contract after July 1, 2017.

NJPA began offering Innovation Funding for Education Solutions and City and County Solutions in 2014-2015. In its inaugural year, NJPA committed \$750,000 in education funding. That total was increased to just over \$1 million in 2015-2016 and over \$1.5 million for 2016-2017. In order to continue a tradition of supporting innovative ideas and projects throughout the region, NJPA officials chose to raise the education funding allotment to \$2.6 million for 2017-2018.

Innovation Funding Review Day for cities, counties, and nonprofits is Thursday, June 1.

The Innovation Funding – Education recommended projects that’ll impact the Staples-Motley School District include:

- Bridges Career Academies and Workplace Connections \$193,500 – Bridges, under the sponsorship of the Crosby-Ironton School District, has served high schools throughout Region Five over the past year with the support of Innovation Grant funding. The program’s goals seek to bridge the gap between education and the workplace by providing career exploration, integrated career pathway curriculum and work-based learning experiences to the high school’s academic middle. Bridges prepares students to be career and college ready for the 21st century’s high wage, high skill and high growth jobs. Bridges proposes to continue to enhance and develop current services to Region Five partners as well as develop additional program services, including online services, establishing an Academy Task Force, exploration and development of scholarship opportunities and more.

- Central Minnesota CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) \$47,500 - CEO is a collaborative effort between Staples-Motley and Wadena-Deer Creek Public Schools that’s available to juniors and seniors that started in the fall of 2014 and gives students the opportunity to work side-by-side with successful business people from both communities. This program is non-traditional in that class meets at a different area business each quarter for an entire school year and students learn about entrepreneurship first hand from successful local entrepreneurs. Once students get their feet under them, they develop a business plan and start their own business. The program aims to develop young entrepreneurs that have the skills necessary to develop new businesses in the area or be an asset to an existing business or industry in the area. The Central Minnesota CEO program plans to use its additional funding to add Verndale Public Schools to its mix.

- Collaborating Online \$75,870 – Collaborating Online is a pilot project championed by Verndale Public Schools Superintendent Paul Brownlow in partnership with the Pilager and Staples-Motley school districts, as well as MState and Central Lakes College. This hybrid model of education serves with the intent of expanding concurrent enrollment options to give all partners a voice in expanding highly personalized and effective college and career readiness services for the students in Region Five. Through Collaborating Online, a college instructor will serve as the instructor

of record in an online concurrent course, while a high school instructor will take an active and direct team teaching role in the course by assisting with course development, providing lectures and other activities to support student learning of the course outcomes. The high school instructor will also assist with the evaluation of student work to ensure college-level rigor, and provide structured and supportive learning time for students during the high school day to support their academic enrichment and success.

- Rural Minnesota Concentrated Employment Program (RMCEP) \$342,055 - RMCEP plans to provide Career Advisor Services to an additional 5,000 students throughout Region Five. Career Advising Services provide high school students and families with information, guidance, and opportunities to connect with community employers and regional occupations in demand. These connections will provide enhanced opportunities that lead to a more prosperous future and contribute to breaking the chronic cycle of poverty that exists in families across the region.

- The Open Educational Resource in Concurrent Enrollment Project \$60,000 – The Open Educational Resource in Concurrent Enrollment Project plans to promote and advance the use of open textbooks and other open access materials for students who take College in the Schools (CIS) courses at Region Five high schools offered through Central Lakes College (CLC) and MState Wadena. The first year of the project was successful in aligning high school and college courses in terms of course resources, curriculum and outcomes. School districts will see significant cost savings as OER materials proliferate. More importantly, this project provides a framework for teachers to feel comfortable enough to use these resources in their classrooms. Ultimately, students should achieve greater success and increased post-secondary opportunities.

- Technology Mobile \$600,000 – Tech Mobile began in 2014 to serve Region Five by providing technological equipment to students in K-12 to get them excited, engaged and inspired about a variety of career opportunities. By sharing equipment throughout the region, Tech Mobile exposes students to state-of-the-art technology without each individual school district having the responsibility of the high costs of equipment and supplies. Tech Mobile plans to use the funds to continue offering technological equipment and services throughout the area.



‘In the fifth month of ‘17...’

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, five Staples-Motley High School graduates.’ Pictured above, from left, in the gymnasium at SMHS are Katie Benson, Coleman Klimek, Cade Bestland, Samantha Svendsen and Noah Han, SMHS seniors who graduated May 26. To see a video performance of their song, visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com; or our Facebook page. The Staples World will be highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut of, ‘The Twelve Months of ‘17,’ sung to the tune of ‘The Twelve Days of Christmas.’ Stay tuned to find out what Paul Bunyan delivers each month. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Proud families get photo opps of graduates

Cell phones and cameras were out and ready as the 2017 Staples-Motley graduates entered the gym for their graduation ceremony. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Graduation administration

Graduate Mackenzie Zetah gets a handshake from Superintendent Mary Klamm, as Principal Mike Schmidt reads the graduates names and the school board members hand out diplomas. Board members from left; Dave Hoemberg, Bryan Winkels, Mary Freeman, Greg Frisk and Bruce Lund. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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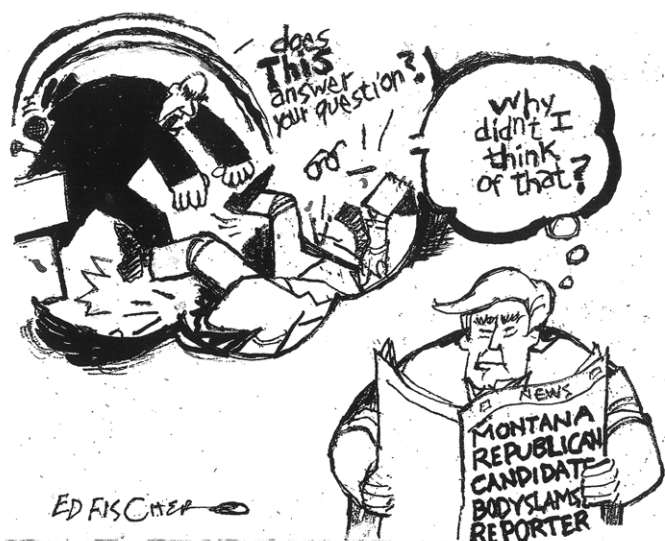
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Farewell

After 15 years of practicing optometry in Staples, I have decided to sell my Staples office to concentrate on my Baxter location. It has been a very difficult decision as I have thoroughly enjoyed my practice and serving patients from Staples and the surrounding areas.

As of May 15, Dr. Seth Dokken of the Staples Eye Clinic has taken over the Staples location. I am pleased that you have the opportunity to have him as your optometrist and am glad to have left my patients in his capable hands.

I want to thank each and every patient of Midwest Family Eye Center for the opportunity to serve you and appreciate your confidence in care. I have greatly valued our relationship and thank you for your loyalty and friendship over the years.

Best wishes for your future health and vision.

Dr. Jackie McCall
Midwest Family Eye Center

Appreciation

I received many comments on the appearance of the Motley Public Cemetery this weekend, and while they were appreciated, I could only accept them for the true wizard of the weed whipper, lawn mower, shovel and rake.

Paul Schlichting has filled in for us as our maintenance person this spring as Bill Kuehn recovers from shoulder surgery. The accolades go to Paul for his many attentive hours to our cemetery.

Thanks Paul, from all of us.

Greg and Sherry Frisk
Motley, Minn.

Stop delaying farm fairness rules

By Anna Johnson, Center for Rural Affairs

The new Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, has a big job ahead in running the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). One important opportunity he has is to bring greater fairness to contract livestock production. This would bolster economic growth in many of the rural communities that brought his boss, President Trump, to office.

