

Artists have \$10 million impact on region

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Singers, actors, musicians, visual artists, dancers, storytellers, crafters and cultural creatives do more than beautify their community, they help create a large economic impact where they work.

These artists, along with non-profit organizations focused on arts and culture, generated \$10,514,000 in economic activity in the Five Wings Arts Council (FWAC) region in 2017, according to a Creative Minnesota study. The region is the five counties of Todd, Wadena, Morrison, Cass and Crow Wing.

"It was very validating for us and what we do

here," said Mark Turner, FWAC Executive Director. "We always believed there was an economic impact in the region, now we have numbers to back it up."

That \$10 million figure is broken down into \$6 million spent by an estimated 1,223 full time artists, \$1 million spent by 744 part time artists, \$2.3 million spent by nonprofit arts and culture organizations, and \$855,622 spent by arts and culture attendees. The study estimated \$1,195,000 of total government revenue, \$301,000 through direct taxes and fees, and \$894,000 from taxes generated by spending of artists. Five Wings plays a role in much of this, providing \$400,000 to



Arts impact begins in Staples

Five Wings Arts Council Executive Director Mark Turner and Grants & Program Coordinator Vicki Chepulis are at the entrance of their headquarters in Staples, behind the First International Bank parking lot. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

\$800,000 in grants to area organizations and artists in the five county area.

Although the economic numbers were heartening, Turner said the number in the study that jumped out

at him the most was the volunteerism rate of local artists. The study said 90 percent of this region's artists volunteer in their community, compared to 35 percent of all Minnesotans and 25 percent of all Americans.

The high volunteer rate shows that the impact of artists goes well beyond economic. "The strong sense of community that artists have makes the world a better place," said Turner.

Five Wings Arts Council is capitalizing on that aspect of artist involvement. They have a current grant program that helps cities and civic organizations to work with artists on community development through the arts. Next year they will introduce a grant for artists to help solve specific community issues. Turner gave an example of a mental health organization that partnered with individual artists to create a community theatre production about suicide.

"Supporting the arts is a win-win for communities," said Turner. He said if a business is inspired to support the arts, the contributions will come back in the form of community development, supplies for the artists and support services. The Creative

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Hello, Readers,

On April 23, the U.S. will celebrate its fifth annual National Lost Dog Awareness Day (NLDAD). This canine-focused awareness day was created by Lost Dogs of America to bring attention to the multitude of dogs that go missing from their homes, each and every day, while providing resources and hope to reunite them. This day and these efforts to reunite lost pets with their owners is a tribute to the human-animal bond. National Lost Dog Awareness Day reminds the public that "Not All Stray Dogs Are Homeless." An estimated 40 to 60 percent of "stray" animals in shelters are actually lost pets who really don't need a new home. They just need some help to get back home. For more information see www.lostdogsofamerica.org or visit their website.

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Housing need, finances questioned

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Staples City Council members and community members questioned the viability of an apartment complex proposed by Central Minnesota Housing Partnership (CMHP) in Staples.

CMHP Executive Director Deanna Hemmesch presented the plan to the council. The proposal is for a 42 unit apartment complex at the corner of 12th Street and Michigan Ave. NE, opposite the Staples wastewater treatment plant. The proposed income limits to qualify for the apartments are: 1 person household \$27,480; 2 people \$31,380; 3 people \$35,280; 4 people \$39,180; 5 people \$42,360; 6 people \$45,480; 7 people \$48,600; 8 people \$51,720.

Hemmesch said those amounts are set by the state and can't be changed.

The plan calls for a TIF district for 15 years. Council member Mary Theurer questioned the length of time for the TIF district, in which CMHP would only pay taxes for the lot, while the taxes for the buildings would go to infrastructure costs. Hemmesch said it was set up to align with the project's financing.

Council member Doug Case questioned whether the city's housing study that indicated a need for workforce housing is still valid, pointing out that the job projections at Stern Rubber haven't materialized yet. Hemmesch said CMHP will do their own market

study for their application to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

Case also brought up the number of single home rental units in Staples that could use a program like this for rehabilitation. City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the city did have such a program in 2009-2010, with a few owners participating, "but we would have liked to see more," said Nelsen.

In response to questions about crime following low-income housing, Hemmesch repeated that every potential renter will undergo a full criminal and rental history check, and their incomes will also be checked to make sure they fit the program.

She said the typical renter for this type of housing are 20 to 30 year olds who leave to purchase a home within three to four years of moving in.

After Hemmesch left the meeting, during the public comment period, members of the public also questioned the TIF district, lack of taxes, and the city supporting a project that competes with private landlords. The question of the percentage of renters compared to homeowners in Staples was brought up. Council member Rachel Johnson said she had talked to realtors and said there are 88 properties for sale in Staples right now.

The audience also questioned

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Ojibwe view of Old Wadena shared

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Old Wadena, the site of a former trading post and the first town in this area, is now a county park and historical site. At the annual meeting of the Old Wadena Society, held April 8 at the Staples Depot, Don Wedll, former Commissioner of Education and Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, gave some history of how Old Wadena fit into the lives of Native Americans at the time of the settlers.

"Where the Crow Wing River enters the Mississippi River, it was an influential place" during the time of the settlers, said Wedll. In 1783, the crossing on the Crow Wing River was important for the trading route between Fort Gary, Winnipeg and St. Anthony Falls, Minneapolis. Wedll said a Frenchman built a trading post at the crossing and was called Ah-wish-to-yah, or blacksmith, by the Ojibwe.

The crossing was believed to be called "Wah-deena".

There was a Wadena Historical Society in 1902, and they tracked down the daughter of Augustus Aspinwell, a former trader at Old Wadena.

About 1902 Mr. Aspinwell wrote an account of his life and this included his trading post on the Crow Wing River. In 1856 he claimed a townsite 35

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Connections students show varied projects

Connections High School students had their project showcase night on April 10 at NJPA in Staples, with senior students presenting projects they have completed.

Top left, Kearra Mikel talks about medical procedures she has performed on cattle while giving her presentation on the veterinary technician field. Mikel said she plans to go into the field as a small animal practitioner and then move up to be a traveling vet with large animals.

Lower left, Shelby Brusewitz brought her horse Magic to the presentation, where she talked about her study on horse rescue and horse care. Brusewitz became involved with Ryon's Rescue Pen as part of her project.

Top right, Isaac Colsen talks about farming, ranching, and the ride-along he did with a livestock hauler. His project included the daily life of a farmer and trucker, livestock husbandry, breeding, equipment and sales.

Below right, falconer Colton Rau shows the hawk trap he fashioned out of a bicycle tire. He described the requirements to become a falconer, and said to catch his hawk, he put a hamster in the tire trap, put it on the ground when he saw a young hawk in the trees, and waited until the hawk got caught in the wires.

Connections is a project-based school within Staples-Motley High School.

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'Oklahoma!' back on school stage after 43 years



Oklahoma! cast takes a break

Several cast members of the Staples-Motley High School Music Department's recent production of "Oklahoma!" took a break outside Centennial Auditorium during a dress rehearsal. Front row: Nathan Thelen, music director. Row two, from left: Macy Judd, Madysen Hull, Izzy VanAlst, Jadyn Kincaid, Rose Han, Alex Brings, Torii Nienow, Connor Judd. Back: Sara

Oberlander, Jaydon Friedel, Kallee Abbas, Leony Broschek, Marie Brings (front), Cole Winkels (back), Alex McIlravy, Olivia Leslie, Alex Morlock (back), Johannah Picconatto (front), Kailyn Gelle, Abby Seamann (back), Anna Bloomquist, Trenton Plopper (back), Delaney Larson (front), Scout Strickland, Emmett Winkels, Sivert Klefsaas. (Submitted photo)

Centennial Auditorium in Staples was THE place to be last weekend, according to the hundreds of people who attended the high school musical, "Oklahoma!" sometime during its three-day run, and were still singing its praises long after the final curtain closed April 15.

The show was presented by the Staples-Motley High School Music Department. It was directed by Matthew R. Olsen; with music direction by Nathan Thelen and the pit orchestra directed by Jon Crust. Kevin Olsen was the technical director; and choreographers included Brian Sterricker and Matthew R. Olsen. Christopher R. Olsen provided the graphic design.

Cast and crew included: curly McLain, Jaydon Friedel; Laurey Williams, Macy Judd; Will Parker, Andrew Bates; Ado Annie, Bryn Williams; Aunt Eller, Sophie Roberts; Jud Fry, Scout Strickland; Ali Hakim, Sivert Klefsaas; Angela Carnes, Sara Oberlander; Dream Laurey, Kallee Abbas; Cord Elam, Trenton Plopper; Ike Skidmore, Emmitt Winkels; Slim, Cole Winkels; Gertie Cummings, Delaney Larson.

Ensemble: Anna Bloomquist, Alex Brings, Marie Brings, Leony Broschek, Kailyn Gelle, Rose Han, Madysen Hull, Connor Judd, Jaydn Kincaid, Olivia Leslie, Alex McIlravy, Alex Morlock, Torii Nienow, Johannah Picconatto, Abbygayle Seamann, Izzy VanAlst.

Pit orchestra: Piccolo/Flute, Morgan Swecker; Oboe, Cindy Koopmann; Oboe, Nathaniel Rodriguez; Clarinet I, Jeanne Rohr; Clarinet II, Molly Lindgren; Trumpet I, John Koopmann; Trumpet II, Paul Peterson; Trombone I, Dave Anderson; Trombone II, Joyce Anderson; Violin I, Natasha Brings, Emma Colsen; Violin II, Jiye Lee; Viola, Alex Davis, Valeria Lozano; Cello, Rachel Paskewitz; Keyboard, Sandy Paske; Percussion, Paul Papenfuss.

Dozens of other volunteers helped with set design and construction, costuming, set painting and sound and light board operation. A Western-themed dinner was held at the cafeteria prior to the Friday night performance and was a sold-out success.

It had been 43 years since the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical had been performed by the Cardinal musicians. Stan Carlson was the director for the 1975 show, which was staged at the high school gymnasium.

Carlson had produced several major Broadway musicals during his years teaching music at Staples High School, including "Fiddler on the Roof," "My Fair Lady" and "South Pacific." According to an April 9, 1992 Staples World article, "The shows stopped in the mid-1970s when lack of facilities proved too big a problem to overcome,"

Carlson said. "The addition of Centennial Auditorium to our community sparked a renewed interest in performing musical theater and brought about the current revival." As noted in the 1992 archive article, "Bye Bye Birdie" was the first musical to be performed at Centennial Auditorium and "marked the return to the world of major Broadway musical theater" by the Cardinal music department.

