

Take survey on local drug attitudes

Myths and misinformation about the health risks of marijuana are being promoted in conversations: "Marijuana is harmless, right? I've heard that it's not addictive. It's definitely not as bad as smoking cigarettes!"

The Staples Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) would like to know local thoughts on the topic and the community's knowledge of the health risks of marijuana.

Many young people in Todd County don't feel there's much risk, if any risk, to smoking marijuana. County wide data from the 2016 Minnesota Student survey shows, when asked "How much do you think people risk harming themselves physically or in other ways if they smoke marijuana one-two times/week?"

- 31 percent of 5th graders, 35 percent of 8th graders, 37 percent of 9th graders and 45 percent of 11th grades responded "no risk" or "slight risk".

CAD's Marijuana Education Project

Since many youth in Todd County don't see a risk in smoking marijuana, CAD would like to know "why?" Is there a lack of knowledge on the health effects of marijuana? Do they receive misinformation from their friends, adults or social media?

Staples-based CAD coalition members are currently participating in

CAD's Todd County Marijuana Education Project. The coalition began this winter offering a survey to the Staples community, both youth and adults. A link to this anonymous and optional survey will be available to employees through participating worksites and to parents and students in the Staples-Motley schools. If other businesses provide links to the survey, CAD would appreciate any input. Again, the survey is completely anonymous.

Once CAD collects the data and begins to understand the community's level of knowledge on the topic, members can plan the next educational steps for Todd County residents on the health effects of marijuana.

Todd County CAD's mission is to promote healthy decisions by increasing community awareness and involvement in the prevention of underage alcohol consumption, adult alcohol abuse and drug misuse. Because of their mission, the CAD Coalition is interested in educating community members on the health risks of marijuana use, especially for youth.

For more information or to become involved in this project, contact Connie Burns, Health Education Coordinator at Todd County Health and Human Services, at 320-732-2221 or connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us.



How do you stop human trafficking?

Marc Chadderdon, left, of the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office, spoke to the crowd about the successful prostitution stings his unit has helped operate in southern Minnesota. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Trafficking training suggests prostitution is a rural problem

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Rural areas are often overlooked when it comes to sex trafficking and prostitution in their communities. Rural law enforcement doesn't have a vice department to keep track of such crimes. But that doesn't mean it isn't happening.

"It will be a shocker in the community when people start getting arrested for prostitution," said Marc Chadderdon, an officer for the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office, which has helped operate prostitution stings in several southern Minnesota cities.

He spoke to a group of local law enforcement, first responders and interested citizens at a training held March 10, coordinated by Hands of Hope Resource Center and held at NJPA in Staples. He said the primary goal of his program is to decrease demand in a community, identify vic-

tims and get them the help they need to get out of the business.

Chadderdon said they work at the issue in different ways, finding girls and women who were advertising online; setting up sting operations where law enforcement would pretend to be a prostitute online.

When we set up our first operation "the phones start ringing immediately, within minutes," said Chadderdon.

While they received numerous phone calls, typically they were able to get between eight and ten people to show up and get arrested.

Most sex trafficking connections start online. Chadderdon said Craigs List got rid of their adult section and recently Backpage.com was forced to shut down their adult services section, as it had become a site which enabled sex trafficking. Now he said many prostitutes are going to dating web sites for advertising.

Some workers hide their ad under other categories like body rubs, massage and other adult entertainment. Chadderdon said they've busted massage parlors that are involved in prostitution activities.

Part of the problem is how prostitution is overlooked in some communities. "Not everyone is on board right away, it makes the community look bad," said Chadderdon. He told stories about prominent people in the community who were arrested in the stings, including a pastor who was supposed to be at a wedding rehearsal that night. Others arrested have included business owners, farmers, teachers, a probation agent, college students and people associated with other crimes, especially drug dealers. "They're all ages, all races and economic backgrounds," said

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Hello, Readers,

One of the lesser known, but extraordinary legends of ages past is the legend of St. Urho, patron saint of the Finnish Vineyard workers, celebrated on March 16 in Finnish communities around the world. As you can see at the statue in Menahga, St. Urho is revered because he banished the grasshoppers that were threatening the wild grape harvest with this Finnish chant: "Heinasirkka, heinasirkka, menetaalta hiiheen." (Translated: "Grasshopper, grasshopper, go away!")

The day's celebration ends with singing and dancing polkas and schottisches and drinking grape juice, though these activities may occur in varying sequences.

Where in the World?

Tax-forfeited land sale: **8A**

Obituaries

Margaret Dumpprope
James Morrow



Rose Han

Han, Tigenoah are co-champs of Lakes Bee

After careful review of video footage from the March 2 Lakes Bee, National Joint Powers Alliance® names For-estview Middle School eighth-grader Meryl Tigenoah and Staples-Motley eighth-grader Rose Han co-champions of the regional spelling bee.

Both Han and Tigenoah will represent Region 5 at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., May 28-June 2. NJPA will cover all costs for the week for both spellers and one parent/guardian each.

NJPA administrative specialist, Carol Jackson, Lakes Bee coordinator since 2009, said there was a lot of confusion at the end of the 2017 event and she felt it was important to go back and review.

Jackson and NJPA Edu-

cation Solutions manager Kassidy Rice reviewed footage and the Scripps National Spelling Bee's Rules for Local Spelling Bees and determined the process for final rounds was not properly followed.

"When it was down to the final two students, Rose began as the first speller at each round and somewhere along the way, Meryl became the first to spell at the start of a new round," Jackson said. "Because of the mix-up, the word order was incorrect and potentially could have affected the outcome. And so, we're going to fully sponsor the co-champions."

NJPA's mission includes valuing relationships, integrity, and exceeding expectations. Jackson and Rice feel this result stays true to that.



Checking off the depot 'check list'

People who were involved with the recent renovation project at the Staples Historic Depot did a final walk-through March 3. Much of the recent project was installing new heating and cooling systems, water heaters and electric work. Above from left, are Tom Kajer, Staples Historical Society; Loren Fellbaum, Todd County Public Works Director; Kelvin Howieson, MnDOT District 3; and Jerry Thiessen, project manager, Alliance Building Corp., the company handling the renovation. An open house is being planned at a later date to celebrate the recently completed project. See additional photo on page 3a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Renovated bathrooms at the depot

The most noticed change for visitors at the Staples Historic Depot are the new bathrooms. Above is the women's bathroom with new sinks, new flooring which meets/mixes with the old floor and new wall tiles mixed in with the historic tiles where it was possible. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Checkmates Chess Team

Checkmates bring home hardware from Brainerd Tournament. From left, Keegan Bestland first; 4-6 division; Rose Han, Shawn Decker, fifth; 7-12 division; Lenny Decker, fourth; 7-12 division; and Noah Han, seventh; 7-12 division. (Submitted photos)

Checkmates second at Brainerd Tournament



Keegan Bestland with his first place chess trophy.

Five students on the Staples-Motley Checkmates Chess Team competed March 4, in a tournament held in Brainerd. There were 79 chess players, with S-M tied for second

The chess tournament uses the Swiss System for pairing and tie breaking. Players participate in five one-hour long rounds.

Thirty one students competed in the 4-6th grade division. Keegan Bestland, of S-M took home top honors with a perfect score of five wins.

Thirty-six students competed in the 7-12th grade division with the Checkmates team claiming second place in that division.

Shawn Decker and Rose Han, Checkmate team

members ended up paired against each other in round four, limiting them to only earning one team point.

Lenny Decker and Noah Han each had clock finishes, with fast paced moves resulting in a nail biter to the end, much to the enjoyment of the spectators. Medals were given to the top seven players. The Checkmates' Lenny Decker placed fourth; Shawn Decker fifth and Noah Han, seventh.

The overall team scores for the tournament were tallied with the top four scores counting towards the team score. Pillager was first with 17 points; Staples-Motley and Brainerd tied for second with 16.5 points each.

Grant applications open

Is your organization or group in need funding to support a community project? The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations within the Staples Motley School District boundaries.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation will accept and consider funding proposals that fit within the following categories:

- **Economic Vitality:** Making our community vital now and in the future. Grants to promote community development and appearance.

- **Children, Youth and Families:** Supplementing the endeavors of people striving to develop and implement positive opportunities for residents of the Staples Motley area.
- **Human Services:** Programs to promote the overall quality of life and meeting human needs (i.e. healthcare, food shelves, domestic violence, etc.).

The average grant is \$2,000 and a limited number of grant funds are available so apply now. For large projects, grants are available for a maximum amount of 50 percent of the project cost up to \$2,000. The application and grant

guidelines are available on the SMACF website at: www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org. Completed applications must be submitted no later than April 15, 2017.

Questions can be directed to committee members; Curt McIlravy, Mike Gold, Joe Roline or Judy Richer or by phone at 218-894-3050.

Since its inception in 1999 the foundation has awarded over \$195,000 in grant funding to area projects. The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the Initiative Foundation, a regional foundation serving Central Minnesota.

Wadena County moves Willie to social services supervisor

By Nicole Stracek
Wadena County reporter

The Wadena County Commissioners approved transitioning social worker team lead Mike Willie to the job of social services supervisor at their March 7 meeting.

Human Services Director Tanya Leskey requested the change in a report explaining the duties of each position and noting that the new supervisor position should have a strong focus on child protection.

The current model used by the human services staff was affecting their ability to meet the growing needs of child welfare services within the county.

With an increase in numbers of child protection cases, increases in children in placement, and increased reporting requirements for staff the goal of the transition is to allow for more support throughout the department to alleviate ongoing issues of staff retention and training needs.

Caseloads were at the center of the request with Willie stating that the current caseload for the Department of Human

Services (DHS) is recommended to be between 8-10 per employee. As of May 2016, Wadena County was at 17.2 caseloads per employee. Currently, the county is now at 20.8 caseloads per employee.

Additionally, the DHS recommends current supervision ratios to be at one supervisor per eight employees. With a majority of the position budgeted under the current position for the social worker team lead, an increase of \$7,000 will be adjusted for the new position.

In other business the board

- Heard the Board of Appeal and Equalization update on Quintile Efforts from Lee Brekke.
- Heard the Twin Lakes Lodge request for Renewal of Consumption and Display Permit.
- Heard the Twin Lakes Lodge request for Certification of On/Off sale 3.2 percent liquor license.
- Heard the Boat and Water Safety Grant Agreement.
- Heard the motion to approve infant mental health consultant for the Nurse Family Partnership nurse team with ongoing services paid with grant

funding allocations with shared costs between Cass and Wadena Counties

- Accepted the Public Health Nurse resignation and approved refilling the position.
- Heard about the Low Income Septic Treatment System Fix It Grant
- Closed the meeting to discuss negotiation/mediation with the 49ers union.
- Closed the meeting for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against individuals subject to board authority.
- Closed meeting with attorney-client privilege to discuss pending litigation.
- Discussed whether the Human Services fund would cover the costs of the remodel of the Work Force Center located at 124 1st Street SE, Wadena, per the state auditor. It was discussed that funds should be transferred to the general fund to cover the remodel costs whereas payment to the contractor should be paid through the general fund. Options included to transfer an amount of \$28,187.21 to cover invoices currently submitted and transfer remaining funds at a later date. Human Services Director Tanya Leskey discussed the implementation of this transfer stating the best option would be to pay contractors through the general fund in order to pay current invoices due with future invoices being discussed at a later date to cover the remaining costs of the Work Force Center remodel.



Reading Corps

Current Minnesota Reading Corps members at Staples-Motley Elementary School are, from left, Jennifer Dobson, Katie Berggren, JoMarie Michel and Kris Huebsch. The school district is recruiting additional members for the 2017-18 school year. (Submitted photo)

Reading Corps helps students reach goals

The week of March 6-10 was Minnesota Reading Corps Member Recognition Week.

Minnesota Reading Corps is a statewide initiative to help every Minnesota child become a successful reader.