Right now, Sec. Perdue is accepting comments on whether an important rule that would bring greater fairness to poultry and livestock production should take effect as originally intended or whether it should be delayed or stopped altogether.

The rule in question provides a basic protection for farmers and ranchers who have been wronged by meat-packing companies. Currently, if a producer suffers certain harms, they have to prove that it was not just their business operation that was affected, but also that there was harm to other producers' ability to economically compete within the entire industry. This rule would remove that second requirement.

To compare, say you had a house fire. You would file a claim with your insurance company for the value of your lost property. However, if you had to prove to your insurance company that your fire hurt the entire neighborhood, you might never receive payment for lost property.

Farmers and ranchers have waited years for USDA to institute basic fairness protections in the contract poultry and livestock industry. USDA seemed to be making progress last year, when it began accepting comments on three rules. The Center for Rural Affairs submitted comments to the Federal Register supporting all three rules and posted them to our website.

Now, Sec. Perdue has a responsibility to rural poultry and livestock producers: avoid delaying the rules even further and allow them to take effect.

If you support basic fairness for farmers and ranchers, we urge you to submit your own comment to the Federal Register. Ask Sec. Perdue to finalize this rule, or, in the legal terms of the rulemaking process, "allow the Interim Final Rule (IFR) to become effective."

Sec. Perdue says he supports rural communities. Ask him to prove it.

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Montana millionaire charged with journalist assault - and now headed for Congress?

By Gene Policinski

Sadly, shamefully, disgustingly, it has come to this: A Montana candidate for Congress was charged May 24 with assaulting a reporter who was asking him a question about the American Health Care Act.

The *Bozeman Daily Chronicle* reported the next morning that U.S. House candidate Greg Gianforte, a Republican, was charged with misdemeanor assault for what witnesses and the reporter involved said was an unwarranted attack.

Ben Jacobs of *The Guardian*, who has reported for weeks on the state's close race for its only House seat, later tweeted that "Greg Gianforte just body slammed me and broke my glasses."

Gianforte's campaign issued its own statement, claiming Jacobs had entered an office where a TV taping was being set up, "aggressively shoved a recorder in Greg's face, and began asking badgering questions." The statement claimed that both men fell to the floor in a struggle over Jacob's cell phone, and that "this aggressive behavior from a liberal journalist created this scene."

Too bad for that set of "alternative facts" that several witnesses - including a Fox News television crew - were on hand to dispute them.

A Fox News reporter wrote that "Gianforte grabbed Jacobs by the neck with both hands and slammed him into the ground behind him ... I watched in disbelief as Gianforte then began punching the man, as he moved on top of the reporter and began yelling something to the effect of 'I'm sick and tired of this!'"

Three of Montana's major newspapers, *The Billings Gazette*, *The Missoulian* and *The Helena Independent Record*, quickly got "sick and tired" of Gianforte: By the morning of May 25, on the day of the state's special congressional election, all three rescinded their endorsements of the GOP candidate.

We all should be "sick and tired" of attacks on journalists in recent weeks, from this Montana mess to a

"manhandling" of a reporter by security guards after an FCC hearing, to the arrest of a public radio reporter in the West Virginia statehouse.

The incidents have much in common: The journalists were asking questions of public officials or candidates for office, outside the staged, controlled environments of news conferences. In each case, the journalists were labeled aggressors by those they were attempting to question.

Many defenders of a free press see all three incidents flowing from the stridently anti-press tone set by President Trump, both in office and on the campaign trail. He has called journalists "enemies of the people," and on occasion verbally abused specific reporters at rallies and news conferences. The Gianforte account took pains to label Jacobs as a "liberal journalist," continuing the candidate's anti-press stance through a campaign that has drawn comparisons to Trump's. In an effort to give Gianforte a boost in Montana's close congressional race, Trump recorded a robocall in which he calls Gianforte "my good friend."

For those who are more inclined to view politics as an opportunity for mud-slinging and chest-beating, rather than a spirited exchange of ideas, the Montana attack no doubt will produce appreciative chuckles and nods of endorsement.

Do not be fooled. It's democracy that got "body slammed" May 24. It's respect for the rule of law that was dealt a blow. It's the First Amendment that was insulted by Gianforte's attempt to justify what he did: attacking a reporter asking a reasonable question, on a matter of great public interest, to a political candidate on the eve of an important election.

This recent spate of attacks is not the first time journalists have been hassled by thugs and bully-boys, or by security forces. Multiple attacks and beatings occurred as reporters and television correspondents covered the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 60s. Reporters covering the "Occupy" movement in recent years

were hustled aside or held by police looking to prevent news coverage of protesters being forcibly removed from parks in New York City and elsewhere.

At national political conventions journalist arrests have become so common that national press organizations regularly set up phone banks and offices to help individual reporters who have been taken into custody without cause.

Dangers to a free press have deep roots in this country. Just seven years after the 1791 ratification of the Bill of Rights, Congress passed the Sedition Act allowing for the arrest and jailing of journalists for publishing political criticism. About 20 editors were thrown into jail.

In the Newseum in Washington, D.C., where I work, there is the starkly tragic exhibit of a lone Datsun sedan - notable because the floorboards at the driver's seat are peeled up, the result of an explosion that fatally injured Phoenix newspaper reporter Don Bolles in 1976. A remotely detonated bomb had been planted by mobsters seeking to stop Bolles from reporting on organized crime in Arizona. The attack had the opposite effect, as reporters nationwide flocked to Phoenix to complete Bolles' work, proclaiming that "you can kill a journalist but not journalism."

The fear is now real that - as we saw after fake reports of a child sex ring in a Washington, D.C., restaurant prompted an armed man to appear on the premises - some disturbed person will decide to counter reporters with more than a "body slam."

Let's say again, for the sake of the nonpartisan, nonpolitical 45 words of the First Amendment, that this pattern of verbal abuse and physical attacks on journalists is an attack on all Americans, and that that these attacks must stop.

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Let's start working together to cut prices for prescription drug

By Sen. Al Franken

and I can understand why.

We also might learn about the difficulties of a Duluth couple whose retirement became increasingly unaffordable after the price of one of their medications jumped more than six times the original amount, from a total of \$80 every three months to \$500.

These are the stories I heard throughout Minnesota last year as part of my "Prescription Drug Cost Listening Tour." I heard about the often-devastating impact that skyrocketing drug prices are having on the lives of people in our state.

It's because of these stories - and millions more like them in large and small communities across the country - that I am pressing to refocus the health care debate in Washington.

I'm focused on what I believe we should have been doing all along: working together to build on the

ACA's successes and to fix the problems that too many families and small businesses face, like premium increases on the individual market and fast-rising prescription drug prices.

We know skyrocketing drug prices have contributed to rising health care costs. Recent double-digit increases - far beyond the U.S. inflation rate - are putting essential, even life-saving, medicines out of reach for too many people.

That's why I've recently introduced a comprehensive proposal to bring down drug prices and offer relief to thousands of Minnesota families and seniors. I've been joined on the legislation by 15 Senate colleagues, including Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who all share my concerns.

My bill would address four important issues.

First, it would help make prescription drugs more affordable. One way to do this would be to allow Medicare to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs used by seniors, a proposal that could save up to \$24 billion a year.

Second, my bill would promote choice and competition by ending anti-competitive behaviors by the pharmaceutical industry, something on which Sen. Klobuchar has been a leader. It would end an un-

derhanded practice called "pay for delay," which is when brand-name drug manufacturers actually pay the makers of less-expensive but equally effective generic alternatives to stay out of the market.

