

School board approves restart proposal

Grade restructuring will start next school year

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

By a 4-2 vote, the Staples Motley School Board approved the re-start proposal presented by Superintendent Mary Klamm, where grades K-3 will be at the Staples Elementary building, grades 4-7 will be at Motley School and 8-12 will be at Staples Motley High School. Also included in the re-start is the proposal to change the name of the schools to unify the district under one name.

In contrast to the multiple meetings in February to discuss the proposed re-start, only three people commented at the Feb. 29 school board meeting. One parent, Meg Litts, told the board she felt that concerns brought up at the meetings were not heard, questions were not answered and they did not have data to show the need for the re-start. Litts said at one of the early meetings she suggested a feasibility study be done to determine how much of a financial impact the change would cause. She said other concerns were cut off or not heard.

“If we are truly trying to partner with families ... it’s not right for a board to behave like this,” said Litts.

Litts was the only community member who spoke, as she was the only one who asked to be on the agenda.

The two school board members who voted against the proposal gave statements as to why they’re opposed. Roy DiGiovanni



Community interest in schools

More than 50 people attended the Feb. 29 Staples Motley School Board

meeting held at the Motley school. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

agreed with Litts when he said “a lot of information needs to be analyzed to know the possible effects of what this would do.” Dave Hoemberg said “There are a lot of holes in the proceedings up to this ... I would rather be on the right team than the winning team.

The four board members who voted in favor of the proposal, Chad Longbella, Bruce Lund, Mary Freeman and Bryan

Winkels, did not give their reasons at the meeting, but had all supported elements of the proposal at earlier public meetings. After the vote, Klamm said the next steps are for administration to get together and set up transition teams. “We will make sure the community is involved, concentrating on parents and families, to make sure it is about unity and what is best for kids,” said Klamm.

At the end of the school board meeting, Board Chair Mary Freeman said “I would like to thank everyone who participated in the facilities study, everyone who came to the school board work sessions and those who sent texts, emails, called and sent letters,” as well as the strategic planning sessions. “You were heard and your participation was deeply appreciated.”

Community education director

The board considered a proposal to create a full time community education coordinator position. Currently, Middle School Principal Tom Riitters is also the community education coordinator.

Klamm said she believes the position needs to have someone full time and that principals need to be in their buildings full time.

She said it would increase the administrative budget back to the level when community education had a coordinator and an assistant.

Board member Chad Longbella expressed concerns about budget reductions that may have to be made soon, and that community education is one area that could be targeted for cuts. “We have to look at all things,” he said.

Klamm said they could pull the full time position proposal for the time being to see how it fits in with the re-start planning.

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Hotel developers see changes in the Staples community

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

When hotel developers visited Staples one year ago, they weren’t really gung-ho on the prospect of building in the community. “We thought we would put it on the back burner,” said Michael Linder of Hotel R&D

Visiting again on Feb. 23, Lindner said “this is a completely different feel, it’s amazing how things have changed and are changing,” he said. He said it is not just the projected jobs growth in the area or the new people he met, but the

attitude of the community that this is the right time to build a hotel. “Maybe I just didn’t see it before,” said Lindner, “but this is a pretty impressive town.”

The Feb. 23 visit convinced Lindner, Michelle Vander Vegte of AmericInn and Sam Russo of Midwest Hospitality to upgrade their hotel prospectus from a 40 room hotel to a 50 room hotel with extra suites and extended stay rooms.

At the meeting, Lake-wood Health System CEO Tim Rice showed the developers statistics showing that physicians and consultants working on extended visits spend between \$125,000 and \$150,000 per year on rooms out of town.

“It breaks my heart to see that big of a need for rooms,” said Russo. He said his hotel management company has never had a hotel that failed. “The community needs it, we are going to make it work for investors,” he said.

The next step for the developers is to try and get local investors for the \$5.5 million project. Lindner said they would like to raise 30 to 40 percent of the cost locally.

