

The Big E That Could-Evan's Army storms N.C.

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

When the Woodwick family traveled to North Carolina in May, it was more than just a family vacation. The trip involved a wish fulfillment, sandy beaches, surfing and an entire city embracing their trip. Mostly it was a journey to connect families who have a shared experience of dealing with SJIA, an auto-inflammatory disease that results in the body's immune system attacking its own body anywhere, leading to pain and system failure. The trip was part of RaegansWish, an organization that helps

children with SJIA.

The journey started in 2015 when Evan Woodwick got really sick. He made multiple trips to the emergency room with intense fevers and many severe pains. The cause was not immediately known, and they eventually were sent to St. Cloud and then to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. They finally got a diagnosis of systemic juvenile idiopathic arthritis (SJIA), a rare disease that affects around 800 children. The diagnosis came the same day Evan's mother Tammy found an online photo of a rash that matched one Evan had. That also was on someone who had SJIA, and it started the family's online connection with other children who have the disease.

Although it has the word arthritis in the name, it



Surf's up

The Woodwick surfers, are, from left, Evan, Tammy, Charles and Grant. (Submitted photo)

is not related to common arthritis. People may have seen the movie The Big Sick, which is about a woman who slips into a coma from the adult onset of the same condition, known as Stills disease. It usually manifests in children and can attack any or all body systems.

Even with a diagnosis, they still didn't have a good path for recovery. The disease can sometimes be controlled and can even go into remission, but in the meantime it causes intense pain, fevers, and infections. Evan became immobile at times and had to miss many days of school.

"The school has been great to work with, they have made it so easy for Evan to stay at home," said Tammy. Evan will be moving to the high school for his eighth grade year

next year and the school already has preparations made for his needs. He will have a nap area to rest on painful days and school staff is trained to watch for signs of recurrences.

Likewise, Tammy said Lakewood Health System doctors are helping by learning about SJIA and keeping up with the latest research, even though Evan will likely be the only patient they ever get with the disease.

Evan's latest treatment is to take biotic medications that help his systems, rather than antibiotics that suppress functions. Tammy said the past year has been his best quality of life since getting diagnosed, but he is still not considered in remission. "He's been a trooper, he

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Hello, Readers,

Today, June 28, is Paul Bunyan Day. The character of Paul Bunyan originated in the oral tradition of North American loggers dating back to the mid-1800s. For at least 30 years, Paul Bunyan stories, some of which included motifs from older folktales such as absurdly severe weather and fearsome critters, were often told in the lumbercamp bunkhouses. Even the etymology of the name Paul Bunyan is unknown, but many think it could have been related to the Québécois expression "bon yenne!" that expresses surprise or astonishment. Paul Bunyan was later popularized by freelance writer and adman William B. Laughead (1882-1958) in a 1916 promotional pamphlet for the Red River Lumber Company who was looking for a face for the advertising campaign. Laughead embellished greatly on the character's older exploits and added some of his own, such as Paul Bunyan's pet blue ox, "Babe." The writer also increased Paul Bunyan's body to impossible proportions. Despite this, however, the character quickly became a hit, and the Red River ad campaign made Paul Bunyan a nationally recognized figure.

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George Brichacek
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Wind turbines travel by rail

Seemingly stretching towards eternity (or at least west to Aldrich) BNSF railcars loaded with wind turbine blades spent some time in the railroad yard west of Staples June 15. According to BNSF, railroad wind transload hubs are located within 300 miles of the majority of wind farms in the United States. Wind turbine blades average over 170 feet long and turbine towers average over 270 feet tall. Other BNSF engines lined the tracks with cars full of coal. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Two chosen as Princess Kay finalists

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

Paskewitz, Hollermann to represent Todd County

Princess Kay of the Milky Way...

It all began with an idea by Lew Conlon who managed the Minnesota Dairy

Industry Committee in 1954. That was the year that the name "Princess

Kay of the Milky Way" was selected to be the title of Minnesota's dairy princess

who would represent the dairy industry for one year

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Megan Hollermann

Megan Hollermann spent six weeks in Australia on an internship to learn about farming in that country. (Photo by Karin Nauber)

Traveling world to learn dairy

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

You could say that Megan Hollermann of the Swanville/Grey Eagle area has her father's eyes. Certainly, if not his eyes, she

has his heart and passion for the dairy industry. In fact, she is the herd manager and night crew manager on the family's 400 milking cow dairy and she credits her dad for her

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Tale of a true 'farm girl'

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

their farm after her Uncle Lee Paskewitz sold his farm.

This is now a third gen-

eration farm with Bruce and Sandy taking over the

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One look at Todd County Dairy Princess Rebekka Paskewitz's boots will surely inform you that this girl is a true "farm girl."

If that doesn't convince you, then listening to her talk about farming and the agriculture industry surely will.

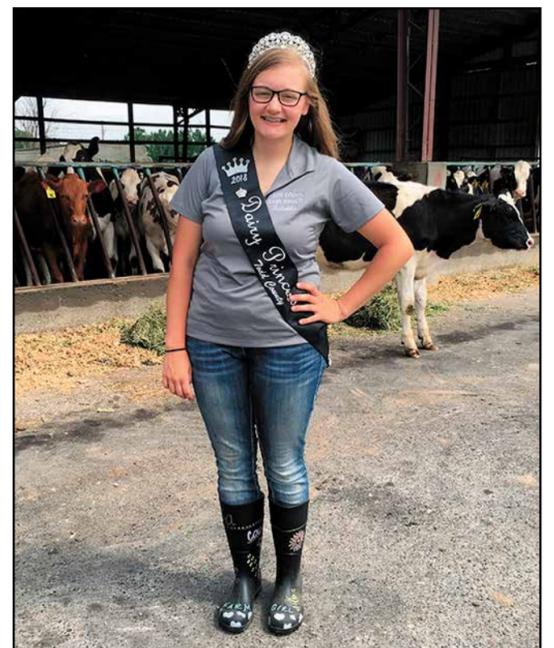
Even if Paskewitz wasn't involved with the dairy royalty program, her passion for the dairy industry would keep her talking about it.

She has been involved with the Todd County Dairy Princess program since the ninth grade. She started out as an Ambassador. This year she became one of the 12 finalists for the Princess Kay of the Milky Way title.

Rebekka was the 12th name to be called "in no particular order" at the May event when the finalists were announced.

"It wasn't a fun wait, but it was worth it," she said. Emily Annexstad, 2017's reigning princess was the 12th named called, too.

Currently, Rebekka helps out at her Uncle Bruce and Aunt Sandy Paskewitz's farm between Browerville and Staples. She started working on



Rebekka Paskewitz

Rebekka Paskewitz has a genuine passion for the dairy industry and promotes it wherever she goes. She currently works at her Uncle Bruce and Aunt Sandy Paskewitz's farm near Browerville. Her "farm girl" boots that she decorated for a project show her love of being a farm girl. (Photo by Karin Nauber)

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SJIA family meets surfing family

With their surfing instructors, Corey and Tammy Woodwick and their boys, Charles, Evan and Grant. (Submitted photos)

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Community helps Evan fight rare disease

doesn't focus on the negatives," said Tammy.

Since he was feeling better, the family had the opportunity to go on a trip. They connected with ReagansWish, and learned that most kids with SJIA have gotten a wish filled through the program. Evan mentioned he would like to try surfing, and the wheels were put in motion.

"They found a beach house for us, raised \$800 for us to drive there, and had everything planned for us," said Tammy. "We were treated like celebrities all week."

Social studies and history are Evan's favorite subjects in school, so when they got to Carolina Beach, he was given a key to the city. It wasn't just a symbol, either, he actually was named mayor for the day and got to sit in at a city council meeting with the town's mayor.

The Carolina Beach fire and police department got in on the action, escorting the family to the beach as Evan got to ride in a fire truck.

Once there, they played on the beach with Reagan, the girl the foundation is named after. Her family also took the Woodwicks out for seafood, where they enjoyed crab legs and shrimp, and took them on a boat ride around the bay.

The big event was the surfing lesson from Tony Silvagni Surf School at Carolina Beach. The family learned the basics of surfing and the instructors took Evan far out to meet the waves. "They were pretty big waves, it was scary," said Evan. He was able to catch one of the waves and ride it to shore lying on his stomach. His older brother Charles was able to stand on his board and caught some waves that way.

The surfing event was featured by a local television station, WWAY, and the family was interviewed for the segment. Although Evan doesn't normally like to be the center of attention, the trip brought out the best in him. "It didn't phase him, he was able to

step outside his comfort zone," said Tammy.

She compares handling the attention with the way Evan is fighting his disease. "He conquers his fears, he learns how to do things and makes the best of it," said Tammy. She calls her son "The Big E That Could," which is also the title of the Evan's Army facebook

compare experiences with SJIA. The family enjoyed the sand and the water, while Evan said he liked the sunsets the best.

On the way there, and on the way back, they stopped to visit other families dealing with SJIA. They had breakfast in Peoria, Ill., with one family and supper in Kentucky with another. They also stopped at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, which is helping raise funds for SJIA research. Having gone through the pain of the disease, Evan started getting emotional when he came in contact with smaller children who had the same condition. "He's usually even-handed, but that got to him," said Tammy.

After the trip Evan and Tammy feel they are better able to face the disease, knowing that there is a strong association of families going through the same issues, a community in North Carolina that treats them like celebrities, and a community at home that supports Evan in fighting his rare disease.

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'He conquers his fears, he learns how to do things and makes the best of it.'

Tammy Woodwick,
speaking about Evan

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page, where they help raise awareness for SJIA.

Now back at home in Staples, the Woodwicks go over photos and memories of their North Carolina trip. Tammy said her favorite part was hanging out with the other moms to



Hanging with the media

Evan Woodwick is interviewed by a local television station for a feature story on his surfing wish fulfillment through RaegansWish.

Sourcewell earns top award for third year

For the third-consecutive year, Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance) has been recognized as one of the Top Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune.

The award recognizes the most progressive Minnesota companies or organizations with a staff of 50 or more people and is based on employee opinions measuring engagement, organizational health and satisfaction. Over 2,400 companies were invited to participate and the analysis included responses from more than 71,000 employees. Rankings were composite scores calculated based on responses.

Sourcewell Executive Director/CEO Dr. Chad Coauette says he and the board of directors were very pleased to learn the organization had again earned the distinction.

"This recognition is given based on feedback from our organization's greatest asset - our service-minded staff," Coauette said. "The board and I are proud of this accomplishment and we don't take recognitions like this for granted. We are very intentional about creating and sustaining our desired workplace culture and we continuously strive to get better at what we do. Receiving this recognition as we progress through our journey is very rewarding."

Sourcewell conducts quarterly all-staff training on topics ranging from communication styles, time management, safety and customer service. The organization also uses the GiANT Worldwide leadership framework. Staff engage in monthly small-group leadership development meetings to foster connectivity, communication and a common, objective language.

"One thing that really surprised me as a new employee is how much Sourcewell invests in its staff," said Michelle

Spychalla, contract administrator on staff since December 2017. "From the volunteer hours to the professional development opportunities and expectations, I feel supported and challenged to learn and grow both personally and professionally."

Sourcewell encourages all full-time employees to participate in 50 hours of professional development and provides them with eight hours of paid volunteer time annually. Just in the last year, the organization increased its coverage of family health and dental insurance, easing the burden on employees and helping position Sourcewell as an employer of choice.

Since July 1, 2017, Sourcewell has hired 45 new employees bringing its total to 146. The organization continues to experience growth across all departments and anticipates hiring more than 30 employees in the fiscal year 2018-19. Visit sourcewell-mn.gov to see a list of current openings.

A complete list of the 2018 Top Workplaces will be available at StarTribune.com/topworkplaces2018. The list was also published in the Star Tribune Top Workplaces special section on June 24.

Sourcewell is a self-supporting government organization, partnering with education, government and nonprofits to boost student and community success. Created in 1978 as one of Minnesota's nine service cooperatives, the company offers training and shared services to central-Minnesota members. Throughout North America, the company offers a cooperative purchasing program with over 200 awarded vendors on contract. Sourcewell is driven by service and the ability to strategically reinvest in member communities.

Beware Medicare card fraud

From the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson

Over 55 million people receive Medicare benefits, including about 950,000 Minnesotans. In the past, Medicare cards have included beneficiaries' Social Security Numbers ("SSN") to help identify them and process their claims. To help protect against identity theft, Medicare is issuing new cards without people's SSNs. Unfortunately, scammers are trying to take advantage of the transition to new cards to defraud Medicare beneficiaries.

Changes to the Medicare card

A federal law requires that SSNs be removed from all Medicare cards by April 2019. The new cards will use a unique "Medicare Beneficiary Identifier" ("MBI") to identify people rather than their SSN. MBIs will have 11 characters, including a combination of numbers and uppercase letters. An example MBI provided by CMS is: 1EG4 TE5-MK73.

What to know

CMS began sending new Medicare cards to beneficiaries in April 2018 and will continue to do so on a rolling basis until April 2019. New cards are being sent to beneficiaries in waves based, in part, on the state in which they live.

According to CMS, Minnesota is in wave three, which will occur sometime after June 2018.

New Medicare cards are sent automatically to beneficiaries. There's no activation process or fee to receive a new card, and beneficiaries do not need to take any action to receive their new card as long as the address they have on file with Social Security is correct.

Moreover, CMS states that it will not call beneficiaries and ask them to provide personal or financial information to receive a new Medicare card.

How the scam works

New Medicare cards are being issued to prevent fraud, but con artists are already perpetrating new scams in an attempt to take advantage of the process. The scams vary, but typically begin with a phone call from a scammer posing as a representative of Medicare or another government agency, and attempting to get the beneficiary to reveal personal information.