Since that time, the Staples-Motley High School Music Department has continued the tradition of producing a major musi-

cal every other year. Matthew R. Olsen, an alumnus of SMHS who went on to receive a masters of fine arts degree in theater, has returned to his alma mater to direct several shows.

"I have a great respect for Matt Olsen and Nathan Thelen," Carlson said of the directors. He went on to say how impressed he was of Olsen's willingness to come back to his alma mater and share his expertise. "I am humbled to witness what he can do," Carlson said.

Carlson said it was fun to see the recent production of "Oklahoma!" at Center-

nal. "It brought back a lot of memories," he went on, noting the talented group of students he worked with in 1975. He recalled the fine jobs that Chris Longbella and Pam Quance did playing the lead roles of Curly and Laurey. "They both had really fine voices."

There has always been a wealth of musical talent at the Staples-Motley schools, Carlson said. "We gave up doing musicals in 1977," Carlson shared, adding that it wasn't due to lack of talent. "The kids have always been great. But it got to the point where we were always hearing that people (in the audience) couldn't see, or people couldn't hear."

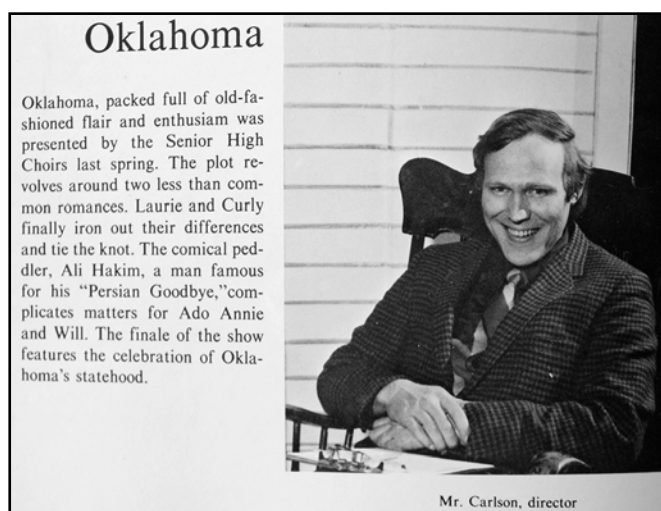
Thankfully, Centennial Auditorium became a reality and offered a space where the Cardinal musicians/actors could finally be heard. Musical theater once again had a home at Staples-Motley.

These musicals showcase the talents of numerous students each time they are performed and seem to leave the audiences humming showtunes for weeks

on end. If you listen carefully while out and about in Staples and Motley, you might just hear someone whistling, "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin'" or belting out a final chorus of "Oklahoma!" before leaving work for the day.

Because sometimes, as Olsen pointed out to the audience prior to the start of each show, the only way you can truly express what you are feeling is through a song. Thanks to Rodgers and Hammerstein, their musical theater debut of "Oklahoma!" in 1943 paved the way for modern musical theatre, allowing generations of actors and audience members alike to discover truth, feel emotion, and relate to their fellow humanity by way of lyrics and melodies.

When winter finally loosens its grip on Minnesota, what better way to express our united delight than to join together in a rousing chorus of, "Oh, what a beautiful morning. Oh, what a beautiful day. I've got a wonderful feeling, everything's going my way."



Flashback in time

Stan Carlson, longtime music instructor/director at Staples High School, produced the musical "Oklahoma" at the school in 1975. This photo of Carlson, along with others from the show, were featured in the 1976 Cardinal yearbook.



Choir to produce 'Oklahoma'

Rehearsal, 1970s-style

Cast members of the Staples High School musical rehearse a scene prior to the show's opening in April of 1975. Pictured in a Staples World archive photo are, from left, Dave Evans, as Ali Hakim; Chris Longbella, as Curly; Bruce Crocker, as Andrew Carnes; Jane Anglin, as Ado Annie Carnes; Pam Quance, as Laurey; Paula Radniecki, as Aunt Eller; Mike Hassler, as Jud Fry; Ray Denning, as Will Parker.

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Staples Police hear complaints on feral cats

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. include:

April 9: Staples Police received a report of several feral cats near the Staples Square Apartments. The management of the apartments was given a live trap.

April 9: Staples Police responded to Williams Floral for a report of damage to property. Four glass panes were broken out of a greenhouse, causing approximately 35 plants to freeze.

April 11: Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. and Staples Ambulance with a report of a vehicle off road with an unconscious man outside on the ground on Cty Rd 24 just west of Red Oak Rd. The man was transported to Lakewood Health System, it was confirmed he was a missing person from Webster, S.D.

April 12: Staples Police assisted a city resident who was intoxicated and wanted to go to detox.

April 13: Staples Police spoke with an individual on a dirt bike on the 100 block of Roosevelt St. SW.

The driver was advised that the dirt bike was not legal to operate on a public street.

April 15: Staples Police received a report of a juvenile who'd been assaulted by another juvenile. The incident is under investigation.

April 15: Staples Police responded to Subway of a report of a person sleeping there. The male was advised that he wasn't allowed to be sleeping there and was advised of his options of assistance if he needed. Police were later called back to have the subject removed. The subject was transported to Wadena.

April 15: Staples Police assisted Cass County with a individual out of control at a group home near Motley.

April 15: Staples Police received a complaint of an individual disseminating nude photos of another person without consent. The police are investigating situation and will be forwarding reports to the county attorney.

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Study shows economic impact of artists and arts organizations in region and statewide

Minnesota study reviewed 46 organizations in the region, 19 of them dedicated to performing arts, 12 to multipurpose arts and eight to history. Local organizations participating in the study included Colla Voce Choir, Hands of Hope Resource Center, Old Wadena Society, Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association, Central Minnesota Boys' Choir, Five Wings Arts Council, Lamplighter Community Theatre, Staples Area Men's Chorus, Staples Motley Area Arts Council and Staples Area Women's Chorus.

Compared to other Minnesota regions, the Five Wings region is ninth in population, but is third in creative worker density and fifth in creative worker hourly wage (\$18.46 per hour). However, this region is highest in artists with no health insurance (10%) and is tied for most artists with no retirement plans at 43 percent.

The study also released statewide numbers, showing the combined economic impact of nonprofit arts organizations, their audiences and artists is over \$2 billion annually. Also statewide, state and local government revenue from the arts sector exceeded \$222 million, including income and sales taxes.

All Creative Minnesota research is available for free at CreativeMN.org.



Training for arts groups

Arts management consultant Sharon Rodning Bash led the Five Wings Arts Council training "Success By Design" on April 10 at NJPA in Staples. Five Wings helps artists through training, education and grants. For this training, Bash helped artists develop organizational visions and societal context for their projects. "I like meeting the grant recipients here," said Bash, "this is a fun part of the state, with great organizations who want to make a difference in their community." (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



SMHS Section 6A speech champions

Staples-Motley Speech Team competed in the Section 6A Speech tournament held April 14 in Pillager, coming away with the championship title.

Front (lying down); Connor Judd and Iain Sams. First row: Andrew Bates, Alex Erickson, Delaney Larson, Johanna Picconatto, Torii Nienow. Back: Brian Sams (asst. coach), Heather Sams (head coach), Ma-

rie Brings, Cael Sams, Caden Mrazek, Olivia Leslie, Sadie Thompson, Kayla Yoder, Jens Klemm, Alex Brings, Caleb Picconatto, Jaydon Friedel, Samantha Mrazek, Lilly Niemi, Krystal Yoder, Ethan Gilbertson, Coleman Klimek (asst. coach), Jonah Johnson, Amber Deegan, Tammy Johnson (asst. coach). (Submitted photo)

SM Speech team wins Section 6A

The Staples-Motley Speech Team won the Section 6A tournament held April 14, in Pillager.

"We were the Section 6A Champions out of 17 teams," said Speech Coach Heather Sams. "Way to go team. A special congratulations to all of our section finalists and state bound participants."

Of the 24 team members, 16 qualified for finals, nine of them advancing to the state tournament.

The Staples-Motley team had two champions: Marie Brings, Great Speeches

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'State Speech send-off today, 3:35 p.m. SMHS'
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and Jens Klemm, Prose.

Placing second and also advancing to the state tournament were: Caden Mrazek, Humor, Samantha Mrazek, Original Oratory and Ethan Gilbertson and Jonah Johnson, Duo. Taking third, which also advances to state competition were: Andrew Bates



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Council reacts to state's move to take authority from cities

the use of Section 8 vouchers for low-income people, which Hemmesch said they would accept.

In other news the council

- Approved final reading of garage sale ordinance, which takes off the requirement of registering garage sales with the city.

- Approved a resolution supporting local decision-making authority. Nelsen said the League of Minnesota Cities has identified portions of bills in the Minnesota Legislature that they consider are taking authority from cities. "This is to put the state on notice that we don't want them taking authority from us," said Nelsen.

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Office desk	Christmas and Easter items	Horde collection	Nuts & bolts	Kid's toys
Microwave	Puzzles, games	Goblets	BBQ grill, large, char-broil	Paris toboggan
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Organ	Small crocks	Goblets	Long handled tools and hand tools
Fine china set, Fashion Royale (70's)	Christmas and Easter items	Kid's toys	Old air compressor
Nice	Puzzles, games	Nuts & bolts	Fishing items
Large and small dressers	Dolls (Indian girls)	Craftsman Eager-1 lawn & chipper mower	Simplicity snowblower, 24"
Some older furniture	Blankets and pillows	Records and cassettes	Antique grates, old
Bed sets	Fouton	Computers and typewriters	Lantern, old
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Letters to the Editor

Standing up for beliefs

I read with interest Eric Wallace's letter to the editor on March 29 and I regret I have not been able to respond until now.

To refresh memories, on March 14, approximately 60 students at Staples-Motley High School (SMHS) participated in the national walkout to protest gun violence, stirred by the Parkland, Fla., students and the mass shooting that happened at their school a month before. They stood silent for 17 minutes, honoring the 17 students who were killed, and carried a single sign stating "#Enough; Walking out for those who can't."

The Staples World published a short story about the event and Mike Schmidt (SMHS principal) publicly recognized the grace, courage and maturity the students showed.

In his letter Mr. Wallace asked if the students knew about the Second Amendment, current laws, mistakes that were made and attempted violence that was thwarted. As a parent of one of those students, I'd like to assure him, they do know.

They also know that they don't want to hear of any more mass shootings, at a school or anywhere else; they know that it's okay to disagree with each other, adults and our laws and that disagreement is not the same as disrespect; they know that not entirely agreeing with something does not mean you entirely disagree with it and that very few things in life are so black and white. They know that no law or procedure works perfectly every time and sometimes more than one bad thing happens at the same time.