Members provide one-on-one reading interventions to those students whose reading scores are not at grade level, who don't qualify for special services at the school. Testing or benchmarking is done to determine which students the members work with throughout the year. Students' progress is monitored on a weekly basis while they're in the program.

Students exit the Minnesota Reading Corps program when they're on target for reading at grade level. The program provides training and ongoing

support for our tutors.

Staples-Motley Elementary School has four tutors helping students with reading every day. They are; Jennifer Dobson, Katie Berggren, JoMarie Michel and Kris Huebsch.

The Staples-Motley School District is currently recruiting new Minnesota Reading Corps Members for the 2017-18 school year. Members receive a weekly living expense, insurance benefits and a college grant.

The elementary school is in need of a pre-school reading member, three and one half, K-third grade reading members. The Motley-Staples Middle School needs one and one half time Math Corps members.

For information visit www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org or contact Kathy Johnson or Laurie Paske-witz at S-M Elementary.

Polar Plunge

Gaven's Geeks Polar Plunge team is still raising funds for the Polar Plunge in Grand Rapids on March 18. Money raised goes to Special Olympics, with a portion returned to local teams.

The team is trying to get to the \$40,000 mark by selling wristbands, t-shirts and taking donations.

Contact Ken Christensen to donate to the Polar Plunge and Special Olympics.

Moran Creek labeled impaired

In the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy report on the Long Prairie River Watershed, Moran Creek, located south of Staples, has been labeled as an impaired stream. That means water quality standards are not met for aquatic life, aquatic recreation and aquatic consumption.

The creek will be one of the priority areas in the watershed plan. Protection strategies include riparian pasture management, best management practice (BMP) adoption, nutrient management and storm-water management.

Due to issues with channelization in the watershed, stream restoration projects are also an important strategy for both protection and restoration. Restoration strategies for already impaired waterbodies involve cropland nutrient reductions through agricultural BMPs, feedlot runoff reductions, riparian pasture management, shoreland protection through natural plantings, buffers and shoreland stabilization projects.

More information on all of Minnesota's 80 major watersheds is available on the MPCA's watershed web pages.

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Reality Store held March 8, at S-MHS

Staples community members manned tables at the Reality Store held March 8, in the S-M High School gym. Juniors and seniors had the opportunity to find their way through information tables, on what they will need to live on after they graduate. Community volunteers showed examples to students what they would need to pay for life essentials like; insurance, taxes, banking, investments, entertainment, travel, pets, utilities, clothing, groceries, cars, childcare, charity even tickets issued for traffic violations. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Comments sought for transit plan

The public is invited to comment on the Minnesota Department of Transportation’s draft Greater Minnesota Transit Investment Plan. The comment period will be from March 13 to April 11.

The plan provides a 20-year strategic plan for transit in Greater Minnesota and recommends additional service and estimates funding needed to support the legislative target of meeting 90 percent of public transit need in Greater Minnesota by 2025.

The plan, which is updated every five years, was first released for public comment in late 2016. MnDOT extended the timeline of finalizing the plan to address comments received. The plan can be accessed at www.minnesotago.org. The public can make comments by emailing stateplans.dot@state.mn.us.

MnDOT supports 41 transit systems in the state, including urban areas, tribal and rural systems made up of county and multicounty systems.

The plan’s objective is to improve mobility options for all Greater Minnesotans regardless of age, ethnicity, income or disability by preserving the current public transit systems and investing in service improvements.



New doors on depot

Several new doors were part of the recent depot restoration project, included was this new door on the east room, where a sliding door used to be. The sliding door is still positioned on the inside for historical effect. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Tests find excess nitrate in five percent of Todd County wells

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) released the initial results of nitrate testing in private wells as part of the agency’s Township Testing Program. Sampling occurred during the summer of 2016 and was offered to residents in nine townships of Todd County. Well water sampling was focused in areas that are considered vulnerable to groundwater contamination by nitrogen fertilizer.

Townships and cities were selected for sampling if more than 30 percent of the area is considered to be vulnerable to groundwater contamination and more than 20 percent of the land cover is row crop agriculture. Areas where nitrate can move easily through soil and the underlying geology into groundwater are referred to as vulnerable groundwater areas. In some cases additional information may be used to select townships and cities.

Residents received a sampling kit in the mail and were asked to send a sample from their private drinking well for nitrate testing. The sample kits and testing were free to the resident and were supported by the Minnesota Clean Water Fund. Five percent of the 797 wells in Todd County that were tested, exceeded the health limit for nitrate in drinking water.

Drinking water with high levels of nitrate can cause serious health effects in infants and pregnant women. Infants that drink water high in nitrate may develop Blue Baby Syndrome, a condition that hinders the body’s ability to carry oxygen (Methemoglobinemia). If left untreated it can be fatal.

Nitrate is one of the most common groundwater contaminants in rural areas. While nitrate can be found naturally at low levels in groundwater, elevated levels are often the result of human activity. Sewage

disposal, livestock manure and nitrogen fertilizer can all be sources of added nitrate. The MDA is the lead agency for nitrogen fertilizer use and management. The state’s Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan provides the guidance for prevention or minimization of the impacts of nitrogen fertilizer on groundwater.

As a continuation of the Township Testing Program the MDA will begin offering a follow-up sampling effort in the spring of 2017. Residents who had nitrate present in their initial sample, will be offered a follow-up nitrate test, a pesticide test and a well site visit. Minnesota Department of Agriculture staff will visit willing homeowners to resample the well and conduct a site assessment. The assessment helps to identify possible point sources of nitrate and the condition of the well. Possible point sources of nitrate include septic systems, livestock manure, fertilizer spills, bulk and storage of fertilizer. Wells with construction problems may be more susceptible to contamination.

The MDA’s Township Testing Program is done in partnership with the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District. Results of the initial sampling for Todd County and additional program information can be found at: www.mda.state.mn.us/townshiptesting. Results of the follow-up sampling will be available in 2018.

The MDA uses the final results from both the initial and follow-up sampling to determine the next steps in addressing nitrate in drinking water. The procedures and planning for this process are described in the Minnesota Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan (NFMP). Details are available at: www.mda.state.mn.us/nfmp.

Jobs, skills fair offers resources

A jobs and skills fair will be held Thursday, March 23, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Central Lakes College in Staples.

Employers that are hiring will be on hand, agencies that can help with job searches and college representatives who

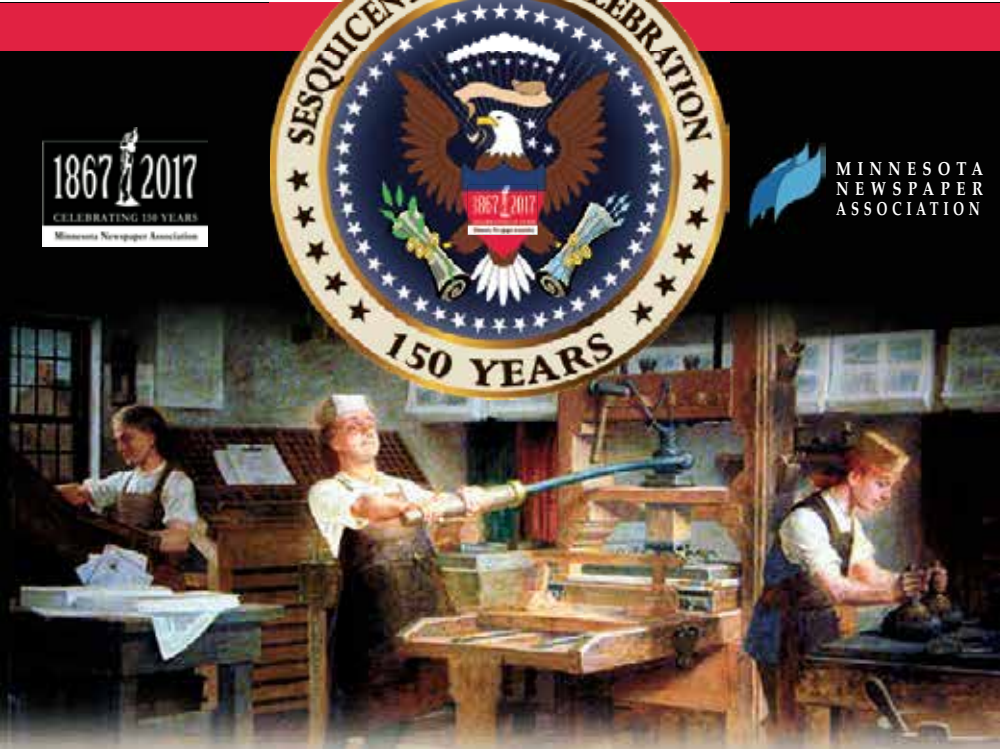
can help develop the skills needed for various jobs.

There will be breakout sessions to help with job skills, resume building and presenting yourself for job interviews.

The fair is sponsored by the Thriving Communities Initiative Skilled Work-

force Task Force.

For more information, contact; Britney Bursch, 763-213-2454 or Rachel Johnson, 218-820-5421, or email bursch9906@hotmail.com or rachel.d.johnson@hotmail.com.



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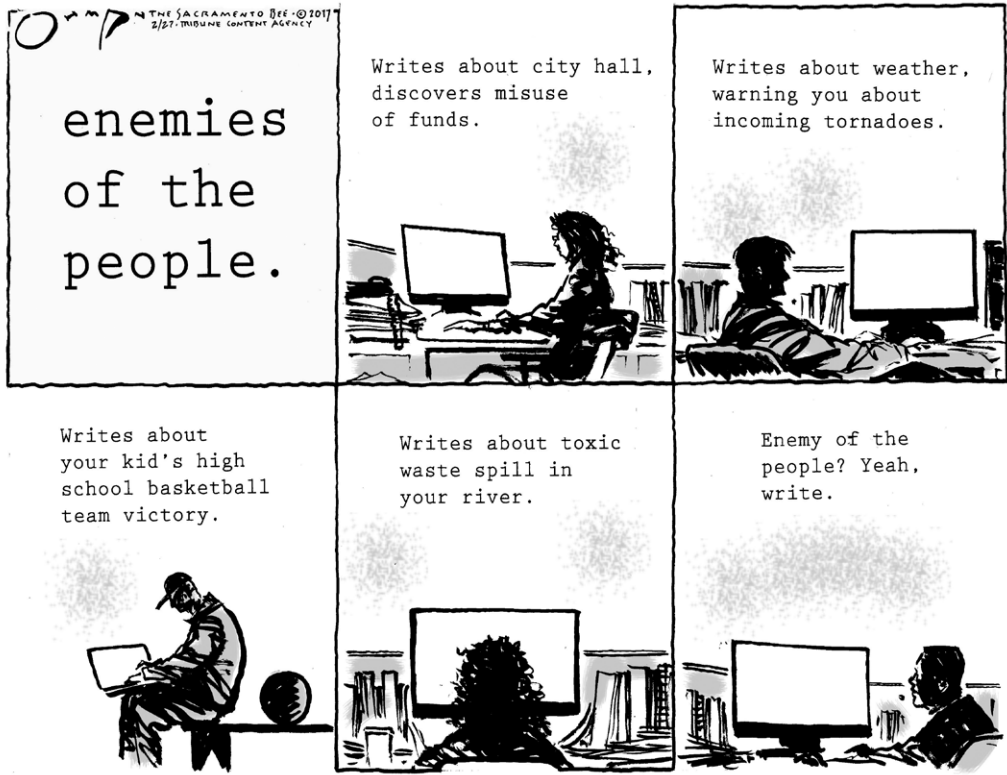
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Community input needed for facility plans

The Staples-Motley School Board is conducting a comprehensive facility assessment with Foster, Jacobs and Johnson (FJJ). They are a construction management firm that assists school districts in determining how to best to meet the facility needs of the district's students and, in our case, its communities.