Under one variation, scammers ask a beneficiary to pay a processing fee to receive or activate their new Medicare card. The scammer may even threaten to cancel a beneficiary's Medicare benefits if they don't pay the fee. In another variation, the

scammer claims that the beneficiary must verify his or her SSN to receive their new Medicare card. The scam artist can use this information to commit identity theft.

In yet another variation, the scam artist claims a beneficiary is owed a refund for a transaction on their old card and asks the beneficiary for his or her bank account information to process the supposed refund. The scammer can use this information to drain the beneficiary's bank account.

Who to Contact

If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and report the incident to CMS by calling 800-633-4227. People targeted by this scam are also encouraged to report the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by calling 763-569-8000 and the Federal Trade Commission by calling 877-382-4357.

For additional information, contact the Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson as follows:

Office of Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson, 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1400, St. Paul, MN 55101 651-296-3353 (Twin Cities Calling Area) 800-657-3787 (Outside the Twin Cities) TTY: 651-297-7206 or 800-366-4812, www.ag.state.mn.us

Outdoor recreation maps for mobile devices upgraded

Navigating Minnesota's woods and waters with a mobile device is now easier than ever with new digital maps available from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Cartographers in the Parks and Trails Division have recently upgraded nearly all of the maps for Minnesota state parks, state water trails, off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails and public water access sites to geospatial (location-referenced) PDF files (or GeoPDFs for short). State trail and snowmobile trail maps will be available in about a month.

"Our new GeoPDF maps are part of our ongoing efforts to improve the visitor experience," said Erika Rivers, director of the DNR's Parks and Trails Division. "Knowing exactly where you are at any given time takes away the worry about getting lost, so you can focus instead on having fun outdoors."

The GeoPDF maps are best read with

Avenza Maps, a GeoPDF reader app, which is available for free from the Google Play Store (for Android devices) or the App Store (for iPhones). Internet access is needed to install the app and map files, but once they are installed, they do not need internet access or cell phone service to function.

"The app relies solely on a device's built-in GPS receiver to track your movement," Rivers said. "Your location is represented on the map by a small blue dot, which moves as you move."

Instructions on how to download the application and map can be found on the DNR website.

For more information, visit the DNR website or contact the DNR Information Center by emailing info.dnr@state.mn.us or by calling 888-646-6367 (8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday).

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Five Wings Arts Council seeks board members

Five Wings Arts Council is currently seeking representatives from Cass, Crow Wing and Morrison counties to serve a three-year term on its board of directors. Council members are charged with setting policy, as well as approving funding programs and services designed to improve the lives of the people in Region Five through arts and culture projects. They also review and make funding award decisions about grant applications submitted to the council. In addition, Five Wings Arts Council members repre-

sent the council at various arts events in the region and state. The volunteer board of directors meets ten times per year and is compensated for mileage to board meetings. Council member candidates should have experience participating in, advocating for, and/or supporting the arts. For a full description of the responsibilities and expectations of board members contact Vicki at vicki.fwac@arvig.net. Anyone interested serving in this capacity should submit a letter of inter-

est stating their expertise, and resume to: Five Wings Arts Council, PO Box 118, Staples, MN 56479 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net. The Five Wings Arts Council is one of eleven designated regional arts councils which distribute both legislative and private funds to artists and arts organizations throughout the counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena. For more information regarding Five Wings Arts Council call 877-654-2166 or e-mail mark.fwac@arvig.net.



ALICE training for school safety

Staples-Motley High School was the site of an active shooter training program June 11-12. About 80 participants from area schools and law enforcement agencies took part in the training. There were 15 participants from Staples-Motley schools and some from the Staples Police Department as well.

ALICE stands for alert, lockdown, inform, counter, evacuate, a new process that is replacing the traditional school lockdown approach. Participants at the training were able to test scenarios and develop a plan for the schools. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Todd County's only Princess Kay was Mary Ann Titrud from Clarissa in 1965

after being crowned the day before the Minnesota State Fair. The first Princess Kay was crowned in 1954. If you're not familiar with this competition, here's what Wikipedia says about it, "Princess Kay of the Milky Way is the title awarded to the winner of the statewide Minnesota Dairy Princess Program, an annual competition organized by the Midwest Dairy Association. During her one-year term, the Princess Kay of the Milky Way serves as official good-will ambassador for the Minnesota dairy industry. The princess is crowned every year at the Minnesota State Fair and receives a scholarship. The crowning of Princess Kay annually garners statewide as well as national media coverage." Todd County has chosen one or more Dairy Princesses as well as Dairy Ambassadors annually to promote the industry within the county. Each year there are about 100 princesses who vie for one of the 12 finalist spots for Princess Kay. This event typically takes place in May. Mary Ann Titrud from Clarissa was crowned Princess Kay in 1965. She is the only Todd County Princess to earn the state title.

Beginning in 1965, the 12 finalists each have had their likeness carved out of a 90 pound block of butter. The butter carving booth is one of the most popular exhibits at the State Fair. According to Wikipedia, "The carving of the butter sculpture takes six-eight hours per finalist. For nearly 40 years, Linda Christensen has been the Princesses' butter sculptor. Princesses take their butter sculpture home with them at the end of the fair." This year - the 65th annual competition - holds another first for Todd County. This year, two young women - Rebekka Paskewitz and Megan Hollermann - were selected to be one of the 12 finalists. The girls are required to take on "public relations roles at the Minnesota State Fair. The new Princess Kay is selected just before the state fair and the coronation takes place the night before the state fair opens. The crowned Princess Kay then makes numerous media and public appearances during the Fair's 12 days and throughout the coming year on behalf of Minnesota dairy farmers." This year's Princess Kay coronation is on Aug. 22.

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Dairy industry people are '... the greatest people I know'

desire to be involved and stay involved in the industry. "I love farming - I love every minute of it - even the long hours. It can be challenging, but I can't imagine doing anything else. I wouldn't do anything else without the people in my life, especially my dad," said Megan. She speaks very highly of her dad, Shawn Hollermann. "He's my reason for doing anything in the dairy industry. He always encouraged me to come along when he was out doing something on the farm. I want to be just like him. I want to be the kind of person my dad is," she said. Her parents, Shawn and Debbie are both very active on the farm, as well as Megan and her two brothers Dylan and Mason. "Sometimes we argue about whether we're a third or fourth generation farm. We are a third generation one because my grandpa ran the farm, but we are a fourth generation one if you count that great-grandpa helped!" She said. Third or fourth, one thing is certain, Megan intends to take over the farm when the time comes. Megan has travelled around the world learning about the dairy industry in

other countries. She spent six weeks in Australia on an internship in October 2017. This was at The Angle which is one of the seven Moxey Farms. The farm she worked on had 6,000 cows. Altogether, with their young stock, the Hollermanns have between 1,000-1,200 animals. It isn't just Megan who travels the world. Some of the embryos from one of her cows will be going to Japan this year. In fact, the Japanese farmers will be visiting the Hollermanns on June 30. Megan went to Ridgewater College in Willmar and graduated this past spring with a degree in dairy management. She's been involved in the dairy royalty program for six years - three as an Ambassador and three as a Princess. Mellarry Farms was her sponsor this year and Megan was very encouraged by their involvement and keeping in contact with her.

Because of her passion for the dairy industry, she said that if she's not crowned Princess Kay this year, she will run for the American Dairy Association board and devote her energies to dairy promotion that way. Megan, who has met people in other aspects of the ag industry, said that the dairy industry people are a class all of their own. "They're closer, like family. They would give you the shirt off their back and not think twice about it," she said. "They're some of the greatest people I know." Hollermann hopes that through her sharing and outreach she can show how caring and compassionate the people in the dairy industry are and change the perception that is out there. Megan wants to travel to New Zealand and work on a farm there in the future. Her dad tells her, "Go ahead. The farm will be here when you get back!"

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She loves spreading good attitudes about agriculture

operation in the 1990s. "I love being out here with the calves. You can tell when they are comfortable because of their attitude. They will jump and play when they are happy. It lifts my spirits, too. You get perspective from watching them and you know you've done your job right when they are happy," she said. Rebekka takes what she's learned from the calves about being happy to all aspects of her life. She attends South Dakota State University in agricultural education and hopes to be able to teach ag classes at a school when she is done with her degree. "I want to do advocacy and education," she said. So how does she keep active with the dairy industry while in college? She found new avenues to become involved through the communications and outreach niche. She is on the Riverview LLP Communications Team. That team works on social media, farm tours and community outreach. "It's something I do when I'm not at school or at home. It's not full-time, but something I can do while I am a full-time student and dairy princess," she said. Rebekka has helped put together a farm to table video which shows the importance of the ag industry in feeding our nation and the world. "It's so important to keep educating people about the farm and the importance

of what comes from there," she said. "We have a lot of work to do." Her sister Rachel, who is a Todd County Dairy Ambassador this year, also helps spread the good word on the ag industry. One of Rebekka's favorite parts about being a Todd County Dairy Princess is that she gets to meet so many nice people and talk to them about the contributions the dairy industry makes. "There are a lot of

things to be down about in this world. I love being positive and being a liaison for the hard working farmers," she said. Rebekka hopes to be a light to shine on the positives of the agriculture industry. "I try to make it a sunny day, not a cloudy one," she said. Rebekka is a 2016 graduate of Staples-Motley High School. She is the daughter of Alan and Vicki Paskewitz.

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Left to right: Laurel Buchanan, Gail Donarski, Missy Lindow, Ted Perish, Amy Ismil, Connie Hall

Laurel Buchanan, Clinical Data Analyst
Nominated by Heidi Chapman, Foundation Director, "Laurel has gone above and beyond her duty to help out the Foundation with reports. She trains us on how to do our reports independently. Without Laurel's help we would not have been able to pull our year-end reports for all our donors and the year-end report for Fiscal. Because of her we were able to get our donor wall ordered for the Respite Suite. We are grateful for Laurel's help."

Gail Donarski and Ted Perish, Maintenance
Nominated by Jason Hoyt, former Director of Senior Housing & Transportation; and LHS employees, Kari Davis, Lori Kyar and Lacey Fitzgerald. "Gail and Ted went out of their way to make sure that all the sidewalks were cleared during the March snowstorm. Every visitor and employee who came and went was able to stay safe as the sidewalks were continuously cleared off and their cars were shoveled out. Thank you Gail and Ted."

Missy Lindow, Director Clinic Operations & Access
Nominated by Lorie Tepley, Patient Access. "Missy became our department manager shortly after she started working for LHS. Our department has benefited from her willingness to listen to us and make decisions with a fair and guiding hand. She seems to have a never ending supply of energy and is always optimistic and pushes us to be our very best every day. She is truly a GREAT asset to LHS and to our department."

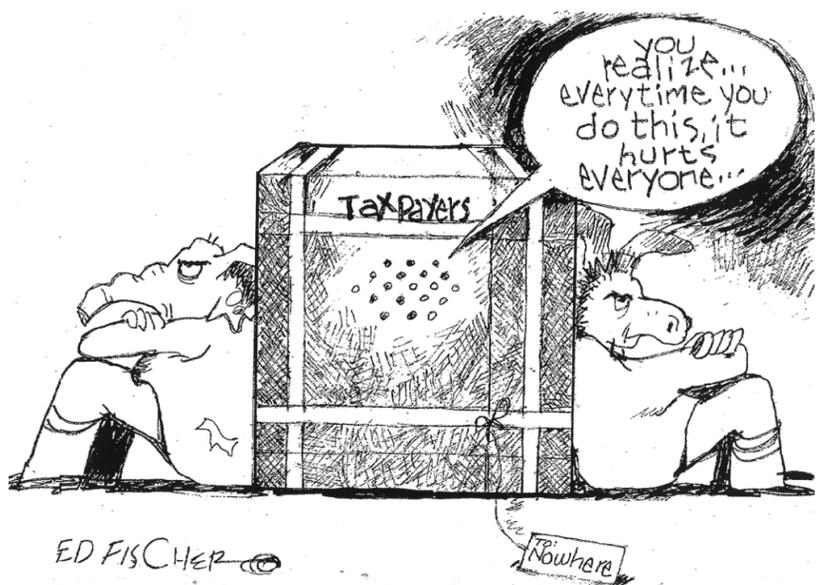
Amy Ismil, CRA, Care Center
Nominated by the HOPE committee, "Amy goes above and beyond by consistently thinking of her fellow employees every day. In order to make the start of each shift more workload manageable for all staff, she answers all call lights, fills water pitchers and prepares carts for the staff. Amy is a leader that helps with new staff orientation and she is a fantastic mentor. We appreciate Amy's upbeat attitude and can-do spirit that is contagious to those around her."

Connie Hall, Activity Assistant, Senior Services
Nominated by Michael Cole RN, BSN, EH/OH/Education, "Connie is an inspiration to others with her kindness and dedication. She recently recognized that a resident was not (acting like) themselves. She sought out nursing staff immediately and the resident was assessed and identified to be having a health issue. It was Connie's quick thinking and fast action that allowed for the resident to be assessed and transferred for lifesaving treatment. Thank you, Connie, for your dedication to the team approach and to high quality resident care."

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to July 4th Holiday the deadline for the July 5 Staples World is **Friday, June 29 at 5 p.m.**



Consider ways to help America's children

by Dr. Gary S. Smith

Countless Americans are expressing outrage at the separation of almost 2,000 children from their parents who illegally crossed the U.S.-Mexico border in a recent six-week period. Leading Republicans have joined the chorus of Democrats who are denouncing this policy.

Columnist Ross Douthat labeled the policy "the wickedest thing the Trump administration has done so far." Former first lady Laura Bush, writing in *The Washington Post*, compared the policy to the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, calling it cruel, immoral and heart-breaking. Republican Senator Susan Collins of Maine declared on CBS's "Face the Nation" that the policy is "traumatizing to the children, who are innocent victims" and contrary to American values.