Thanks to our teachers, school system and others in their lives, they know a lot of things. Perhaps most importantly, they know they have a voice, and another right guaranteed by the Constitution, to use that voice and to peaceably assemble. Thanks to Mr. Schmidt they also know that adults who are not

their parents also support them in that right. Thanks to the Staples World and freedom of the press (also in the Constitution) they know their voice will be heard.

At the end of his letter, Mr. Wallace took to task both Mr. Schmidt and the Staples World for "not talking to" the kids who did not walk out and alleged that by not doing so they were taking sides. I'd say by not doing so they were doing their job.

A small group of students took it upon themselves to organize something and do it. Doing what is expected of you, like staying in class, doesn't merit a special conversation and it certainly isn't news.

I'm proud of my daughter and her friends and classmates; I hope they continue to find the courage to stand up for what they believe in and the energy to work towards a better, safer world.

Susan Williams
Staples, Minn.

Talent and hard work

Is it the water? Is it the food? I don't know exactly, but something is going on in Staples Motley!

Time marches on and so do our lives. We think that things cannot stay the same forever.

But it seems they do. At least here at SMHS they do.

I saw "Oklahoma" Saturday night. I knew it would be good, because, well, "Oklahoma" is a great musical. I did not expect that each and every student would shine like they did!

SMHS has had many fabulous students in its history and it seems that it is not about to end any time soon. The kids who performed, worked behind the scenes, up in the lights and sound, and in the pit are golden.

I don't know how it keeps happening? Outstanding students keep coming up through the ranks and you wonder if

the well will ever go dry. It doesn't seem to.

What an absolute pleasure to see kids who used to come to Story Hour at the Stomping Grounds are now shining and performing in their own light. Thank you for blessing us with your hard work and dedication to this artform. Oh, that it could happen more than once every other year!

Thank you for continuing when you were tired and crabby and hungry. It paid off. You were all brilliant!

Retired teachers leave their positions and we think, "How are we going to replace that teacher or this teacher? They do such a great job! We'll be lost without them!" Nonsense!

Watching the musical last night and seeing the orchestra led by a very talented and young director; seeing the artistic director (who is young) wow us with set design, choreography, and directing; hearing the voices that the choir director (who looks like he is 14) directed; restores the confidence that we are leaving the students in the right hands!

It is so fantastic to see that our traditions and caliber will not change as the new and younger generation takes over the leading jobs. Teachers are replaced all the time and yet Staples Motley seems to keep getting outstanding ones. It is exciting to see the work they are doing with our youth.

Although not all of you newer teachers are in the performing arts, you still are so important to our future as society. I thank you for the hard work that you do and that will continue to come your way as your careers progress. Show us what you've got and we will show you all the support we can.

Lead on, young teachers!

Thank you, SMHS, for a fun evening of music and laughter. "Oh what a beautiful morning" is stuck in my head!

Pam Collins
Staples, Minn.

Central Lakes College Staples bringing back an old tradition

CLC has long been a vital part of the Staples community. While it wasn't always called CLC, the vocational training, now career and technical training, has always been a fundamental part of the region. In my nine months as the Dean of the Staples campus, I've heard wonderful stories from community members of the people and the programs that have been a part of the history here.

It's been a busy academic year for the campus. We saw an increase in our enrollment in several of our programs. Currently, we have second-year Robotics students doing internships within the region, across the state, and even one in Colorado. Second year Machine Tool Technology students are already out in the workforce, applying all that they've learned. Our Medical Assistant students are preparing to finish their coursework and begin internships this summer, while other programs have classes this summer.

Thaddeus McCamant, Specialty Crops Instructor, was the lead author on a new publication titled, "Perennial Fruit" through the Minnesota Institute of Sustainable Agriculture. Our Diesel Technician program sent five students to the statewide Skills USA competition in March, with two students placing in the top 10 among all state qualifiers.

Central
Lakes
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By Tara
Karels
Dean of
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and
Staples CTE

The Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance Program is impatiently waiting for the ground to thaw and just completed "Interview Day" on the West Campus, in which over 28 industry partners participated in preparing the students for job interviews. Our Practical Nursing students will celebrate their accomplishment with a traditional nurse-pinning ceremony on campus Tuesday, May 8.

And our entire student body will invite the community, family and friends to the on-campus college commencement Wednesday, May 9. This will be our second year, in recent history, in which we are bringing the graduation ceremonies back to campus, to keep with past traditions.

We're also bringing back another beloved community tradition: When our Staples campus opened its doors to the community for an afternoon of learning and connecting. We want to bring that tradition back with a focus on our values of "Innovation, Excellence, Inclusion, and Community."

On Sunday, April 29, join us from noon to 3 p.m. to visit the campus with your families and friends. There'll be tours, games, music and an opportunity to connect with each other.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Letters to the Editor

Logic questioned

Workforce housing?

To me, the information published in the Staples World article of April 5 is illogical. The guidelines actually prohibit a married couple who can actually be described as "in the workforce" from occupying the proposed apartments.

As the state minimum wage for large employers is \$9.65 per hour, full time employment at 2,080 hours per year amounts to \$20,072. A married couple, both working full time at minimum wage, would not qualify. A young teacher, single or married, would not qualify. A single person earning \$15 per hour does not qualify.

A married couple employed by a small employer at the minimum wage of \$7.87 per hour, full time, doesn't cut the mustard either.

Can this proposed project be described as workforce housing when generally the definition of workforce is full time employment? In my opinion, no.

This, as in many government programs with good intentions, self defeats itself by its own criteria. The end result is more government jobs which creates the need for more studies which seem to only produce the need for more non-profit organizations and government jobs.

It seems this methodology has been in existence for far too long in this area. This may well be one of the

driving forces in why Todd and Wadena counties are near the bottom in per capita income and near the top in the property tax rates.

Even in this area of the state, there are many help wanted ads and signs. The more programs and activities governments take part in, the more people are discouraged from pursuing gainful employment.

\$8.2 million price tag.

That is \$195,238 per unit, including the homeless units. Quite a few very livable homes for sale in the area for half that amount.

In 2014 an article in this paper was published referencing the real estate situation. If I recall correctly, realtors said one of the reasons it was difficult to sell a home in Staples was high taxes.

When tax gimmicks, such as increment financing are used, someone, somehow, somewhere, directly or indirectly, has to make up the difference.

Roger Dukowitz
Browerville, Minn.

Moral standards

For most of the history of the USA, more guns were available to purchase, with catalogues and magazines (1940's, 50's and 60's) full of gun advertisements for both youngsters and parents. It was common for a boy on his 12th or 14th birthday to received from his father a shiny .22 caliber rifle.

Why is it then, for most of our history (prominently my days in the 1950s, 50's and 70's and up to that time) there were virtually no violent gun killings in our schools. And there was no fear in our schools and communities that it would happen.

Today there are many more restrictions and laws, and less legal availability to get guns and there

is more violence. Have the guns changed? No! If guns haven't changed, then it must be that people have changed.

We must admit that laws and regulations alone won't make a civilized, law-abiding society. Society must first have good morality to become civilized. For over half a century standards for conduct have been under siege in our country. Moral absolutes have been replaced as guiding principles. They're taught not to be judgemental, that one set of lifestyles or values is as good as any other.

People aren't held accountable for their behavior. In the case of the Parkland shooting, the FBI, local police and sheriff.

Along with that came our ever-increasing "progressive" technologies that place video games, TV and movies with violence and immorality, pornography and confusion of truth into the hands of minors. Respect for life made a decisive downturn change in the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Mother Theresa, a Nobel Peace Prize recipient, is quoted saying "The fruit of abortion is nuclear war."

Drugs, medical and non-medical, have become common answers for depressed and troubled individuals, and sometimes promoted by the medical, pharmaceutical and governmental complex.

Until we regain good moral standards, problems of murder, mayhem and other forms of anti-social behavior will continue.

Judy Novotny
Motley, Minn.

Donations appreciated

The Staples Area Food Shelf Board would like to thank the Staples area community, churches, service clubs, businesses and residents for their generosity, kindness and support during our March Food Share Campaign. Over \$16,000 in cash and over 2,000 pounds of food items were donated and collected.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity will allow us to continue to provide food for those needing assistance.

Wishing you many blessings for your generosity and support.
Thank you, again.

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Frank and Amy Leidenfrost
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Reading Roundhouse

Evelyn Ohman shows the turtle she made at the Reading Roundhouse Storytime in the Staples Public Library April 11. There were fun stories, crafts and snacks provided by the Friends of the Library. Join us for our next storytime on May 9 at 10:30 a.m. Call the library at 218-894-1401 to register. (Submitted photo)

Appreciation event set for child care providers

The Staples-Motley Early Childhood Coalition is hosting an event to show appreciation for those who provide childcare in the area Tuesday, May 8, from 6-8:30 p.m. at NJPA, 202 12th St. NE, Staples. Registration is requested by April 30. Sharon Swenson, a Master Develop Trainer, will demonstrate how music can be a powerful teaching partner for development skills for children birth to five years old.

Free training on Child Care Aware will also be offered. A light meal will be available and door prizes will be awarded. Registration is free to the early childhood providers and educators of the Staples-Motley School District. Mail name, address, phone number and email to SMECC, PO Box 343, Staples, MN 56479; email smecc2008@gmail.com or call 218-894-2906.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples. Preliminary agenda items include:

- Hold public hearing for TIF 1-9 Staples Multi Family LLC which includes consider resolution approving the establishment of Tax Increment Financing District 1-9 – Staples Multi Family LLC and consider acceptance of terms for development agreement with Staples Multi Family LLC.
- Hold public hearing for TIF 1-10 Office which includes consider resolution approving the establishment of Tax Increment Financing District 1-10 – Office and consider acceptance of terms for development agreement with Dokken Real Estate LLC and G Enterprises, LLC.

- Consider purchase agreement for portions of two parcels located at the corner of Michigan and 12th Street.
- Consider request of Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce for street dance road closure on Aug. 25.
- Consider Knights of Columbus request for a raffle permit for Aug. 26 at Sacred Heart Area School
- Hear committee reports from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission which includes consider recommendation to approve preliminary plat for United Hospital Addition to Staples
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Tuesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center. Note date change. Agenda items include:

- Financial items including approval of capital outlay list, five-year lease for 41 SMART boards at \$2,976 per month and a resolution to apply for NJPA Innovation Funding..
- Personnel items including approval of QComp memorandum of understanding; assign-

ment of Chris Kappler as head football coach; increase contract time for Jackie Engebretson from half to full time; 2018-19 contract for Abelein Dunn, high school special education; 2018-19 one year contract for Alexis Smith, fifth grade teacher; resignation of Emily Hoeschen, high school FACS teacher; resignation of Onni Sharp Anderson; resignation of MacKenzie Holst, middle school paraprofessional; and permission to post for high school FACS, activities director/ high school physical education, first grade teacher (added position), summer school teachers and assistants for 2018 (special education and targeted services) and food service staff.

