



Weather spotters course canceled due to weather

Staples Police Department has been forced to postpone a planned weather spotters course due to - of all things, - the weather.

The weather spotters course scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, at the Staples Police Department was cancelled.

This was due to expected snowfall and the National Weather Service was unable to send a trainer.

"We will be scheduling another date sometime towards the end of April," Police Chief Kyle Huber said. He said he hoped to schedule it during the week of April 20.

Funding for landowners available

The Natural Resource Conservation Service office is currently accepting applications for the Environmental Quality Improvement Program.

To qualify, you need to be a landowner with at least 10 acres, engaged in livestock or crop production; and registered with the Farm Security Administration office.

Examples of practices may include assistance establishing a pasture rotation system, eliminating a pollution problem, establishing windbreaks and erosion control projects.

The NRCS expects the program will be funded the same as in the past.

For more info., call the NRCS office at 218-829-3272.

Educational Opportunities

April 6

'CIRCLE OF PARENTS' SUPPORT GROUP meets Mondays, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Staples Elementary School Library. Parents with children of all ages welcome. Child care provided. For more information on this free event, call 218-640-7035.

April 7

QUICKBOOKS CLASS FOR COLLEGE CREDIT, Tuesdays, April 7 and 21, 6 - 9 p.m., at Central Lakes College, Brainerd. To register, call 218-855-8142.

April 9

GOING INTO BUSINESS FOR YOURSELF CLASS, hosted by Central Lakes College, Brainerd, Thursday, April 9, 6 - 9 p.m. To register by April 2, call 218-855-8142.

VEHICLE INSPECTOR RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS, offered by Central Lakes College, Brainerd, Thursday, April 9, 8 a.m. - noon. To register, 218-855-8142.

April 15

DEALING WITH CONFLICT SEMINAR, hosted by Central Lakes College, Wednesday, April 15, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Rm. E100, Staples campus. For info., to register, 218-855-8142.

April 16

LYME'S DISEASE INFO. CLASS, hosted by Central Lakes College, Thursday, April 16, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Brainerd campus. For info., to register, 218-855-8142.



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Youth Regional Art Show

New York Mills Regional Cultural Center hosts the 2009 Minnesota State High School League Regional Show now through April 8. Young artists from 23 regional high schools participate in this show that features sculpture and two dimensional art work. The artists and their teachers will be in New York Mills

on April 8 for the Visual Arts Festival. The show is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

An example of the work exhibited in this show are "Unity" a drawing by Ashley Ayers of Staples Motley Schools (above).

Operation Round Up grants due

The next deadline to submit Operation Round Up grant applications to Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative is April 15. Local community organizations may apply for an Operation Round Up grant by completing and returning an application form, available by contacting Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative at 631-3120 or 800-321-8932 or online at www.toddwadena.coop/community.

To qualify for an Operation Round Up grant, organizations must be non-profit entities serving the Todd and Wadena county area. Projects should fall

into one of the following categories: community service, economic development, education and youth, environment, emergency energy assistance or disaster relief. Contributions are not made to political or religious organizations, fund-raising dinners, raffles, capital fund campaigns, national fund drives, for advertising or to individuals. A nine-member volunteer board oversees the Operation Round Up program, reviews the grant applications and selects the recipient organizations.

Operation Round Up

grants for local community service projects are made possible by the members of Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative, who allow their monthly electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. The change is placed in the Todd-Wadena Community Trust account and awarded semi-annually. The average individual contribution is less than fifty cents a month, yet Todd-Wadena members raise more than \$2,000 monthly. Since the program began in 2001, over \$200,000 has been donated to more than 250 local service projects.

Menus

Senior Nutrition Program

Anyone is welcome to come and enjoy a wholesome, nutritious meal and good fellowship at the nutrition site. Suggested donation: \$3.50. Just call the phone number below between 8:30 a.m. and noon the day before for reservations. For evening meals, please call one day in advance.

*Menus are subject to change.

Staples 894-2556

Serving at 11:45 a.m. sharp. All meals served with bread/margarine and skim milk.

April 6 - April 10

MONDAY - BOARD MTG - Hamburger chow mein, rice, California blend vegetables, Mandarin oranges, 720 calories.

TUESDAY - Chicken pattie, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, wheat bun, whipped gelatin, 765 calories.

WEDNESDAY - FREE IN-COME TAX SERVICES - Chili con carne, cheese sandwich, corn, sliced pears, sugar cookie, 1,035 calories.

THURSDAY - Baked ham, sweet potatoes, peas, cheese cake/topping, 870 calories.

FRIDAY - GOOD FRIDAY CLOSED

Senior Dining-Lakewood Health System Cafeteria Serving times:

Lunch: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
*Lunch served Sat. and Sun. only. Soup and dessert served with every meal.

Evening meal: 4:30-6 p.m.

April 5 - April 11

SUNDAY - Lunch: Pork roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, wild rice casserole, broccoli, coconut cream pie.

Eve Meal: BBQ chicken, potato salad, ham/bean soup, sliced turkey sandwich, peas, fruit cocktail.

MONDAY - Eve Meal: Ham/cheese omelet, breakfast potatoes, muffin, orange wedges, hamburger soup, shaved ham/bun, diced pears.

TUESDAY - Eve Meal: Drumsticks, tator tots, turkey rice soup, tuna salad croissant, three bean salad, pumpkin custard.