The American Psychological Association lambasted the policy as "needless and cruel" and a threat to "the mental and physical health of both the children and their caregivers."

"The longer that children and parents are separated," the APA asserted, "the greater the reported symptoms of anxiety and depression for the children. Negative outcomes for children include psychological distress, academic difficulties and disruptions in their development."

The Trump administration has argued that it is simply enforcing the law. Trump tweeted that the Democrats' "horrible and cruel legislative agenda" is to blame for separating children from their parents. White House chief of staff John Kelly insists that this policy will help deter families from trying to cross the border illegally and that the children will be placed in foster care. Congress will vote on two immigration bills that can clarify and hopefully rectify this situation.

While many Americans are outraged about this situation and sometimes about other events and government policies that harm children, we are doing little to remedy the larger problem of the millions of children in our country who are suffering because of inadequate parenting, nutrition, healthcare and education.

One of out of five children in America lives below the poverty line. According to a recent UNICEF report, the child poverty rate in the U.S. is higher than 36 of the world's 41 wealthiest countries.

Education is a key to success in life, but today almost 60 percent of all fourth and eighth grade public school students and more than 80 percent of African-American and nearly 75 percent of Latino children in those grades cannot read or compute at their grade level.

This problem begins earlier. By age three, most children who grow up in poor families are substantially behind their middle- and upper-class peers in verbal and intellectual development, and the gap normally widens if they do not go to preschool. By age four, children in low-income families have typically heard 30 million fewer words than children in affluent families. Poor preschoolers are less likely than their wealthier peers to be able to identify letters, write their first names, or count to 20. By age five, a two-year achievement gap exists between many rich and poor children.

There are many things we can do through programs, churches, community organizations and our individual actions to help our nation's children.

Consider a few examples. Former U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan contends that creating a national early education program focusing on birth to age five could "transform the life chances of children and strength-

en families in important ways." Another remedy is to create more high-quality after-school programs to provide classes, tutoring and help with homework to enable poor children to improve their school performance.

Reducing "summer slide" is also important. Because of their lack of books and intellectual enrichment at home, many low-income children regress during the summer. "Summer slide" typically accounts for two of the average three-year gap that exists between low- and high-income children by eighth grade. Creating summer camps to help improve children's reading skills and prodding parents to teach their children during the summer is crucial.

Providing more role models, counselors and sisters for low-income children to help them deal with developmental, relational and academic issues is also essential. Many businesses have created programs that enable current or retired employees to work in schools and mentor children.

One organization that is doing excellent work is Communities in Schools. Founded in New York City in the 1970s, CIS currently works in 2,300 schools in 25 states and the District of Columbia. Through this organization, thousands of Americans tutor children in reading and math and help them prepare to take standardized tests at the end of the school year.

Congregations can partner with one of the nation's 45,000 public schools that has a high percentage of low-income students to supply food, tutor students, collect books and hold literacy classes for parents.

Ensuring that teenagers graduate from high school is critical. School dropouts are 3.5 times more likely to be arrested than high school graduates and eight times more likely to be incarcerated.

We can also give more generously to help children. If all American Christians gave ten percent of their post-tax income to churches and charities, sociologists Christian Smith and Michael Emerson argue in their book "Passing the Plate," they could accomplish "massive and unprecedented spiritual, social, cultural, and economic change." Sadly, however, surveys indicate that only three to eight percent of Americans donate ten percent or more of their income.

Hopefully, the separation of children from parents who have entered our country illegally will soon end. The bigger issue, however, is: Will we take action through government, houses of worship and humanitarian organizations to end the larger tragedy of the millions of American children whose intellectual, physical and emotional development is stunted, whose education is of poor quality and ends too early, and whose potential is not fully realized.

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ity of life, affordability and improving amenities of smaller communities. Much of corporate America has taken notice and is increasingly focused on strategies for marketing to this dynamic demographic (think Microsoft, Walmart, Frontier Communications, Airbnb, Ace Hardware and others).

The impact of this "small town America revolution" could be dramatic. More than ever, it is incumbent upon local leaders to look for innovative ways to prepare and promote their communities to capture a share of people looking to escape the big cities in the years ahead. At the same time, municipal policymakers will need to plan for the inevitable pressure these changes will bring to bear on infrastructure and demands for expanded public services.

The coming "revolution" leaves me with two big questions:

- Will leaders in America's small towns and cities be prepared for, and manage, these transformational opportunities and challenges?
- And, how will companies with a stake in this rich and growing market position themselves to support and take advantage this exciting "revolution"?

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Legislature favored corporate farms at the expense of family farms

By Alan Perish

The 2018 Minnesota Legislative Session ended without the progress we needed to see for family farmers and rural communities. That's exactly what large-scale corporate ag wanted: business as usual. Corporate ag keeps building and expanding, running family farmers off the land and out of business, and our state legislature didn't act to address this crisis.

Legislative efforts were too often focused on corporate interests and their legislative allies getting special treatment at the expense of rural communities, family farmers and Minnesota values. For example, little time and resources were committed to addressing the farm financial crisis we are now facing.

In fact, early into the session, Dr. Marin Bozic, a dairy economist at the University of Minnesota, testified on behalf of Minnesota Milk and the U of M before the State Senate Ag Committees about the state of agriculture in Minnesota.

Dr. Bozic said, "We are going to see a number of dairy farmers that are no longer competitive... We would be doing them a disservice by offering some handouts that would prolong their hope but really there is nothing there to hope for."

He then lifted Riverview Dairy, an 8,000+ cow dairy in Morris as the prime example of what type of operation our state resources should be focused on. (His full testimony can be found at <https://bit.ly/2FB624E>, starting at 1:06:15.)

None of the senators stood up against his claims that more factory farms are in-

evitable for Minnesota's future, that they should be supported by state resources and that small- and mid-size family dairy farms are no longer viable.

Even worse, during the last couple days of the legislative session, corporate ag and their legislative allies stuck a 'poison pill' provision into the otherwise good Ag Policy bill, knowing full well that Governor Dayton would veto it.

This caused positive policies from becoming law, such as expanding the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit to a larger number of educated beginning farmers. But that serves big ag interests: less family farmers on the land, more land consolidation and the success of a 'get big or get out' complex.

It didn't have to happen this way. Priority and noncontroversial issues, like funding for programs that provide aid for struggling family farmers, should have been moved as bills on their own, rather than part of a controversial omnibus bill that the Governor said he would veto.

Struggling family farmers deserve more than a status quo legislative session that favors the interests of large-scale corporate ag at the expense of our rural communities. Because the playing field is already so tilted towards corporate interests, when nothing happens, only one person wins. And it's not the people. It's corporations.

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Small town revolution in age of disruption

By Barton Russell

We may be at the front end of a major socioeconomic shift that hasn't been seen since the population shifts of the industrial revolution. Technology is increasingly bringing the conveniences of urban living to less populated areas, and this trend promises to have positive implications on the opportunities and allocation of resources in smaller communities across the country.

Small cities and rural towns already comprise a staggering percent of the U.S. population, with more than 140 million people living in these 30,000 metropolitan communities. Most remain healthy and vibrant, but many of these

towns have experienced a decline in recent times, as many people, especially with GenXers and Millennials, have been moving into cities and urban areas. However, thanks to the current age of disruptive technology and the unparalleled speed of innovation, my contention is that this trend may have reached its apex and less densely populated areas will experience a reverse-migration in the coming years.

I am not alone. Julio Gil, an innovation engineer for UPS in its European headquarters, said in a recent TED talk that new technologies "are opening new possibilities and radically changing the way we did things before, and in a few years, they may

allow us to enjoy the benefits of city life from anywhere." This phenomenon, Gil maintains, will herald a significant outmigration of urban dwellers to metropolitan cities and exurban, rural places.

Some experts claim this trend is already well underway. Financial writer Bob Sullivan wrote recently in *MarketWatch*: "Big cities and their big employers have always attracted young workers, and that's still true. But several factors - sky-high home prices chief among them - have sent millennials across the country looking for alternatives. Unlikely (small communities) in places like Ohio and North Dakota have benefited."

Improved Internet ac-

cess/speed, the rise of the "virtual workplace," the portability of virtual work, freelance or "gig" work, online shopping and even the reality of drone technology is increasingly bringing the conveniences of city living to small town America. A fast-growing portion of our nation's population is gaining more control over where they live and work. One recent Gallup poll determined that 43 percent of employees work remotely at least some of the time, primarily due to improving virtual communication and work collaboration technologies.

I believe this shift in the convenience of living and working from anywhere will disrupt modern urban life in favor of the qual-

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July 10 is deadline for Community Awards

The deadline is Tuesday, July 10, for nominations to be accepted for the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation's Community Awards.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) seeks to honor those who have contributed to the community at a Community Awards Celebration Thursday, Oct. 11, at Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples.

Nominations will be accepted in six categories. Those categories are:

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

The Chairman's Award can be suggested by the person submitting the nomination. Possibilities might include: Volunteer of Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Educator, Police Officer, Firefighter, Medical Person, Farmer, Child Care Provider, etc., anything that does not fit into the other five categories.

"The nomination for

Outstanding Youth is open to anyone age 18 or younger who's enhanced the quality of life for people in our communities, whether through membership in organizations such as FFA or Scouting or through specific events during the past year," said Melissa Birkholtz, co-chair of the event.

Both Birkholtz and co-chair Mary Jo Hofer emphasized that people can submit a nomination a second or third time if that nominee was not selected for an award in the first year it was received.

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

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

Nomination letters should include the following:

- Contact information (name, address, phone

number and email address) of the individual or organization making the nomination.

• Contact information of the individual, group, business or organization being nominated.

• A response to the following question: How has the individual or group contributed to the well-being of the Staples and Motley community?

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

Additional information and nomination forms can be found on the SMACF website at www.staples-motleyfoundation.org. The form on the website can be completed online, then printed and mailed.

A complete list of past recipients can also be found on the foundation's website.

Nomination forms can be picked up in Staples at Staples City Hall, Staples World, Staples Public Library and Mayer, Porter & Nelson. In Motley they can be picked up at Motley City Hall and Markus Hair Design.



Imagination Camp

Come to the Staples Public Library for the Summer Reading Program "Reading Takes You Everywhere." Super cool programs are available along with the reading for prizes.

Last week Imagination Camp was offered where children did some crafts and games. Participants in the photo above,

from left, are Matthew Jewison, Gabriel Johnson, Jackson Odden, Rylan David, Brogan David, Andrew Dobson, Ben Johnson, Kalee Winter, Mariam Johnson, Michael Jewison and Isabelle Dobson. In the lower photo children are playing "Pin the State of Minnesota on the World Map (Pin the Tail on the Donkey. Check out www.griver.org for upcoming programs or follow the Facebook page. (Submitted photos)



Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

ONGOING EVENTS POSTED LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH:

AA MTGS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL MAIN CAMPUS, STAPLES, CLASSROOM A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

AA MTGS AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, PILLAGER: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA MTGS AT MOTLEY FREE METHODIST CHURCH: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

AA MTG AT MOTLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Mondays, 8 p.m. For info., 218-639-9743.

AA MTGS IN VERNDALE: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

DUAL RECOVERY ANONYMOUS MEETING Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (TAKING OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY) CHAPTER #1077 OF STAPLES Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MTG Mondays, Lakewood Health System main cam-

pus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

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

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOC. CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP MTG first and third Thursday, 3 - 4 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP MTG third Wednesday, 10 - 11 a.m., Maslowski Wellness and Research Center, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

FOOT CARE CLINICS sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MTG first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

MEMORY LOSS SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS MTG second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at

Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

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

'PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD' SUPPORT GROUP MTG second Monday, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

SENIOR HEALTH CLINIC sponsored by Wadena County Public Health, second Wednesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Wadena County Public Health, 22 Dayton Ave. SE, Wadena. Health screenings include blood pressure, foot care, health info. and referrals. For info., 218-631-7629.

TODD COUNTY REPUBLICANS MTG third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.

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

WAHOO VALLEY AREA MN DEER HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION MTG second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

WOMEN OF TODAY MTG first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.

June 28

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT Thurs., June 28, at dusk, Motley United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S. Free popcorn/lemonade. All welcome.

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The blue and white signs are posted near the crossing on both sides of the road and should be clearly visible to the road user. The emergency notification system sign includes the railroad's emergency contact number and the U.S. Department of Transportation's national crossing number, which identifies the exact location of the crossing to the railroads.

"The seven number and letter crossing code and the railroad phone number are the only two things a motorist needs to know

when reporting an issue," said Jim Weatherhead, state rail program coordinator. "Motorists don't need to know the name of the street or railroad."

He said motorists can call the phone number listed on the sign to report emergency or dangerous situations such as a signal malfunction, if someone or something is on the tracks or if the crossing is blocked for more than 10 minutes.

"The railroad can dispatch their own people or law enforcement. There might be times the railroad isn't aware that a signal is malfunctioning or that an emergency or dangerous situation exists, so calling the number on the blue and white sign is the quickest way to contact the railroad or to reach emergency responders," Weatherhead

said. For more information, go to the Federal Railroad Administration's website at www.fra.dot.gov.

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June birthdays celebrated

Celebrating June birthdays at the Senior Nutrition Site held June 12, were: Jim Olson, Joan Morpew and Dean Paskewitz. Birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated each month at the center. Birthday or anniversary cakes, along with cards are given to each of the individuals who are celebrating their occasion. The Senior Nutrition Site is located at the Staples Community Center, Senior Room. To register for meals, call 218-894-2556 one day in advance.