- Curriculum and policy items including approval of technology plan, various policies and the 2018-19 calendar revisions.

Other items include reports from the principals, superintendent, SMEA and school board committees.

Mark Your Calendar

April 24
CARE COMMUNITY MEAL
Tues., April 24, 4:30 - 6 p.m., St. Michael Catholic Church, 280 1st Ave. So, Motley. Free. For info, 218-352-6520 or 218-894-2296.

April 26
WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG
Thurs., April 26, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Tom Jacobs, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. "Fiesta" theme. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., dance follows. For info., 218-296-1641.

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Current Happenings

Afternoon Tea concert event with Anna Koopmann, Casey Smithley

Enjoy a variety of sweets and savories, while being serenaded by musicians Anna Koopmann and Casey Smithley on Sunday, April 29, 3 p.m., at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

The concert event, featuring harp and acoustic guitar, is sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council and underwritten by Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd.

Koopmann and Smithley are both alumni of Staples-Motley High School (SMHS) and have gone on to pursue music in their respective fields.



Anna Koopmann



Casey Smithley

Sharing harp, acoustic guitar

Anna Koopmann and Casey Smithley will perform at Timbers Event Center in Staples on Sunday, April 29, 3 p.m., as part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular series. The 'Afternoon Tea' event includes tea, coffee, sweets and savories, serenaded by harp and acoustic guitar (Submitted photos)

harp can convey so many different sounds and characters, which have changed in use through the instrument's history," she shared. Koopmann said her repertoire will begin with music written for early pedal harps in the 19th century; and then work through folk songs, dances and concert music from the British Isles to France, to a twist on some familiar 20th century Americana music.

Casey Smithley

Music has been a part of his life for as long as he can remember, Smithley said.

He grew up in Staples, where his mother's family (Blessing) is from. Smithley remembers spending time at his grandparents' house, singing oldies along with the jukebox in their basement as a young child. "I'm told I knew which buttons to push on the jukebox for whatever song I might want, though I wasn't tall enough to see which buttons I was pushing," Smithley said. When he was six, he started taking piano lessons from his uncle, Mike Blessing, and continued to have wonderful music education throughout his schooling at Staples-Motley, where he participated in choir and band.

After graduating from SMHS in

2009, Smithley went on to attend the University of St. Thomas where he earned a degree in philosophy; and then later a Juris Doctor degree from St. Thomas School of Law.

Smithley started playing guitar when he was in middle school, but stopped playing for awhile after high school. It was during undergraduate school that he discovered and was inspired by modern acoustic fingerstyle guitar players on YouTube, but said he found out fairly quickly that what they were doing was beyond his grasp. Several years later, Smithley decided to finally learn the odd techniques they were doing and once again picked up the guitar.

Since that time, Smithley has continued to hone his skills and in 2017, placed fourth at the Wilson Center Guitar Festival in Milwaukee, Wis., where he competed in the fingerstyle category. "What really drew me to this particular style of guitar is that not only are you aiming to play beautiful melodic lines as a solo instrumentalist, but you're also (at times) trying to recreate the entire band..." Smithley said. "That's really intriguing and inspiring to me and I enjoy the challenge."

Smithley and his wife Elizabeth make their home in Plymouth. They have two children, Sophia and Leo.

This will be the final concert in this year's regular arts council season. The summer concert series in Staples, held at Northern Pacific Park on Sunday evenings, begins July 8.

For more information, check out the arts council's website at www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Tickets for the Afternoon Tea concert event are available online at the arts council's website; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World, located at 224 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-894-1112.

National Register Historian to speak

Denis Gardner, National Register Historian at the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, will be the guest speaker at the Wadena County Historical Society's semi-annual meeting Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Pizza Ranch Wadena.

The National Register of Historic Places is the federal list of properties considered historically significant and worthy of preservation. The list in-

cludes properties significant in American history, culture, architecture, engineering

Denis P. Gardner, Minnesota's National Register Historian, will highlight the events that spurred the creation of the National Register. He'll explain the concepts that help determine eligibility for listing in this special inventory of places.

Gardner will talk about properties in our area of

the state including Wadena's Commercial Historic District, recently reviewed and considered potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Gardner will be available for questions and answers after the program.

Last fall, staff at the Minnesota Historic Preservation Office completed review of the final property evaluation documentation for the Wadena Commer-

cial Historic District. They said "based on the information provided, the district appears eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places."

They said that additional research may be required to complete a formal National Register nomination and that additional work would be needed to definitively determine boundaries of the historic district.

A review like this is still a cause for celebration. It completes a two year study of the historic buildings in Wadena's downtown commercial district by the Wadena County Historical Society, a project made possible in part by the people of Minnesota through a grant funded by an appropriation to the Minnesota Historical Society from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more information contact the Wadena County Historical Society at 603wchs@arvig.net or 218-631-9079.



Downtown Wadena

With three railroads and three trunk highways, Wadena rapidly became the distribution center for a large and rich territory. This photo from 1936 shows a view of Jefferson Street South from the corner of Colfax Avenue looking north on a vibrant business community. Most of the buildings in those pictures are still standing and remarkably intact. (Submitted photo)

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Todd County Historical Society receives press

The Todd County Historical Society Museum will receive an old press plus other Hart Press Memorabilia from LSC Communications.

The board was informed of the donation at their April 9 meeting.

Other items in the museum director's report included:

- She has been checking bids and lumber prices to replair the museum's fairgrounds building.
- Letters have been sent to all Todd County schools inviting the 4th graders to tour the museum.
- Letters have also been sent to all assisted living and senior centers to visit the museum.
- A get-well card has been sent to Agnes Marsh.
- Other business items in-

cluded:

- Approval to purchase new faucets for the meeting room sink.
- The plant sale will be May 18.
- The yearly audit has been completed.
- Information was passed out for several day trips.
- Jeff Lucas will be here July 7 and will be signing his book, "Images of Long Prairie."

The next meeting will be Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m.

Following the meeting, Alice Siegle read the chapter on chicken chores by Bob Artly, the author of "The Book of Chores as Remembered by a Former Kid."

Respectfully submitted
Alice Siegle



March and April birthdays

The Staples senior citizens celebrated March and April birthdays April 9, at the Staples Community Center. Above birthday celebrants are: Joyce Mohler, Sue Bergeron and Jan Pogreba. Not pictured: Martha Rach and Jerry Riewer (Submitted photo)

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Heidi and Douglas Tulenchik of Pine River, a baby boy, Thatcher Douglas weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on April 7, 2018.

Born to Courtney Carlson and Kory Hoheisel of Pierz, a baby boy, Liam Thomas weighing seven pounds on April 8, 2018.

Born to Amy and Daniel Cairns of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Adeline Lee weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on April 9, 2018.

Born to Sueann Ziturbur and LeRoy Shepherd of Pillager, a baby boy, Leiland Howard weighing eight pounds, nine ounces on April 9, 2018.

Born to Jennifer Meierding and Kevin Christensen of Pine River, a baby girl, Avery Melissa weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on April 9, 2018.

Born to Nicole and Ronny Ramirez of St. Cloud, a baby boy, Caden Ezequiel weighing six pounds, nine ounces on April 9, 2018.

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRICOUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

Born to Eliza and Joshua Hendershot of Verndale, a baby girl, Maddison Caroline weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on April 11, 2018. Welcomed home by Josie and Morgan. Grandparents are Larry and Mavis Johnson; Derald Hendershot and Beth Portz.

Born to Melissa and Alex Putikka of Staples, a baby boy Aro Nicholas Putikka weighing seven pounds, six ounces on April 11, 2018. Welcomed home by Aada. Grandparents are Les and Sharon Putikka and Cat and Brian Hanson.

Mystery visitor...

"... the bear are apparently awake and on the move. We woke up to find the bear had paid us a visit last night (April 11)," wrote Norma Gallati of Cushing who sent the picture showing the aftermath left in their yard from the mystery visitor. (Submitted photo)



Mary Lou Sigfrid

Mary Lou Sigfrid, 84, of Duluth, formerly of Minneapolis, died April 2, 2018, at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth.

Funeral services were held April 9, 2018, at the Lind Family Funeral Home in Alexandria.

Burial was at the Parkers Prairie Cemetery.

Mary Louise (Mary Lou) Sigfrid was born April 15, 1933, in Staples to Luke and Margaret Marden.

Mary Lou graduated from Staples High School in 1950, working in Minneapolis for a short time, before going to New York City to marry Earl Sigfrid in September 1951. Mary Lou and Earl moved from New York to Spokane, WA, Phoenix, AZ, Minneapolis and to Andover in 1965. Through the years, Mary Lou worked for General Mills, University of Minnesota, Trussbilt, Federal Cartridge, Hoffman Engineering, Mercy Hospital, Berkshire Nursing Home and Way of the Cross Church. She lived near, then with, her daughter, Diane and son-in-law, Steve in Minneapolis for 14 years then moved to Duluth.

Mary Lou is survived by one daughter, Diane (Steve) Dick; three sons, Daniel Sigfrid, Joel Sigfrid and Christopher Sigfrid; 18 grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Endres and Jeanette Warner.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years; seven brothers, James, Kenneth, Philip, Richard, Robert, John and George; four sisters, Lorraine, Maxine, Betty Ann and Joan; one grandson, and one great-granddaughter.

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Julia Mertens

Julia G. Mertens, 98, of Staples passed away January 21, 2018, at Central Todd County Care Center, Clarissa.

A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, April 21, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Staples with Father Joe Korf officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Interment will be held at a later date in Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Arrangements were with Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Julia Glen Bittner was born at home on July 18, 1919, in Staples to Charles M. and Pansy G. (Parrott) Bittner. She married Joseph Fred Mertens on July 27, 1939 in Staples where they made their home. Julia worked various places including production, child care and 11 years at Lakewood Health System Hospital, Staples in environmental services retiring at age 70. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends, gardening, flowers, canning, word and picture puzzles.

She is survived by three daughters, Carol Ford of Staples, Margery (Ken)



Armand Faber

Armand Albert Faber, 89, of Motley passed passed away April 9, 2018, after a courageous 2-1/2 year battle with cancer.