Third, this bill would improve transparency. Drug companies often blame the high cost of their drugs on the price of research and development - even though they often spend more on advertising and marketing than on R&D. We actually don't know very much about how these drug companies spend their money. It's something we should fix.

Finally, we need to reward innovation. That means investing in research to get more drugs to market while also rewarding innovative and new drug development.

For far too long, our nation's health care debate has been far too divisive. We now have an opportunity to begin working together to solve some of our most vexing health care problems. Addressing the high cost of prescription drugs is a good place to start.

Al Franken represents Minnesota in the U.S. Senate. A version of this op-ed was originally published in the *Duluth News Tribune*.

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Chamber moves back to Staples Depot



The Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce has moved its office back to the Historic Northern Pacific Depot on Hwy. 10. On May 24 a few chamber members transported a number of boxes and furniture items from their temporary office on 4th St. NE, to its office at the depot. Barb Cline (center photo), Executive Director of the SMACC, is pictured at their temporary office. Pictured at top, Cline's husband, Dave Cline, helps chamber members Bruce Brotherton (center) and President Steve Gertkin unload items and haul them into the new office space at the depot. In lower photo, Cline, Brotherton and Gertkin pose for a photo in the new office, which was their former office space. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Staples Historical Society to host open house at depot

The Staples Historical Society will hold an open house Sunday, June 11, from 1-3 p.m., at the Northern Pacific Depot in Staples. The open house will highlight the renovation work recently completed on the historic depot building. A brief program is planned, including Greg Leifermann speaking on Staples history followed by Dawn and Gary Timbs

with a few musical selections. There will be tours of the refurbished portions of the 1910 building, including the new bathrooms and new mechanical additions in the basement. The project was made possible by federal funding from the Department of Transportation and added funds from the Minnesota Historical Society through the 2008 Legacy Amendment.

Public library offers programs

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

1,000 Books before Kindergarten

Enjoy a fun program encouraging reading and early literacy skills. For ages birth to kindergarten. Sign up any time during open hours. Sponsored by Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition.

Animal home match-up! - June- August

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

Minnesota Workforce Center visits

A Workforce Center staff person will be available the first Thursday of each month, from 2-4 p.m., to assist job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites and any other one-on-one assistance. For adults.

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

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

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services for 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties.

It also provides Central Minnesota residents with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.

Mark Your Calendar

June 20, 21

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., June 20, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Walk-in. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., June 20, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., June 21, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

School board special meeting and work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, June 5, in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

A special meeting will be held at 7 p.m. immediately followed by a work session.

Agenda items for the special meeting include a review of a grievance of a support staff contract provision. The board will close the session pursuant to attorney client privilege.

When the board opens the meeting again, they will consider possible action related to the grievance, if any is determined.

The board will also approve a contract for an interim superintendent, if a candidate has been named, before adjourning the special meeting.

During the work session representatives from

Foster Jacobs & Johnson, Inc., will update the board on the facility study they have been conducting for the district.

The board is expecting to form facility and finance committees as well as consider possible topics for a board training by Minnesota School Boards Association.

Board goal setting is also on the work session agenda.

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

'Family Fun Nights' set

First one is June 7

Motley Free Methodist Church will be hosting 'Family Fun Nights' at Converse Park in Motley once a month during the summer.

The first 'Family Fun Night' will be held Wednesday, June 7, 6 - 8 p.m. A picnic supper will be served and games will be played.

This activity is an offshoot of the All-In Kidz Club that has been meeting on Wednesdays after school at the Motley Free Methodist Church. Club nights include dinner, games, crafts, Bible stories and special activities.

"One of the highlights from this past year has been the ability to reach out to the community through projects," said Valerie Johnson, a volunteer leader at the church. She went on to note a few of their projects, including singing Christmas Carols at Sunny Pines in Motley; and planting flowers and delivering them to residents in town. "The kids enjoyed bringing a touch of spring to each home and telling people that 'God loves them,'" Johnson said.



'All-In Kidz Club' members

Members of the 'All-In Kidz Club' at Motley Free Methodist Church have participated in a number of community projects this past school year, in addition to their regular Wednesday meetings. Some of the members pictured, from left, are Adrian Caldwell, Wyatt Radueg, Henry Zimmerman, Austin McMillion, Isaiah Caldwell, Kana Reese, Gracie Wolpert, Tryston Buscho, Makenzie Radueg. They are looking forward to the Family Fun Night at Converse Park in Motley Wednesday, June 7, 6 - 8 p.m. (Submitted photo)

"As volunteers of the 'Kidz Club' and as a church, we really wanted to stay in touch and continue to reach out to our community," Johnson said, adding that, "We are excited to hold some Motley Family Fun Nights."

"The goals of these nights," Johnson went on, "is to bring our community together, to get to know each other and to have some good family fun.

We hope to see many of our All-In Kidz Club families along with many new faces."

In addition to the June 7 date, future Family Fun Nights will be held on Wednesdays, July 12 and Aug. 9.

For more information, call Valerie Johnson at 218-296-1706 or Motley Free Methodist Church at 218-352-6888.

Nominations open for Community Awards

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) seeks to honor those who have contributed to the Motley and Staples communities with the opening of nominations for its Community Awards.

"We have so many deserving women and men as well as organizations in the Motley and Staples area," said Mary Jo Hofer, co-chair of the SMACF awards committee. "We really want to recognize and honor them for their contributions."

The Community Awards Celebration is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 12.

Both Hofer and co-chair Curt McIlravy emphasized that people can submit a nomination a second or third time if that nominee was not chosen the first year he or she was nominated.

"Because we have so many women and men who merit these awards, we cannot recognize them all in one year," Hofer said. "We encourage you to submit the nomination again."

"The more information you can give us, the better," added McIlravy. "It's very helpful to the selection committee if you give specific details and examples of why you feel your nominee is worthy of the award."

Nominations will be accepted now through July 15 in six categories. Those categories are:

- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Group or Organization
- Outstanding Business
- Outstanding Youth
- The Duane R. Lund Award for Lifetime Achievement
- Chairman's Award

The Chairman's Award can be suggested by the person submitting the

nomination. Possibilities might include: Outstanding Volunteer; Outstanding Senior Citizen, Educator, Police Officer, Firefighter, Medical Person, Farmer, Child Care Provider, etc., anything that does not fit into the other five categories.

"The nomination for Outstanding Youth is open to anyone age 18 or younger who has enhanced the quality of life for people in our communities, whether through membership in organizations such as FFA or Scouting or through specific events during the past year," McIlravy said.

Nomination forms should include the following:

- Contact information (name, address, phone number and email address) of the individual or organization making the nomination.
- Contact information of the individual, group, business or organization being nominated.
- A response to the following question: How has the individual or group contributed to the well-being of the Staples Motley Area Communities? As noted previously, details and examples are appreciated.

Nomination forms should be sent to the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, P.O. Box 101, Staples, MN 56479.

Additional information and nomination forms can be found on the SMACF website at www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org, or by contacting Mary Jo Hofer at 218-894-1152 or Curt McIlravy at 218-352-2325. A complete list of past recipients can also be found on the foundation's website.

Nomination forms can also be picked up in Staples at Staples City Hall,

Staples World, Staples Public Library, Mayer, Porter & Nelson and the Staples-Motley High School principal's office. In Motley they can be picked up at Motley City Hall and Markus Hair Design.

A time to honor and encourage community involvement is the hallmark of nearly every successful community. The inspiration for this event was the born in the celebration held several years ago to honor Dr. Duane R. Lund for his lifetime achievement of contributions to the area.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is a component fund in partnership with the Initiative Foundation. Its mission is to develop and strengthen community resources, and to enhance the quality of life of individuals, families and organizations in and around the Staples and Motley communities.