Student Achievements

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, FARGO has announced its 2018 Spring Graduation list. Local students who earned degrees include:

- Matthew Neururer, Motley, Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.
- Dawn Swartz, Motley, Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology, graduated with honors.
- Luke Unger, Pillager, Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology, graduated with honors.
- Jaelin Beachy, Staples, Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology, graduated with honors.
- Timothy Hepokoski, Staples, Bachelor of Arts degree in Emergency Management, graduated with honors.
- Erik Nelson, Staples, Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

MINNESOTA STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE has announced its 2018 Spring Graduation list. Local students who earned degrees include:

- Chadron Beebe, Motley, Associate of Applied Science degree in Radio-logic Technology.
- David Hobson, Motley, Associate of Science degree in Nursing.
- Tyler Johnson, Motley, Diploma - Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration.
- Andrew Barrett, Staples, Diploma - Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration.
- James Engebretson, Staples, Diploma - Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration.
- Madelyn Erbe, Staples, Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences.
- Kyann Nyhus, Staples, Associate of Science degree in Nursing.

HAILEY KOENIG has been named to the 2018 Spring Semester President's List at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. To be eligible, students must achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

ST. CLOUD STATE UNIVERSITY has announced its 2018 Spring Semester Dean's List. To be eligible, students must have a GPA of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Local students included:

- Alisha Johnson, Motley
- Alisa Olson, Motley
- Kelly Mast, Pillager
- Abigail Winch, Staples

Central Lakes College spring graduation list

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has announced its 2018 Spring Graduates List. High honors students earned a 3.75 - 4.0 Grade Point Average. Honors students earned a 3.25 - 3.74 Grade Point Average.

The list includes all but those students with data privacy requested. Local students named includes:

Motley

Zachary Carlson, Associate of Arts, honors; Heather Joslin, Associate of Arts, honors; Lisa Kossan, Associate of Arts, high honors; Samantha Lindula, Associate of Science, Nursing; Kylee Smith, Diploma of Occupational Proficiency, Practical Nursing; Tiffany Sykes, Diploma of Occupational Proficiency, Practical Nursing, honors.

Pillager

Rebecca Bearth, Certificate, Phlebotomy Technician, honors; Jennifer Grondahl, Associate of Arts; Kelsie Hanson, Associate of Applied Science, Natural Resources Technology, honors; Kathleen Howland, Associate of Applied Science, Computer Network Administration, high honors; Ezra Johnson, Associate of Applied Science, Computer Information Technology; Justin Mast, Associate of Applied Science, Robotics/Automated Systems Technology, high honors; Alayna Piette, Associate of Arts, high honors; Hannah Ruhl, Associate of Arts; Jacob Siefkes, Associate of Arts, honors.

Staples

Jessica Anderson, Associate of Applied Science, Healthcare Administrative Specialist, honors; Kathryn Barrett, Associate of Applied Science, Horticulture, high honors; Allison Cushing, Associate of Arts; Jennifer Dolezal, Associate of Arts, honors; AshLee Ervin-Tupper, Certificate, Phlebotomy Technician; Heather Gomon, Associate of Applied Science, Healthcare Administrative Specialist; Carrie Granby, Associate of Science, Nursing; Rayna Guzman, Associate of Arts; Joshua Hites, Certificate, Robotic Manufacturing and Diploma of Occupational Proficiency, Mechatronics; Tiffany Johnson (currently Amiot), Associate of Science, Nursing; Lisa Kubichek, Certificate, Entrepreneurship, honors; Darci McGillivray, Associate of Applied Science, Accountant, high honors and Certificate, Microsoft Office Professional, high honors; Nicholas O'Brien, Certificate, Robotic Human Machine Interface Advanced, honors; Brian Sterriker, Associate of Arts, honors; Ashley Widmark, Associate of Arts, high honors; Sheena Ziegler, Associate of Applied Science, Child Development/American Sign Language, honors.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

- Born to Samantha and Shane Gustafson of Browerville, a baby boy, Levi Walter weighing seven pounds on June 15, 2018.
- Born to Paige and Brandon Sterriker of Staples, a baby boy, Roy Maxwell weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on June 17, 2018.
- Born to Sara and Greg Imrick of Staples, a baby boy, Lucas Joseph weighing nine pounds, 11 ounces on June 18, 2018.
- Born to Ashley and Brian Rystad of Brainerd, a baby boy, Tyken John weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on June 18, 2018.
- Born to Kaylee and Nolan Hopper of Baxter, a baby girl, Kieran Kay weighing seven pounds, 12 ounces on June 19, 2018.
- Born to Heather and Austin Polipnick of Pine River, a baby boy, Remington Lee weighing eight pounds, three ounces on June 20, 2018.
- Born to Raelin Comeau and Shawn Bennett of Staples, a baby girl, Everlee Sue weighing five pounds, 14 ounces on June 21, 2018.
- Born to Mirand Matis and Nathan Umland of Verndale, a baby boy, Henrik Lloyd weighing 10 pounds, 10 ounces on June 22, 2018.

BIRTHS REPORTED AT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE HOSPITAL IN WADENA INCLUDED:

- Born to Aerial and David Burcham, a baby boy, Asher Lawrence Joseph weighing five pounds, eight ounces on June 18, 2018 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena. Grandparents are Dave and Karen Burcham, Joe and Lori Oberg and Chance Stoecker.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Betty Weise, July 9; Agnes Winkels, July 30

JULY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

- Sun., July 1, 1:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge
- Tues., July 3, 2:5 p.m. Church/ Faith Lutheran; 3:45 p.m. Bingo w/Marge
- Weds., July 4, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge
- Thurs., July 5, 10 a.m. Bible study/ Pastor Klein; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by Activities

Fri., July 6, 10 a.m. Cappuccino

Sat., July 7, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist singers

Sun., July 8, 1:30 p.m. Word game

Mon., July 9, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Church

Tues., July 10, 2:15 p.m. Church/ Lincoln Evangelical Free; 3:45 p.m. Bingo w/Marge; 7 p.m. Round Dancers

Weds., July 11, 2 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Fri., July 13, 9:30 a.m. Church/ Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday w/ Faith Lutheran

Sat., July 14, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Sun., July 15, 2 p.m. Assembly of God singers; 7 p.m. Square Dancers

Mon., July 16, 9:30 a.m. Wal-Mart trip

Tues., July 17, 2:15 p.m. Church/ Staples Alliance; 3:45 p.m. Bingo w/Marge; 7 p.m. Round Dancers

Weds., July 18, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Trinity Lutheran Ladies

Thurs., July 19, Bible Study/ Rick Kubitz

Sat., July 21, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., July 23, 10:30 a.m. Lunch trip to Spot Café in Staples; 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., July 24, 2:15 p.m. Church/ Thomastown Covenant

Obituaries



Marvin Shequen

Marvin Shequen, 89, of Glenwood, died June 20, 2018 at the Glenwood Retirement Village.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral Home in Glenwood. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Inurnment will be at a later date in the Motley Public Cemetery in Motley. Arrangements are with the Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral Home in Glenwood.

Marvin Franklin Shequen was born December 18, 1928 in Leader to Marvin and Beulah (Deline) Shequen. He grew up on a farm near Leader, he attended school there, then Motley High School, graduating from Motley High School in 1946. Marvin worked in the dairy industry for over 50 years, managing creameries.

He married RoseMarie Nelson on August 13, 1949, at Maple Hill Lutheran Church. The couple made their home in Springfield, spending several years in southern Minnesota, Leader and Melrose before settling in Glenwood. Marvin was a member of the Minnesota Dairymen's Association, a 50 year member of the Lions Club International, Freeport Gun Club, Melrose Chamber of Commerce and served on various church councils. He enjoyed stamp collecting, hunting, reloading ammunition, fishing and genealogy research.

Marvin is survived by his wife of 68 years; one daughter, Donna (John) Collins of Pine River; one sister, Margaret (Chuck) Knapper of Faribault; two brothers, Donald (Joanne) Shequen of Litchfield and Richard (Jan) Shequen of Lake City; nieces, nephews and special family members who were like grandchildren: Krystal (Jon) Ferris, Duncan and Maya, Becca Shequen and Noah and Dylan Shequen.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Tom Shequen; and one brother, Wilmar Shequen.

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George Brichacek

George Brichacek, 89, of Browerville, passed away June 15, 2018 in Staples.

Funeral services will be held June 21 at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville with Fr. Mitchell Bechtold officiating.

Interment was at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery, Browerville.

Arrangements are with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

George was born, December 29, 1928, at home in Moran Township, Todd County, to Joseph and Marie (Borgert) Brichacek. He attended District 132 (2348) through the eighth grade, graduating in 1947, from Clarissa High School. He was baptized, had his First Communion and Confirmation at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Browerville. George worked with his parents on the dairy farm until 1949. George married Bethel Shannan on June 9, 1949, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley. He worked for White Feed Mill of Green Isle and for Floyd Jares Construction, Staples, before purchasing the family farm in 1951. He continued farming until his retirement in 1991.

George was an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus, past member of District 132 School Board and the Browerville Co-op Creamery Association. He enjoyed fishing, deer hunting, woodworking, making diamond willow canes and walking sticks, playing cards with his friends and enjoying time with family.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Rick (Marilyn) Brichacek and Lonnie Brichacek; three daughters, Kerry (Dennis) Finn, Kristi (Ken) Biermaier and Kimberly (Ken) Wuollet; daughter-in-law, Patricia Brichacek; 18 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Leona Brichacek of Hopkins and Joyce (Gary) Gaida of Edina.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one son, Bradley Brichacek.

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Doris Peterson

Doris Peterson, 86, of Aldrich, passed away June 9, 2018, at the Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

Private graveside memorial services will be held at a later date at the Minnesota Veterans Cemetery, Little Falls.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena.

Doris was born on April 27, 1932, in Minneapolis to John and Martha (Haldiman) Friedli. She graduated from Staples High School in 1950. Doris worked at Honeywell in Minneapolis for 10 years.

Doris married Burton Peterson in June of 1962, in Brainerd. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Aldrich, where the couple owned the Aldrich Cheese Mart for 32 years, retiring in 1993. Doris was a member of the First Congregational Church in Aldrich. She enjoyed be-



ing out in nature - trees, flowers and birds. Most of all, she enjoyed time with her grandsons and many nieces and nephews.

She is survived by two grandsons, Kevin Genosky of Cold Spring and Justin Genosky of Aldrich and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Michael Genosky; parents; one brother, John Friedli and one sister, Marian Sinz.

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Have You HEARD?
Presented by **Steve Trebil, BC-HIS**

DAMAGING WORKPLACE NOISE

Not only does noise in the workplace have the potential to damage workers' hearing, but there is evidence that workplace noise may also raise blood pressure and cholesterol levels among workers exposed to elevated noise levels. This is an important finding because hypertension and high cholesterol are listed as top risk factors for heart disease. With this in mind, workers in mining, construction, and manufacturing should be particularly diligent about having their hearing checked. Beyond that, workers found to exhibit signs of hearing loss should not only take preventive measures to reduce their exposure and treat their hearing loss, but they might also want to schedule an appointment with their physicians to assess their heart health.

Safeguarding your hearing is vital no matter what your occupation or recreational pursuits. Protect your hearing from hazards of all kinds - carry soft foam ear plugs with you for when you find yourself in a situation in which the noise level is unpleasant, even hazardous to your health. **PREFERRED HEARING** provides this information as a public service. If we become aware of any unusual condition during a hearing consultation that warrants additional professional attention, we can provide an expert referral.

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90th Birthday Party

for **Ernie Spilman**
Sat., June, 30
noon - 4 p.m.
Motley Free
Methodist Church
33 Wellwood St. E., Motley

HUGE Rummage SALE

Sacred Heart Area School
324 4th St. NE, Staples
Thurs., June 28 - Fri., June 29
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat., June 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
(\$3 bag sale)

Our annual sale is **EARLY** this year! The school gym/classrooms are **FULL** - furniture/ lg. items in south parking lot. **EVERYTHING SORTED! Reasonably PRICED!!!**

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First place at national competition

Staples Music General Studio Line Dancers competed at the 2018 Legacy National Dance Competition June 18-21 at Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort in Wisconsin Dells. The girls competed June 19 in the small group novice category against 23 other teams. Not only did the team receive the highest scoring award of platinum, they also received a Judges Excellence Award: the "Tap-

tastic Award" in recognition of an exceptional performance. To top it all off they received the first place award. In front are Mackenzie Wilds, left, and Georgia Kruchten. In back, from left, are Brianna Owen, Shelby Brusewitz, Instructor Kristin Goddard, Ashley Robben, Madeline Rutherford and Brooklyn Huisenga. (Submitted photo)

VA disability evaluation system for back, neck, joint ratings

By David A. Anderson

In SEP, the court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC) issued another major decision that's hugely beneficial to disabled veterans. This new decision allows veterans to more easily obtain higher ratings for injuries to the back, neck and joints.

Most veterans who have applied for disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have been sent to something called a Compensation and Pension examination, or as they're often called by the VA, "C&P exams." This is an examination orchestrated by the VA to assess the origin and extent of the veteran's disability.

Veterans who've had these examinations know that each C&P examination can be very different. Some examiners are very thorough and listen to the medical problems of the veteran, but other C&P examinations can be simply inadequate.

In a recent case called Sharp v. Shulkin, the court issued a decision that addressed one of the inadequate examinations (exam). In this case, the court decided that a C&P exam is inadequate if the C&P examiner does not consider flare-ups and pain, even if the veteran's not experiencing it during the exam.

This decision further opens the door to even higher disability ratings when the veteran loses some functional ability in these joints due to the flare-ups or pain. Refer to <https://www.lawyers4veterans.com/veterans-disability-blog/2017/10/02/impact-of-a-flare-up-for-additional-info-on-flare-up-consideration>.