A private family memorial was held.

Arrangements were with the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Armand was born in Nashua, NH April 18, 1928 to Lucien and Georgianna (Hudon) Faber. He married Kristina (Tina) Makris. In 1971 the family moved to Motley where they farmed, raised hogs and began racing greyhound dogs. After retiring from Benson Optical in Staples where he worked for 17 years as a QC inspector, Armand raised, bred, trained and raced greyhounds for 25 years. Armand enjoyed organic gardening, beekeeping, carpentry, wine making, genealogy, digital photography and computer fluency at age 70. His family was his greatest joy and number one priority. As a young child he overcame polio, suffered several strokes in later years and later, cancer.

Armand is survived by his wife of 67 years; two daughters, Brenda Lee Faber and Lisa (Bryan) Muenchow; two sons, Micheal Faber (Diane Forsberg) and Daniel Faber (Pauline Salveson); grandson raised as his own, Daniel M. (Paige) Faber; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; five great great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and close family friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four older siblings, Yvonne, Lucienne, Gertrude and Leo and two grandsons, Joshua Micheal Faber and Isaiah Damon Judd.

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Haidle of Wyoming and Margaret (Kerry) West of Staples; nine grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; one sister, Mabel Taylor (97) of Elajon, CA; two sisters-in-law, Lois Mertens, Staples and Lorraine Mertens, Hibbing.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons, Robert J. Mertens and Charles E. Mertens, both of Staples; son-in-law, Keith R. Ford; granddaughter, Sarah R. Mertens; four brothers, Wesley, Charles, William and Albert, all of Staples; three sisters, Lillian Littrall, Tracy Schmitt of Staples and Viola Morison of Tacoma, WA.

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Delbert Horn

Delbert Horn, 85, of Hewitt, passed away unexpectedly April 8, 2018, at his home.

Memorial services were held April 13, at the New Life Church of God in Bertha with Pastor Ken Uhren presiding.

Military honors provided by Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Wadena.

Burial will be held at a later date in the Oak Valley Cemetery, Hewitt.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Bertha,

Delbert was born May 13, 1932, in Bartlett Township, to William and Agnes (Davidson) Horn. He grew up on the family farm.

He attended country school and graduated in 1950, from Wadena High School. He entered the U.S. Army in 1953, serving in the Korean War and was also stationed in France for a period of time. He was honorably discharged in December 1954. He married Patty Nadene Taylor on June 27, 1959 in Staples. They made their home in Verndale where he worked at the lumber yard. He moved his family to a farm outside of Hewitt, eventually purchasing his father's farm where he lived up until the time of



his passing. He enjoyed camping, horseback riding, working his farm, attending his children's and grandchildren's events and fishing. Delbert and Patty raised a number of other children among their own over the years.

He is survived by two sons, Scott and Richard (Lisa), both of Hewitt; one daughter, Angela (Eddie) Ybarra of Fargo, ND; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen (Roger) Leaderbrand and Ruthann Clasen; many nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one daughter, Del Rae Marie Horn; one son, Kevin William Horn; one brother, Henry and one sister, Donna Friese.

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John Gaylord

John A. Gaylord, 100, of Osakis, formerly of Wadena, passed away April 4, 2018, at the Lakeside Lodge Adult Foster Care, Osakis.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 21, at 3 p.m. at the Joyful Spirit United Methodist Church in Wadena with the Reverend Lee Kantonen officiating. Military honors provided by the Wadena VFW Post.

Inurnment will be next to his wife, Viola.

Arrangments are with Cardini-Pearson Funeral Home of Menahga,

John was born March 18, 1918, in Chicago, IL to Samuel and Phylliss Gaylord. He lived in Hudson, Ohio where he attended the Western Reserve Academy and the Miami University of Ohio. He moved to Jacksonville, FL where he worked building ships. In 1943, he joined the Merchant Marines, serving in The Mediterranean, The North Atlantic and The Sea of Japan during World War II. Following his honorable discharge, John moved to Minneapolis where he worked a long and successful career in sales for the Goodyear Tire Company. He married the love of his life, Viola Frisbie on March 5, 1952. They moved to Wadena in 1972, where he resided until 2013, when he moved to the Lakeside Lodge Adult Foster Care near Osakis. John was a fan of Minnesota Twins baseball, enjoyed playing golf, collecting stamps, playing chess,

reading and working crossword puzzles. Above all, his family came first.

John is survived by one daughter, Ellen (Nolan) Bacon of Wadena; one sister, Phylliss; two brothers, Sam (Paula) and Richard, both of Florida; six grandchildren, Brett (Marybeth) Bacon, Lee (Gretchen) Bacon, Dana (Michelle) Bacon, Travis (Kerry) Bacon and Nola Schultz; brother-in-law, Lyle Bushsinger; sisters-in-law, Lorraine and Joyce Loween; 13 great-grandchildren; 14 great great-grandchildren; care givers, Diane, Don and family and Marge as well as many nieces and nephews.

John was preceded in death by his wife; parents; in-laws Olaf and Delile Loween; two sisters, Jean and Rosemary; one grandson, one great-granddaughter; four brothers-in-law: Harold and Kenny Loween, Jim Thaggard, Jack Alstott; sister-in-law, Fern Bushinger; two nephews, and one grandnephew.

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Eugene Hanson

Eugene Sidney "Bud" Hanson, 90, North Branch, formerly of Circle Pines, passed away April 8, 2018 in North Branch.

Funeral Services were held April 14 at the Mueller-Bies Funeral Home, Lino Lakes.

Interment was at St. Joseph's Church Cemetery in Lino Lakes.

Arrangements were by Mueller-Bies Funeral Home, Lino Lakes.

He was born November 16, 1927, in Leader to Arthur and Mabel (Denning) Hanson. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He owned and operated the Dairy Queen in Lexington/Circle Pines, Bud's Café and was a real estate investor.

Eugene is survived by his wife, Carol; three daughters, Sharon (Dennis) Dahl, Angela Hens-



ley, and Darla (Brock) Cunio; one son, Brian Hanson; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; one brother, Walter (Deanna) Hanson and neices and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Darlene; Buck; and siblings Carol, Jeanette and Ollie.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to donor's own choice.

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 20, 2018 MINUTES

Public Comment
Janna Floerke, Bob Floerke, Ron Hengemuhle, Nancy Taft and Mike Wiener addressed their concerns to the County Board in regards to concerns related to the Byler CUP request for a proposed greenhouse.

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 20th day of March, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Neumann. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

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

Consent Agenda
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl,

the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2018 as presented.

To approve a one year Dance License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

To approve a one year Off Sale and On Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License and Setup License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc dba Diamond Point Supper Club/Lounge at the address of 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License

for The Hub Supper Club LLC at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019.

EXCLUDED BINGO PERMIT – TODD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for an Excluded Bingo Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Excluded Bingo Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging to hold bingo at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on April 8, 2018.

To approve the Partridge Creek Blinds & More 2018 tobacco license application.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 48417 through 48532 in the amount of \$132,447.22.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 513605 through 513688 in the amount of \$138,209.39 and warrants number 702362 through 702372 in the amount of \$76,579.35.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the Sales Order Agreement from Election Systems and Software for the 2018 election equipment purchases outlined by the Todd County Election Equipment Plan of the DS200 Tabulation System in the amount of \$179,018.47.

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

RESOLUTION FOR A PUBLIC LAND AUCTION OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS IN TODD COUNTY
WHEREAS: Tax-Forfeited Parcels in Todd County have been reappraised and classified as provided by M.S. 282.01, and will be offered for sale by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at a public auction.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve said land auction to commence at 2:00 p.m. on the 13th day of April, 2018. The Todd County Auditor/Treasurer is hereby directed to publish a notice of the upcoming land auction as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

All property is sold for cash or check only, no payment plans will be offered and full payment issue on the date of sale.

A charge of \$25 will be made for each State Deed issued.

A charge of \$46 will be made to record the State Deed.

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected. (0.0033 x purchase price or minimum of \$1.65)

A \$50 fee for well certificate, if applicable, will be collected.

A Tax Forfeiture Administration fee of \$250

will be collected.

A three percent (3%) Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per M. S. 284.28, Subd. 8).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tax-Forfeited Parcels will be offered for sale subject to liens, existing roads, easements and leases, if any, and any special assessments canceled at forfeiture may be reassessed by the municipalities after the sale.

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

RESOLUTION FOR A PRIVATE SALE OF A TAX FORFEITED PARCEL IN LONG PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Parcel 18-0025403 described as Sect 20 TWP 129 Rang 33 - Service Road that is 40ft in Width & Comm at TWP Rd on S line of SE4 SW4 & Runs N'rly along W edge of Row of HWY 71 316.5 ft. .30 acres, has forfeited to the State for nonpayment of taxes. This Private Sale is to achieve the best use of Tax Forfeited parcel by adding it to its adjoining parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Private Sale will be finalized by April 6, 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

All property is sold for cash only, full payment is due on the date of sale;

A charge of \$250 will be made for County Administrative Fee;

A charge of \$25 will be made for each State Deed issued;

A charge of \$46 will be made to record the State Deed;

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected (0.0033 x purchase price); and a three percent (3%) Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per Minnesota Statutes 284.28, Subd. 8).

Only persons allowed to bid are adjacent owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right is reserved by Todd County, in the interest of the public, to cancel this sale at any time prior to its sale.

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

RESOLUTION FOR AN ADJACENT OWNER SALE OF TAX FORFEITED PARCELS

WHEREAS, Parcels 19-0045600, 19-0045601, 19-0043800 and 36-0064300 have forfeited to the State for nonpayment of taxes. This Adjacent Owner Sale is to clean up small sections of Tax Forfeited parcels and to achieve the best use of Tax Forfeited parcels by adding it to its adjoining parcel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said Sale is for adjacent owners only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the terms of sale are as follows:

All property is sold for cash only, full payment is due on the date of sale;

A charge of \$25 will be made for each State Deed issued;

A charge of \$46 will be made to record the State Deed;

State Deed Tax on the amount of purchase will be collected (0.0033 x purchase price); and a three percent (3%) Assurance Fund charge will be made (as per Minnesota Statutes 284.28, Subd. 8).

Only persons allowed to bid are adjacent owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the right is reserved by Todd County, in the interest of the public, to cancel this sale at any time prior to its sale.