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Motorcycle Sunday

Thirty-three bikers from around the area gathered at Staples Alliance Church May 28, for ‘Motorcycle Sunday.’ Bikers were treated to coffee and donuts prior to the church’s worship service (featuring guest speaker Eric Lindgren of Alexandria), as well as a BBQ pork lunch. Following a prayer of blessing for all motorcyclists, led by Pastor Mark Shea (a fellow biker), the bikers embarked on a 100-mile trip around the area. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



‘Hooked on Fishing, not Drugs’

Staples-Motley Elementary School fourth graders enjoyed the ‘Hooked on Fishing, not Drugs’ event at Camp Shamineau May 19. The event was organized by Ron Case, Jeremy Reeck, Jamie Dolezal and other members of the Staples Police Department and Staples Fire Department with many volunteers helping to make it a success. Sponsors included the Staples Lions and Motley Lions clubs. The day’s agenda included a short program on boat safety and drug awareness, two hours of fishing on Lake Shamineau; and lunch. Pictured above, from left, are Corinne Olson, Heidi Zimmerman, Bailey Frisk. Pictured below, Wyatt Berg, Laken Hines, Jeremiah Ford, Blaine Plattner. (Submitted photos)



Roger Pederson

Roger Pederson, 83, of Oylen passed away peacefully at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud on May 25, 2017. Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oylen Alliance Tabernacle, rural Verndale. Visitation will be Friday, June 2, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena; and again one hour prior to services at the church. Arrangements are with the Karvonen Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Wadena. Roger Dale Pederson was born on June 13, 1933 at home in Bullard Township, rural Staples to Elmer Gilbert and Esther (Torgerson) Pederson. Roger was baptized on July 4, 1946 in Oylen. His mother passed away when he was very young and he was raised by his father and step-mother, Irene. Roger proudly served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict in Germany, from 1954 to 1956. When he returned home from Germany, he lived in Oylen. On January 30, 1960 Roger married Patricia Ann Coleman at the United Methodist Church in Wadena. They dairy farmed and later raised beef cattle. Roger was a heavy equipment operator for Nanik’s, retiring in 1976. He enjoyed rebuilding tractors, woodworking and carving. Roger is survived by his wife of 57 years; one son, Kevin (Nancy) Pederson of Becker and one daughter, Jeannie Kay (Kevin) Dezell of Browerville; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and step-mother, Irene. w22c A00006B2017JN01



Sandra Kraft

Sandra Kay Cerina (Briggs) Kraft, 63, of Fargo, ND, died of cancer, May 25, 2017 at Sanford Palliative Care. A celebration of life was held May 29, at Grace Lutheran Church in Fargo. Arrangements were with the Hanson-Runsvold Funeral Home, Fargo. Sandra was born March 9, 1954 to Floyd and Lola Briggs in St Paul. She grew up in Motley, graduating from Motley High School in 1972. She later graduated from business school. She married Kenton Kraft on March 15, 1975. Sandy operated a day care for many years. She enjoyed flower gardening, camping and was happiest when surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband; five children, Michelle (Bradley) Bredell, Kris (Kelly) Kraft, Laurie Beth (Nathan) Cerkowniak, Sarah Dawson and Michael (Tricia) Kraft and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-mother, Violet Briggs and one brother, David Briggs. w22c A00006B2017JN01



Eileen Jennissen

Eileen Rosella Jennissen, 79, of Staples passed away May 29, 2017 at Parkview Care Center in Buffalo. Mass of Catholic Burial will be held Friday, June 2, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Father Korf officiating. Visitation will be, Thursday, June 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home in Staples and two hours prior to services at the church. Interment will be at St. Anthony of Padua in Sauk Centre. Arrangements are with Taylor Funeral Home in Staples. Eileen Rosella Kemper was born September 3, 1937 in Sauk Centre, to Herman and Elizabeth (Winters) Kemper. She graduated from Sauk Centre High School in 1954 and married her high school sweetheart, William (Bill) Jennissen on September 3, 1956 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Sauk Centre. Eileen and Bill farmed in Sauk Centre until 1978, when they moved to Staples. They owned and operated Tony’s Chicken until 1989. Eileen worked for Lakewood Health Systems in Staples as an Activities Assistant until retiring in 2008. She loved music and taught private piano lessons and played piano and organ in Padua, Sauk Centre, Staples, Verndale and Motley for over 50 years. She also played saxophone and accordion. She enjoyed reading, tending her flowerbeds, sewing, playing cards and spending time with her family. Eileen is survived by three daughters, Julie (Paul) Konz of St. Cloud, Laurie (Steve) Pelkey of Brainerd and Paula (Keith) Brown of Canal Winchester, OH; nine sons, Mark (Sharlene) Jennissen of Miltona, Neil (Amy) Jennissen of Isanti, William “Billy” Jennissen, Jr. of Isle, Nicholas (Paulette) Jennissen of Seward, AK, Dean (Lisa) Jennissen of Buffalo, Keith (Jill) Jennissen of Byron, Steven (Sarah) Jennissen of Staples, Lynn (Kessie) Jennissen of Foley and Jesse (Kirsten) Jennissen of Cambridge; 34 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters Sr. Marian Kemper of St. Cloud and Jeanette (Donald) Orth of Sauk Centre and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband and two infant sisters, Karen and Joyce. Memorials in memory of Eileen can be made to Lakewood Health Systems at www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com/about-us/foundation/donate/. Flowers and cards may be mailed to 718 6th Ave. NW, Buffalo, MN 55313. w22c A00006B2017JN01



Nancy Johnson

Nancy Lynn Johnson, 70, of Staples, formerly of Richfield passed away May 28, 2017. A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, June 3 at 5 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. prior to services at the church. Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples. Nancy was born July 30, 1946. She was married to Cecil Johnson for 44 years. She was active as a Stephen Minister, a Hospice volunteer, involved with Compassionate Companion, No One Dies Alone programs and the food shelf. She enjoyed gardening and planting flowers. She is survived by her husband; one sister, Judy Adams of Richfield and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Debbie Anderson. w22c A00006B2017JN01

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED: Born to Kaitlyn Hillig and Kyle Bodle of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Ellie Rose weighing seven pounds, two ounces on May 20, 2017. Born to Justin and Erin May of Browerville, a baby

boy, Sawyer Harold weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on May 20, 2017. Born to Courtney Olston and Adam Bates of Bertha, a baby boy, Skyler Colt weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on May 25, 2017.

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Engagement

Taylor Klimek, daughter of Norby Klimek and Jill Klimek of Staples and Joseph Bjornson, son of Bob and Diane Bjornson, Horace, ND announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The wedding will take place June 10, at the Motley United Methodist Church with Pastor Greg Ciesluk officiating. A reception will follow the ceremony at Pine Ridge Golf Course, Motley. Taylor is a 2012 graduate of Staples Motley High School and Concordia College, Moorhead in 2016 with a Bachelor of Arts in English Writing and Studio Art. She is currently employed as a proofreader at Integreon. Joseph is a 2011 graduate of West Fargo High School and Concordia College, Moorhead in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Mathematics. He is currently an accountant at Microsoft. The couple plan to make their home in Fargo, ND.