You are probably saying, 'We have been through this before!' Yes, we have. However, there are some changes that have happened at the state and local level that warrant taking another look at our facilities:

1) The Minnesota Legislature has equalized facility funding for rural school districts in the last couple of years. What that means is we not only receive facility upkeep funding more on par with what schools in the Metro receive; but it also means that when we levy for that assistance, the State of Minnesota also contributes funds.

2) We have significant debt from past projects that will be falling off by 2020-21. What that means is we wouldn't have to raise local taxes to make some of the improvements needed.

3) Interest rates are still low.

Part of FJJ's process will examine demographic, enrollment, operational and

Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klamm
Supt.

financial data, as well as community input to help the school board determine the best course of action for the future of our district. The community engagement process gives citizens the opportunity to come up with ideas and actions to implement a project.

Our 2020-21 vision is, "We are community united to become the region's school district of choice." In order to accomplish this vision, we must make sure our buildings meet the present and future needs of our students. What does that look like? That's where we need the input of all stakeholders in the district.

We are planning two community meetings that will take place during the first two weeks in April. The first will be Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m. at the middle school cafeteria in Motley. The second will be Monday, April 10, at 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria in Staples. We will also advertise the meetings in Staples World, Morrison County Record, on our website, our Facebook page, Skylert and in fliers.

We encourage you to attend one of these meetings to help our school board make the best decisions possible for the future of our district.

All citizens have duty to demand open government

By John Bodette

Welcome to Sunshine Week, March 12-18, a national effort to promote openness in government.

Sunshine Week is brought to you by the American Society of News Editors and Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press.

When we are experiencing "fake news," "alternative facts," frequent falsehoods and efforts to label journalists as "enemies of the people," there is no better time to shine the light on government.

While I was executive editor of the St. Cloud Times, we did several in-depth reports on how citizens could access public information. The Times did reporting projects to request public information from city and county governments, including law enforcement, to make sure information that is required to be public was readily made available.

But rather than directing this column to the journalists who work hard to serve their communities, I want to ask all citizens to take part in Sunshine Week.

Most people don't realize the wealth of information that is not only available to the public, but required by law to be provided.

Do you want a copy of your school superintendent's employment contract? Ask for it. It is public.

Want to know who is in your county jail? You should be able to access the information online or request a list from local law enforcement.

Want a copy of your city or county budgets? Ask for it. Those are public records.

My best advice has always been to assume, with a few exceptions, that anything having to do with government actions is public. Some personnel matters and most juvenile court records aren't public. But so many other documents are open. For example: Expense records for government officials are public. Government contracts with private companies and individuals are public.

Another good source of information are the legal notices published in daily and weekly newspapers, also required by law in many cases.

Need help on answering

questions on whether information is public?

The state Department of Administration's Information Policy Analysis Division (IPAD) is where to turn.

IPAD's primary mission is to offer help and consultation on the Data Practices Act, the Open Meeting Law and other information policy state laws. The agency answers questions from residents, governments and groups and businesses interested in public records. You can find them here: <http://www.ipad.state.mn.us/index.html>.

This is the time for all citizens to demand open access to government information. Transparency in government makes for stronger communities.

I think the Washington Post has hit the target by placing under its front page masthead the words "Democracy dies in the darkness."

There is no better time to bring transparency to government at all levels than during Sunshine Week.

John Bodette recently retired as executive editor of the St. Cloud Times and Times Media.



Amid attacks, journalists need to focus on Trump's actions

By Foon Rhee

As I've listened to President Donald Trump go on tirades against the "very dishonest" media, I've tried not to take his criticism personally.

Lord knows, I've made my share of mistakes in my career. But they've never been on purpose, or out of malice.

In fact, after more than 30 years, I can still remember the phone call from a grieving relative when I misspelled a name in an obituary (I wrote Ronald instead of Roland). This was before articles were published online, so print newspapers were the permanent record. The man's family had to live with my error. However Trump bashes journalists, he'll never make me feel as bad as I did back then.

So here's the truth:

The press is not the op-

position party. The media is not the enemy of the American people. Negative stories are not fake news.

And when Trump keeps making these claims, he isn't just attacking the press; he is chipping away at one of the pillars of our democracy.

It means something that a president who is all over the map on policy is so single-minded about going after reporters every chance he gets. In a recent tweet, Trump raised the stakes, calling the media "a great danger to our country."

At the Conservative Political Action Conference last month, Trump again bashed "fake news," though he's the one with only a passing relationship with the truth. He complained about leaks and anonymous sources, though his administration is perfectly happy to take advantage of both. He even

claimed that the media says its coverage can't be criticized because of freedom of the press.

"I love the First Amendment; nobody loves it better than me," he said. "Nobody."

He has chutzpah, I'll give him that.

But what's more alarming is that he also said the media "doesn't represent the people, it never will represent the people and we're going to do something about it."

It's not clear what the president plans. He talked during the campaign about changing the law so that it's easier for politicians to sue for libel and slander - a terrible idea that would discourage robust reporting.

And what if an unhinged supporter takes Trump's rhetoric seriously and literally and physically assaults a journalist?

What will the president say then?

Trump is choosing a phrase - "enemy of the people" - that has been used by communist dictators and Nazi propagandists.

Unfortunately, only a few Republican leaders stood up to that attack on a free press: "Without it," said Sen. John McCain of Arizona, "I am afraid that we would lose so much of our individual liberties over time. That's how dictators get started."

Trying to control coverage, White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer has called only on friendlier media outlets at some news conferences. He took it a step further during a recent question-and-answer session, blocking reporters from several major news organizations that have had critical coverage of Trump, including looking into the administration's

Russia connections.

Another part of the White House strategy, it seems, is to trap reporters. When there are leaks, officials sometimes wait until after the news story is published to respond. This apparently happened earlier this month when The Associated Press reported that a draft memo showed the administration was considering calling up National Guard troops for immigration raids.

It's a cynical ploy. The administration can see how popular its ideas are and pull them back if they're too controversial. When the most extreme versions don't happen, it further damages the media's credibility. And if the public is unsure about what's real, it opens up more room for Trump to do what he wants.

So reporters need to be aggressive, but also careful. Journalists can't get too defensive, or distracted from doing our jobs, or lose sight of what Trump is actually doing - giving Wall Street free rein, looking out for the wealthy and tearing down government.

This is going to be a long struggle, day after day. Steve Bannon, Trump's chief strategist, made that clear, declaring at CPAC that the war with the media is "not going to get better. It's going to get worse."

Yet, times of crisis like this bring clarity. Dean

Baquet, executive editor of The New York Times, said Sunday on CNN that the mission of news organizations is clearer than it has been in years - to hold Trump and others in power accountable.

He's absolutely right, but it's more important for the public to support a free press. And this would be a good time, with Sunshine Week, March 12-18, the annual recognition of the importance of a public's right to know.

It's encouraging that a new poll found that Americans trust their favorite news source over Trump, 67 percent to 29 percent.

It's also great to hear from people like Charles Marchant of Placerville: "I just want to say thank you for being here, for doing your job and for doing your part in our democratic system," he wrote in a letter to the editor.

"I write not to grind any particular ax, but to let you know I do NOT consider the press my enemy. I value the hard work you do, which is a vital role in our society."

Thanks a lot, Mr. Marchant. We'll keep doing our best, whatever President Trump throws our way.

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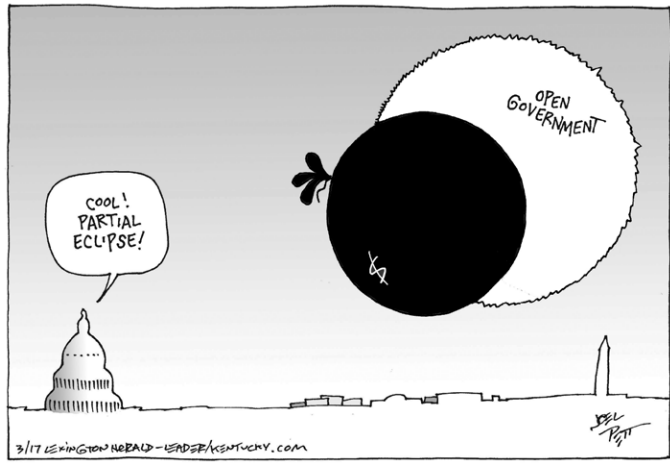
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Mark Your Calendar

March 22

FREE TAX-AIDE Wednesdays, noon - 3:30 p.m., through April 12, Staples Community Center, Sr. Citizen's room. Dues for 2017 can be paid that day. Costumes encouraged, free Bingo, prizes, etc. For info., 218-894-5772.

STAPLES SR. CITIZENS MEMBERS ONLY ST. PATRICK'S PARTY Wed., March 22, 12:15 p.m., Staples Community Center, Sr. Citizen's room. Dues for 2017 can be paid that day. Costumes encouraged, free Bingo, prizes, etc. For info., 218-894-2254.

March 23

WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., March 23, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller; Bernadette McNeil, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

March 30

RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITY Thurs., March 30, noon - 6 p.m., Staples Community Center. For info., 1-800-733-2767.

Lakeland Currents features Timberlake Hotel owners

Lakeland Currents host Ray Gildow will welcome Mike and Mary Ives, owners of the Timberlake Hotel in Staples, to the show Friday, March 17, at 8 p.m. on Lakeland Public TV.

Together, they will discuss what it means to be a business entrepreneur in our communities in North Central Minnesota. What are the unique opportunities and challenges that exist here for new and

growing business owners? What sort of skills and mindset does it require to develop new local business?

They will examine these and other questions related to small business owners and their impact on economic development.

This episode of "Lakeland Currents" will also be available from the same time and on an ongoing basis at lptv.org.

Firearm safety classes begin April 17

Firearm safety classes, a Minnesota DNR certified program, will be offered in Motley and Staples April 17, 18, 20, 24, 25 and 27, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. each night.

The classes are free and open to youth ages 11 and older. Firearm safety classes and the field day experience allows students to learn and demonstrate commonly accepted principles of safety in hunting and the handling of firearms. It includes live fire on a rifle range. Students must attend all firearms safety classes and field day instruction to receive their certificate. The Firearms Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12.

In order to purchase a

hunting license in Minnesota, DNR Firearms Certification is required of anyone born after Dec. 31, 1979.

Pre-registration is required and the class will be limited to 15 students.

Online classes are available in combination with Field Day.

Staples

- Instructors: Darlys and Jon Hamberg
- Dates: April 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27
- Time: 7:30 - 9 p.m.
- Location: Staples Sportsmen's Club
- Cost: Free

Motley

- Instructor: Bob Koenig
- Dates: April 17, 18, 20, 24, 25, 27

Concert for the food shelf

The Motley Free Methodist Church will host a dinner and concert on Saturday, March 18, to raise money for the Motley Area Food Shelf. The meal will be served from 5 - 5:30 p.m. It will be immediately followed by the concert and sing-along, led by the church's worship team, which will conclude at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend this event. Motley Free Methodist Church is located at 33 Wellwood Street. Free will offering. Pictured above are members of the worship team. Back row, from left: Sheri Johnson, Mary Duberowski, Tim Cline, Ev Johnson, Jessica Judd. Front row: Kripa Reese, Marisela Vasquez. (Submitted photo)

Book discussions set at Staples Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Book Club - Mar. 23

Come to the Staples Public Library on Thursday, March 23, 6-7 p.m. Read the book and join the fun discussion. For teens and adults. Call the library for book details.

Author Lorna Landvik - Mar. 23

Join us at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, March 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. for an entertaining visit with Minnesota Author, Lorna Landvik. Lorna has written many novels and will share her writing and life experiences. This event is funded in part by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural

Heritage Fund.

For more information or to register for any of the programs contact the library at 218-894-1401.