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

RESOLUTION OF TODD COUNTY
WHEREAS, The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs is again conducting the County Vet-

erans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant and;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Veteran Service Office is eligible for the County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Todd County MN Board, that the County enter into the (attached) **Grant Contract** with the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) to conduct the following Program: **County Veterans Service Office Operational Enhancement Grant Program**. The grant must be used to provide outreach to the county's veterans; to assist in the reintegration of combat veterans into society; to collaborate with other social service agencies, educational institutions, and other community organizations for the purposes of enhancing services offered to veterans; to reduce homelessness among veterans; and to enhance the operations of the county veterans service office, as specified in Minnesota Laws 2015 Chapter 77, Article 1, Section 37, Subdivision 2. This Grant should not be used to supplant or replace other funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Todd County Board, that Pete Berscheid, the Todd County Veteran Service Officer, be authorized to execute the attached Grant Contract for the above-mentioned Program on behalf of the County.

Sheriff's Office

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

2018 BOAT AND WATER GRANT

WHEREAS, Todd County Sheriff Don Asmus has submitted the 2018 Boat and Water Safety Grant to the Todd County Board of Commissioners, and;

WHEREAS, in the Boat and Water Safety Grant it awards the amount of \$6,645 to Todd County to carry out Minnesota's Boat and Water Safety Rules.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners accept the 2018 Boat and Water Safety Grant authorize Sheriff Don Asmus to carry out the conditions of the grant.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP to operate a sawmill on PID 01-0031701 with one condition specified by Planning Commission.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Kircher and Neumann against: To grant the CUP request on Parcel #17-0001101 with four conditions established for the case.

Administration

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COORDINATOR HATCH TO CONDUCT BUSINESS AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FOR ROCK WALL CONDITION ASSESSMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the historic Courthouse is registered on the national historic register, and;

WHEREAS, the Courthouse has a rock wall and;

WHEREAS, the rock wall has fallen into disrepair and a condition assessment conducted by an architect is required in order to apply for grant funds which may help to repair the wall and;

WHEREAS, there is a small grant fund for projects valued at \$10,000 or less which may be used to help defer the costs of the condition assessment and;

WHEREAS, in order to apply for the small grant an organization must authorize someone to conduct

business and accept the grant funding on behalf of the organization;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Coordinator Hatch is duly authorized to conduct business and accept grant funding for the small grant application to potentially offset the costs of the rock wall condition assessment.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Advisory Committee Application.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Coordinator/Solid Waste Director position description and hire Coordinator Hatch for the Position.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on current projects including tax statement preparations, upcoming audit preparations, finance committee meetings, upcoming annual township meeting, and the MACO 2018 Legislative platform.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

A video recording was presented for Commissioner Kircher in receiving the Tri County Community Action Partnership Award for a lifetime of service to the community.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including current recruitments, upcoming training exercises and the upcoming CentraCare day at the Capitol.

Adjourn
On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the meeting was adjourned for the month of March, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BIG STONE THERAPIES, INC.	\$3,241.22
CARGILL SALT DIV	7,083.66
CHAMBERLAIN OIL CO.	2,146.15
ESRI	11,800.00
H & L MESABI	5,796.45
H & R CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	4,708.12
MORRIS ELECTRONICS	2,193.12
NORTHERN STAR COOP	2,286.76
ONSOLVE, LLC	8,450.00
RANGER CHEVROLET	22,647.59
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET	2,046.36
US POSTAL SERVICE	5,595.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	6,060.56
WIEGERS/SHARON	15,265.28
102 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	33,126.95
Total	\$132,447.22

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
DHS - SWIFT	56,496.49
RURAL MN CEP INC	18,662.44
9 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	1,420.42
Total	\$76,579.35

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#14524	\$2,638.44
ANU FAMILY SERVICES INC	14,759.70
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	6,397.16
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	3,232.15
#1911	2,511.04
#12512	2,699.30
#14655	2,989.84
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS	17,104.11
LITTLE SAND GROUP HOME	3,135.30
LUNSER/ROBERT	2,243.77
#10746	3,441.48
NORTH PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR INC	7,940.50
PETRANGELO MS Ed	
D/GEORGE J	2,512.50
#15286	3,830.66
VILLAGE RANCH INC	17,478.03
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	3,479.17
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	41,816.24
Total	\$138,209.39

On a motion by Becker and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 20, 2018 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 3, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal:

Randy Neumann,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

NOTICE MOTLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Motley Public Cemetery Association will hold it's annual meeting on Monday, April 30 at 6 p.m. at BRICKS Travel Center, Hwy 10, Motley.
Open to the public.

Greg Frisk, Secretary
Motley Public Cemetery
Association

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TODD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 215 1st Ave. South, Suite 103 Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 First Ave. South, Long Prairie to consider the following applications.

1. **Paul Theisen Zoning Amendment:** NE4 of SE4 of Sec 27 in Birchdale Township

Site Address: 10323 County 19, PID: 03-0025200, Part of PID: 03-0025201, Part of PID: 03-0025202.

Request to change the zoning district of this GOV 40 from R10 zoning to AF1 zoning for animal agriculture use purposes.

2. **Review of CUP for Troy Larson:** Sec 10 Twp 130 Range 32 SW4 of Sec 10 of Little Elk Township. Site Address: 31356 315th Ave, Browerville MN 56438

Review of conditions for the Conditional Use Permit and consideration of amending or revoking the Conditional Use Permit to operate a trucking business with up to six semi tractors in or near the maintenance shop.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on these matters.

Todd County Planning
Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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NOTICE MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP ROAD REVIEW

Meadowbrook Township Supervisors will hold the annual road review of township roads on Friday, April 27, 2018. They will meet and leave from the Leader Community Hall at 9:00 a.m.

The public is welcome to attend.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township

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NOTICE CITY OF STAPLES ORDINANCE NO. 518 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 496 PERTAINING TO GARAGE SALES

THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

AN ORDINANCE to amend Ordinance 496 an Ordinance amending the Staples Zoning Ordinance 460 Establishing Garage Sale Regulations

AMENDMENT Article II. 722.01 (F) is hereby deleted:

722.01 (F) A garage sale must be registered with the City before it may occur.

APPROVED:
/s/Chris Etlzer, Mayor
ATTEST:
/s/Diane Archer, City

First Reading:
March 27, 2018
Second Reading:
April 10, 2018
Adoption:
April 10, 2018
Published:
April 19, 2018

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S., Browerville, MN 56438.

Kim Wallace
Executive Director

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OLD WADENA continued from page 1a

Native American view on Old Wadena history

miles above the Crow Wing Agency. This was the crossing of the Crow Wing River by Red River Oxcart He states that he named the site “Wadena.” He hoped the railroad would use this route, but when the railroad went three miles south, the site was eventually abandoned.

Wedll gave some history on Ojibwe meaning of “Wadena.” Historians did not agree on the exact meaning of the name, whether it meant hill or valley. Rev. J. A. Gilfinlan referenced Wadena to mean “little round hill” but Prof. N. H. Winchell referenced it to mean “sloping hill.” Wedll said there is an early Ojibwe story of a man named Wadena, the son of Nayquonabe. One story tells of Wadena having a battle with the Dakota tribe.

The name for Old Wadena may have come from “Little Round Hill”, a site at the park where the traders helped the Ojibwe fight off some Dakota warriors.

Wadena has continued to be a name that resonates in the Ojibwe community. Wedll said there was a Wadena family that lived at Mille Lacs, and some of the family moved to White Earth. A man called Chief Wadena stayed at Mille Lacs and was a leader in protecting the reservation. Me gee see Wadena (Eagle of the Valley) was one of his sons. There are still people with the family name of Wadena at White Earth and Mille Lacs, however, it is hard to trace them back to this area because names are not always hereditary in the Ojibwe culture, they are sometimes assigned or earned instead.

Role of treaties

The land south of the Crow Wing River was purchased by settlers in 1847, and within a few years



Minnesota treaties

Don Wedll points to a treaty map showing different areas sold to settlers by the Native Americans in Minnesota. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

nearly all of Minnesota was purchased through treaties.

Reservations were set up at Gull Lake, Crosby, Sandy Lake, Grand Rapids and Mille Lacs.

Land payments were made in gold, which in turn brought people in to sell items in exchange for the gold. Wedll said some was negative sales, like liquor, but other trades were for commercial goods and food.

During the Civil War, the government payments switched to paper money, which is one of the main causes of the Dakota Conflict in southern Minnesota.

Wedll said some of the traders wouldn’t take paper money, as they weren’t sure the government could pay it back because of the war. They put pressure on the reservations to stop taking the paper money.

In southern Minnesota, Little Crow started a war against the settlers, which eventually led to the largest mass hanging in U.S. history.

Wedll said the Ojibwe were in the same situation, and one of their leaders, Hole-in-the-Day, decided to do a smiliar thing. He was mad about the taking of

young men to fight in the Civil War, also the corruption in annuity payments, and there was influence from outside sources to join the Dakota’s uprising.

Ojibwe warriors took prisoners of Federal Government employees and settlers from Ottertail Lake to Leech Lake area, and held them at Gull Lake

George Sweet of Sauk Rapids negotiated with Hole-in-the-Day to release the prisoners. One complication that may have averted the crisis was the Mille Lacs Ojibwe refused to join Hole-in-the-Day.

Hole-in-the-Day sent runners to the Mille Lacs Ojibwe, but Mille Lacs leadership refused to join Hole-in-the-Day and committed to protecting Commissioner Dole of the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Little Falls

The stand-off ended Sept. 10, 1862.

After that, the federal government called for a new treaty. The treaty created the status of Mille Lacs that they are not to be removed, but several reservations, including those at Gull Lake, Rabbit Lake, Crosby and Sandy Lake, were broken up and the people were forced to move to White Earth.

Vocal/instrumental students advance to section-state contest

Staples-Motley students performed at sub-section solo and ensemble contests held in April.

Students who earned Superior Ratings advance to the section-state solo and ensemble contest, Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Staples-Motley High School. The contest is free and open to the public.

The **Vocal Solo/Ensemble Contest:** held April 11 at Bertha-Hewitt Public School.

Staples-Motley High School students earning Superior Ratings included: Nathaniell Rodrigues, Scout Strickland, Max Strickland, Rachel Paskewitz, Julia Trantina, Izzy VanAlst, Johannah Picconatto, Jack Tyrrell, Ryan Wick, Natasha Brings, Sophie Roberts, Sara Oberlander, Jiye Lee, Cole Winkels, Emmitt Winkels, Jaydn Kincaid, Abby Brown, Madysen Hull, Sivert Klefsaas, Alex Brings, Alex Morlock, Alex Vernon, Rose Han, Tabetha Allen, Torii Nienow, Kayla Yoder, Jens Klemm, Alex McIlravy, Shaine Gugenberger, Blayne Dumprope, Macy Judd, Delaney Larson, Lula Robinson, Bryn Williams, Natasha Brings, Brenna Johnson, Ryan Roberts, Andrew Bates, Jack Adameitz, Trenton Plopper, Abby Seamann, Val Lozano, Kallee Abbas, Anna Bloomquist

The **Instrumental Solo/Ensemble Contest:** April 4, in Pequot Lakes.