The court's decision also helped veterans as it imposes higher standards on the C&P examiners. After this decision, a C&P exam will usually be considered inadequate unless it has an opinion about how the flare-ups and pain affects the veteran's ability to use the injured body part.

The court clarifies that the only time a C&P examiner may say that he or she cannot give an opinion of the functional limitations due to pain or flare-up are when the following three factors are met:

- It's clear that the examiner has considered all procurable and assembled data.
- The examiner thoroughly explained "the basis for his or her conclusion that a non-speculative opinion cannot be offered," and,
- The "medical community at large" is not able to give an opinion without resorting to mere speculation.

Another reason that this decision helps veterans is because it makes it clear that the VA should attempt to schedule a C&P examination during a flare-up, whenever that's possible. While the court does acknowledge that this may be impossible when a flare-up only lasts a day or two, it may, yet, be possible to schedule a C&P exam during a flare-up where a flare-up is known to last a month or longer.

This court decision also discussed what a C&P examiner must do if the exam is not scheduled during a flare-up. The decision holds that even if an examination is not able to be scheduled during a flare-up, the C&P examiner is still supposed to give an

opinion as to how the veteran would be functionally limited during a flare-up.

The examiner can use various pieces of evidence to make this opinion, such as the veteran's own description or other "buddy statements", which are written statements from others about the veteran's condition.

What this new court decision means is that veterans can, more easily obtain higher disability ratings for injuries to their neck, back, knees or other joints. Overall, the court championed another big win for veterans. [Source: Military 1 / Douglas G. Jackson / October 23 2017]

Contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

2018 Wadena County Fair 4-H Champion/Reserve Champs

- Non-Livestock**
- Booth: Champion - Spirit Clovers; Reserve - Leaf River Builders
- Community Pride: Champion - 4-Corners; Reserve - West Jolly Jets
- Cat: Champion - Amber Johnson, Ambitious
- Clothing Construction: -Grades 3-5 Champion - Sena Lehmann, 4-Corners; Grades 6-8 Champion - Emma Malone, West Jolly Jets
- Clothing Purchase: Grades 3-5 Champion - Sena Lehmann, 4-Corners; Grades 6-8 Champion - Mattea Smith, West Jolly Jets; Grades 9+ Champion - Rachel Smith, West Jolly Jets
- Revue Construction: Grades 3-5 Champion - Otto Lehmann, 4-Corners
- Revue Purchased: Grades 3-5 Champion - Sena Lehmann, 4-Corners; Grades 6-8 Champion - Mattea Smith, West Jolly Jets; Grades 9+ Champion - Rachel Smith, West Jolly Jets
- Creative Arts (Fine Arts): Champion - Jezebel Snyder, Leaf River Builders; Reserve - Ruger Oyster
- Creative Arts (Crafts): Champion - Jotham Walsvik, 4-Corners; Reserve - Emma Malone, West Jolly Jets
- Crop Sciences (Corn): Champion - Mason Putikka, West Jolly Jets
- Crop Sciences (Small Grains): Champion - Jacob Putikka, West Jolly Jets
- Exploring the Environment: Champion - Abby Miska, Pine Cone
- Exploring Animals: Champion - Amber Johnson, Ambitious; Reserve - Chloe Philipp, Spirit Clovers
- Fishing Sports: Champion - Natalie Vandermay, West Jolly Jets; Reserve - Severin Mjoen, West Jolly Jets
- Flower Gardening: Champion - Joshua Tabery, Leaf River Builders; Reserve - Joshua Tabery, Leaf River Builders
- Food & Nutrition: Cham-

- pion - Joshua Tabery, Leaf River Builders; Reserve - Cortney Roiko, Wadena Juniors
- Food Products: Champion - Amber Johnson, Ambitious; Reserve - Olivia Neal, 4 Corners
- Food Preservation: Champion - Lily Parker, Leaf River Builders; Reserve - Joshua Tabery
- Forestry-Champion: Nolan Reger, Spirit Clovers; Reserve - Anders Pickar, West Jolly Jets
- Fruit: Champion - Joshua Tabery, Leaf River Builders
- Home Environment: Champion - Rachael Smith, West Jolly Jets; Reserve - Sena Lehmann, 4 Corners
- Indoor Gardening: Champion - Natalie Vandermay, West Jolly Jets; Reserve - Alyssa Heltemes, Leaf River Builders
- Lawn & Landscape: Champion - Jared Evans-Maisio, Wadena Juniors
- Needle Arts: Champion - Kayla Meeks, Leaf River Builders; Reserve - Kayla Meeks, Leaf River Builders
- Pets: Champion - Emma Jackson, Pine Cone
- Photography (Elements of): Champion - Melissa Trout, Pine Cone; Reserve - Abby Miska, Pine Cone
- Photography (Manipulation): Champion - Lily Parker, Leaf River Builders; Reserve - Asher Hooper, Spirit Clovers
- Potato: Champion - Joshua Tabery, Leaf River Builders
- Quilting: Champion - Lily Parker, Leaf River Builders
- Science of Animal Education: Champion - Jayma Lawson, Hoppin' Hares; Reserve - Brandi Lalum, Wadena Juniors
- Self-determined: Champion - Mason Putikka, West Jolly Jets; Reserve - Coleen Malone, West Jolly Jets
- Shooting Sports: Champion - Asher Hooper, Spirit Clovers
- Shop: Champion - Jotham Walsvik, 4 Corners; Reserve - Lexi Pickar, West

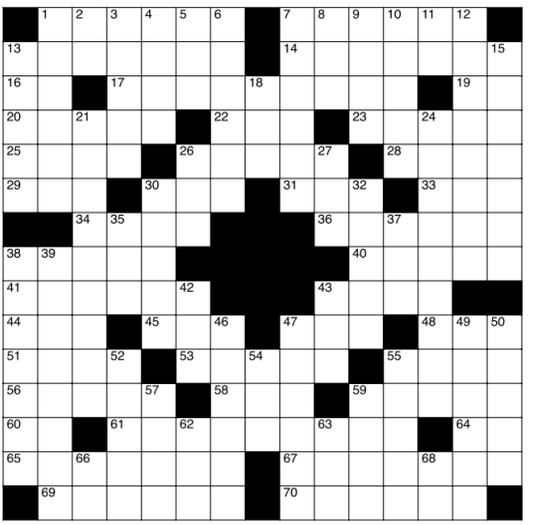
- Jolly Jets
- Small Engines: Champion - Zachary Meeks, Leaf River Builders
- Vegetable Gardening: Champion - Jotham Walsvik, 4 Corners; Reserve - Joshua Tabery, Leaf River Builders
- Veterinary Science: Champion - Amber Johnson, Ambitious; Reserve - Tegan Kempenich, Wadena Juniors
- Wildlife: Champion - Skyler Neels, Pine Cone; Reserve - Olivia Neal, 4 Corners
- Youth Leadership: Champion - Jesse Collins, Ambitious; Reserve - Amber Johnson, Ambitious

- Livestock**
- Overall Beef: Champion - Amber Johnson, Ambitious; Reserve - Amber Johnson, Ambitious
- Overall Dairy: Champion - Kami Hoemberg, Ambitious; Reserve - Matthew Goeden, Leaf River Builders
- Overall Dairy Goat: Champion - Eugene Reger, Spirit Clovers; Reserve - Nolan Reger, Spirit Clovers
- Overall Meat Goat: Champion - Jasmine McDaniel, Spirit Clovers; Reserve - Jasmine McDaniel, Spirit Clovers
- Overall Poultry: Champion - Simon Snyder, Leaf River Builders; Reserve - Charli Snyder, Leaf River Builders
- Overall Rabbit: Champion - Jayma Lawson, Hoppin' Hares; Reserve - Joseph Havnes, Pine Cone
- Overall Sheep: Champion - Chloe Philipp, Spirit Clovers; Reserve - Broden Vittetoe, Leaf River Builders
- Overall Swine: Champion - Ian Mattson, West Jolly Jets; Reserve - Otto Mattson, West Jolly Jets
- Horse High Point Trophy Winner: Junior - Tegan Kempenich, Wadena Juniors; Intermediate - Mandy Quaschnick, West Jolly Jets; Senior - Kaija Whitaker, West Jolly Jets; First Year - Kylee Lehmann, Wadena County Horse



Early Deadline
for the July 5 edition of the Staples World:
Friday, June 29, 5 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Glowing
 - Sports equipment
 - Relief organization
 - Go against the flow
 - A public promotion of some product or service
 - Premier League's Spurs
 - Of I
 - Tears down (Brit.)
 - One point north of due east
 - Sandwich shops
 - American spy
 - Medieval strung instrument
 - Self-immolation by fire ritual
 - Pearl Jam's debut
 - Panthers' Newton
 - Press against lightly
 - ___ Squad
 - Eminem hit
 - Violent seizure of property
 - Native or inhabitant of Asia
 - Loudness units
 - Knotted anew
 - Daddy
 - Folk singer DiFranco
 - Women from the Mayflower
 - Metric capacity unit
 - Couple
 - A way to coat
 - ___ and Diu: Indian territory
 - French river
 - Asteroids
 - Investment measurement (abbr.)
 - India and Nepal border river
 - Santa says it three times
 - Hungers
 - Linear unit
 - Speech
 - Taking forcefully
 - Places to be
 - Amusing behavior
 - Electron volt
 - Smallest interval in classical Western music
 - Metric weight unit
 - Occupies
 - ___ and flow
 - Responsive to physical stimuli
 - One who presses into thin sheets
 - Jogged
 - Automobile
 - Punished
 - Belonging to a bottom layer
 - Japanese delicacy
 - Soda
 - Algonquian language
 - Legislators
 - Father
 - Needed at the ATM
 - Baltimore footballers
 - ___ Tomei, actress
 - Expands
 - Person (Indonesian)
 - Related
 - Where wrestlers work
 - American communist leader
 - Separately tell
 - Creating group
 - Edgar Allan ___, poet
 - A way to discolor
 - Actinium
 - Integrated circuit
 - CW186210

- CLUES DOWN**
- Adult female
 - An alternative
 - Rituals
 - Native American people
 - High school exam
 - Respect
 - Tanned
 - Kilometers per hour
 - Ancient Israeli city
 - Periods

NOTICE
Water Main Flushing

The City of Staples Water Department will be flushing water mains throughout the City as needed, **July 9 - 13, 2018**. You may experience cloudy water during this time. If this occurs, allow the cold water to run until it clears.

AUCTION

The following items will be sold at auction, located at the Motley Fairgrounds in Motley, MN. Indoor if rain. Follow signs on:

Saturday, June 30, 2018

SALE TIME: 10 A.M. RESTROOMS AVAILABLE LUNCH ON GROUNDS

AUCTIONEER'S NOTE: We will be selling the contents of a very clean, 5-bay shop with a loft. A huge amount of shop items, hand tools, power tools of all kinds, sizes and uses in great shape. Also, many nice household items. Far too many items to list! Most items in good to like-new condition. Don't miss this sale!

GUNS & AMMO
Winchester Mod. 94, 30-30 lever action
Winchester Mod. 94, 30-30 lever action
Winchester Mod. 1200 pump 20 ga. shotgun, 2-3/4 chumb., adjst polychoke, ser. #326542
Pardner Mod. SB1, lip down, .410 ga. 3" single shotgun, ser. #392823
Remington Mod. 512 "The Sportmaster" stainless 22 cal. bolt, butt, feed rifle
Glenfield Mod. 70, 22 long rifle, auto w/clip, 4x15 scope, sling, ser. #2043278
Crosman Models 2100 & 760 pellet/BB guns
Kime Western Six 22 L.R. 6 shot single action revolver, ser. #1579
GeCado Germany 66, 22 L.R. double action revolver, ser. # 96242
Navy Arms Italy, 44 cal. black powder revolver, 5 shot, ser. #105

NICE AMMO
Custom made oak gun cabinet, holds 6 guns, glass doors, storage under, 77"x30" wide

EQUIPMENT/TOOLS/MISC
ABU utility trailer w/4 ft. mesh ramp tailgate, 10'6" x 6'6" w/ 15" wheels
Single axle wood deck
Singer 22 ton log splitter, vert. & horiz. 6.5 hp B&S pull start, 26-1/2" throat, built-in log cradle on 8" tires (nice)
Vergal air vertical air
Laird 2 ton hyd. floor jack
Crafts 9" bench top drill press - 1 - 13 mm Oregon chain saw sharpener w/bench and much more...
John Deere heavy duty 3 pt. back blade, 6 ft. for tractor
40 plus model cars & trucks, classics, muscle cars etc., bought at car shows, etc., like new condition, 1-18th scale
Oregon 20 car trophies, various sizes, nice
M&M's collector items
Native American prints, dolls, statues, etc.