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

Great River Regional Library (GRRL) provides library services for 32 public libraries in Benton, Morrison, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd and Wright counties. It also provides Central Minnesota residents with nearly one million books, CDs and DVDs, 250 public computers, programming and information services.

Rosenmeier forum will focus on water at CLC March 23

Gordon Rosenmeier Center for State and Local Government will present the forum "What Is Clean Water Worth for Northern Minnesota Communities?" on Thursday, March 23, at 7 p.m. at the Chaberg Theater at Central Lakes College in Brainerd.

Presenters are:

- Kent Montgomery, Central Lakes College will report on the State of Northern Minnesota Waters.
- Dr. Pat Welle, Bemidji State University will discuss The Economic Reality of Clean and Healthy Waters.

• Paula Maccabee of WaterLegacy will speak on Myth and Policy: Are Northern Minnesota Waters Being Protected from Pollution?

The forum is free and open to the public. Joining the panelists for questions after the presentations will be Levi Brown from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Tom Watson representing the Whitefish Area Property Owners Association.

The forum is co-sponsored by Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation and Northern Water Alliance of Minnesota.

School board meeting

The Staples Motley School Board will meet Monday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in the Staples-Motley High School media center.

Agenda items include:

- Connections High school presentation.
- Financial items including approval of budget revision #1, approval of technology budget proposal, review of swimming and tennis cooperative agreements, approve 2017-18 staff reductions/adjustments, give permission to post for Title I position.
- Personnel items including accept resignation of Jenny Cushing, Advntues coordinator; accept retirement requests from Mavis Johnson and Marsha Jordahl, paraprofessionals, and Dave Odden, custodial; approve contract for Cortiney Kerfield, speech language pathologist; approve addition on high school counselor; approve permission to post for summer school teachers and paraprofessionals.

• Curriculum items including approval of the Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System Memorandum of Understanding.

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

History professor to speak in Wadena

William D. Green, Professor of History at Augsburg College, will be the Wadena County Historical Society's featured guest speaker at the Robertson Theatre in Wadena on Friday, March 17 at 7 p.m. He will talk about his book "Degrees of Freedom: The Origins of Civil Rights in Minnesota, 1865-1912."

"Degrees of Freedom" draws a rare picture of black experience in a northern state and of the nature of black discontent and action within a predominantly white, ostensibly progressive society. In the book he reveals little-known historical characters among the black men and women who moved to Minnesota following the Fifteenth Amendment.

For more information visit www.WadenaCountyHistory.org or call 218 631-9079.

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Grant awarded for Big Sing 2017

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Staples Area Men's Chorus in support of the Big Sing 2017 event. The foundation annually awards grants for local projects that promote economic vitality, implement positive experiences for residents of the Staples Motley area or promote overall quality of life in the area. The 7 p.m. Big Sing concert on April 22 will be the highlight of a weekend drawing over 500 people to the area. The Central Minnesota Boys Choir and Land of Lakes Boys Choir will perform with 230 men to build a male chorus of over 275 members. In addition, the concert will feature local musicians in group and solo performances. This concert is hosted annually by one of 10 Choruses of the Upper Midwest District of the Associated Male

Choruses of America. The Big Sing was last hosted in Staples in 2010.

"The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is proud to support this event that showcases men aged 10 to over 90 years old singing together," said Mike Gold, member of the men's chorus and the foundation board. "The concert is a special opportunity for local audiences to hear the unique 'Male Chorus' sound."

In the tuxedos holding the check are chorus members Steve Sing, left, and Mike Gold. Community foundation board members in the back are, from left, Mary Jo Hofer, Judy Richer, Mike Schmidt, Ray Gildow, Barb Markus, Joe Roline and Mary Kobliska.

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- Organizes and prioritizes information and calls.
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Diary princesses and ambassador

Front, left to right, the 2017 Todd County Dairy Princesses: Rebekka (Bekka) Paskewitz, Kristen Bussmann, Megan Hollermann.

Back: Dairy Princess Megan Pachan and Dairy Ambassador Rachel Paskewitz. (Submitted photo)

Princesses crowned

2017 Todd County American Dairy Association

The Todd County American Dairy Association held its 2017 Dairy Princess Banquet and Coronation March 4, 2017 at the Browerville Community Center.

The newly crowned 2017 Todd County Dairy Princesses included: Kristen Bussmann, daughter of Ron and Mary Lou Bussmann of Grey Eagle, sponsored by First District Association; Megan Hollermann, daughter of Shawn and Debbie Hollermann of Burtrum, sponsored by Mark Bleess and First District; Rebekka Paskewitz, daughter of Alan and Vicki Paskewitz of Browerville, sponsored by Leaf River Ag and Megan Pachan, daughter of Mike and Cheryl Pachan of Carlos, sponsored by First District and her employer Zigan Dairy.

Also crowned as the 2017 Todd County Dairy Ambassador was Rachel Paskewitz, daughter of Alan and Vicki Paskewitz of Browerville, sponsored by Pro Ag.

Judges for the event were Brant Groen, Roseanne Caughey and Natalie Schubert. Leon Vetsch served as the emcee for the banquet.

The candidates were judged on their communication skills, personality, enthusiasm for dairy promotion and general knowledge of the dairy industry. The 2017 Todd County Dairy Princesses and Dairy Ambassador will travel throughout Todd County promoting dairy products and the dairy industry to the public.

Wanted: A few good men

Ray is a retired farmer; Dennis D. is a retired nurse; Dennis C. is retired from the air force. What do they all have in common?

They are all mentoring youth as Foster Grandpas with the Foster Grandparent Program. Does their life's work matter in becoming a Foster Grandpa? Not at all. What matters is that they want to help children thrive and they sometimes share their backgrounds as they mentor youth. No previous teaching or mentoring experience required.

As grandpas, they may work with children individually or in small groups in schools or other non-profits, helping youth with reading, math or other tasks assigned by the teachers and staff.

The grandparents will tell you that one of the greatest joys that they get is having a child improve in their school work and walking down the hallways hearing, "Hi Grandpa," usually with a wave and a big smile, from students and staff.

Being a Foster Grandparent is a great bridge in understanding other generations for the grandparents and children alike. Not everyone has a grandparent or grandchildren living close by and the Foster Grandparents are a caring older adult in the children's lives. It gives the grandpas an opportunity to feel needed while being positive role models.

The Catholic Charities Central Minnesota Foster Grandparent Program of-

fers adults (male as well as female), ages 55 and over, the opportunity to work with students in local schools, or other non-profit agencies where children need extra assistance. Typically school "Grandpas" and "Grandmas" are matched with classrooms where they can share their skills and personalities.

The Foster Grandparent Program offers many benefits to those who participate, including a tax-free reimbursement, transportation reimbursement for mileage or for using a city bus, volunteer orientation, on-going training and more. The joy of helping children and getting frequent hugs seem to be among the "most mentioned" benefits.

For more information or to apply to be a Foster Grandparent, contact Jon Knopik; 320-229-4593 or 866-895-7992 or by email at jknopik@ccstcloud.org.

Dinner, Praise & Worship



Sat., March 18
Meal: 5-5:30 p.m.
Concert: 5:30-7 p.m.
Motley Free Methodist Church
33 Wellwood St. NE, Motley

Free will offering for the Motley Food Shelf

Motley Free Methodist Church is hosting Dinner and a Concert held by the Worship Team and others to raise money for the Motley Food Shelf. Join us to eat and sing along with our favorite worship songs. Invite your friends and neighbors.

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Seeking Awesome Kiddos!

Discover all the educational treasures in store for you this fall.

Join us for our special Preschool, Jump Start and Kindergarten Enrollment Night on Tuesday, March 21st from 6-7pm at Staples-Motley Elementary School.

Jump Start and Kindergarten Information Session begins at 6:10pm.

Early Childhood Information Session begins at 6:30pm.

Information for all Early Childhood Services will be available, including Motley classes.

For more information please call the District Office at 218.894.5400.



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Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Jason and Lorraine Spencer of Pilager, a baby girl, Azalea Genoveva weighing six pounds, nine ounces on March 4, 2017.

Born to Todd and Kari Wiersgalla of Staples, a baby boy, Reid Nicholas weighing eight pounds, one ounce on March 7 2017.

Born to James and Carrie Schulz of Brainerd, a baby boy, Lachlan James weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on March 7, 2017.

Born to Kayla Anderson and Dusty Roberts of Brainerd, a baby girl, Sterling Tate weighing six pounds, 15 ounces on March 7, 2017.

Born to Erin and Jared Vargo of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Soma Dean weighing nine pounds, four ounces on March 8, 2017.

Born to David and Alexia Goeller of Bluffton, a baby girl, Henly Ella weighing seven pounds, four ounces on March 9, 2017.

Born to Joshua and Krista Mudek of Staples, a baby girl, Tambree Faye weighing seven pounds, two ounces on March 10, 2017.

Born to Laura Giles and Kory Bird of Brainerd, a baby girl, Brynlee Marie weighing eight pounds, five ounces on March 10, 2017.

Care Center

March Birthdays

Loretta Hoemberg, March 4; Donna Thiel, March 13; Phyllis Whitney, March 19.

MARCH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Thurs., March 16 - 10 a.m. Bible Study - Rick Kubitz; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6:30 p.m. games

Fri., March 17 - 2 p.m. Entertainment - Doug Sparks, St. Patrick's Day Party

Sat., March 18 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., March 19 - 2 p.m. Assembly of God Singers

Tues., March 21 - "Special Activities for Spring Fling with Color Theme"; 2:15 p.m. Church - United Methodist; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., March 22 - Fri., March 24: "Special Activities for Spring Fling with Color Theme"

Sat., March 25 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., March 27 - 2:30 p.m. Church - Staples Alliance; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., March 29 - 2 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Thurs., March 30 - 6:30 p.m. Games



"Live in Concert"
The Chancellors Quartet

Friday, March 17, 7 p.m.
Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S, Motley

Sunday, March 19, 7 p.m.
Wadena Alliance Church, 1428 Jefferson St. S., Wadena
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Obituaries

James Morrow

James "Jim" Morrow, 70, of Staples, (formerly of Motley) died March 10, 2017 at Hills Crossing Senior Living in Nisswa.

Services will be held Thursday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Jim was born May 16, 1946 in Staples to Irvin and Florence (Parks) Morrow. He graduated from Motley High School in 1964 and attended trade school for auto mechanics. Jim worked as an auto mechanic at several car dealerships and also enjoyed farming and logging in his later years. Jim married Janet Dumpprope on April 3, 1971. He enjoyed visiting with friends, going to the casino, garage sales, col-



lecting and fishing. Later in life, Jim made a home with his significant other, Sherry Hahn.

Jim is survived by two sons, Jon Morrow of Cushing and Timothy (Jennifer) Morrow of Motley; one daughter, Monica (Stephan) Breitel of Hesperia, CA and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Dustin Oliver Morrow.

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Margaret Dumpprope

Margaret Ann (Dailey) Dumpprope, 66, of Motley passed away March 13, 2017 at the Bethany Nursing Home in Brainerd.

Funeral services will be held March 18 at 11 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be Friday, March 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church and again from 9:30 a.m. March 19, until time of services at the church.

Burial will be at the Poplar Cemetery north of Leader following the service.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

Margaret was born August 8, 1950 in Poplar Township, Cass County, Minnesota to Fred and Betty (Slaughter) Dailey. She graduated from Staples High School in 1968. She married Larry Dumpprope on June 7, 1969. Margaret worked at Trident Seafoods in Motley for 27 years, retiring in October, 2017. Her family was one of her greatest joys. She would visit her mother every Saturday and go shopping with grandchild-



dren.

Margaret is survived by three sons, Kevin Dumpprope, Darren (Sherry) Dumpprope and Devon (Jill) Dumpprope; one daughter, Dawn (Tim) Bredehoff; her mother; one brother, Steven (Jean) Dailey; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandson and other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father; husband; one brother, Russell; one sister, Judy and two granddaughters, Kendra and Payton.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

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Todd County Historical Society

Submitted by: Alice Siegle, Secretary

Since 2017 is the 100th anniversary of WWI year, we will be using it as our theme for the Todd County Fair, July 13-16.