Band students who earning superior ratings at sub-section solo and ensemble contest included: Marie Brings, Natasha Brings, Leony Broschek, Isaac C., Alex Erickson, Jaydon Friedel, Aidan Jaeger,



Orchestra ensemble

Staples-Motley orchestra students Natasha Brings, Macy Judd, Trenton Plopper, Rachel Paskewitz and Nathaniell Rodrigues perform their contest piece for the judges April 11. (Submitted photo)

Macy Judd, Thomas Koval, Delaney Larson, Molly Lindgren, Amber Longworth, Val Lozano, Ashley Mitchell, Stephanie Mitchell, Cole Nieters, Ben Olander, Rachel Paskewitz, Paul Peterson, Trenton Plopper, Lula Robinson, Nathaniell Rodrigues, Alex Rosenthal, Brandon Rubink, Scout Strickland, Alana Sullivan, Morgan Swecker, Josh Trantina, Nathan Trantina, Jack Tyrrell, Izzy VanAlst, Ryan Wick, Emmitt Winkels, Kayla Yoder

Orchestra:

Jeffrey Allen, Tabetha Allen, Morgan Becker, Anna Bloomquist, Chandler Braith, Aubrey Brandt, Alex Brings, Natasha Brings, Abby Brown, Rebecca Brown, Cadee Carlson, Emma Colsen, Alex Davis, Nita DeWald, Aleecia Fall, Emma Gerard, Evelyn Gonzalez, Rose Han, Madysen Hull, Jonah Johnson, Macy Judd, Gage Kieffer, Jadyn Kincaid, Delaney Larson, Cecilia Lee, Oliver Lund, Alex McIlravy, Torii Nienow, Lizzy Noble, Rachel Paskewitz, Trenton Plopper, Cassidy Radueg, Iain Sams, Jakob Stangle, Shayliegh Sumey. These students did not qualify to advance to section or state competition.

Sams, Abby Seasmann, Jakob Stangle, Shayliegh Sumey, Wiliam Thew, Lexi Tweeter, James Vold

Students who competed and received **Excellent Rating** included:

Choir: Morgan Swecker, Trevor Rudenick, Marie Brings

Band: Kallee Abbas, Emma C., Mikayla Williams, Morgan Swecker

Orchestra: Jeffrey Allen, Cassidy Barthel, Ashley Black, Aubrey Brandt, Marie Brings, Abby Brown, Cadee Carlson, Anna Carter, Alex Davis, Nita Dewald, Andria Dolezal, Morgan Dolezal, Aleecia Fall, Emma Gerard, Evelyn Gonzalez, Brooklyn Huisenga, Madysen Hull, Jonah Johnson, Gage Kieffer, Delaney Larson, Val Lozano, Natasha Lyman, Stephanie Mitchell, Rachel Paskewitz, Trenton Plopper, Cassidy Radueg, Iain Sams, Jakob Stangle, Shayliegh Sumey. These students did not qualify to advance to section or state competition.

Some students participated in several events.

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Launch

Left, Heidi Lombard prepares to land in the long jump, above, Chase Davis takes off in the high jump.

Track and field working on being competitive for outdoor season

The Staples-Motley track and field teams took part in the Bemidji State Beaver Relays on April 12, competing against 35 other schools. The Cardinals had two first place finishers, Max Giza in the pole vault and Emmet Anderson in the 3,200.

Coach Cory Asfeld said the team is still a work in progress. "With the less than ideal spring we have been having we have actually been using the indoor meets as like a practice where we can try different events and practice hand-offs and steps, etc.," said Asfeld.

He said field events and hurdles have not gotten enough attention because they have been indoors.

"These early meets also give us an indicator of where we are at in our training and what we need to work on or work harder on before we get into the outdoor season and the championship meets towards the end of May," said Asfeld.

Coach Bruce Fuhrman said the team is working on building some good relay teams. "The relays have been a good opportunity for coaches to visual-

ize where we could be placing our athletes in future events when we get on the outside track."

The indoor meets are giving athletes outside competition and also intersquad competition. "We need some competition within our team to prepare us for important meets in May," said Fuhrman.

Team results

Bemidji State Beaver Relays

Girls results

60 meters - 34. Larken Hirschev 9.01, 47 Heidi Lombard 9.18, 58. Jenna Dvorak 9.33

200 - 28. Aften Robinson 30.17, 46. Dvorak 31.17, 48. Kearra Mikel 31.26, 49. Jayce Kobliska 31.45, 74. Aleeah Halverson 32.61

400 - 31. Abby Dukowitz 1:11, 53. Camryn Banaka 1:14, 83. Libby O'Neil 1:20

800 - 72. Julia Trantina 3:15, 77. Abby Brown 3:20

1,600 - 12. Addison Lorber 6:04

3,200 - 6. Ashley Robben 13:29, 29. Brown 15:48

60 hurdles - 59. Kobliska 12.64, 65. Isabelle Mikel 13.03

4x200 - 19. Hirschev, Lombard, Ashley Vasquez, K. Mikel 2:01

4x400 - 13. Banaka, I. Mikel, Lorber, Dukowitz 4:53

4x800 - 10. Robinson, Robben, Vasquez, Lorber 11:20

High jump - 47. Halverson

4'00

Long jump - 44. Hirschev 12'8"45. Lombard 12'8", 67. Robinson 11'1"

Triple jump - 40. Kobliska 26'4", 53. O'Neil 23'2"

Shot put - 25. Tabetha Allen 27'7", Lexi Tweeter 20'9", 70. Trantina 20'4"

Boys results

60 - 17. Jordan Carlson 7.66, 38. Zac Carlson 7.99, 62. Corey Hanson 8.34

200 - 14. J. Carlson 24.99, 21. Chase Davis 25.31

400 - 53. Matthew Fisher 1:01, 58. Javier Fernandez 1:02, 89. Cole Nieters 1:17

800 - 25. Fisher 2:24, 56. Evan Nanik 2:38

1,600 - 31. Ben Bartczak 5:26, 35. Hunter Klimek 5:29, 41. Isaac Christoffersen 5:38

3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 10:21, 6. Tanner Robben 11:02, 24. Christoffersen 12:07

60 hurdles - 2. Max Giza 8.37, 41. Sam Jennissen 12.60

4x200 - 6. J. Carlson, Davis, Z. Carlson, Giza 1:40

4x400 - 20. Hanson, Neiters, Fernandez, Nanik 4:40

4x800 - 16. Anderson, Bartczak, Klimek, Robben 9:54

High jump - 13. Davis 5'6", 40. Fernandez 5'0"

Long jump - 67. Nanik 14'4", 80. Hanson 12'9", 86. Nieters 11'5"

Triple jump - 25. Fernandez 34'3", Fisher 32'11", Nanik 28'7"

Pole vault - 1. Giza 13'0", 35. Jennissen 7'0"

Shot put - 81. Isaac Kronenberg 25'1"

Softball team building through indoor practice

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley softball team is itching to get outside. The team has already spent more than a month practicing indoors and multiple games have been cancelled.

"I hate it, I can't wait until the snow goes away," said senior Emma Gerard.

But with a new coach and new players to teach, the team has been trying to liven up the practices. "We have held indoor scrimmages, changed things up and tried new drills," said Coach Jamie Johnson.

Johnson moved to the area two years ago and was the JV coach; he decided to take over the head coaching position when it became vacant this year.

"It was an opportunity to coach again, put my finger on the program and get it headed in the right direction," said Johnson.

He has coached at Rochester Mayo and Rochester Lourdes, where his sister was a star pitcher, and he wanted to get back into the sport. He developed his love of the game through the men's fastpitch softball leagues in southern Minnesota.

Even with six seniors, Johnson said the team will be considered young and inexperienced. But he said the numbers are good, with 25 girls on the varsity and JV roster, plus another big group playing junior high softball.

Johnson said the team's



Slugging seniors

Staples-Motley senior softball players, front row from left, Emma Colsen and Evelyn O'Dell; back row, Allison Cushing, Haley Dietman and Emma Gerard. Not pictured, Stephanie Mitchell. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

only expectation is to "come in and work hard."

For the new kids who haven't played much softball, "We are giving them so much to work on, it's like drinking from a fire

hydrant," said Johnson. But he is confident they will get much of it down as the season progresses.

As the players keep

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Taking over the softball program

Staples-Motley softball coaching staff, from left, head coach Jamie Johnson, with assistants Lonna Dille, Ben Bestland and Shari Schultz. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Faster, farther, higher

Above left, Kearra Mikel in the 4x200 relay; above right, Isaac Kronenberg in the shot put; below, Sam Jennissen in the pole vault.

Hérons are fishing before ice-out

This past weekend just ending, dished out more than a little disappointment to Minnesotans, from one end of the state to the other. Friday night and Saturday the news "ticker tape" that runs along the bottom of the TV screen announced a seemingly endless stream of cancelled or postponed events. High schools, ACT college entrance tests, church services, spring running events, flights at airports, were just some of the many victims of the almost historic April blizzard. The message announcing cancellation of a March for Science at the state Capitol expressed a common sentiment in the pouty explanation: "...due to the never-ending winter."

Unlike humans, Nature will not be held back, despite the survival risk a prolonged winter poses to early returning migrants and creatures coming out of dormancy, all programmed for the mission of reproducing their kind. By our logic, migratory songbirds, waterfowl, hawks and others would re-

turn northward at a more leisurely pace, lingering where temperatures are warm, lakes are open, rivers flowing and the ground bare. Sometime in May would seem about right, if it were us.

But there is survival advantage for wild offspring – whether migratory or not – having maximum time for growth and strength building before autumn arrives and they face the rigors of migration, or have to weather a Minnesota winter. Maximum growth means early breeding, and therefore many wild creatures that live and breed in Minnesota play Russian roulette with the weather.

Just a day before the storm's arrival, I was surveying the still-frozen lake where my wife's family has had a cabin for more than three decades. At this time of year there are few really large birds in the neighborhood, so I was not expecting to see the familiar flight silhouette and laboring wingbeats that I'd not seen since ice-up in late fall.