Restaurant option

The developers are looking at several site options, but seemed to prefer the lot along Hwy 10 between the Dairy Queen and he Town’s Edge Restaurant. The developers see how a hotel in that spot could

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Ready for new townhome development

The empty field (looking northwest) between 5th and 6th Streets NE, is where townhomes could be

nearing completion a year from now. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Developers going forward with 32-unit townhome construction

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Roach Properties is working with the City of Staples to build 32 townhome units on the area north of the Freshwater Education building, between 5th St and 8th St.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen talked about the project at the Staples Economic Development Authority meeting on Feb. 23. He said he has been working with the developers for two years and they feel now is the time to move forward with the project. Nelsen said they are anticipating a March

8 purchase agreement for land owned by the city. The plan is for utility lines to be dug during the early summer, with building construction to start right after that. Nelsen said they would build all 32 units at one time, with construction to last during the fall and winter and be completed in early 2017. Nelsen said each townhome unit would be either two or three bedrooms and would have a double car garage. He said examples of their properties can be found on the Central Minnesota Rentals web site.

The city is also working with the developers to

implement a tax increment finance (TIF) district, in which property taxes on the site will help pay for improvements to the site. Nelsen said he checked with other communities that Roach Properties has built in. “The consensus is they’re good to work with and they maintain their properties,” said Nelsen.

Housing study

Nelsen said the townhomes should go a long way towards solving housing issues in Staples. That proposition will be discussed more in detail when the city gets the results of a housing study currently underway.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the \$6,500 housing study is being paid for through National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and the Initiative Foundation.

She said the study should be completed in just a couple of weeks. Radermacher said they would use the results of the housing study to reach out to potential developers and affordable housing programs.

In other news, Radermacher said she is in contact with someone to help open the downtown movie theater.

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Seniors at SMHS, Haley Christofersen and Hailey Koenig have sang the National Anthem at many home events throughout the year. They applied for

and were selected to sing the anthem for the opening ceremonies of the MN State Wrestling Tourney this past weekend in St. Paul. (Submitted photo)

March food drive to shore up deficit

The Staples Area Food Shelf is asking for donations during their March funding campaign.

“This annual plea is very important and is our main income resource,” said Food Shelf Director Fran Mertens. “It depends on what we receive in March for our return benefits from Second Harvest Greatland and the Minnesota Council of Churches.”

Mertens said they are

not matched funds, but are based on percentages of food shelves throughout the state.

In 2015, the Staples Area Food Shelf income was \$46,714 and expenses were \$47,668.

“We are hoping to get a good campaign to cover this deficit,” said Mertens.

Donations can be sent to the Staples Area Food Shelf, PO Box 82, Staples, MN, 56479.



S'MORE..... rewards

Staples Elementary fifth grade students met their reading goals for I Love To Read Month in February and were rewarded with a marshmallow roast and s'mores on Feb. 26. This year's program was called The S'more You Read The S'more You Know. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Friendly Rider director to help Becker transit

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the Feb. 16 Wadena County Board meeting, Transit Director Ryan Damlo reported on his recent work with representatives of Becker County in an effort to help that county organize transit services to its residents. He asked commissioners to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Wadena and Becker counties with their cooperative efforts to provide transit services.

For eight weeks in February, March and April, Damlo will spend one day per week working in Becker County, helping the county's personnel organize transit schedules, suggest driver qualifications, etc. Although Becker County has been paying half of Damlo's salary since he was hired in 2015, the county did not make use of his services during 2015. Becker County has now decided to make a concerted effort to organize and provide Friendly Rider Transit services as soon as possible.

The cooperative transit effort between the two counties began in 2014. At the Wadena County Board meeting on Oct. 21, 2014, commissioners unanimously approved a resolu-

tion supporting the merger of the Becker County and Wadena County transit systems and the hiring of a Transit Director, with each county paying half the cost of the position.

At the April 7, 2015 Wadena County Board meeting, County Engineer Ryan Odden introduced Ryan Damlo as the newly hired Transit Director for the county and its partner, Becker County. Damlo gave a short overview of his plans for the first few months as he learned the operations of the county's transit department and made contact with key people in the local area.

By August 11, 2015, Damlo was ready to give a presentation to the Wadena County Board on the progress of negotiations with Becker County to form a Joint Powers Agreement to operate the Friendly Rider Transit program in the two counties. Damlo said at that time that MnDOT believed no agreement could be reached in 2015, and recommended that each county have a separate agreement with MnDOT for 2016. The board voted to approve that separate agreement.

Now that 2016 has arrived, negotiations for a Joint Powers Agreement to operate the Friendly Rider Transit program in the

two counties may continue until completed.

Damlo told the board that ridership has increased substantially since he became transit director. His marketing program to increase ridership will continue this year.