Lorna Hunter brought information on a traveling trunk containing WWI artifacts that's available through Camp Ripley. We're hoping to have the trunk at the museum for our 4th grade tours in the spring, since these artifacts are all hands-on.

The Todd County Historical Society has planned two day trips; Tuesday, April 25, to Duluth for a full tour of the Glensheen Mansion and a visit to the Great Lakes Aquarium and Thursday, June 22, to Pine City to the Northwest Company Fur Post and to Sandstone's Midwest Country Theater to hear Terry Lee Goffee's "Tribute to Johnny Cash." For more information, call the museum; 320-732-4426, Wednesday through Friday between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Dave Anderson of Eagle Bend is looking for information on George Sarver, a part Delaware Indian. His museum was located in Eagle Bend and was the first museum in Todd County. This museum contained many Indian artifacts. If anyone has any information, call the museum at 320-732-4426.

De's museum report included:

- New assistant curator, Bunny Johnson, was introduced to the members.
- Two of the completed county school binders were passed around for members to see.
- We need different mannequins. De has been looking on-line and also checking clothing stores for used ones. Motion made and carried to purchase six when De finds some that are appropriate.

Next meeting; Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the museum. Note time change.

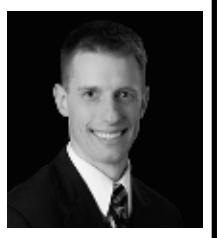
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If you and your build team specialize in reclaim renovation, contact whayes@dorseytv.com as soon as possible as casting for builders/contractors has begun.

In the email provide the following information:

- Name
- Brief biography/website
- Send a photo of crew
- Location of property/project - include photos, if possible
 - Type of structure - log cabin, A-frame, hunting cabin, square footage, stories, etc.
 - List all members of the build team - provide names if available, jobs/duties, and brief bio if possible - how do they all work together as a crew?
 - Major hurdles to get to the abandoned property - weather, terrain, remoteness, supplies, have to live out at the site for X amount of weeks, animals, etc.
 - Transportation expectations of materials and crew - planes, helicopters, horses, snow machines, boats and barges?

Tri-County Health Care earns ACR accreditation

Tri-County Health Care in Wadena has been awarded a three-year term of accreditation in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) as the result of a recent review by the American College of Radiology (ACR). MRI is a noninvasive medical test that utilizes magnetic fields to produce anatomical images of internal body parts to help physicians diagnose and treat medical conditions.

The ACR gold seal of accreditation represents the highest level of image quality and patient safety. It is awarded only to facilities meeting ACR Practice Parameters and Technical Standards after a peer-review evaluation by board-certified physicians and medical physicists who are experts in the field.

Image quality, personnel qualifications, adequacy of facility equipment, quality control procedures and quality assurance programs are assessed. The findings are reported to the ACR Committee on Accreditation, which subsequently provides the practice with a comprehensive report that can be used for continuous practice improvement.

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Food shelf donation

Right: Fran Mertens, Staples Area Food Shelf, accepts a \$622 check for the food shelf from Pastor Rob Collins of Trinity Lutheran Church. The church raised the funds through their third annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, pictured above. The church was supported by Thrivent Financial's program "Positive Change Begins by Taking Action." Each year the church dedicates the proceeds to the food shelf. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples Staples Alliance 1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891 Pastor Bob Hegokoski, Paul Johnson Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY AWANA 6:15 p.m. Assembly of God 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081 Pastor Roy Miles Youth Pastor Julie Boone Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY Sunlight & Youth 6:30 p.m. Church of Christ 27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609 Pastor Barry Klein Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org Bible School (youth and adult) 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Congregational Church, UCC 204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571 Pastor Tony Romaine Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship, refreshments following service Faith Lutheran 430 12th Street, NE., Staples 218-894-1546 Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaat Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:35 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Sacred Heart Church 310 4th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2296 Church Pastor Fr. Joe Korf Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator: Monica J. Simmons 218-414-0081 cell/text MASS: Thursday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. Seventh Day Adventist 421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples 218-894-0033 Jeff Scaggins, Pastor Saturday Worship 9:30 am. Sabbath School 10:45 a.m. Thomastown Covenant 15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923 Pastor Nathan Hillman Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY 7:00 p.m.	Trinity Lutheran 1000 4th St., NE, Staples 218-894-2372 Rev. Robin Collins Sunday Divine Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 a.m. United Methodist 310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248 Pastor Greg Ciesluk Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Nursery Available for Sunday Worship) Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults) 9:15-10:15 a.m. Aldrich Congregational, UCC One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion 1st Sunday of Month Balsamlund Lutheran 19550 490th Street, Aldrich Eric Clapp 701-261-2394 (cell) Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Cushing Bethany Lutheran 25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN 320-749-2140 www.bethanylutherancushing.com. Rev. Jean M. Megarden Lay Pastor Bob Mueller Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Lincoln Evangelical Free 1354 320th St., Cushing 218-575-2449 www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday Office Closed Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle SUNDAY Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m. Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m. WEDNESDAY Praise & Prayer 4:30 p.m. Kids' Club 6:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group 6:00 p.m. Cushing Baptist 26298 Bear Rd., Cushing www.cushingbaptistchurch.org Pastor Dan Holmes 320-749-2583 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Bible study 7:30 p.m. Leaf River Township The Old Country Church Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6 Info. # 218-837-5690 Open by arrangement	Leader Swan Valley Lutheran Leader 218-397-2470 Pastor David Stevens Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m. Maple Hill Lutheran Pastor David Stevens Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River) Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Motley Motley Free Methodist 33 Wellwood St. E Motley 56466 218-352-6888 Pastor Jim Johnson Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m. Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran 497 3rd Ave. S, Motley 218-352-6399 Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. St. Michael 1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296 Pastor Fr. Joe Korf MASS: Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 8:30 a.m., Saturday 7:00 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. United Methodist 847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466 Pastor Greg Ciesluk www.motleyumc.org Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.	First Baptist 903 River Street South, Pillager Pastor Skip Hansen 218-746-3768 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Children's Church 9:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Adrenaline Youth Group 5:45 p.m. Hewitt Church of the Nazarene 114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN 56453 218-924-2028 Pastor Wayne Hoffer Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m. WEDNESDAY Prayer 7:00 p.m. Verndale Verndale Alliance 109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481 218-445-5619 Senior Pastor Tony Stanley Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes 11-11:45 a.m. Hope Chapel Alliance 18126 County Road 7, Verndale 218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316 Pastor Neal Malcore Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY Family Night 5:30 p.m. Family Life Church 402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale Church 218-445-5568 VerndaleFLC@gmail.com Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189 Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard Sunday School - Worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m. WEDNESDAY 6:00 p.m. Family fellowship meal 6:30 p.m. Bible Study groups, all ages Verndale United Methodist 10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale 218-445-5108 Pastor Jill Pawlowski Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Central United Methodist 5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar) Pastor Chuck Horsager 218-639-4225 Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
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Charles Colson in his 1983 book, "Loving God", describes an incident that occurred while Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the great Soviet dissident, was imprisoned in a communist labor camp in Siberia:

"Like other prisoners, Solzhenitsyn worked in the fields, his days a pattern of backbreaking labor and slow starvation. One day the hopelessness became too much to bear. Solzhenitsyn felt no purpose in fighting on; his life would make no ultimate difference. Laying his shovel down, he walked slowly to a crude work-site bench. He knew at any moment a guard would order him up and, when he failed to respond, bludgeon him to death, probably with his own shovel. He'd seen it happen many times.

As he sat waiting, head down, he felt a presence. Slowly he lifted his eyes. Next to him sat an old man with a wrinkled, utterly expressionless face. Hunched over, the man

drew a stick through the sand at Solzhenitsyn's feet, deliberately tracing out the sign of the cross.

As Solzhenitsyn stared at that rough outline, his entire perspective shifted. He knew he was merely one man against the all-powerful Soviet empire. Yet in that moment, he also knew that the hope of all mankind was represented by that simple cross - and through its power, anything was possible. Solzhenitsyn slowly got up, picked up his shovel and went back to work - not knowing that his writings on truth and freedom would one day enflame the whole world."

When you feel like Solzhenitsyn - tired, discouraged, ready to give up on life, hopeless - then look to the cross. There you will find the promise of true and lasting hope in Jesus Christ. There you will find God's promise of a better day, a destiny in paradise.

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PUBLIC NOTICES:

Your Right to Know

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

Monday, April 3, 2017 10:00 a.m.

Todd County Commissioner board room
in the Historical Court House, Long Prairie, MN

1. 27 New tax-forfeited parcels
2. 67 Pre-existing parcels with reduced price.

NOTICE IF HEREBY GIVEN, that the parcels described in the List of Tax-Forfeited Land that is contained herein shall be sold to the highest bidder at public sale. The sale will be governed by the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 282.01 and by the resolution of the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizing such sale. The resolution reads as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that all parcels of tax-forfeited land listed on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land be classified as nonconservation land; that the basic sale price of each parcel on List of Tax-Forfeited Land, that is on file with the Clerk of the County Board, be approved and authorization for a public sale of this land be granted, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 282.01; that the sale will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 3, 2017, by the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer at the Commissioner board room in the Historical Court House, for not less than the basic sale price; and that all sales shall be full payment or on the terms set forth on the List of Tax-Forfeited Land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the conditions and terms of the public sale shall be as described in the list of Tax-Forfeited Land contained here-in and approved by the Todd County Board of Commissioners.

Information about the sale of tax-forfeited land in Todd County can be obtained at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer, Todd County Courthouse, 215 1st Avenue So, Suite 201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347. Telephone: (320) 732-4469, or online at: http://www.co.todd.mn.us/news/auditor_treasurer/tax_forfeited_land_auction_april_3_2017

Given under my hand and official seal at Long Prairie, Minnesota, this 8th day of March, 2017.

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor/Treasurer

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 215 First Ave. South Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 320-732-4420

Notice is hereby given that on **Thursday March 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** the Todd County Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing in the Commissioner's board room, 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, Minnesota to consider the following Variance applications:

1. **Daniel and Julie Johnson:** Sec-25 Twp-127 Rng-33 Morning View Lot-1 Blk-1 and Part of vacated 'H' Street of Harcora Lodge First Add AND Morning View Lot-2 Blk-1
Site Address: NA PIN: 03-0084400 AND 03-0084500
Variance request to allow a 33 foot property access easement to a public road to qualify for the public road requirement for Lot #1 and Lot #2 of Morning View Subdivision.

2. **Tom Meyer:** Sec-25 Twp-127 Rng-33 Tiemann's Subdivision Gov't Lot 3 W2 of Lot 8 and all of Lot 9
Site Address: 28895 Antelope Trail, Grey Eagle, MN 56336 PIN: 03-0054000

Variance request to reduce the structural setback to the ordinary high water level from 100 feet to 75 feet on proposed replacement deck.

3. **Harland Hector:** Sec-34, 35 Twp-129 Rng-35 Geroy's Lakeview Lots Lot-5 Blk-1
Site Address: 21602 Fin Trl PIN: 15-0059800

Variance request to 1.) Reduce setback from 75 feet to 45 feet from OHWM. 2.) To allow an increase of maximum impervious surface from 25 percent (%) to 27.3 percent (%) for proposed deck addition.

4. **Jeff and Karen Sawyer:** Sec-25 Twp-127 Rng-33 Part of Gov't Lot 1
Site Address: 10991 Apple Trail, Grey Eagle, MN 56336 PIN: 03-0020300

Variance request 1.) Reduce the setback from 100 feet to 75 feet for proposed replacement dwelling from OHWM. 2.) To increase the building height from 18 feet in the shoreland setback to 29 feet.