I did a double-take to assure myself that I really was seeing a great blue heron on winging its way westward down the shore. A heron's flight and carriage of body in the air are so distinctive that I was virtually certain. But as if to prove the point, another heron flew parallel to shore in the opposite direction; closer, at a distance that removed

all doubt.

I know little about the homing of herons in particular, though it's routine for migratory birds of many kinds to return to where they were born when it's time to breed. Of course, these could have been older adults, too; herons commonly live to 12 or 15 years, occasionally 20. As for the timing of their return, it was probably not based on the fact that last spring fishing boats were bobbing on open water on our lake before April Fool's Day. Not so this year. Angle of sunlight and length of day – not memory – are the primary migration triggers.

So what's a heron to do if it arrives at a breeding territory to find a lake like ours still looking as iced-over as it did in February? Though many herons nest in tree-top colonies, called rookeries, most of their food comes from the water, or the margins of it. The classic image of a heron is near-motionless stealth, long, stilt-like legs, and a dagger-like bill that strikes at almost invisible speed to spear its prey.

Fish, frogs, snakes, insects, and the occasional small bird or rodent find their way down that long, curved neck. At this time of year herons are drawn to places where current or springs erode open areas in the ice, where the aquatic items in its diet will first be found. Streams and riv-

ers are obvious places. But many lakes have areas of subtly moving water that have the same ice-thawing effect. Shorelines where water meets land are warmed by the sun's radiant energy, and narrow bands of open water form in the early stage of a lake shedding its ice. Starting now, anyplace you find a patch of open water you might find a heron.

I've gotten used to seeing robins arrive in March, and – until earthworms are available – subsist on such foods as the shriveled fruits of tiny ornamental crabapples our trees bear each year and hold through the winter. Robins sometimes stay year-round, so no big deal. Likewise the mourning doves, whose sad notes I've been hearing for several weeks now. They're seed eaters, so if they can't find wild seeds on the vegetation in your neighborhood, they'll probably make up the calorie deficit at local bird feeders.

But the heron's appearance seems somehow out of synch when winter has barely begun to loosen its grip, and ice-out remains perhaps weeks away. Certainly they're an example of the "early bird" in that old familiar saying, even though they probably arrive with little interest in getting "the worm." They're a welcome sign of spring at a time when we could all use a little reassurance.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn



Finally, enjoy the experience. The greatest part of this wonderful tradition is time spent with family and friends. Have a great time, make memories and remember the catching is the bonus part of the day.

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Dietman said the only goal she has set is "making our senior season well worth it."

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Middle school students learn about wolves



Learning about wolves

"Wolves at our Door," a program led by Cassiopeia (Cassi) Camara, Outreach Educator with the International Wolf Center in Ely, was presented to students at Motley-Staples Middle School recently. The program included a power point presentation and a variety of wildlife artifacts which students were able to handle. Pictured above, Camara speaks to seventh graders about wolf pack territories in Minnesota. Seated, from left, are William Dolezal, Emily Case, Seth Larson. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Students in grades 4 - 7 at Motley-Staples Middle School had the opportunity recently to attend a special program presented by the International Wolf Center (IWC) in Ely.

The program, "Wolves at Our Door," was facilitated by Cassiopeia (Cassi) Camara, Outreach Educator with the IWC. It was held in science teacher Linda Card's classroom over a three-day period.

During Camara's presentation, students learned that a wolf is the largest member of the wild dog family, which also includes coyotes and foxes.

They also learned about the physical characteristics of wolves and were able to look at a variety of artifacts (i.e. wolf jaw bone and pelt) pertaining to this animal.

Using video and slide show presentations, Camara shared other facts

about wolves. A pack, she explained, is a family made up of the mother and father, yearlings, older brothers and sisters, and the newborn pups. By the time a pup is six months old, it is almost fully grown.

Students learned about the ways wolves communicate with each other (including howling) and that they are able to differentiate the various packs by use of scent.

Wolves are carnivores (meat eaters) and predators, which means they must kill other animals to survive. They are at the top of the food chain and no other animals prey on them. In Minnesota, wolves prey mainly on deer; but in northeast Minnesota, wolves will also hunt and eat the moose that live there. They also feed on beaver during spring, summer and fall.

Students learned that al-

though wolves might seem capable of killing healthy prey animals, most of the time they prey on deer and moose that are old, starving, sick or injured because they are easier to catch than healthy animals.

A wolf will usually run from a human, Camara said, but she mentioned that it is wise to not look it in the eye. Also, keep your dog on a leash if you are in a wooded area inhabited by wolves.

According to a handout, the wolf population may have been as high as half a million in the lower 48 states before the Europeans arrived. Eventually, that number dropped to as low as 750, with wolves remaining only in northeast Minnesota and on Isle Royale, Michigan.

A number of factors led to this huge drop in wolf numbers, students learned, including a fear of wolves; natural habitat being destroyed, leaving wolves without good places to live where there were enough prey animals to eat; bounties paid by the U.S. government to people who killed wolves; and a variety of methods used to kill wolves.

Camara explained that there are reasons that some people like wolves and there are reasons some people do not like wolves. Ranchers and farmers have had to contend with wolves killing their livestock.

In Camara's handout was a list of ways Minnesota deals with the conflicts between wolves and people.

When wolves are not on the Endangered Species List, efforts are made to teach farmers and ranch-



Wolf pelt

Cassiopeia (Cassi) Camara holds up a wolf pelt for the middle school students to see.

ers about ways to help prevent wolf attacks on their livestock, including using guard dogs, other guard animals, special fencing or electric fences. Farmers and ranchers are also allowed to kill a wolf if it is attacking their livestock.

Other efforts to deal with this situation include having regulated or controlled public hunting and/or trapping of wolves; educating the public about wolves; and conserving more wildlands for wolves and other wildlife. The more wild spaces there are, the fewer conflicts there will be with people.

When wolves are on the Endangered Species List Minnesotans cannot legally kill a wolf except in the defense of a human life.

Camara said that she hoped the students would continue to learn more about wolves. She encouraged them to visit the International Wolf Center in Ely at some point. In the meantime, information is available at their website, www.wolf.org.

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1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
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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.

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204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street, NE, Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor: Carl Larson
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship 10:05 a.m.

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

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

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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.

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310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Leslie
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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.
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Cushing Baptist
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.

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Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
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Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
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Pastor Jim Johnson
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
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Oylen

Oylen Alliance
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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.

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WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS)
524 Front Street, PO Box 116, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
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VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
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Hope Chapel Alliance
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Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
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218-445-5108
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Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Tips for Teens

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

As I was reading through some one-liners, I thought that the following would be good tips for teens and of course, they would be good for adults, too.

- **AVOID HERD INSTINCTS** - Don't be afraid of being different. It's really depressing to see teenagers who are afraid the group will call them sissies if they spend too much time reading or developing their brains. Why not try the art of being a real individualist without being a hermit?
- They may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do. Is Christianity important to you?
- If you are too big to be willing to do little things, you are probably too little to be trusted with big things.
- Inflation affects everything except the wages of sin.
- We cannot control the tragic things that happen to us, but we can control the way we face up to them.
- Plan ahead - it wasn't raining when Noah began to build the ark.
- God is more concerned about your response to a problem than He is about removing the problem.
- One minute of keeping your mouth shut is worth an hour of explanation.

- To do nothing for fear of making a mistake could be the greatest mistake of all.
- It's better to sleep on what you plan to do, than to lie awake because of what you've done.
- Arguments never settle things, but prayer changes things.
- Some people are making such thorough preparations for rainy days they aren't enjoying today's sunshine.
- Even perfect people need to use pencils with erasers.
- Mature persons take disappointments in stride.
- True prayer is a way of life, not just a case of emergency.
- The world's work is done every day by people who could have stayed in bed - but didn't
- Dignity is one of the things which can never be preserved in alcohol.
- It is better to be short of cash than to be short of character.
- If a man finds his politics and religion don't mix, there is something wrong with his politics.
- Almost saved is altogether lost.

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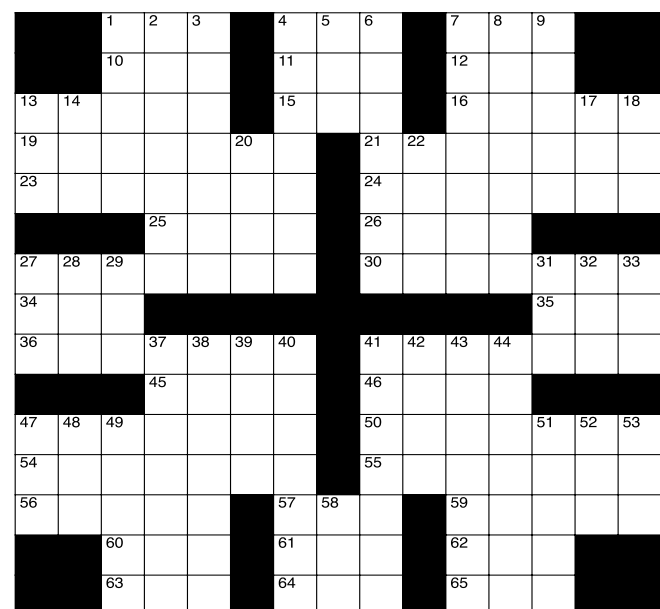
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Chop or cut
4. Green veggie
7. Bar bill
10. Doctors' group
11. One who buys and sells securities (slang)
12. Be in debt
13. Lively ballroom dance
15. Singer Charles
16. Polish city
19. Former
21. Dismissing from employment
23. Minerals
24. Plotted
25. Consult
26. After a prayer
27. Agents of one's downfall
30. Leaseholders
34. Supervises flying
35. Voodoo god
36. Alfalfa
41. Apply another

coat to

45. Witnesses
46. Jai __, sport
47. Ones who proof
50. Recant
54. Small group with shared interests
55. Part of warming headgear
56. Woolen cloth
57. Snag
59. Central American fruit tree
60. Woman (French)
61. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
62. Type of bed
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Consume
65. Japanese freight company (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Czech monetary unit
2. Able to arouse intense feeling
3. Elk
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Geological time
6. Depths of the ocean
7. Burns to the ground
8. Becomes cognizant of
9. Cause to shade

13. US political party
14. Refers to some of a thing
17. Single
18. Type of beer
20. Ancient Iranian people
22. Grocery chain
27. Gridiron league
28. English river
29. __ and cheese
31. Peyton's younger brother
32. Long time
33. High schoolers' test
37. Respects
38. Organize __
39. Filippo __, Saint
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Cheese dish
42. Ancient Greek City
43. Patron saint of Ireland
44. Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
47. Shock treatment
48. __ Jones
49. Things
51. Having wings
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