HOUSEHOLD
4 ft. Lane cedar chest
Large hutch, 4 glass doors, 2 pc, 80 1/2 x 51" w/ pressed wood
Small GE fridge freezer, 32" tall
NW 16 cu. ft. upright freezer
Mod. oak cabinet w/curved glass, glass shelves, lighted, curving case
Singer 247 bench sewing machine, 20-22g, etc.
Kimball Performer double keyboard console organ w/foot pedal/auto. rhythm
Large mirror dresser
4 drawer dresser

Misc. handi cap items, dollies, bed, transfer, etc.
Frigidaire small chest freezer, 29" w x 32" x 20"
Nuwave infrared oven
Sm. formica drop leaf table w/2 cloth swivel chairs
Pronto M41 elec. wheelchair, joystick control (needs battery (2002))
(2) 28" bar stools w/spindle backs
Stereo, radios, speakers, etc.; some high quality sets
45 rpm, albums, and CDs, etc. mostly country

Harley Davidson leather jackets (men's 42 reg/ ladies 36 reg.)
Yamaha ladies leather jacket, med. & others, some 44, motorcycle helmets
Dolls, jewelry, jack knives, watches, etc.
Schwin Breeze ladies classic bicycle, yellow & chrome, 3 spd, lights, bags etc. (nice, ser. #EJG1002E)
Men's Columbia classic bike Car radios, CBs, stereos, etc.
Metal & wood shelves, cabinets, etc.
Overall hopper gun air
Buffers, polishers, sprayers, etc.
(2) folding alum. metal ladders
Small gas power washer
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President of Lions

The Staples Host Lions Club celebrated the changing of leadership with the traditional "passing of the gavel" recently. Outgoing President, Mike Gedde, left, hands off the ceremonial symbol to incoming President Mike Gold. Lion Gold will begin his term of office on July 1. (Submitted photo)

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #24
Monday, May 21, 2018, 7 p.m.
High School Media Center

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Longbella, Freeman Lund, Winkels, Frisk and Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending was Supt. Bratlie, Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; a number of staff and students; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to add items 25.1 and 25.2 to the agenda. MC

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

Recognize Public - Chair Longbella recognized the public and thanked everyone for attending.

School/Community Forum

a. Frank Odell spoke on behalf of the SM Speech teams (past and present). Student Alex Brings shared his story of struggles and successes as a student, speech participant and cross country runner.

b. Molly Skeesick - read a statement to the Board regarding her retirement from the district.

Consent Agenda:
Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson to approve agenda items 3, 4, and 6 of the Consent Agenda. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2018-19 Food Service catering agreement with FED. Winkels abstained because he is a FED employee. MC

Finance Items: (Finance Committee Minutes 5-2-18)

Supt. Bratlie indicated a preliminary budget for 2018-2019 will be presented at the next meeting.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to authorize payment of the vouchers from March and April. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2018-2019 Capital Outlay List. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Anderson, to approve revisions to the Reduction List. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 5 year SMART Board Lease at \$1,485 per month for 20 boards. MC

II. Personnel

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to accept the retirement of Marlys Skeesick. MC

Thank you to Molly for her 28+ years of service and dedication to the students in our district. We wish Molly the best in retirement.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to accept the resignation of Deb Meyer; eff. May 31, 2018. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to accept the resignation of Robin Rothstein; eff. May 31, 2018. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to accept the resignation of Heather Kadus; eff. June 1, 2018. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2018-2019 QCOMP Career Ladder Positions. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve the contract for Mark Carlson; Head Wr. Coach. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels; to approve the 2018-2019 contract for Mark Jacobs; AD / PE; BA Step 6. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Kaylie Johnson; MS Sped; BA 45. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Jennifer Sapp; MA +45 Step 4.

Voting in favor: Longbella, Freeman, Anderson, Lund, Winkels Opposed: Frisk MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Tressa Aspros; BA Step 1. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Tammy Steffen; BA Step 1. MC

ADDENDUMS:

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the 2018-19 contract for Virginia Haman; Special Ed.; BA +60 Step 1. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to accept the resignation of Jamie Johnson; G SB coach. MC

Policies and Curriculum (5-2-18) Policy Committee Minutes)

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the review of Policy #704 Fixed Assets and policy #730 Bidding and Quoting Guidelines to reflect changes in financial guidelines. MC

First Reading of suggested Hiring Guidelines; with a revision to Policy #401 Equal Employment Opportunity referring to Appendix A as the district Hiring Guideline. This

will be brought back to the Board for adoption at a later date.

Other

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Management Plan for Lead in Water.

Reports:

School Board
 NJPA Teachers of Excellence were recognized: Jolene Elfstrum, Catherine Cyr, Allison Vangness and Bruce Fuhrman.

The June Work Session was postponed to June 11; a Special Board meeting will also be scheduled for June 11 to act on any resignations or hires that may arise by that time.

Principals - written reports were included
 SMEA - Mediation is scheduled for June 20.

MN Reading / Math Corps - Laurie Paskewitz

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. MC

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

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION - MEETING #25
Monday, June 11, 2018 7:00 p.m., High School Media Center

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Work Session was called to order with Longbella, Freeman, Lund, Winkels and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

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

Facilities Update

Winkels gave a brief update on facilities. The Steering Committee continues to look at pros and cons of the current high school and elementary sites regarding general building layout. The committee will be looking into the Twin Cities Optical site and the land to the north of the elementary. At this time they are focusing on one facility.

Review of the 2018-19 Preliminary Budget

Supt. Bratlie presented a preliminary 2018-19 budget based on student enrollment for revenue and expenses. The Board will be approving a budget before June 30.

Other - Superintendent's Contract

Winkels and Longbella will be meeting with Bratlie to negotiate a contract for the 2018-19 school year.

Items up for negotiation include rate of pay, days in the district and days out of district.

It was also noted that there needs to be more communication to the Board; as well as keeping staff and community updated on facility information.

Adjournment
Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the Work Session. MC

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - #26

Monday, June 11, 2018 High School Media Center

Immediately Following the Work Session

MINUTES

Roll Call

The Special Meeting was called to order with Longbella, Freeman, Lund, Winkels and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Also attending was Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to accept the resignation of Jaime Boesen; Business Manager; eff. June 30, 2018. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to accept the resignation of Samantha Pommier; MS Social Worker; eff. end of 2017-18 contract. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the LOA request from Ruth Tokarczyk for April 19-May 30, 2018. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Lund, to approve the one year Leave of Absence Request from Ruth Tokarczyk; SY 2018-2019; MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels; to approve the 2018-19 contract for Lynette Vavreck; Special Education; MA Step 11. MC

OTHER

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Application of Dissolution of Cooperative Sponsorship for Girls Gymnastics with Brainerd, Crosby, Pequot Lakes and SM due to lack of participants from Staples-Motley. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to adjourn the open meeting and move into closed session as permitted by MN Statutes, section 13D.05 3(d), to discuss security emergency procedures. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to reconvene in Closed Session to discuss security emergency procedures. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene in Open Session. MC

Adjournment

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

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NOTICE WADENA COUNTY FRIENDLY RIDER TRANSIT
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Notice is hereby given that on Sunday, July 1, 2018 Wadena County Friendly Rider Transit will end the New Service Expansion Route from Wadena, MN to Brainerd, MN.

Randy Jahnke
 Wadena County Transit Director 23-26pnc

PUBLIC NOTICE

NJPA NAME CHANGE to SOURCEWELL

The National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) will formally be known as Sourcewell beginning June 6, 2018. The NJPA Board of Directors on May 15, 2018 voted to approve changing the organization's name to Sourcewell. Documentation has been formally submitted for Sourcewell to be registered and trademarked, both federally and in Minnesota, with the appropriate agencies. After June 6, 2018, Sourcewell will maintain and continue to recognize the National Joint Powers Alliance name. Membership agreements, contracts, and agreements entered into with the National Joint Powers Alliance will remain valid and continue in effect without impact. This will ensure contractual continuity and safeguard any disruptions to engagement with Sourcewell. This includes membership, use of cooperative purchasing contracts, or other contractual engagements.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that default has occurred in the conditions of the following described Mortgage:

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGE TO BE FORECLOSED

1. Date of Mortgage: July 24, 2014

2. Mortgagors: David Holmberg, Karen Holmberg, Husband and Wife, and Derek Holmberg, a Single Person.

3. Mortgagees: First International Bank and Trust.

4. Recording Information: Recorded on July 29, 2014, as Document Number 490508, in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

5. Assignments of Mortgage, if any: N/A

INFORMATION REGARDING MORTGAGED PREMISES

6. Tax parcel identification number of the mortgaged premises: 08-0028800 & 08-0029400

7. Legal description of the mortgaged premises:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW¼SE¼) and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW¼SE¼), Section Twenty-eight (28), Township One Hundred Thirty-two (132) North, Range Thirty-two (32) West of the Fifth P.M., EXCEPT

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the SW¼ of SE¼, Section 28, Township 132, Range 32; thence North along the West line of said SW¼ of SE¼ a distance of 1,000 feet; thence East and parallel with the South line of said SW¼ of SE¼ a distance of 350 feet; thence South and parallel with the West line of said SW¼ of SE¼ a distance of 1,000 feet to the South line thereof; thence West along the South line a distance of 350 feet to the point of beginning.

Together with an easement for ingress and egress over and across the South 2 rods of the SW¼ of SE¼, Section 28, Township 132, Range 32.

Range 32.

Check here if all or part of the described real property is Registered (Torrrens)

8. The physical street address, city, and zip code of the mortgaged premises: 31102 400th St., Cushing, MN 56443.

OTHER FORECLOSURE DATA

9. The person holding the Mortgage: [check one] is a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

The name(s) of the transaction agent, residential mortgage servicer, and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is N/A.

The transaction agent's mortgage identification number, if stated on the Mortgage, is N/A.

[X] is not a transaction agent, as defined by Minn. Stat. 58.02, subd. 30.

The name(s) of the residential mortgage servicer and the lender or broker, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, is First International Bank & Trust.

10. If stated on the Mortgage, the name of the mortgage originator, as defined in Minn. Stat. 58.02, First International Bank & Trust at 111 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479

INFORMATION REGARDING FORECLOSURE

11. The requisites of Minn. Stat. 580.02 have been satisfied.

12. The original principal amount secured by the Mortgage was \$130,000.00

13. At the date of this notice the amount due on the Mortgage, including taxes, if any, paid by the holder of the Mortgage, is: \$124,805.74.

14. Pursuant to the power of sale in the Mortgage, the Mortgage will be foreclosed, and the mortgaged premises will be sold by the Sheriff of Todd County, Minnesota, at public auction on August 9, 2018, 10:00 a.m., at the Todd County Sheriff's Office, 115 3rd St S, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

15. The time allowed by law for redemption by Mortgagor or Mortgagor's personal representatives or assigns is 12 months after the date of sale.

16. Minn. Stat. 580.04(b) provides, "If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, the notice must also specify the date on or before which the mortgagor must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property redeemed under section 580.23." If this statute applies, the time to vacate the property is 11:59 p.m. on August 9, 2019.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

Date: June 11, 2018

Name of Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: First International Bank & Trust 111 4th St. NE Staples, MN 56479

Name and address of Attorney for Mortgagee or Mortgage Assignee: Kasey D. McNary (MN #0390937) SERKLAND LAW FIRM 10 Roberts Street PO Box 6017 Fargo, ND 58108-6017 (701) 232-8957

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EARLY DEADLINES
 Due to the July 4th Holiday the deadline for the July 5 Staples World is
Friday, June 29 at 5 p.m.

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Do you have a family member with memory loss who lives in a care facility?

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Jamie Luberts joins the Motley Police Department



Ready for the summer

Interim Police Chief Jason Borash (left) and Temporary Police Officer Jamie Luberts are on board to serve the City of Motley. The Motley City Council approved hiring Officer Luberts at a special meeting June 20. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Artists in action

Students in Amanda Olson's art class at Motley-Staples Middle School have once again added color to downtown Motley. This is the second year that the sixth and seventh graders have created art out of plastic bottles and containers and hung it out on power line poles along Hwy 10. Olson said they plan to make this a tradition each May. The art work will be taken down in the fall. "The students did an awesome job this year and seemed to have more purpose with their designs than last year," Olson said prior to the last day of school last May. Pictured at top, from left, are Madden Roberts, Isaac Calix, Caleb Jasmer. Lower photo, from left, Grace Allen, Camryn Ferris. (Submitted photos)



June Fest pedal pull

The June Fest Pedal Pull had 48 contestants competing on June 16 in Motley. The top three finishers can go on to the state pull on Sept. 8 in Hutchinson.

Following are the top three placers in each age group:

Age 3: 1. Evan Lehner, Motley, 3'6"; 2. Noah Nelson, Cushing, 3'5"; 3. Sawyer Hirschey, Verndale, 3' (age group not eligible for state)

Age 4: 1. Emerson Geraets, Dell Rapids, SD, 22'11"; 2. Myla Sanoski, Browerville, 6'1"; 3. Libby Mumm, Staples, 5'10"

Age 5: 1. Porter Lehner, Motley, 28'5"; 2. Lylianne Nurnberger, Motley, 17'6"; 3. Brynn Stevens, Motley, 12'10"

Age 6: 1. Ben Stevens, Motley, 36' (full pull); 2. Jackson Geraets, Dell Rapids, SD, 22'9"; 3. Juliette Snyder, Browerville, 15'11"

Age 7: 1. Jacob Reeck, Staples, 28'8"; 2. Jacob Kampa, Cushing, 24'10"; 3. Savanna Sanoski, Browerville, 22'10"

Age 8: 1. Russal Blomquist, Motley, 27'; 2. Brodey Page, Motley, 19'2"; 3. Zander Plattner, Browerville, 15'8"

Age 9: 1. Isabella Jahraus, Browerville, 22'1"; 2. Gavin Stevens, Motley, 18'2"; 3. Caden Hochsprung, Rogers, 10'8"

Age 10: 1. Mike Trantina, Big Lake, 17'6"; 2. Jerry Russell, Motley, 14'6"; 3. Cameron Swecker, Motley, 10'7"



Going for it

Amaya Baker, four, of Brooklyn Park, was one of several contestants at the Kiddie Tractor Pull during Motley's June Fest. Amaya attended the event with her grandma, Sue Griffith of Staples. In the background is emcee Marge Tepley, who owns CT Pedal Pull along with Bob Cheney, both of Motley. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Age 11: 1. Blaine Plattner, Browerville, 18'3"; 2. Richard Page, Motley, 15'7"; 3. Izzie Sampson, Motley, 12'8"

The event was held by CT Pedal Pulls, Bob and Marge. Pedal Pull helpers at the event were the Kevin and Melaine Swecker family

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

At a special meeting June 20, the Motley City Council approved the hiring of Police Officer Jamie Luberts on a part-time, temporary basis. He will be placed at the mid-point Step of Pay Grade seven, which is \$20.21 per hour. His position will last three months.