5. **Roger Dowell:** Sec-17 Twp-128 Rng-32 S2 SW4 EX part platted as Rainbow Acres and Part of Gov't Lot 3
Site Address: 18308 Emery Trail, Burtrum MN 56318 PIN: 06-0023702

Variance request to reduce the structural setback from the ordinary high water level for four structures. Three structures from 100 feet to 19 feet and one structure at 32 feet from OHWL 2.) To exceed the shoreland building setback height limit of 18 feet by 1 foot to allow 19 foot structure.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing or submit a letter to be heard on these matters.

Todd County Board of Adjustment
Bill Berscheit, Chair

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

SUMMONS

Dennis R. Weirens and
Rita L. Houle,
Plaintiffs

vs.

David A Remjeske, Susan Remjeske, Charles F. Hinnenkamp, Janet M. Welters a/k/a/ Janet Marie Zitzow, Donna R. Kociemba, Donna R. Kociemba, Trustee of the Donna R. Kociemba Trust dated December 20, 1994, Bruce A. Kociemba, Deborah A. Kociemba, Trustees U/D/T dated October 17, 1996, Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., the unknown heirs of Alois Walter Kociemba, deceased, the unknown heirs of Herbert J. Thelen, deceased, the unknown heirs of Donald E. Remjeske, Sr., deceased, the unknown heirs of Irene R. Remjeske, deceased, the unknown heirs of Albert Gordon Anderson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Virginia L. Anderson f/k/a Virginia L. Burnette, deceased, the unknown heirs of Boniface B. Hinnenkamp, deceased, the unknown heirs of Agnes R. Hinnenkamp, deceased, an all other persons unknown or claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein,
Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

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

This action involves, affects, or brings into question real property situated in the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, legally described in the Complaint herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of said action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described herein, and that the defendants, and each of them, have no right, title, estate, interest or lien in or upon the said read estate.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the Defendants.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 20 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this summons a written response called an Answer within 20 days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at 421 Sinclair Lewis Avenue, PO Box 226, Sauk Centre, Minnesota 56378.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your Answer you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not Answer within 20 days, you will lose this case. You will not get to tell your side of

the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claim stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

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

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

Dated:

January 17, 2017

Thomas J. Mayer

Attorney- City of Sauk Centre
421 Sinclair Lewis Avenue
P.O. Box 226
Sauk Centre, MN 56378
Telephone: (320) 352-6503
Attorney I.D. No. 69139

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that part of Government Lot Three (3), Section 26, Township 127, Range 33 contained within the following described metes and boundary lines:

Commencing at a point 395 feet West and 336 feet South and 50 feet East of the Northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence East 62.5 feet; thence South to the marginal waterline of Birch Lakes; thence West along the marginal waterline of Birch Lake to a point due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of beginning with the exception of a 10 foot driveway across the lot running East and West where the road now runs. Together with the benefit of a road easement over a 10 foot road presently running East and West across Lot 39 of Ward Springs Addition.

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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Township of Becker, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the Becker Township Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk
Becker Township

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NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the **Board of Appeal and Equalization** for the **Township of Byron**, Cass County, Minnesota shall meet on **Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Leader Community Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

Beverly J. Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township,

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NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FOOD AND CATERING SERVICES - BRAINERD CAMPUS

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Food and Catering Services at the Brainerd Campus. A copy of the Request For Proposals may be obtained by contacting Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-5103.

Proposals must be submitted no later than April 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. CST. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Food and Catering Services - Brainerd Campus". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Christina Anderson
501 W College Drive
Brainerd, MN 56401

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TODD COUNTY DITCH 18

Notice is given by means of this legal newspaper that a Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** It will be held in the Commissioner's Board Room on the third level of the Historic Courthouse located at 215 1st Ave. South, Long Prairie, MN 56347. This Public Hearing is regarding:

1) a Repair Petition that has been submitted to maintain County Ditch 18 located in Iona Township,

2) Outlet Petitions that have been submitted by several landowners asking to use CD18 as an outlet for their water.

All interested landowners are welcome and encouraged to attend this Public Hearing. County Commissioners Becker, Erickson, Kircher, Kneisl, and Neumann; County Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, and Ditch Attorney Kurt Deter will be present. If any additional information is needed before this meeting, contact Nancy Uhlenkamp County Ditch Inspector, located at Public Works, 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN, 56347, phone 320-533-4651, email: nancy.uhlenkamp@co.todd.mn.us

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NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FOOD AND CATERING SERVICES - STAPLES CAMPUS

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals for Food and Catering Services at the Staples Campus. A copy of the Request For Proposals may be obtained by contacting Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN 56479, 218-894-5103.

Proposals must be submitted no later than April 5, 2017 at 2:00 PM. CST. All proposals must be sealed and marked "RFP for Food and Catering Services-Staples Campus". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
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1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

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Big Stone Therapies celebrates one year at Lakewood Health System



The Big Stone Therapies team

Pictured above are members of the Big Stone Therapies team. Front, from left, Michael Judd, Neil Feist, Amy Ziegler, Amanda Braith, Brittany Schack, Norris Anderson. Middle: Jessie Campion, Jay Adelman, Taylor Thompson, Emily Giese, Jaclyn Tarnowski, Amber Zambrano, Debra Hagel, Amanda Kronen, Becky Smith, Marilyn Dolezal. Back: Cheriese Benoit, Erika Hilde, Melissa Hoffman, Holly Hanson, Meredith Griffin, Abby Wicklund, Wade VanDover, Ron Murray. (Submitted photo)

Big Stone Therapies (BST) recently celebrated its one-year anniversary of providing rehabilitation services at Lakewood Health System in Staples. When BST and Lakewood partnered on March 1, 2016, there was a combination of nine BST employees and traveling therapists; and two administrative assistants. As of Feb. 28, there are 20 permanent therapists and three administrative assistants. Therapy staff includes physical and occupational therapists, speech language pathologists and several therapy assistants. Therapy services are provided at several Lakewood locations, including the main and senior campuses in Staples, the Browerville and Pillager clinics; and during home care visits. Over the past year, patient recommendation scores reached 100 percent and the department had 16,883 visits. “In 2017, we’re excited to continue the great work we’ve been doing,” said BST Clinic Manager, Neil Feist, PT, MPT. “Our goals are to grow services in all areas, increase our presence in the community; and integrate the Big Stone and Lakewood cultures. We also have some great new service areas we’re looking forward to bringing to the facility.” Service areas include: women’s health therapy, lymphedema, dry needling, LVST Big and Loud, chronic pain certification, orthopedic clinical specialist, dementia programming; and potential athletic training. For more information on Big Stone Therapies, call 218-894-8427.

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Check the Events Calendar online at www.staplesworld.com

Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com



Public Notices: Your Right to Know

STUDENT RECOGNITION



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students receiving the student recognition award at Motley-Staples Middle School for January were: **Naïla Mikhaeil, Sawyer Ferdon, Nathan Rubink, Avaya Brandt, Riley Belmore, Caden Dobson, Carson Trantina, Ellie Moulton, Ahnnaka Kovach, Makenzie Radueg, Luke Bates, Caitlin Jasmer, Ashley Robben, Landon Mertens, Dakota Hennagir, Allison Knosalla, Bo Erholtz, Liam Harvey, Frankie Hanson, Dalton Wells**



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Students receiving the Bucket List award included:
Front row left to right: Cara Jares, Domanick Dause, Tucker Baumgartner, Chayce Thimesch. Back row: Kain Erickson, Justin Olson, Landon King, Charon Ellisonn, Paige Warren



Sacred Heart Area School

Students receiving Student of the Month awards for January were:
Left to right: Marleigh Jensen, Carson DeWald, Emali Jimenez, Axel Mertens, Andrew Paklonsky, Mable Haehnel

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by these students.

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Stings showing signs of success

Chadderdon. The biggest help they've received in their trafficking campaign was a woman they caught in a sting. She wanted to get out of prostitution and told them everything she knew about the local business.

Hotel chains are helpful in the operations, as they don't want prostitution going on at their establishments. "Hotels are happy we showed up," Chadderdon said. There's an online site where people in the prostitution world chat and once the word gets out that the police are using that hotel for stings, workers and buyers stay away from it.

The stings are showing signs of success. Now when we do a sting in a town where they've been before, we're not getting as many phone calls as before, as people know those towns aren't safe to break the law in.

Chadderdon said if local law enforcement in this area would like to continue working on the issue, he will come back to do more free training.

Trafficking is defined as; the sale of children for sex or the forced sale of adults for sex. The legal definition keeps it separate from prostitution. Chadderdon said no prostitutes are in the business because they want to do it. "We haven't found two consenting adults yet," he said.

Part of the training described how girls can become caught up in prostitution. Chadderdon said

many times it starts with a girl getting attention from a man who becomes a pimp. He said pimp tactics include; coercion, control, isolation, use of threats and degradation to keep them under their control. Sexual exploitation comes in many forms; trading sex for money, food, shelter, drugs, stripping and online services.

The pimps often move prostitutes around from one part of the state to another and even to the North Dakota oil fields. Chadderdon said law enforcement should become familiar with signs of girls being trafficked, especially during roadway stops, such as wearing inappropriate clothing, wigs, drugs or weapons.

Just bringing up the topic in a community has helped stop sex trafficking. Chadderdon told of one girl who came to them and said that her sister was going to be sold, like she had been two years before. They found out that her family from Guatemala was involved and they arrested the adults responsible.

"I don't want people thinking you can bring a human being to southern Minnesota and you can sell her," said Chadderdon. "How do they get the word out that we'll buy a human being? We have to get the message out that we will not allow it."

Saving Grace

There's a statewide initiative to help sexually exploited youth in Minnesota. They're asked to call or text the 218-821-9995 or 218-821-0934, for the Saving Grace hotline, hosted by Lutheran Social Services in Brainerd. The statewide number, open 24 hours a day; 1-866-824-3770.



Chamber of Commerce board gathering

Members of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce board posed near their sign in Staples Feb. 21, following their monthly meeting. Pictured, from left, are Bruce Brotherton, Dan Orth, Megan Haber, board members; Barb Cline, executive director; Jodi Reeck,

board member; Steve Gertkin, president; Dawn Hagenon, secretary; Stephanie Jordahl, Sandy Knosalla, board members; Chuck Mayer, treasurer. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

SBDC sees more business growth

The North Central Minnesota Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Central Lakes College recently completed its 31st year of assisting small businesses and entrepreneurs in Minnesota.

The SBDC provides information, training and consulting services to small business owners and prospective small business owners in an 11-county region of north central Minnesota. Most SBDC services are provided at no cost to qualified business

owners and entrepreneurs with consulting expenses paid by grants and donations to the college. In 2016, the SBDC served 400 clients, assisted over 25 entrepreneurs in starting their business and helped small business owners raise \$23 million in funding for business growth.

"There are great opportunities in this region for people to start and expand businesses," said Greg Bergman, director of the SBDC. "Many people here have great ideas and the

work ethic needed to successfully start and nurture a business venture."

Working with local and regional partners, the SBDC's focus on business planning, financial management and access to financing has been expanded over the past year to include strategic management and planning assistance. "Strategy planning is one of those things that a business owner tends to put off for too long," said Bergman. "Developing long-term plans not only helps the business owner focus on building value

in their business, it helps retain the most productive employees who see a long-term future with their employer."

In 2017, the SBDC is expecting to see continuing interest in entrepreneurship in the region. **To share more about its programs, the SBDC has scheduled an open house on March 22, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Central Lakes College Business and Industry Center in Brainerd.** For more information, contact the SBDC at 218-855-8140 or ktretter@clcmn.edu.



Todd County Citizens Against Drugs honored at national forum

On Feb. 7, the Todd County Citizens Against Drugs was one of 171 community coalitions honored during a graduation ceremony at CADCA's (Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America) National Leadership Forum, just outside of Washington, D.C. The coalitions received a graduation certificate for completing CADCA's National Coalition Academy, a rigorous training program designed to increase the effectiveness of community drug prevention leaders.