WEDNESDAY - Eve Meal: Beef roast, mashed potatoes/gravy, garden vegetable soup, grilled club sandwich, corn, bread pudding.

THURSDAY - Eve Meal: Goulash, dinner roll, cheeseburger soup, roast beef/wheat bun, broccoli/cheese sauce, chocolate chip cookie.

FRIDAY - Eve Meal: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, potato soup, chicken salad sandwich, pea salad, applesauce.

SATURDAY - Lunch: Chicken strips, fried potatoes, Polish/kraut, pickledbeets, pudding parfait.

Eve Meal: Meatloaf, cheesy potato casserole, beef noodle soup, egg salad croissant, winter mix, crushed pineapple.

Staples Motley Schools

Including elementary schools, middle school, Sacred Heart, Head Start and preschool.

All meals include: Milk, enriched bread and choice of vegetables and fruits.

April 6 - April 10

MONDAY - Chicken patty/bun.

TUESDAY - Corn dog, au gratin potatoes.

WEDNESDAY - Cheeseburger/bun, French fries.

THURSDAY - NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Staples Motley High School

All meals include: Milk, enriched bread and choice of vegetables and fruits.

April 6 - April 10

MONDAY - Assorted soups/sandwiches, baby carrots.

TUESDAY - Corn dog or roast beef sandwich, au gratin potatoes or taco salad, garlic toast.

WEDNESDAY - Grilled chicken/bun or roast beef sandwich, waffle fries or cheese pizza.

THURSDAY - NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL

Pillager Public School

All meals include a half pint of milk.

April 6 - April 10

MONDAY - Cheeseburger/bun, oven fries, apple, sherbet cup.

TUESDAY - Chicken nuggets, potato rounds, diced pears, cheese biscuit.

WEDNESDAY - Taco salad, corn, soft pretzel, diced fruit.

THURSDAY - Ham, au gratin potatoes, fruit salad, fresh whole wheat roll.

FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL.

ACRE program

The USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) announces that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss the new Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program that was part of the last farm bill.

Meeting schedule: April 7, 1:30 p.m., Fort Ripley, at The Steak House, approximately 2 hours and held jointly with the Morrison FSA.

For more information for Crow Wing/Cass producers, contact Trisha Koepplin at 218-829-5965.

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Murdock to host town hall meetings

Touring five District 10B cities

State Rep. Mark Murdock, R-Perham, will host another round of town hall meetings throughout District 10B with a tour of five area cities slated for Apr. 4.

Murdock conducted similar events in five different towns in mid-March. The initial round of town hall meetings generated discussion on a variety of topics, particularly the economy as the Legislature works to erase a \$6.4 billion deficit. Murdock said he is eager to hear from additional local residents as the current legislative session unfolds. The meetings are informal and open to the public.

"The first round of meetings went really well," Murdock said. "Folks were able to talk about whatever was on their mind and that

led to some really productive discussions in a casual setting. We face some significant challenges this legislative session, so I'm interested to hear what people have to say."

The following is a schedule of Rep. Murdock's town hall meetings:

Saturday, April 4

DENT: Nootzi's on Main (106 Main St.), 9 a.m.

NEW YORK MILLS: Senior Citizens Center (12 Walker Ave. N), 10 a.m.

WADENA: Minnesota State Community and Technical College; cafeteria area (405 Colfax Ave. S.W.), 11 a.m.

VERDALE: Senior Citizens Center (107 S. Farwell St.), noon.

STAPLES: Community Center (425 4th St. NE), 1 p.m.

Stimulus package road projects

Two road projects in Todd and Morrison counties have been included in funding provided by the federal stimulus act.

Information released by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) shows \$900,000 is budgeted for Todd County Road 2 improvements and \$820,000 for improving County Road 203 in Morrison County.

The Morrison County 203 road project will include grading, aggregate base and bituminous surfacing as well as aggregate shouldering. County 203 is

located in Scandia Valley Township.

The Todd County Road 2 project will involve plant mixed bituminous overlay, aggregate shouldering and miscellaneous safety improvements and will cost a total of \$900,000. County Road 2 runs east-west across southern Todd County.

According to MnDOT, federal funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will also provide: \$1 million for reconstruction on Highway 25 in Little Falls.

Mark Your Calendar

April 3

PRESCHOOL OPEN GYM, hosted by MOMS Club of Staples, Friday, April 3, 6 - 7 p.m., Staples Community Center. Open to all area families with preschool children.

April 4

STORY HOUR for children will be held at the Stomping Grounds coffee house, Staples, on Saturday, April 4, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Reading provided by volunteers. Free book given away each time. For more information, call 218-895-5750 or www.staplesstompinggrounds.com.

EASTER EGG HUNT for children by Staples '93 Lions, Saturday, April 4, from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Weather permitting - at Lakewood Health System Community Park or Staples Lions Building.

April 7 - 10

FOOT CARE CLINICS, sponsored by Lakewood Health System, Tuesday, April 7 and Friday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, senior campus. Appointments, call 218-894-8080.

SIT 'N KNIT meets Wednesday, April 8, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Stomping Grounds coffee house, Staples. For info., call 218-895-5750.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS, NORTH CENTRAL REGION, support and education meeting, Thursday, April 9, 7 - 9 p.m., 606 Front St., Brainerd.

April 14

GASTRIC BYPASS SUPPORT GROUP, Tuesday, April 14, 6 - 7 p.m., Lakewood Health System, Staples. Info., call Jena Doemel, 218-894-8509.

Avoid Event Conflicts
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