Officer Luberts, Little Falls, will be working alongside Interim Police Chief Jason Borash, whose position was approved by the council in May. Borash replaced Chief Ron Smith,

who retired May 31.

This is not the first time Borash and Luberts have worked together. Both are veteran employees at the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO). Luberts has been with the department 17 years.

Mayor Al Yoder, who currently works as a Deputy with the MCSO, had glowing remarks about Luberts. Prior to their vote, he told the council that they wouldn't find a better person (to join the MPD), noting that he would be bringing with him a lot of experience.

The motion to hire Tem-

porary Officer Luberts passed unanimously. All council members were present except Jace Carlson.

Council member Amy Hutchison noted that Officer Lubert's position is temporary. If at the end of three months the city decides to hire a part-time officer, Luberts will need to go through the hiring process the same as any other applicant.

Luberts was born and raised in Little Falls, he shared. He is married to Jennifer and they reside in Little Falls along with their dog. He is a navy veteran.

Officer Luberts said he is looking forward to working with Interim Chief Borash as part of the MPD. He is very familiar with the area, Officer Luberts said, mentioning that in addition to his work with the MCSO, his parents have a residence on Fish Trap Lake.

In other matters the council:

• APPROVED having Interim Police Chief Borash apply for a small project grant from Sourcewell. They will match up to \$2,500. The grant will go towards repairs for the existing radar sign and the purchase of a new one.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

On June 20, the Motley Police Department (MPD) received a report that a vehicle had sustained damage at the June Fest parade in Motley June 16. The caller stated that he did not learn about the damage until after the parade and did not notify law

enforcement at that time because he was more concerned about the well-being of the person who was injured when the damage occurred. According to the report, a male subject had been injured by some horses just as the parade was about to start. The

two horses were being connected to a wagon, got spooked and ran away, causing the male subject to be pinned between a vehicle and the wagon. He suffered a fractured pelvis. The caller stated that the damage to his vehicle was minor.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
Mark Shea, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
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
Worship 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

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

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 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 Leslie
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
..... 9:15-10:15 a.m.

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

Balsamund 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. Megorden
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.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
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 9:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466 218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30-7:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran
497 3rd Ave. S, Motley 218-352-6399
Pastor Vicar Paul Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. Michael
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Joe Korf
MASS:
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point 9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146 Hewitt, MN
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale, MN 56481
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Heath Belknap, Pastor of Student Ministries
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classes
..... 11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. Meal
6:30 p.m. Groups

Hope Chapel Alliance
18126 County Road 7, Verndale
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316
Pastor Neal Malcore
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night 5:30 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Bartlett Township (LCMS)
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
10 3rd Ave. SW, Verndale
218-445-5108
Pastor Jill Pawlowski
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N on Cty Rd 26 (Nimrod tar)
Pastor Chuck Horsager
218-639-4225
Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

"The Parable of the Spoons"

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

This parable makes good a point of what we should be doing with our blessings.

A Holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what heaven and hell are like."

The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms. Each person found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen hell." They went to the next room and opened the door. It was ex-

actly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The holy man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple," said the Lord. "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy think only of themselves."

Benjamin Franklin said, "We must hang together or we shall hang separately."

The Bible says in Proverbs 11:23-26 "The desire of the righteous is only good, but the expectation of the wicked is wrath. There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. The people will curse him who withholds grain, but blessings will be on the head of him who sells it."

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic
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Staples, MN 218-894-3263



Children pack community center pool

Approximately 350 children are participating in swimming lessons during June held at the Staples Community Center. Another large group is expected for lessons in July. Included in these numbers are youth who are bused from nearby towns. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Pine View School CUP request denied

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

A request for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a private school house was denied by the Todd County Commissioners at their regular meeting June 19.

The request was made by Ammon C. Herschberger to establish the Pine View School on a parcel which is owned by Daniel and Susie Swartzentruber. The school would be located on a created two acre parcel which is the smallest subdivision allowed in Ag-Forestry zoned areas, according to Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber.

At the June 7 Planning Commission meeting the proposal was discussed and the commission recommended granting the CUP without conditions.

Stieber said that no negative findings against the application were found. There were no letters or comments from the public.

The issue of the loss of taxable land was discussed. Stieber reviewed the 12 known similar private schools which revealed that five continue to pay property tax and seven do not. The parcel size for those not paying property tax was 1-2 acres each.

The landowners establishing these schools generally own 40 to 80 or more acres and pay taxes with an assessment for schools even though these families do not use those schools. They do not ask for county or state support to run their private schools.

"This fact seems to justify the loss of a few acres from the tax rolls for purposes of establishing these local schools," he said.

Stieber added that no hazards or problems were identified with the site that would cause the need for conditions, but the standard condition to comply with local, state and federal requirements was added.

A support building including a horse shed was also requested as part of the CUP.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked about other schools in the area.

Stieber said there was one within one and a half miles, but that the others were quite some distance away.

He said part of the reason for this request is that the Amish like to keep their student numbers below 30 because there is one instructor for all the grades. The closest school is nearing 30 students.

Commissioner David Kircher asked if this (building a schoolhouse) was the same as having two homes on a 40 acre site.

Stieber said it wouldn't be because no one would be living in the school.

Having the school building on the 40 would not prevent a second home being built on the same 40.

Stieber said that the landowner could do one acre, but that the planning commission recommends two acres.

He said they could amend the CUP to one acre that's split from the 40. If the school ever closed they would have to add more land to the split if they wanted to do something different with the property.

In response to Stieber's comment about the Amish paying school tax even though their children did not attend public school, Chair Randy Neumann said that all of his children were out of school.

"I still have to pay the school tax until I die," he said.

Kircher commented that even though taxes may be paid for the school tax, the Amish still used the county's roads and don't pay taxes on them.

By a roll call vote, with commissioners Becker, Kircher and Gary Kneisl voting against it, the motion to grant the CUP for the private school failed.

Kircher said the reason he voted "no" was because he always votes no to these private schools because they take property off the tax roll.

In other business:

The board approved a bid of \$5,000 from J. A. Smith Companies for the minor ditch maintenance project on County Ditch #4 which includes blasting 150 feet of ditch with two parallel charge lines and 350 feet of ditch with a single charge line.

According to Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, a 50 foot test section will be done before the full project is completed.

Uhlenkamp said this area is so wet she can't get out there. They've been trying to get this section of ditch cleaned for over five years, but the conditions have never been favorable.

She said this area was really bad and was like walking on a floating disc with nothing under it.

The board approved waiving the 30 day notice period for a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) for the city of Long Prairie so that a couple of different projects, including the new apartments could be started.

After a second look at hiring a Child Services Supervisor (the request was denied at their last meeting), the board, with Neumann opposed, approved the action.

This position will be in

child protective services and will assist the Child Services Unit Manager Todd Weyer with managing the day-to-day priorities and workload of staff, to assist the child protection workers with case consultation and advisement, to monitor and maximize case management and grant revenue and to assure that the increasing state mandated documentation requirements continue to be met.

The financial implications for this position (which is not budgeted for) range from \$28.96-36.69 per hour.

Neumann recommended at the personnel meeting that they hire someone with a minimum of five years of experience. He said without that, he will not be able to give his okay to a hire.

Kircher said he did not support this action at their last meeting because he had questions about it. He, too, felt that they needed to hire someone with at least five years experience.

"Otherwise you're spending your time training them and you're starting all over," he said.

Health and Human Services Director Jackie Och said that they currently only have two social workers with more than two years experience.

They will post for the position both internally and to the public.

According to MIS Director Chris Pelzer, Todd County has been using hosted voice services through Voyant since 2006 and has been satisfied with the services provided.

If the county signed a service addendum the county will continue to receive service at the current rate for the next 36 months at both the Long Prairie and Staples offices.

Gary Weiers from David Drown Associates discussed progress made on a search for a new coordinator. Part of the process includes the approval of a position profile, job description, salary range and hiring process.

Becker said the job description should include that the coordinator will be a member of the budget committee in overseeing the annual budget.

Weiers said that they are about one week ahead of schedule currently and they'll be placing the advertisements for the position on June 20. The posting will be open until July 18.

Then Weiers said he will select about ten applicants to do a video interview which will be shown to the commissioners near their Aug. 7 meeting.

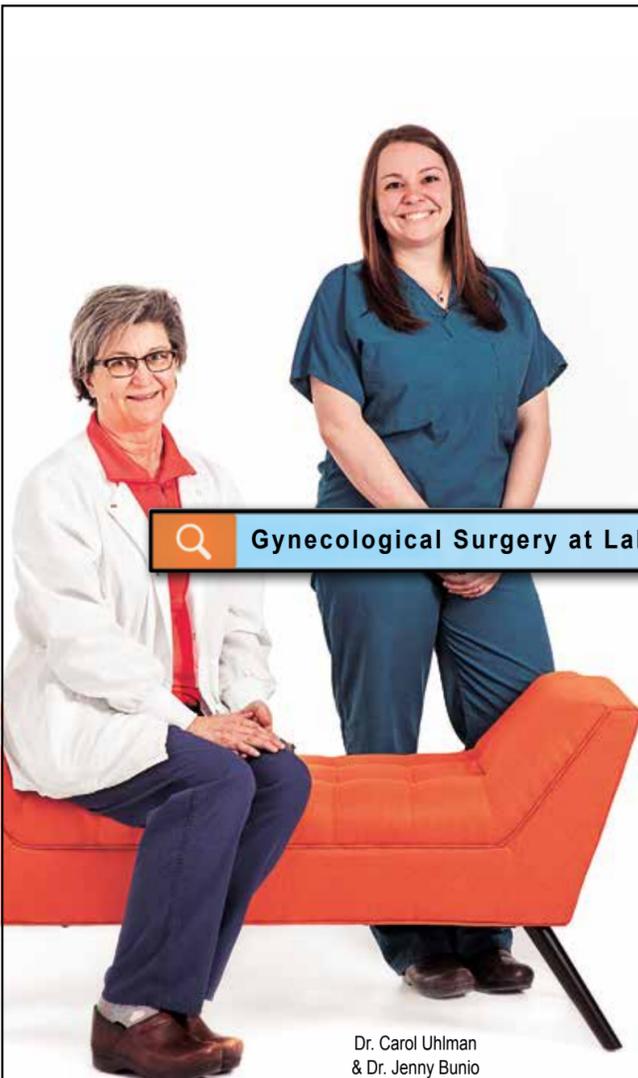
He recommended doing the in person interviews on Aug. 29.

Including several governmental agency advertising, Weiers said they also advertise at several colleges in the state and some places in North and South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Kircher asked if they needed to have the discussion about moving expenses if requested.

Weiers said they could wait until they make their decision because the person hired may be more local.

After discussion, the board approved the position profile, job description, salary range and hiring process as recommended by Weiers with the change requested by Becker.



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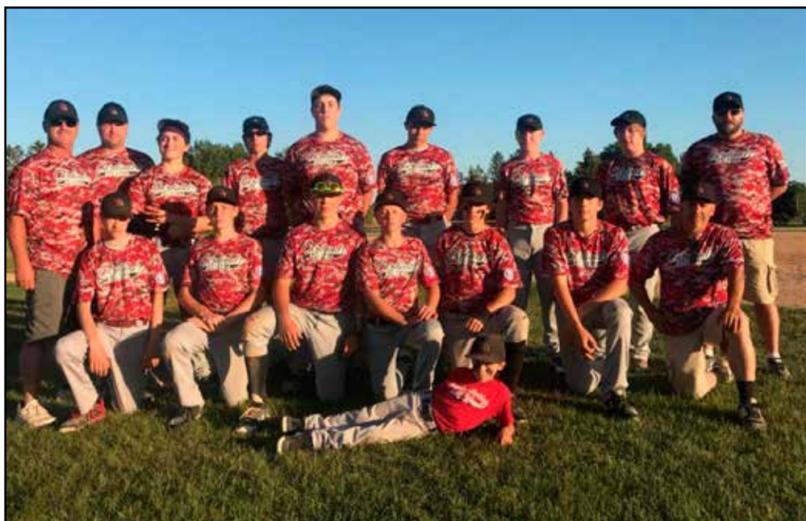
Some Staples boys enjoyed a bike trip on trails throughout town recently, taking a quick break along the overpass. Pictured, from left, are Isaac Greenwaldt, Chase Mikel and Noah Greenwaldt. The boys said they've been enjoying spending time outside.



Getting ready for tournament time

Summer tennis is in full swing with students of all ages enjoying everything from basic drills to learning more advanced skills. Above one of the younger groups practicing their stance and swing techniques. In addition to the lessons through community education, the Staples-Motley Verndale Tennis Boosters are hosting Summer Slam 2018, local tennis tournament, Saturday, June 30,

starting at 9 a.m. The public is invited to come and watch a single's tournament with players ages 15 and under. The tournament is sponsored by: Dan Orth of Orth Insurance, Daniel Douts State Farm, Family Dollar, Family Hair Care, First International Bank & Trust, Lakewood Health System, Nelson Insurance, Stern Companies and Dr. Carol Uhlman. (Submitted photo)



Babe Ruth baseball action

Below left, Payton Bjerga takes a cut at a pitch. Below right, Cole Winkels makes contact. Team photo, above right, members of the Staples-Motley Babe Ruth baseball team: Elijah Kossan, bat boy; first row, left to right: Sam Sauber, Tanner Robben, Cade Schmidt, Payton Bjerga, Josh Kossan, Hunter Martin, Coach Greg Kossan. Back: Assist. Coach Jeff Halverson, Assist. Coach Mike Schmidt, Connor Fox, Nate Nyhus, Cole Winkels, Damon Halverson, Tristan Zetah, Joe Tyrrell, Assist. Coach Mike Martin.