"We're so proud of our coalition for investing the time and resources to take advantage of the best community coalition training in the world. To graduate from this year-long intensive course is no small feat and Todd County Citizens Against Drugs is more prepared today to be an effective, sustainable coalition because of this training," said Katherine Mackedanz, Community Planning Unit Manager. "We look forward to applying our knowledge and strategies to ensure the youth in our community live drug free."

CADCA's National Coalition Academy (NCA) is a comprehensive, year-long training program developed by CADCA's National Coalition Institute. The NCA incorporates three, week-long classroom sessions, a web-based dis-

tance learning component, an online workstation where participants network and share planning products and free ongoing technical assistance. To graduate, coalitions must complete a rigorous curriculum, participate in all components of the NCA and complete five essential planning products that serve as the foundation of their comprehensive plan for community change.

CADCA's National Leadership Forum is a four-day event packed with opportunities to learn the latest strategies to address substance abuse and hear from nationally-known prevention experts, federal administrators and concerned policymakers. The forum brings together approximately 3,000 attendees representing coalitions from all regions of the country and internationally, government leaders, youth, prevention specialists, addiction treatment professionals, addiction recovery advocates, researchers, educators, law enforcement professionals and faith-based leaders. It's the largest training event for the prevention field.

For more information on the local CAD chapters, contact Connie Burns: connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us, or David Determan: david.determan@co.todd.mn.us.

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Chiefs Judd, Gerads, Dille, lead Motley Fire Department



Motley fire chiefs

Todd Judd (center) has been appointed Chief for the Motley Fire Department. Also appointed are Chuck Gerads (right), 1st Asst. Chief; and Nick Dille (left), 2nd Asst. Chief. The chiefs posed for a photo prior to the fire department's regular meeting March 7. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Todd Judd is the current Fire Chief for the Motley Fire Department (MFD). Joining him in leadership are Chuck Gerads, 1st Asst. Chief; and Nick Dille, 2nd Asst. Chief. The three veteran firefighters were appointed to their new positions this past December. Judd has been a member of the MFD for the past nine years. In 2016, he served as 1st Asst. Chief;

and the year before that, 2nd Asst. Chief. He and his wife Erin have two children. Reid is eight years old; and Kennedy is six. The family lives in Staples. In addition to his work with the fire department, Judd is employed with BNSF Railway. He initially joined the fire department because he had a desire to help people, Judd said. He also enjoys working with the Explorers program, which helps

train teenagers interested in being a firefighter. Gerads joined the MFD in August of 2014, after serving on the Melrose Fire Department for seven years. It was his job that initiated the transfer to the Motley Fire Department, Gerads said. "I'm in the National Guard," he said, going on to say that he currently works at Camp Ripley as a tank mechanic. When he lived in Melrose, he had friends that

were on the fire department and that's how he initially became interested in joining, Gerads said. "It's been a wild ride ever since," he added. As the 1st Asst. Chief, Gerads' responsibilities include taking care of billing; and fixing and ordering supplies for the fire trucks. Gerads and his wife, Leia, live in rural Motley. They have three children: Nolan, six; Emma, three; and Gretta, four. He's also an avid fisherman, Gerads went on; and in his 'spare time' makes Northern Pike spears at his shop. Prior to becoming 1st Asst. Chief, Gerads served as the 2nd Asst. Chief training officer. Second Asst. Chief Nick Dille has been a member of the MFD for the past seven years. "I started out as an Explorer," Dille said, adding that when he turned 20, he got on the fire department.

"It's definitely been a learning experience," Dille said of his new role on the department. As 2nd Asst. Chief, he is in charge of officer training. His goal this year is to provide new and better training for the department. Nick is married to fellow firefighter Lonna Dille. They live in rural Motley with their two children, Easton, 19 mos.; and Lonny, five weeks. He is currently employed as an independent realtor with Exit Lake Realty Premiere, Nick Dille

shared. In addition to providing a service to their community, all three chiefs mentioned the camaraderie they have found since joining the fire department. "I've met a lot of good friends," Nick Dille said. The Motley Fire Department holds their regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. During those meetings they discuss a wide variety of items, such as equipment needs and available grants. They also do routine equipment maintenance following their meetings. At their March 7 meeting, it was noted that the department will interview three firefighter applicants on March 22. It was also mentioned that on April

22, the MFD will conduct a controlled practice burn at the Motley Motel, as well as the house connected to it. It will be a training session for the firefighters. Subsequently, Gerads reported at the Motley City Council meeting March 13, that only two interviews of firefighters will take place. He also noted that the controlled burn of the Motley Motel will take place on either April 22 or 29, both of which are Saturdays. Gerads invited the council to stop by and watch, at a safe distance. The motel property is in the process of being sold and the closing date is April 1. In addition to their regular meetings, the MFD conducts regular training sessions on a monthly basis.



Meeting presentation

Garrett McCain (standing), with Alex Air Apparatus, Alexandria, attended the recent regular meeting of the Motley Fire Department and gave a presentation on gas monitors. A discussion ensued about the importance of personal protection equipment for firefighters. It was noted that 65 percent of firefighters will get cancer and many are being diagnosed between the ages of 30 - 40. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Auditor delivers positive news at Motley City Council meeting

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting March 13, the Motley City Council accepted the Annual Audit Year Ending Dec. 31, 2016, as presented by Jon Archer with Schlenger Wenner & Company, certified public accountants from Little Falls. Archer noted that in regard to the general fund inflows (revenue), the city was \$6,370 over budget. A total of \$557,860 was budgeted for 2016, with the actual revenue being \$564,230. In regard to the general fund outflows (expenses) for 2016, the city spent \$94,602 less than was budgeted. Total expenses for 2015 were budgeted at \$558,281 with the actual expenses totaling \$463,679. Archer said that the city has a "pretty healthy fund balance" in its general fund. He noted that the city had planned for a "break-even year" but actually increased its fund balance by almost \$100,000.

In the fire fund, the actual expenses totaled \$80,207, which was \$39,802 less than the budgeted amount of \$120,009 for 2016. The ending fund balance for the fire fund was \$318,586, an increase of over \$39,000 from its beginning. The streets improvement fund saw an increase of over \$4,000 in its cash fund balance for 2016. Of note is a savings of over \$18,000 in the street improvement fund's expenses. The city's total operating revenue in its water fund was \$300,629 and expenses were \$258,216. Total operating income was \$42,413. In the sewer fund, total operating revenue was \$342,811 and expenses were \$269,550. Total operating income was \$73,261.

In the solid waste fund, total operating revenue was \$45,259 and expenses were \$44,095. Total operating income was \$1,164. The city's end of year net position came to \$7,910,489. Archer said that in the water and sewer funds there was not a lot of change during the past year. He went on to note that the revenue was higher than the expenses in both funds. "It's good to see these numbers coming in positive...they are sustaining."

Archer also mentioned that infrastructure costs are "hugely expensive" and that the city needs to have these enterprise funds coming in. When asked if the city still had an A-plus rating, Archer said to his knowledge this was the case. In other matters the council: • LEARNED that David Barsody, the city's building inspector for the past seven or eight years, no longer has the capacity to do this job. He has recommended Scott Sadusky, who lives in the area and is familiar with Motley, for the position. Mayor Al Yoder requested that Sadusky bring a proposal to the next council meeting. • ACCEPTED the proposal of Paul Ness of Rosemount, to work on a compensation study for the city. During this project, Ness proposes to review and update, as appropriate: 1) job descriptions, 2) job evaluation points, 3) the city's pay/step structure. His base project fee is \$1,776, which includes a meeting time with the council. The council also approved Ness meeting individually with employees, which is an additional charge not-to-exceed \$555. A second propos-

al had also been received from Laumeyer Human Resource Solutions, Duluth, with a total cost proposal not to exceed \$5,000. • APPROVED a probation period of one year from date of hire for city clerk/treasurer Lacey Smieja; and a six month probation period for police officer Jason Borash, from the start of his current full-time position. • SET the city-wide cleanup for Saturday, May 13, 7:45 - 10:45 a.m. • APPROVED implementation of the Agenda Items Policy and the Agenda Request Form. In order for an item from the public to be addressed at the next regularly scheduled council meeting, the 'agenda request form' must be received by the city clerk by 9 a.m. of the Wednesday preceding the meeting. Items may be brought up during the public forum section of the council meeting but will not be acted upon by the council until the following regularly scheduled city council meeting. • APPROVED a request from Amanda Olson, art teacher at Motley-Staples Middle School, to hang student artwork on power line poles along Hwy 10 in Motley. Olson has already received permission from Minnesota Power. Olson said that she teaches a recycled art class and has a desire to have students do a community project. She hopes this will bring some color to the city. If the artwork starts to "look ratty," or there are any other issues, Olson agreed to take it down. • HEARD from Jim Johnson and Richard Broberg, pastors at Motley Free Methodist Church, inquiring about the possibility of purchasing the abandoned portion of Morrison Street,

immediately north of the church property. Bruce Brotherton, public works supervisor, said he was not sure if that property belonged to the city. He will check on this. • APPROVED moving forward with the WEX fuel cards for all city fuel purchases; and will review the policy at next month's meeting. • APPROVED Mayor Yoder attending the annual mayor's conference April 28 - 29 in Brainerd. City will pay all applicable fees, including mileage. • HEARD concern voiced by Bob Jenkins during the public forum regarding council members' phone numbers. Jenkins said some of these numbers are long-distance which is a concern to several elderly people in the community. The council suggested that people call city hall with their concerns and that Smieja will relay their messages to the council. • HEARD update on the search for city attorney services. Deadline for the receipt of RFPs is March 24. These will be reviewed by the search committee/council March 25 - April 9, with possible interviews or site visits. The search committee will present a recommendation at the regular council meeting April 10. • HEARD fire department report from Chuck Gerads, 1st Asst. Chief. He noted that the department will be interviewing two firefighter applicants on March 22 and hope to hire both, pending the success of their background checks. The council subsequently approved the MFD purchasing one set of firefighter gear, estimated to cost up to \$4,000. • APPROVED the MFD-

purchasing personal protection equipment from ALEX Air Apparatus, Alexandria. The total estimated price is \$2,384. Gerads said he has requested these funds from the Motley Lions; but in the meantime, the monies could be taken from the MFD budget and replaced when and if a donation comes in from the Lions. • HEARD monthly police department report from Chief Ron Smith, which included 182 complaints/calls and 128 traffic calls. • HEARD monthly maintenance department report from Brotherton. They have not received any violations at the wastewater treatment center, although the last couple of weeks have been a struggle, Brotherton said. He also noted that they are continuing to move forward with the test well and based on the sample results, things are looking good. • LEARNED that the maintenance department has installed LED lights at Harrison St. and 3rd Ave. These lights shine brighter than the former ones and Brotherton said they will move toward installing more LED lights in the fu-

ture. • LEARNED from Smieja that there has been a request from residents to pay their city bills online or with a credit card. She has been researching various options and prices. No action taken at this point. • LEARNED from Smieja that the city has had the computer-based (Banyon) timecard entry program for eight years but has never used it. The cost is \$395 a year and Smieja does not want to pay this fee again in September if the city doesn't use it. Yoder said he felt that as long as the city had this program they should try it. • HEARD praise from Yoder regarding Smieja's work on this year's audit. He said he heard great reports about her work from the audit company. • LEARNED from council member Jace Carlson that Brotherton had received an award from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The awards ceremony is March 30, in Brooklyn Park. • SET next planning and zoning meeting for March 28; and the next regular council meeting for April 10. Both meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

Ask A Trooper

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freeway using the cross-overs to go to the opposite lanes that were clearly marked that prohibit it. If you find yourself needing to go in the opposite direction on the freeway, please resist the urge to use the crossovers and wait for the next exit ramp where it can safely be performed. I have investigated illegal U-turns that caused fatal and serious injuries. Please use good judgement and make sure the U-turn can be done safely or simply don't attempt it.