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Musical memories

Amber Tappe does music therapy with attendees at the Conference on Aging at St. Croix Hospice in Brainerd and shared some of her stories and songs



Making garden plans

Todd County Master Gardener Bernadette Lentz demonstrates an alternative gardening method to attendees at the Conference on Aging. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



The art of positive feelings

Amy Boeing of Pierz talks about Feng Schui at one of her classes at the Conference on Aging. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Keeping joints healthy

Lakewood Health System physical therapist Ron Murray shares a laugh with the crowd at the Conference on Aging on May 24, at Central Lakes College in Staples. Murray gave a presentation on keeping joints healthy. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Student Recognition

Motley-Staples Middle School



Students receiving the student recognition award at Motley-Staples Middle School in April were:

Heidi Zimmerman, Steven Petrich, Olivia Lorber, Andrea DiGiovanni, Amy Rollins, Kadin Ottomoeller, Vincent Osborne, Kaylee Birkholtz, Adam Nienow, Conner Anglin, Cyril Johnson, Nicki Carter, Riley Dabbs, Georgia Kruchten, Josh Mathison, Josh White, Calob Trantina, Haile Meech, Conner Rosetti, Brianna Johnson, William Thew



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Students receiving the Bucket List award included: Front row left to right: Eva Weber, Chloe Trantina, Jacob Faulkner, Jaz Davis, Kenzie Jares. Back row: Owen Roline, Aryanna Imgrund, Luke Bjerga, Mason Birkholtz



Sacred Heart Area School

Students receiving Student of the Month awards for April were: Front: Kaylee Perius, Marquise Poncellet, Stella Daniels Back: Jadyn Vogel, Skye Larson, Jade Storry

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In Re: Estate of Lydia Graf, Decedent,

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

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on July 11, 2017 at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Todd County Courthouse, 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Lucille L. Hanson, whose address is 1005 2nd Avenue NE, P.O. Box 208,

Staples, MN 56479, as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised 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 decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further 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: May 9, 2017

BY THE COURT
/s/ Daniel Benson
Judge of District Court

Jody Browen

Deputy Court Administrator

Kennedy, Carlson & Van Bruggen, LLP
Paul F. Carson, 029195X
116 Ash Avenue NW
P.O. Box 647
Wadena, Minnesota 56482
218-631-2505

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NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Todd County Justice Center, 221 First Ave. S., Suite 200, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant
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NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP

The regular monthly meeting for Thomastown Township will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at the town hall at 7:00 p.m.

Joy Weyer, Clerk
Thomastown Township
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NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP CLERK POSITION OPEN

BYRON TOWNSHIP has the following position open June 13, 2017: **Township Clerk.**

This will be an appointed position to be held through January 2018. Position is also open to candidates from outside the township. Duties include writing and preparing meeting minutes, paying bills/claims and keeping township accounts balanced using CTAS (Small City and Town Accounting System) 8 on township laptop computer. Skills needed: basic clerical, computer and bookkeeping skills and accessibility to internet connection. Meetings are held once a month. Notify Township Clerk if interested at 218-397-2545.

Beverly J. Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township,
Cass County

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PUBLIC NOTICES: Your Right to Know

NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Administrator of the City of Staples, Staples, Minnesota, at 122 6th Street NE, Staples, MN 56479 until **1:00 p.m.** on the **21st** day of **June, 2017**, for underground 12.47 kV distribution line work in connection with the Electric Distribution Improvements - 2017 project for City of Staples, Staples, Minnesota, at which time the bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud.

The general nature of the work on which proposals will be received consists of the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

CITY OF STAPLES
BY /s/ Jerel Nelsen
City Administrator

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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 Engquist, 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
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator:
Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday..... 8:30 a.m..
Saturday 5:00 p.m..
Sunday 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cushing Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megardien
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. Lone, Motley..... 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m..
Sunday Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

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.

Week 22

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29. Weighed
32. Businessman
34. Famous clock Big
35. Unkeyed
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40. Disappointed
43. Stroke
44. Curdled milk
46. Restaurants
47. Explosive
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Good news for the graduate (and for us all!)

Pastor Greg Ciesluk, Staples and Motley United Methodist Churches

[Jesus said], "If you love Me, obey My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, Who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you do, because He lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans - I will come to you." — Jesus, John 14:15-18

Last Friday was graduation exercises for Staples-Motley High School seniors. They marched with heads held high boasting wide smiles donning their caps and gowns. In a moment of great joy, they threw the caps into the air and began a season of celebrating this great milestone. After the celebrating cools down in a few days, they'll begin a new chapter in their lives and be thrust into a new world.

Their new adventure reminds me of a nature show on television about a black bear that gave birth to two cubs. One cub died right away. Three weeks later the mother died and the remaining cub was left to fend for itself. An orphaned cub in that condition is like a walking buffet for predators. And, of course, the camera immediately showed a hungry-looking mountain lion.

One day the orphan cub encountered a giant male black bear. The little cub cowered at the bear's sheer mass. The larger bear peered around and seemed to realize that the mother bear wasn't anywhere to be found. He gave the little cub a friendly nudge. The camera then showed the little bear happily trailing along after the larger one. The adoption papers were signed, sealed, and registered at the county seat in that nudge. Papa bear proceeded to show the cub how to grub for insects and how to catch fish and how to scratch his back against a tree.

One day the two bears became separated. The cub began to cry and looked frantically for his new father, but couldn't find him anywhere. The cub approached a stream where he'd learned to fish and something caught his attention. He looked up to see a mountain lion ready to pounce. That same mountain lion had stalked the cub for the entire show. There was no way that mountain lion would've gone for that cub with papa bear around, but now....

The camera zoomed in on the cub. He automatically mimicked

the posture of his adopted father when threatened. He stood on his hind legs and bared his teeth. Then, in the exactly the same way his new father would have done, this cub let loose a mighty growl that should have reverberated throughout the forest. But, only a tiny bear cub squeak came out.

Well, you know what was coming. But, to everybody's astonishment the mountain lion lowered his head and ran off in the opposite direction. The camera panned back to the proud little cub still standing tall on his hind legs. And then all the viewers saw what that little cub could not. Just a few yards behind him, at full, ferocious height, his sharp, white teeth bared in a snarl, stood daddy bear. He may not have made a sound, but he was there.

And even though the cub couldn't see his father, his father stood guard, protecting his young. The little cub had power available greater than anything he could produce on his own. There was a greater power watching over him.

Though graduates are being sent into a challenging world where "mountain lions" are on the prowl, there is a greater power within them and watching over them. The Holy Spirit lives within them and surrounds them. Jesus Christ stands with them as a constant, consistent friend. The Christian community continues to pray for them and support them. In the face of the "mountain lions" of loneliness, stress, temptation, professors, peers, and dangerous, yet attractive philosophies that threaten to devour their souls and derail them from the path that leads to life, graduates are not alone. Like the papa bear to the orphaned cub, the power and presence of God through the ministry of the Christian community surrounds graduates with guidance, comfort, strength, wisdom, friendship, and support. This is good news indeed for graduates (and for us all)!

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

Ernie's Food Market
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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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Bob Reeck, Manager
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Business booming in Pillager



Working on the soffits

Employees of Nor-Son Construction, Baxter, were at work on the soffits of Lakewood Health System Pillager Clinic's new addition May 18. Pictured, from left, are Justin Poling, Russell Hines, Jerry Oakley. Nor-Son construction is the company contracted for this project. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Travelers along Hwy 210 in Pillager will most likely notice a few new businesses that have taken root, as well as some new construction projects currently underway.

With a population of just under 500, a lot is going on in this town.

LHS Pillager Clinic

On the north side of the highway, crews are at work on the expansion/remodel project of Lakewood Health System's Pillager Clinic. Nor-Son Construction, Baxter, is the company contracted for this project, which began last November. It is expected to

be complete by this coming November.

Crews were at work at the clinic's new addition May 18, installing windows and working on soffits. According to Randy Karnowski, who was filling in as supervisor that day, the project is on target. With the outside work nearly complete, the crews will now begin focusing on the inside of the new addition, including the mechanical and electrical details of the project. As of May 18, approximately half of the sheetrock had been completed.