At the Feb. 16 board meeting, commissioners also discussed the issue of insurance coverage for the Wadena County Ag Society (aka the fair board) and the buildings it manages at the county fairgrounds. County Attorney Kyra Ladd advised commissioners that liability insurance needs to be in place for all fair board activities. Board Chair Jim Hofer asked Ladd to discuss the insurance issues with the county's risk manager Rosalie Miller and appointed a committee of; Commissioners Rodney Bounds, and Sheldon Monson, County Coordinator Curt Kreklau, Ryan Odden and Ladd, to research the issues and report to the board.

In other business, the board

- Heard monthly reports from social services personnel.

- Approved a new per diem and mileage policy for citizens appointed to boards and commissions.

- Approved several contracts, grants and service

agreements for the public health department.

- Set the meeting date of June 27, 3 to 7 p.m., for the county Board of Review/Board of Equalization.

- Accepted the resignation of Assistant County Attorney Bryce Norton with regret and thanked him for his service to the county.

- Appointed an Insurance Committee, approved a charter for that committee to involve labor and management in non-adversarial information gathering, to advise management about healthcare coverage and to provide written recommendations regarding healthcare coverage to the county board.

- Set March 17, at 9 a.m. as the date for a Work Session/Special Board meeting for the commissioners to further discuss the county's space needs and to reach an agreement on a direction to proceed with.

- Approved a rebate of solid waste fees for one year to Lee Jenkins for incorrect assessments on his properties.

The next regular meeting of the Wadena County Board will be March 8 at 9 a.m. Other meeting dates in March are; March 15, March 17 (special meeting) and March 22.

Alert Veterans to IRS impersonators

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran's Service Officer

With tax-filing season in full swing, Veterans should be aware of people contacting them who claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service and the Treasury. These IRS tax impersonators have been using phone calls and emails to take millions of dollars from taxpayers in every state in the country. The callers tell intended victims they owe taxes and must pay using a pre-paid debit card, money order or a wire transfer. The scammers threaten those who refuse to pay with being charged for a criminal violation, a grand jury indictment, immediate arrest, deportation or loss of a business or driver's license.

To prevent taxpayers from falling victim to these scams, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration has expanded their outreach efforts to make sure people remain on high alert. Efforts include video public service announcements in English and Spanish, and working with public and private partner organizations to help get the word out.

"The number of people receiving these unsolicited calls from individuals who fraudulently claim to represent the IRS is growing at an alarming rate," said J. Russell George, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. "At all times, especially around the time of the tax filing season, we want to make sure that taxpayers are alerted to this scam so they are not harmed by these criminals," he said,

adding, "Do not become a victim."

The IRS usually contacts people by mail, not by phone, about unpaid taxes. They will never ask for payment using credit cards, prepaid debit card, money order or wire transfer. They will never request personal or financial information by e-mail, text or any social media.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be with the IRS

- If you owe Federal taxes, or think you might owe taxes, hang up and call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS workers can help you with your payment questions.

- If you do not owe taxes, fill out the "IRS Impersonation scam" form on TIGTA's website, www.tigta.gov, or call TIGTA at 800-366-4484.

- You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at www.ftc.gov. Add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments in your complaint.

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- If you believe an email is a phishing scam, forward the scam emails to phishing@irs.gov. **Do not open any attachments or click on any links in those e-mails.**

For more information about tax scams, visit the official IRS website at www.irs.gov. (Source: Melissa Heintz VA Vantage Point)

As always 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 and as always have a great week.

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Creative conversations

Dave Fabian of the Staples Area Men’s Chorus, left, and Staples artist Pam Collins (center) were among the workshop participants for Creative Placemaking 101, given by Michele An-

derson of Springboard for the Arts (left) and Vicki Chepulis of Five Wings Arts Council, (back right). (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Artists make public places interactive

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Artists can have unique ideas to address certain challenges in their communities. It is trending across the world for artists to develop interactive projects that bring people to public spaces to participate in their communities. The possibilities were discussed at a workshop “Creative Placemaking 101” sponsored by Five Wings Arts Council and presented by Michele Anderson of Springboard for the Arts, held Feb. 25 at the Long Prairie Country Club. Anderson said communities are moving away from the traditional relationship with artists, in which city planners would requisition an artist to contribute a singular artwork to a public space. She said artists are now becoming part of the planning process from concept to completion of a project. Artists are also making their projects more interactive, allowing the public to be part of the process. Whether it’s singers, painters, actors, poets, sculptors or any other artist, the trend is to create a project that the public feels they are taking part in, rather than observing something. “It’s the importance of