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Motley Police Department, Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following: March 8 - The MPD issued a citation to Catarina Gordon, 23, for driving with a suspended license. March 7 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Ryan Larson, 45; and Stacy Weatherford, 60. March 6 - The MPD issued a citation to Ashley Dickmann, 27, for driving after revocation. March 4 - The MPD received a call from Ortons BP in Motley regarding an unwanted female subject. The responding officer detected a strong

odor of alcohol and a preliminary breath test registered at .170. Subject was transported to her residence. March 3 - The MPD issued a citation to Daniel Vargas Garcia, 30, for a limited license violation. March 2, 3 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Nicholas Traynor, 25; and David Hahn, 53. March 2 - The MPD assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a crash on State Hwy 64 and 126th St. in Motley. March 8 - The MCSO received a report from Irby Construction that approximately 100 gallons of diesel fuel had been stolen out of some of

their equipment on site at Hwy 10 and Ridge Rd. in Cushing. March 8 - The MCSO provided assistance at 1086 320th St. in Cushing, while the Lincoln Liquor business closed and new owners took over. March 6 - The MCSO arrested Kiri Roering, 26, for providing false information to a peace officer and for driving with a revoked license. March 4 - The MCSO received a call regarding a grass fire at 60th Ave. in Cushing. Paged Randall Fire and contacted DNR. March 3 - The MCSO assisted the Motley Police with funeral traffic at two different churches in Motley.



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Cold shooting leads to quick playoff exit

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost in the first round of the playoffs, 69-58 to Pelican Rapids on March 9. Missed shots early and missed free throws late led to one of the team's lowest scoring games of the year. It was a disappointing end to a season in which the Cardinals finished 13-12, but had beaten some good teams and played close against other top teams in the area.

The Cardinals fell behind 9-0 to start the game and worked hard the rest of the first half to catch up. Since they were missing shots from the outside, their best scoring chances came on rebounds. Jack Fietek scored two rebound baskets and Trey Skeesick had one as they ended the first half on a 6-0 run to end up down two, 30-28.

The Staples-Motley defense tried to force turnovers, but they had bad luck as tipped balls kept ending up in the hands of Pelican Rapids players instead of creating turnovers.

The second half played out the same way as Pelican Rapids made a few shots early and the Cardinals were not hitting from the outside. Staples-Motley was also hurt by missing 10 out of 13 second half free throws, while their opponents made most of their free throws to keep the lead.

Team results

Staples-Motley 58, Pelican Rapids 69

Scoring: Gavin Smith 18, Jack Fietek 14, Hunter Carlson 7, Trey Skeesick 6, Derek Kennedy 6, Isaiah Ross-Bahn 4, Josh Lombard 3



Sky hook

Trey Skeesick towers over the Pelican Rapids defense while scoring a basket in the playoff game. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



No fear

Kelsie Weite, left and Amber Robben, above, take the ball to the basket against the state's top ranked team. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals ride playoff run to section finals

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team came out on top in a wild finish of the section semifinal game to beat Barnesville 45-43 on March 7, then threw a scare into the state's top rated team, undefeated Roseau, before falling in the section final 68-48 on March 10. Both games were at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Against Barnesville, the Cardinals took an early lead but Barnesville came storming back in the second half. Down by four with 20 seconds left, Claire Wolhowe hit a three pointer to pull within one. After a defensive stop, Chelsea Nanik hit another three that turned out to be the game winner with eight seconds left.

"I give our kids a ton of credit for not giving up and fighting until the very end," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "Being down four with 20 seconds left, I don't think many teams can pull out a win like we did."

Amber Robben led the team with 13 points and six assists.

In the section championship against Roseau, Robben came out firing with a three pointer 12 seconds into the game. Sam Schimpp followed that with

another three. After Nanik took a charge on defense, a basket by Kelsie Weite, a drive by Wolhowe and a three by Wolhowe put the Cardinals up 13-4.

Roseau came back but a three by Ashley Smith gave Staples-Motley an 18-10 lead midway through the half. Roseau started trapping and Cardinal turnovers led to easy baskets and an 18-5 run to end the half and a 23-28 score.

"Our goal was to hold them to 66 points for the game, we were right on track," said Coach Wolhowe. "Halftime was to encourage the girls to keep doing what we had been doing."

In the second half, Weite narrowed the gap with a basket but Roseau hit two three pointers to extend their lead. The Cardinals made several runs to get back within 12, but late in the game Roseau extended their offense, which opened the floor to easy baskets.

"We ran out of steam, we stayed with them for 18 minutes," said Wolhowe. "It was a great accomplishment for these girls. I'm so proud of how far they have come along this year. They just rocked it."

Staples-Motley finished the season with a 23-5 record. Roseau's 68 points was their second lowest scoring game of the season,

one less than they scored against another state tournament team.

Team results

Section 8AA semifinal: Staples-Motley 45, Barnesville 43

Scoring: Amber Robben 13, Chelsea Nanik 12, Kelsie Weite 10, Claire Wolhowe 8, Sam Schimpp 2

FG: 17-41, 42%; 3 pointers: 6-17, 35%; FT: 5-7, 71%

Section 8AA final: Staples-Motley 48, Roseau 68

Scoring: Wolhowe 14, Nanik 9, Schimpp 8, Weite 7, Robben 7, Ashley Smith 3

FG: 18-51, 35%; 3 pointers: 8-25, 32%; FT 4-9, 44%

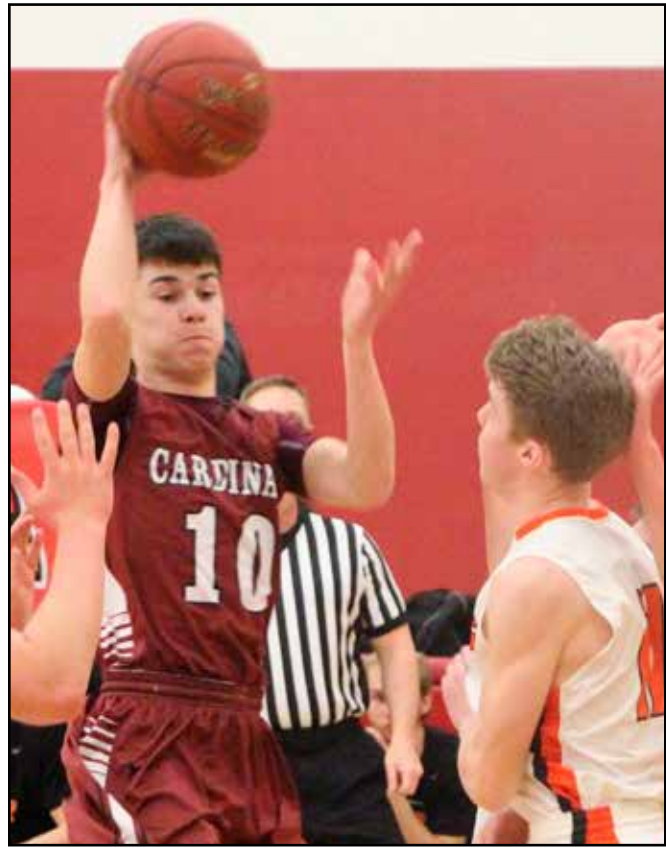
Rebounds: Wolhowe 8, Weite 7, Robben 4, Schimpp 3, Nanik 1, Smith 1, Lexi Johnson 1

Assists: Robben 4, Weite 4, Wolhowe 4, Schimpp 2

Steals: Weite 3, Wolhowe 2, Schimpp 2, Robben 1, Kiera Dumpprope 1

SM GBB banquet

The Staples-Motley Girls' Basketball Banquet will be held Sunday, March 26, at 6 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples. The meal starts at 6 p.m., with the cost per person, with the awards ceremony to follow. RSVP by March 22, to: Heidi Smith 218-820-0063 or Deanne at 218-296-3878.



Passing in traffic

Left, Derek Kennedy drops a pass in the lane for an assist in the playoff game against Pelican Rapids. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



A rude reception for robins

"Timing is everything," or so we're often told. That pearl of wisdom is sometimes no less true for wild creatures than it is for humans.

With the first week of March came temperatures soaring into the 50's in northern Minnesota, tempting one to leave the jacket on its hook when going out for the mail or bringing out the trash. Short pants were in evidence at school bus stops, though there are always a few young people who wear them – perhaps for shock value – even in mid-winter.

Week two of the month began in the same unseasonably warm way. At midday Monday I arrived home to see the year's first robins, there overhead dining on the withered crabapples that still cling to branches on the trees in our backyard. You may know they're back even before you see them; it doesn't take a list-making, binocular-toting birder to immediately recognize the robin's bold, cheery talk, even after a winter's long absence.

But Minnesota is known for its "theater of seasons," and that night brought a dramatic twist in the weather plot. In the pre-dawn of Tuesday morning, as I shuffled to the back door to let our Labrador retriever out for "morning business," I was puzzled by the brightness of the slumbering world beyond the win-

dows. The open door revealed why. The steps, sidewalk, gardens and lawn all gleamed in the faint light of the early hour. It had snowed overnight; not enough for the snow blower, not an amount worth shoveling, but enough to completely change the outdoor color palette from browns and grays to white.

The days that followed brought more Arctic air plunging down across the Canadian border into northern tier states. Nighttime low temperatures hit the zero mark, and even below. Daytime highs did not come close to flirting with freezing. In addition to their "apple-ing" in our trees, from time to time I would see a solitary robin prospecting among the pine needles and bark mulch in our gardens, or in the "cobble" rock landscape stones, determinedly working against the long odds of finding the active edibles that will be available once warm temperatures return for good.

Watching occasional swirls of wind-driven snow, I mused that if robins could think and speak, these early arrivals would probably be asking one another: "What WERE we thinking?!"

But robins are tougher than their annual migratory habit would lead us to believe. In fact, in many places in Minnesota – in just about any winter – you can find a solitary robin that for some unexplained reason stayed here rather than flocking to a warmer winter destination where insects and their preferred earthworms would be active and on the menu. There's a maverick in every crowd.

Then again, returning from

months of a warm winter retreat in the South, only to find Minnesota in deep-freeze conditions, is another matter. It calls for a major shift in diet, and the necessity of finding shelter from body heat-robbing overnight cold. This is especially difficult during periods like the recent one with wind gusts of 50 miles-per-hour and more from border to order, north to south and east to west. In circumstances like these, it isn't a total surprise to find the orange-breasted corpse of a robin that didn't make it.

Most do survive, however, feeding on the remaining seeds and fruits of trees and shrubs, perhaps finding a hibernating or torpid insect now and then. Though robins are not as inclined to dine at backyard feeders as other birds, they will sometimes appear at feeding stations and take shelled seeds, cracked corn, nuts, or even suet. Their bill is not fitted by evolution for opening tough-shelled seeds, but – just like finicky human diners – if there is variety they will probably find something to their liking.

The robin's foraging pattern – learned from their earliest fledging – predisposes it to search for what is produced naturally by trees and shrubs, both "wild" and cultivated. But if wintry weather lasts long enough, your backyard "food shelf" may become more and more attractive as robins learn from other birds to line up for an easy meal.

If robins could hope, they'd be hoping for the same thing we humans are: milder weather that will be here to stay.



Kelsie Weite signed

Staples-Motley High School senior Kelsie Weite has been signed to play basketball at the University of Jamestown, N.D., beginning the fall of 2017. Weite is a member of the SM Cardinal Varsity Girls Basketball team. Weite, pictured center, officially signed at the high school on Feb. 24. Also pictured are SMHS Principal Mike Schmidt (left) and girls basketball coach Craig Wolhowe. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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