Once the new addition has been completed, Karnowski said they will begin the remodeling portion of the project. The original

Pillager clinic was built in 2003; and the first expansion project followed in 2009.

Tim Rice, President/CEO of Lakewood Health System, noted that a project like this takes teamwork at all levels. Not only with the contractors; but internally, the staff has had to be flexible during the process. Rice said he was pleased with how everything has been going so far; both at the Pillager clinic, as well as at the main campus in Staples.

On the south side of Hwy 210, three new businesses have recently opened.

Country Financial

Country Financial, owned by Financial Representative Todd Wright, is located at 984 Marlin Pl. West.

"We cover the whole spectrum for people," Wright said in terms of financial needs, including several types of insurance (auto, home, life, business); as well as financial planning.

Wright had formerly operated his business in Brainerd for the past eight or nine years; but decided to relocate to Pillager. "We felt there was a need for something like this here."

A Wadena native, Wright and his wife, Shannon (along with their two children) live just north of Pillager. "Our kids go to the Pillager School and we have been really impressed with the school district and this town," he said.

For more information about Country Financial, call 218-825-8662.

The Learning Ladder

Kristi Fornshell is the owner/director of The Learning Ladder, a day care that serves children ages six weeks - 32 months.

Located at 985 Marlin Place, The Learning Ladder is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

They officially opened for business on May 15, and held their open house the following weekend.

"We've been working on the building for the past six months," Fornshell said, noting that they had done some major remodeling of the space prior to opening. Her husband, Eric Fornshell, helped a lot with that. "Eric and I both grew up in this area and both attended Pillager School," Kristi said.

The Fornshells have young children of their own and they felt there was a need for a child care center in town. "We know what a challenge it can be," she said.

For more information, call 218-746-4131 or visit their website at www.thelearningladderinc.com.

Anchor Counseling and Wellness

Licensed therapists Carlyn Becker and Jennifer Owens have opened Anchor Counseling and Wellness in Pillager.

They are located at 985 West Marlin Place, Suite 3,

in the same building complex as The Learning Ladder. "We opened last October," Becker said, adding that things have been going well so far. "We are really glad to be here."

A variety of mental health services and chemical health services are available at Anchor Counseling and Wellness, including diagnostic assessments, individual therapy, family therapy, marriage/couples counseling and chemical use assessments. Becker also noted that she specializes in working with people suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).

Owens noted that both she and Becker live in the Pillager area and are happy for the opportunity to work close to home, as well as to be able to provide these services to the community.

For more information, call 218-746-3995 or visit their website at www.anchorcounselingandwellness.com.

New Townhomes

Tim Dally of Sauk Centre has begun construction on two townhome buildings located south of Hwy 210 on Lysser Ln and Dorado Dr.

Excavation was in full swing on May 18, and Dally said they planned to start on foundations for the townhomes the day after Memorial Day.

The two townhome buildings will each consist of two (2) three-bedroom units and two (2) two-bedroom units. Each building sits on two city lots.

Dally, along with his wife, Linda, has built similar townhomes for other Central Minnesota towns, including Henning, Ottertail and Swanville. They are all one-level units, with custom-built cabinets and each with a double-attached garage. "We are the developers and the builders," Dally said.

His main business is Tim Dally Drywall, Inc., but he enjoys building the townhomes; and he has seen a need for them in small towns.

"The City of Pillager contacted me to see if we could build some townhomes here," Dally went on. They closed on the deal March 31.

Jan Loftis, the city's deputy clerk, said that she gets calls on a weekly basis with people inquiring about available rental units in town. Dally's townhomes will be rental units.

She credits the influx in housing needs to a few things. "People want to be in the Pillager School District," Loftis said. She also mentioned that the expansion of the Lakewood Health System Clinic is a draw.

Dally's townhomes are located on part of a development called 'The Crossing.' At one time this was owned by three developers (one being Don McFarland) but it is now owned by the City of Pillager.

The city currently has several other commercial and residential lots available. Recently, several trees have been cleared on city-owned property (located on the south side of Hwy 210) for this purpose.

Dally said that, weather permitting, the projected completion date for the first townhome building is Sept. 1; and the second building is Oct. 1.

For more information, call 320-732-4193 or email tim.dally@yahoo.com.

Law enforcement reports, Motley

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

May 10 - The MPD was called to assist the Staples Police with a fight at the high school. The matter was resolved before law enforcement arrived at the scene.

May 24 - The MPD assisted the MCSO with a two-vehicle accident at 360th St. near Hwy 10 in Motley. No injuries reported.

May 23 - The MPD reports that while returning from the Morrison County Jail, the MPD officer struck a deer on Hwy 10 near Ridge Road with the squad car. He proceeded to activate the camera and

turned on the emergency lights, then removed the deer from the roadway. Officer observed that one of the headlights was broken and there was damage to the front passenger side fender and hood.

May 22 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Jacob Steiner, 30; Maggie Borg, 40; Jeffrey Carlson, 61; Brady Nelson, 27; and a citation to Kevin Johnson, 49, for failure to move over for a parked emergency vehicle.

May 24 - The MCSO issued Kyle St. Martin-Smith a citation for damaging property at the 1600 block of 260th St. in Cushing.

May 21 - The MCSO received a report that a camper had been broken into at Marble Dr. in Cushing.



New windows going in

Abe Tuomi (left) with Gull Lake Glass of Brainerd, along with other employees, was busy installing new glass windows at Lakewood Health System Pillager Clinic's new addition May 18.



New day care now open

The Learning Ladder day care in Pillager, owned and operated by Kristi Fornshell (right), opened May 15. Also pictured is Cheri Udean, head teacher. The Learning Ladder is open Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., and serves children ages six weeks - 32 months. According to their website, www.thelearningladderinc.com, "Our overall goal is to provide children with loving care in a safe environment with an educational experience." The day care is located at 985 Marlin Place. For more information, call 218-746-4131.



Anchor Counseling

Anchor Counseling and Wellness in Pillager recently opened and is located at 985 West Marlin Place, Suite 3, next door to The Learning Ladder. Pictured below, from left, are licensed therapists Jennifer Owens and Carlyn Becker, who offer a variety of mental and chemical health services. Their office is available Monday - Friday by appointment. For more information, call 218-746-3995.



Country Financial open

Financial Representative Todd Wright of Country Financial opened up his Pillager office last October. His business is located at 984 Marlin Place West. For more information, call 218-825-8662. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Townhomes being built

Tim Dally, Sauk Centre, is pictured at the excavation site in Pillager of the new townhomes he and his wife, Linda, are building. Located on two city lots at the corner of Lysser Ln. and Dorado Dr., the project includes two buildings, each with two (2) three-bedroom units and two (2) two-bedroom units. Pictured in background is Chad Shaw, with Shaw Excavating of Henning. Weather permitting, the first building is projected to be completed by Sept. 1 and the second by Oct. 1. The Dallys have previously built townhomes in a number of other cities, including Ottertail, Swanville, Belle Grade and Henning. The Pillager townhomes will look exactly like their other projects, one of which is pictured below (submitted). For more information, call Linda at 320-732-4193 or email tim.dally@yahoo.com.





Cardinal golf action

The Staples-Motley girls golf team competed in one meet this week, finishing fifth out of eight teams at the Bemidji Invitational on May 26. Bo Erholtz (top photo) finished in 15th place, shooting 94. Adriana Dickey (bottom photo) shot 97 to finish 19th and Alix Peterson (middle photo) shot 99 to place 22nd. The other Cardinal scorer was Ava Schneider with 102.

Cardinals battle to the end in baseball playoff game

The Staples-Motley baseball team came up on the short end of a close game in the first round of the playoffs, falling to Wadena-Deer Creek 4-0, with just a total of five hits between the two teams.