using arts and storytelling before others tell it for you,” said Anderson. She gave an example of one group that wanted to get the public to become stewards of the Mississippi River, so they developed a historical play for which the audience paddled canoes from scene to scene. Another example; a labyrinth that was built in New York Mills, in which the public was invited to bring their own rocks and plants to line the path. Showing a photo of a young child planting a rock, Anderson said “Making those connections across generations is what gets people to come back to town.” Approximately 25 people, mostly from Long Prairie and Staples attended the workshop. They broke into four groups to discuss possible projects where artists could be used to get more people into the public spaces. The group that talked about downtown areas came up with the idea of hosting small pop-up events in empty or underused buildings. One example was to host a railroad film festival in the Staples Depot. The group that talked about inclusion suggested a cultural event featuring

cooking and art to mix different groups together. The health and wellness group came up with ideas to promote wellness at farmers markets or asking kids to make get-well cards for people in local hospitals. They also liked the example of having portable tables where people could gather in different areas of the community, then come together for a large event. The green spaces group discussed promoting the outdoors through nature art, photography, history, or getting the public to help build a rock sculpture or rock garden. While this was a preliminary introduction to the topic, Anderson said communities should invite artists to planning meetings, where they can lend creativity and vision. Anderson said funders are also noticing the new interactive art trends. Vicki Chepulis, Five Wings Grants Coordinator, said there are grants specifically for organizations that include artists in a project from concept through completion. For more information, go to fwac.org (Five Wings Arts Council) or springboardforthearts.org.

State GOP deputy chair and House candidates to speak in Staples

Chris Fields, Deputy Chair of the Republican Party of Minnesota, and two candidates for Minnesota House District 9A will be in Staples on Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m., at Twisted Sister’s, located at 119 3rd St NE, (lower level). The event will be a dinner meeting, sponsored by Crossroads Conservatives. Representative Mark Anderson recently announced his decision not to seek another term which prompted announcements from Larry Lundblad and John Poston that they will seek the Republican endorsement for the open seat. Their remarks will follow those of Chris Fields. Fields will explain what happens next in the political process after the precinct caucuses, and how



Chris Fields
Deputy Chair
of Rep. Party
of MN

to stay involved through the national election. Fields was born in The Bronx, New York, the first of three children to an unwed teenage mother. He attended Bronx Regional High School, graduating as valedictorian. After high school, Fields served in the Marine Corps, for 21 years, including two tours in Iraq, eventually earning his commission and attaining the rank of Major. After retiring from the Marines in 2011, Fields moved to Minneapolis where his wife owns a law firm. He ran for Congress, challenging incumbent Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison for Minnesota’s 5th Congressional District seat. Fields and his wife, Christa, have one son. Larry Lundblad is the retiring President of Cen-



Larry
Lundblad
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tral Lakes College with campuses in Brainerd and Staples. He is on the Brainerd Salvation Army, Lakewood Health System and Rural MNCEP boards, and the Region 5 Resilient Region steering committee. John Poston is currently serving as the Mayor of Lake Shore Minnesota. He operates a local property management business and has ownership in local restaurant businesses. Poston is on the National Joint Powers Alliance and Nisswa Chamber of Commerce boards and Region Five Economic Development Commission. Reservations appreciated. RSVPs may be directed to Diane Carlson at 218-296-1348; or respond by email to dcarlson1899@charter.net.



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Retirements; Special Olympics held