On June 5 the team defeated Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale 10-0 and 11-1. Josh Kossan and Damon Halverson both pitched complete games. "The entire team hit well led by Tanner Robben with an "in-the-park" home run and a triple," said Assist. Coach Halverson. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson; team photo submitted)



Dave Genz, gentleman innovator

By Ray Gildow

It is only appropriate that the photo accompanying this article of Dave Genz was taken in late spring when the ice was still thick. He is, after all, known worldwide as "Mr. Ice Fishing." But there is far more to this man than just ice fishing. He is one of the most passionate anglers I have ever met and like most Hall of Fame anglers, he lives to fish all year. Yes, he will admit that winter fishing is his first love, but his passion knows no seasons when it comes to fishing.

Dave Genz was raised in the St. Cloud area, the youngest child in his family and a frequent fishing partner with his dad. "My dad would head over to Mille Lacs around noon on

one day, stay overnight in the fish house and be back around noon the next day, so my mom could never complain that he was gone for a full day," said Genz with a big smile!

Genz was in his early 20's when he started doing fishing seminars but not the kind most of us would imagine. He did seminars in people's private homes. He worked for a company that made fishing products and he set up demonstrations in homes to promote products like Skyline graphic rods, spinner baits and other related tackle made by the company he promoted. The company shipped the products right to the homes after his seminars. Eventually, those items became available on a larger scale and his home seminar business faded

away. But that was his introduction into the commercial world of the fishing industry.

Genz's passion for ice fishing led him into experimenting with making fish houses that were lighter and more portable, a product that wasn't widely available at the time. He developed a little portable fish house he called the "Fish Trap". His wife would take his design and sew it into a fold-up fish house that could be moved in minutes. The first year of his invention she made five houses that he sold. The next year they sold 20 and when it got to making 80 it was time to stop doing the work by hand, and it became a commercial operation. That little business grew into what is now called the Clam Corporation's Fish Trap, one

Foes of dedicated conservation funding are already laying plans

On election night in November of 2008, those who fish, hunt and value the outdoors had reason to rejoice. The long-sought goal of a constitutional amendment to fund conservation efforts had been approved by Minnesota voters. This constitutional amendment – officially called the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment – had to be approved by voters because it added 3/8th of one percent to the Minnesota state sales tax. Those funds were designated to be used for such things as improving fish and wildlife habitat, acquiring easements for public access to private land for recreation, state park projects, state trail development and similar spending priorities. And, as it turned out, funding the arts in Minnesota.

In what some considered an unlikely alliance, anglers, hunters and supporters of the fine arts had joined forces to provide the needed political muscle to get the dedicated funding question on the ballot in that presidential election year. At the time, my daughter was working for a Twin City arts nonprofit, and I admit to having been surprised by the information campaigns and get-out-the-vote efforts that arts organizations like hers were engaged in. Could lovers of Mozart and muskies really find common ground? Apparently so.

The effort to get the amendment on the ballot had taken the better part of a decade, and several rallies of many camouflage

and orange-garbed sportsmen at the Capitol to impress lawmakers enough to force the question onto the ballot. Late in the game, the alliance between sportsmen and arts boosters added some cushion to the margin who voted "yes." When the votes were counted, 56 percent were in favor, 39 percent against.

The model for this amendment was the State of Missouri, which for decades had used a similar dedicated funds to pay for conservation priorities. Missouri, like Minnesota, has an economy in which tourism plays a vital role. A big part of that tourism is related to angling, hunting, camping, state park visits, water sports and other dimensions of outdoor recreation. These depend on public lands, strong wildlife populations, healthy ecosystems, clean water and the like. Because the citizenry as a whole benefit from a healthy state economy, the logic of having everyone pay a small share of the cost via an additional sales tax seemed sound.

Opponents of a dedicated conservation fund argued that natural resources should not be treated any differently than roads and bridges, law enforcement, social services and other things whose funding is debated and voted upon in our annual legislative sessions. The difference, some would counter, is that it is far more costly – sometimes impossible – to reverse environmental neglect. Furthermore, some priorities are by their very nature long-term; managing a fish population, or maintaining the habitat diversity that benefits deer and grouse, for instance. Apparently Minnesota voters agreed, or they would not have voted so emphatically for dedicated conservation funding.

From somewhere back in a high school civics class I remember the motto "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." It is etched in stone beneath a statue at the entrance to the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. Apparently vigilance is also the price of progress and accomplishments in conservation and stewardship of our natural resources.

Although the vote in 2008 was emphatically in support of dedicated natu-

ral resource funding, the constitutional amendment that created it has an expiration date of 25 years. As an untried concept in Minnesota, it was not made permanent. The constitutional amendment became effective in 2009, and the sales tax-generated funding will expire in 2034. Voters will have to go to the polls again to declare whether they consider it sufficiently successful and valuable to extend it.

Those who'd like to put an end to dedicated conservation funding are not waiting until the last minute to organize their opposition. As has been reported in other media, when state political parties held their annual convention the first weekend of June, "Repeal of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment" was there in black and white in Section 8 of the Minnesota Republican party's platform of declared political goals.

It's highly probable that many who self-identify as Republicans would not want to see the end of dedicated funding for management and enhancement of the state's natural resources. Unfortunately, those who participate in political conventions and set the agenda for party policy – no matter which political party – are sometimes the most radical and the least inclined to compromise. The same is commonly true of party caucuses, which selects the candidates that will be on the ballot when we step into the voting booth.

In order to win at the caucus or primary level, candidates sometimes adopt positions they think will help them win. For example, while serving as Minnesota Governor, Tim Pawlenty declared himself a believer in human contributions to global warming. By the time he briefly became a presidential candidate in 2016, he was a "doubter," as the political winds blew in the opposite direction.

Supporters of dedicated conservation funding can't rest in the belief that this battle has been won. Opponents have openly declared their intention to reverse that victory. Vigilance, and battling to preserve it, is the price that supporters will have to show themselves willing to pay.

Jig and sucker minnows rule

By Steve Carney

As we progress into this goofy early summer, my fishing has been very inconsistent as the weather and late ice out has put things very much behind. Some species are active and others are no-shows. When things get tough I break out my secret weapon...the venerable jig and sucker minnow.

Here is a primer on how to work this magnificent set up.

Set Up
I use special jigs for this situation. I prefer a very heavy shanked hook, not the light wire that typically comes on a jig. This shank is also very long and this helps alleviate the bite-offs from northern pike. The jig hook is almost always on the side of the gamefish's mouth and rarely inhaled. Most of the time a 1/8th.oz size jig is best down to 20 feet of water.

My suckers minnows are always hand-picked which typically annoys the baitshop people. Suckers in the 3 to 4 inch size work best, not the giant larger minnows. The smaller suckers are easier to get a good hookset and rarely do you miss a fish with a

smaller minnow. The big key is waiting at least 5 seconds before setting the hook which at times is very tough to do. Many times northern pike and walleyes will grab the minnow sideways and swim off before inhaling the bait. We are used to setting the hook immediately on the "tap" but it takes patience to actually wait before setting the hook. Hook the sucker minnow directly thru the top of the skull and out underneath the mouth. No need to have a live minnow because your jigging action will give it lots of action.

Presentation
I drag this sucker minnow and jig well behind the boat and do a casual lift and drop. Make sure you keep the bait at least 4 boat lengths away. You can do the lift and drop technique or snap-jig the bait as it drags along. You will get some amazing strikes on these small sucker minnows and catch walleyes and northern catfish that would normally ignore a smaller fathead or leech.

The sucker and jig is my go-to technique when things are tough the fish are inactive. Drop it back and hold on.



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Card of Thanks

The family of Howard Tyrrell wishes to thank everyone for their care and concern at our time of loss. The kindness and comforting words of extended family, friends, neighbors, and businesses have all been appreciated. Special thanks to Pastors Floistad and Larson for spiritual support; Lakewood Health System Hospice for compassionate care; Iten Funeral Home for helping celebrate a life well lived; and Faith Lutheran Church serving group for the delicious lunch. Thank You and God's blessing

Eloise and Mike Thorson and family, Dennis and Cheryl Tyrrell and family, Lynette and Jim Vossen and family 26p

On behalf of the family of Lee Denny, thank you to all of those that have showered our family with love and support through the passing of our husband, father and grandfather. We loved seeing and hearing from people that Lee has impacted during his life here on the Earth. Thank you for the memories, kind words and monetary gifts to Lee's memorial. We greatly appreciate each and every one of you! God bless all of you.

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Ten VA benefits sometimes overlooked

By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

1. Any veteran who is service-connected for a disability for which he or she uses prosthetic or orthopedic appliances may receive an annual clothing allowance.
2. VA provides pensions to low-income surviving spouses and unmarried children of deceased veterans with wartime service.
3. A surviving spouse age 57 and older who remarries after Dec. 15, 2003, is entitled to continue to receive benefits.
4. Passports are avail-

able to family members free of charge for the purpose of visiting their loved one's grave or memorialization site at the American military cemeteries on foreign soil.

5. A rating percentage is considered "protected" once it is in place for 20 years. There would be no danger of a decreased disability rating after the 20 year mark.
6. A new imaging study has found that Gulf War veterans have what appear to be unique structural changes in the wiring of their brains.
7. Disabled veterans may be eligible to claim a

federal tax refund based on: an increase in the veteran's percentage of disability from the Veteran's Administration (which may include a retroactive determination) or the combat-disabled veteran applying for, and being granted, Combat-Related Special Compensation, after an award for Concurrent Retirement and Disability.

8. Veterans who are 100 percent service-connected Individual Unemployability (IU) may be eligible for an additional monthly entitlement of \$62.50 per month for catastrophic injury.
9. A veteran who is 100

percent Permanent and Total (P&T) for 10 years or longer and passes away from a non-service connected condition the spouse is eligible for Death Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

10. Any veteran that is service connected at 10 percent or more is eligible for free glasses from the VA. [Source: U.S. Veteran Compensation Programs December 31, 2017]

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

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SACRED HEART SCHOOL RUMMAGE SALE: The date has changed! Thurs., June 28 & Fri., June 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Staples. ssw25-26c

GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 29, 4-8 p.m., Sat., June 30, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Treadmill, maple desk, 4 dining chairs, wicker planter - something for everyone. From Motley: south on Hwy. 10 to Cty. Rd. 202, left, then first right towards Augers. SIGNS. ssw26p

GARAGE/MOVING SALE: Thurs., July 5 - Fri., July 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. A lot of clothing, treasures, stuff, etc. S. Odden, 121 Ravilla St., Staples. w26-ss27p

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GARAGE SALE: Fri., June 29-Sat., June 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 117 3rd Ave. S #104, Motley. Dishwasher, dehumidifier, air conditioner, bike, double bed, golf clubs, clothing, glassware, NASCAR, bedding, antiques, golf cart cover. w26p

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Spring Sports Salute



CARDINAL BASEBALL

Front, left to right: Asst. Coach Mark Kossan, Owen Bjerga, Brayden Christensen, Tom Kossan, Josh Kossan, Blayne Dumpprope, Head Coach Greg Kossan. Back: Cade Schmidt, Mason Nyhus, Ben Olander, Reid Busker, Isaac Swendsrud, James Ehresman, Ryan Gerard. Bat Boy, Elijah Kossan



CARDINAL SOFTBALL

Front, left to right: Kayla Yoder, Riley Peterson, Mikayla Richards, Val Lozano, Jasmine Braith. Back: Head Coach Jamie Johnson, Hailey Dietman, Emma Colson, Allison Cushing, Amayah Converse, Asst. Coach Lonna Dille.



CARDINAL BOY'S GOLF

Team members: Adam Oberlander, Alex Giza, Alex Rosenthal, Beck Erholtz, Finn Erholtz, Isaac Kronenberg, Jack Adamietz, Jack Benson, Josh Trantina. Max Strickland (team photo not available)

*Beck Erholtz tied for 14th place at the State Golf Meet.



CARDINAL GIRL'S GOLF

Alex Peterson, Ava Schneider, Bo Erholtz, Adriana Dickey

*Alex Peterson placed 31st at the State Golf Meet.



CARDINAL BOY'S TRACK AND FIELD

Ben Bartczak, Bentley Christensen, Cael Sams, Chase Davis, Corey Hansen, Dylan Beto, Emmet Anderson, Ethan Gilbertson, Evan Nanik, Hunter Klimek, Isaac Christoffersen, Issac Kronenberg, Jack Tyrrell, Javier Fernandez, Jordon Carlson, Mathew Fisher, Max Giza, Sam Jennissen, Scout Strickland, Sean Trana, Sivert Klefsaas, Tanner Robben, Zachary Carlson.

•Max Giza Champion in pole vault, second in the 110 hurdles and fourth in the 300 hurdles at State Competition
•Emmet Anderson, 13th in 3,200 meter race at State Competition



CARDINAL GIRL'S TRACK AND FIELD

Abby Brown, Abby Dukowitz, Addison Lorber, Aften Robinson, Aleeah Halverson, Ashley Robben, Ashley Vasquez, Aubrey Brandt, Brooke Ferdon, Camryn Banaka, Heidi Lombard, Isabelle Mikel, Jayce Kobliska, Jenna Dvorak, Jordan DeChaine, Kearra Mikel, Kiera Dumpprope, Kira Sweeney, Larken Hirschey, Lili Schneider, Madysen Hull, Tabetha Allen, Toni Brings

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