Reid Busker pitched for the Cardinals and gave up one earned run on three hits in six innings. Staples-Motley errors led to three other runs. The Cardinals had four errors in the game.

Jake Dykhoff pitched for the second seed Wadena-Deer Creek and the Cardinals only managed two hits, by Braden Tyrrell and Isaac Swendsrud.

"It was a great pitchers duel as both Reid and Dykhoff pitched outstanding games," said Coach Mitch Anderson. "But in the end, just giving up one run was too much."

The loss knocked Staples-Motley out of the playoffs and ended their season with a 5-16 record.



SM trap shooters win Mid State title

The Staples-Motley Trap Team participated in the first Annual Mid State Conference Trap Championship held May 17, hosted by Knob Hill Sportsman's Club in Wadena.

Above; the varsity team of (from left) Dominick Carlson, Arthur Thew, Travis Maciej, Ben Bartczak, and Katie Benson edged out Detroit Lakes and Wadena-Deer Creek by one clay to win the team title with a score of 222. Individual awards were also given to, Benson: Mid State All Conference, High Varsity female, 2nd overall; Bartczak: Mid State All Conference, 9th overall; Carlson: Mid State Honorable Mention, 11th overall; Thew: Mid State Honorable Mention, 14th overall.

Teams competing in the first MSHSL sanctioned trap event in the state included; Wadena-Deer Creek, Park Rapids, Detroit Lakes, Crosby-Ironton, Pequot Lakes and Staples-Motley. (Submitted photos)



JV trap team takes 4th at Mid State

The Staples-Motley junior varsity trapshooting team included; from left, Payton Bjerga, Alex McIlravy, Sam Jennissen, Dylan Jasmer and Trevor Rudenick took fourth place with a score of 179.

Wildlife service following expected, but questionable, plan

One of the least-read publications in the United States is The Federal Register. It's a publication in which are published regulations for every federal agency you can name, from the Department of Labor, to the Internal Revenue Service, the Department of Homeland Security to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), and many, many more.

In this daily publication you will find no advertising, no political cartoons, no editorials, photographs or comic strips. Just lots of "fine print." For this reason the Federal Register is among the most visually boring publications you are likely ever to read. But it's not meant to attract subscribers or newsstand buyers. Its purpose is to provide a public record of every regulation issued by the agencies of our federal government.

Despite the fact that many members of Congress and the current President campaigned on a platform of "deregulation," there are certain functions of government and our own daily lives that won't happen without the rules that regulations provide. In some cases, there would be no way that a federal law enacted by Congress could be understood in its details.

The other side of the coin is that sometimes federal agencies, perhaps directed by the President, extend their reach and try to do the job that was intended for Congress; "legislation by regulation," some call it. That can be bad, too.

A good example of regulations that ARE needed is the set that governs the hunting of migratory birds, which for most of us means ducks and geese. It's in these regulations that such details as the length of a hunting season, daily bag limits, and special harvest restrictions on certain species are defined. As a matter of fact, the 2017-18 final migratory bird hunting regulations were just published by the USFWS in the May 30th edition of the Federal Register.

Within the framework provided by these regulations, states in the four North American continental flyways – including our own Mississippi Flyway – set their duck and goose hunting seasons. A certain amount of each state's own management philosophy is usually reflected in the final rules in that state; for example in Minnesota, this may influence how conservative or generous the daily limit on wood ducks might be.

More often than not, a federal agency like USFWS will first issue a request for public input, then shape and release its regulations in "proposed" form. There will typically be an opportunity to give feedback on those proposed regulations, and ultimately they will be issued as final regulations.

In the case of our migratory bird hunting reg-

ulations, the USFWS published in June of 2016 its proposal for the 2017-2018 hunting season. The proposed regulations were issued in February of 2017, and now the final regulations for the coming hunting season are in print. If that timing seems a little odd to you, you're not alone.

For most of my hunting lifetime waterfowl hunting regulations were issued in mid-summer, commonly in July. The reason for that date was so that those recommendations could best reflect the current year's breeding population and likely nesting success, as estimated in surveys done in that year by wildlife biologists.

That seemed to make sense, because if nesting and reproductive success was poor, it would likely be reflected in the hunting rules for that year; perhaps a shorter season, lower daily bag limit, or perhaps more restrictive limits on individual species found to be in need of special protection. That has now changed. The upshot of this change is that regulations for the next season are proposed before biologists have any meaningful or comprehensive data on the current year's duck and goose breeding success. It's based on data and conclusions from the year before.

The change was made as a matter of convenience. For one, it took pressure off the USFWS to analyze all the current year's population data and formulate the season and harvest framework quickly enough for individual states to incorporate the federal rules

into their own season setting, then publish their own regulations. Another reason given was that it would allow waterfowlers to plan their hunting farther in advance. I found that argument weak, not least among the reasons being that it seemed to put the cart before the horse, and the hunter before the welfare of the hunted.

When this change to season setting practice was first proposed, there was push-back from some in the wildlife management community, and more than a few hunters. The push-back was based on concern over how carefully we manage duck and goose populations. Many felt that cautious management was more important than relieving pressure on those whose job it is to write the regulations, or letting hunters know the rules many months in advance.

For the record, the final regulations just published propose for our Mississippi Flyway a 60-day season with a daily bag limit of six ducks. Within that daily limit there may be no more than four mallards, three wood ducks or scaup (bluebills), or two canvasbacks or redheads. Within this federal framework, Minnesota will now formulate our own rules, which our managers have the latitude to make more restrictive, as they deem appropriate.

But for those who grew up as hunters under "old rules," there will probably remain a certain amount of head-shaking over whether this change in protocol was in the best interest of waterfowl, or those who manage them.

DNR sees boatload of state record fish applications

Interest has ramped up this spring in the state record fish program of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, with five applications for four species including short-nose gar, lake sturgeon, golden redbreast and the quillback carpsucker.

"This is by far the wild-

est, craziest spring we've ever had. We've never had so many record submissions and so much interest in such a short span of time," said Mike Kurre, state record fish program coordinator. "They're all impressive catches and show interest in the program is growing and that

there are some huge fish out there in Minnesota."

There are two kinds of Minnesota state records: One for catching and keeping the biggest fish in each species based on certified weight, and the other for the length of a caught and released muskellunge, lake sturgeon or flathead cat-

fish.

Chances of catching a lunker depend on a variety of factors including the species and location. Anglers fishing for lake sturgeon, for example, now have better chances of catching large ones because of the recovery and restrictive harvest regula-

tions have led to their numbers increasing.

"Anglers are in some cases benefiting from good fisheries management decisions and environmental cleanup of past decades, especially when it comes to long-lived fish like sturgeon," Kurre said. "In some cases, specific state record

holders probably wouldn't have the record without other anglers releasing that fish in the past."

Anglers also might be taking more of an interest in identifying and trying to catch obscure species and

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Track athletes advance

The Staples-Motley track and field teams advanced several athletes to the section meet by placing in the top five at the sub-section meet, held at Pequot Lakes on May 25.

The girls team had three champions, Millie Klefsaas in the 100 hurdles and pole vault, Addison Lorber in the 1,600 and Kira Sweeney in the 3,200. Also advancing for the Cardinals will be Kiera Dumpprope in the 1,600, Amber Robben in the long jump and Toni Brings in the discus.

Matt Miller won the 100 meter dash for the boys and Max Giza was the pole vault champion. Giza also advanced in both hurdle races. Other section qualifiers are Hunter Klimek in the 1,600, Emmet Anderson in the 3,200 and Noah Han in the triple jump. The 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams will also compete at the section meet.

The Section 6A meet is Thursday, June 1, at Fergus Falls, starting at noon.

Team results

Girls results:
Staples-Motley 5th of 10 teams

100 hurdles - 1. Millie Klefsaas 15.85, 17. Addison Hirschey 19.98

100 - 7. Jordan DeChaine 13.86, 11. Amber Robben 13.96, 18. Larken Hirschey 14.56

1,600 - 1. Addison Lorber 5:48, 4. Kiera Dumpprope 5:58, 12. Malaya Reem 6:50
200: 9. Robben 28.64, 21. Heidi Lombard 30.10, 23. Jenna Dvorak 30.86

300 hurdles - 15. Ashley Vasquez 55.85, 19. Isabelle Mikel 58.59, 22. A. Hirschey 1:01

3,200 - 1. Kira Sweeney 12:15, 15. Abby Brown 14:32

400 - 11. Camryn Banaka 1:10, 13. Abby Dukowitz 1:11

800 - 7. Dumpprope 2:39, 9. Kelsie Weite 2:43
4x100 - 4. (Robben, Vasquez, Lombard, DeChaine) 53.80

4x200 - 9. (L. Hirschey, Brooke Ferdon, Dvorak, Syd-



Millie Klefsaas

ney Wallace) 2:01

4x400 - 7. (Dukowitz, Banaka, Vasquez, Lorber) 4:38

4x800 - 6. (Isabelle Mikel, Reem, Brown, Madysen Hull) 12:14

Discus - 4. Toni Brings 102'5", 18. Tabetha Allen 69'8"

High jump - 14. Weite 4'4", 18. Aleeah Halverson 4'2"

Long jump - 2. Robben 15'9.75", 20. Brooke Ferdon 12'6.25", L. Hirschey 11'11.75"

Pole vault - 1. Klefsaas 10'6" Shot put - 10. Weite 28'9", 13. Allen 27'5", 19. Brings 22'1"

Triple jump - 19. DeChaine 27'2.75", 22. Libby O'Neil 26'0.5", 24. Mikayla Sauber 24'5.5"

Boys results
Staples-Motley 3rd of 11 teams

100 - 1. Matt Miller 11.54, 10. Josh Lombard 12.40

110 hurdles - 2. Max Giza 15.28, 12. Jordon Carlson 19.54, 13. Scout Strickland 19.80

1,600 - 3. Hunter Klimek 5:12, 6. Bentley Christensen 5:14, 8. Jack Tyrrell 5:21
200 - 10. Chase Davis 24.86, 13. Zac Carlson 25.03

300 hurdles - 2. Giza 40.12, 16. Sam Jennissen 55.26

3,200 - 2. Emmet Anderson 10:21, 10. Tyrrell 11:46

400 - 7. Mason Rychner 57.72, 14. Daniel Lozano 59.56

800 - 7. Jeff Sundstrum 2:18 4x100 - 3. (Miller, Cael Sams, J. Carlson, Lombard) 45.37

4x200 - 5. (J. Carlson, Z. Carlson, Davis, Matthew Fisher) 1:38

4x400 - 2. (Miller, Fisher, Sams, Giza) 3:31
4x800 - 5. (Lozano, Charles Woodwick, Sundstrom, Rychner) 9:17

Discus - 13. Hunter Berggren 107'6", 14. Scout Strickland 106'9", 20. Hunter Carlson 29'7"

High jump - 10. Davis 5'3", 11. Derek Kennedy 5'3"

Long jump - 10. Noah Han 17'5.25"

Pole vault - 1. Giza 14'0", 11. Strickland 8'0", 13. Jennissen 7'0"

Shot put - 6. Carlson 42'0", 7. Berggren 41'4"

Triple jump - 5. Han 38'10", 11. Fisher 34'7.25", 16. Kennedy 32'8.75"



Emmet Anderson



Hunter Klimek

RECORDS

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Obscure species caught

boosting their personal life-lists for species caught.

"The newest record for the shortnose gar involved a father and son who set out to fill their life species list and were targeting some obscure fish," Kurre said. "Not only are they up to 45 out of the 62 state fish on their list, they have a new state record with a shortnose gar."

So far the record count this year stands at four: a 5-pound 4-ounce shortnose gar caught by Cayden Hutmacher; two caught and released lake sturgeon that were 70 inches long caught by Tim Deiman and Mark Minnick; and a 4-pound 7-ounce golden redhorse caught by Mathew Williams.

Social media fueled speculation that there would be two other candidates for flathead catfish records after photos surfaced of anglers who caught, photographed and released large catfish on the Minnesota River the same day on May 15, about 100 miles apart from each other. The fish may have ended up tied with the current 49-inch length record, however, one of the anglers didn't have a witness and the DNR hasn't received a record application for the other.

The largest record submitted for consideration came from the Minnesota-Canada border waters, stated as a 72-inch lake sturgeon. Unfortunately, there was no photo of that fish on the ruler so it could not be certified as a record.



Cardinal golf action

Staples-Motley golfers took part in a big school invitational at the Legacy at Cragun's on May 24. The Cardinals finished in 11th place out of 17 teams with Beck Erholtz, top photo, leading the way with 77. Tyler Helling, shown hitting an approach shot past a lake. Finn Erholtz, pictured blasting out of a sand trap, shot 88. Jack Benson shot 95, Alex Giza (putting at left) shot 109, and Jack Adamietz shot 140.





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PLANT SALE: Staples Motley, Garden Club. Sat., June 3, 9 a.m.-noon (unless sold out early). Staples Veterans Park, Hwy. 10, Staples. ssw22c

RUMMAGE SALE: Sat., June 3, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 703 3rd St. NE, Staples. Brown's. ssw22p

HUGE PERENNIAL PLANT SALE: 49430 305th Ave. S, Staples. 3 mi. east of Staples on Hwy. 10. Watch for signs. Fri., June 2 - Sat., June 3, 8 a.m.- ? Yvonne Dickman and Sue Gosse. Many varieties of perennials: Hostas, Day Lilies, Bleeding Hearts, Lilacs, more. w20-ssw21-ss22p

GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 2, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 3, 8 a.m.-noon. A lot of kid's stuff, clothing: boys (2T-5T), girls (5-8), plus size women's; misc. 21146 150th St., Verndale (signs) ssw22p

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 1, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and Fri., June 2, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. 28318 Snowshoe Trail, Staples (near Rosenthal Greenhouse). Almost everything you can think of including the kitchen sink! Furniture, sewing/craft items, household, Fire King Jadite dishes, antiques, clothing, wedding/decorating items, a lot more. ssw22p

GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 2, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Furniture, household, clothing, misc. H. Holst, 218943 Todd Line Rd., Staples. ssw22p

GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 2, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 3, 8 a.m.-noon. Clothing: women's (med-XL), men's (32x30) (lg-XL); boat, round bale hunting blind, patio set, canoe, misc. 14583 211th Ave., Verndale (signs-many sales in area) ssw22p

BLOCK SALES: Fri., June 2, Sat., June 3, Sun., June 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. North of Staples golf course. Follow signs. Furniture, knick knacks, household, clothing: child - 4X men's and women's; Chrome rims w/ tires, antiques, cigarette lighter collection, toys, cars, handicapped van, pick-ups, trailer. ssw22p

ANNUAL THOMASTOWN COVENANT CHURCH YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER SALE: 15940 251st Ave., rural Staples. Thurs., June 1, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri., June 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Large variety of misc. items. ssw22p

MOVING SALE: Antiques, slot machines, NordicTrack, utility wagon, household, clothing: various sizes; much more! Come, see what we have. Sat., June 3 - Sun., June 4, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. 3155 Ridge Rd., Motley. ssw21-22p