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- In other news, the board**
- Approved permission to participate in the Tech Mobile project sponsored by National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and Central Lakes College, in which cutting edge technology equipment is rotated among area schools for grades K-12.
 - Approved retirements:
 - Paul Binek, DAPE instructor, 20 years in the district;
 - Patricia DiGiovanni, Motley Elementary second grade, 19 years;
 - Debbie Blowers, Motley Elementary 1st grade, 24 years;
 - Julie Wollenburg, transportation, 29 years;
 - Kim Dickinson, special education paraprofessional and Special Olympics assistant, 17 years
 - Deb Meyers, special education, 25 years;
 - Penny Wolpert, transportation, 26 years.
 - Approved resignations:
 - Toni Sveom, enrichment and ELL;
 - Sarah Miller, food service
 - Approved hiring replacements for teachers and bus drivers as needed; Superintendent Klamm said they will be doing something different with enrichment services.
 - Approved contract for Julie Green for the care and treatment program.
 - Approved permission to explore the opportunity for 6-8th grade students to tour Italy and Greece in June, 2017.
 - Named Activities Director Travis VanOverbeke and board member Bryan Winkels as representatives to the Minnesota State High School League.
 - Approved spring coaching positions:
 - Softball, Bruce Onischuk (head coach), Kevin Roline (assistant), Brittany Miller (middle school)
 - Baseball, Mitch Anderson (head coach), Pat Held
- (assistant), Doug Shequen and Micheal Poncelet (middle school)
- Track and field, Marly Simmons (head coach), assistants Chad Brever, Steve Fligge, Chris Kappler and Bruce Fuhrman
 - Golf, Glen Hasselberg, assistants Bill Israelson, Brad Anderson, Heather Erholtz and Kermit Klefsaas (middle school)
 - Heard from High School Principal Mike Schmidt, who said the Special Olympics event at the school has become “one of the highlights of the year,” as students interact with Special Olympians from around the area.
 - Heard from board member Bruce Lund about the music program’s trip to the Minnesota Music Educator’s conference. “You don’t know how good you are,” said Lund, “the music director from Wayzata could not believe the quality of all three groups from such a small school.”

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Friday, March 4 Weather Folklore Discussion, AM Music and Snacks, PM	Tuesday, March 22 Napkin Bunny Craft, AM Color Easter Eggs, PM
Tuesday, March 8 <i>(Wear your favorite color)</i> Rainbow Clover Craft, AM Favorite Color, PM Irish Sing-along, PM	Wednesday, March 23 Reminisce & Coffee, PM Card Games, PM Bingo with Motley Lions, 6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 9 Reminisce & Coffee, AM Make St Pat Bread, PM Dingo Game, PM Bingo with Leader Lions, 6:00 PM	Thursday, March 24 Easter Symbols & Traditions, AM LRC Game, PM
Friday, March 11 P Reverse Dictionary, AM Potato Chip Tasting & Facts, PM	Friday, March 25 Decorate Easter Placemats, AM Jelly Bean Tasting & All About Jelly Beans, PM
Tuesday, March 15 Hand-printed Tulip Craft, AM Name that Tune, PM	Sunday, March 27 Easter Meal, Noon
	Wednesday, March 30 Jazzercise / Today Is, AM Make Pig Cupcakes, AM Oink Party, PM

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Letters to the Editor

Food share month

Many of you have been very supportive of the efforts of the Staples Area Food Shelf in the past. We thank you for that generous support. In addition to purchases at our local grocery stores (at a discount offered by those stores), supplies are also purchased at significant discounts at the Second Harvest Food Bank. During the March Food Share Month, local donations earn extra credits at the Food Bank. Donations that are made during March give us greater purchasing power to serve those in our community who have needs. We believe this provides for food needs in our community, but also makes it possible for them to achieve some food security so that they can address other needs.

Each year the Staples Area Food Shelf provides food for over 1,500 household visits representing almost 4,500 individuals. Approximately 40 percent are either younger than 17 or older than 65. 100,000 pounds of food are distributed.

Over 50 volunteers make the work possible: unloading trucks, stocking shelves, serving people in need, keeping records and helping in a variety of ways as needed.

Please consider a generous donation to the Staples Area Food Shelf during March. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Staples Area Food Shelf
Board of Directors:
Steve Sveom, Fran Mertens,
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Community grieves

Our community is once again grieving the loss of two community members who took their own lives. It is the proverbial “elephant in the room”. If we don’t talk about suicide, it won’t happen. We know that it “does happen”. Suicide takes the lives of almost 700 people each year in Minnesota. People who we work with, eat dinner with, sit in church with, go to school with, meet at the local gas station.

Suicide hurts the hearts of our very community. Those of us left feel guilt,

loss, confusion and pain. We also hope it won’t happen again. The reality is if we see someone who is choking, we do the Heimlich maneuver. If someone collapses from a heart attack, we do CPR and yet when someone is struggling with depression or emotional emptiness we often turn away and think there is nothing we can do.

If you have never been in the place where you have felt the sense of hopelessness, I pray you never will. If you have not been touched by a suicide in your circle of friends and family, I hope you never are. We do know that 50 percent of our community at one time or another will struggle with some emotional stress. Are you ready to support them? Do you know the resources?

Honestly until I needed them or had someone close to me who did, I wasn’t aware either. This is not a message of blame, it is an invitation to start the conversation.

Wellness in the Woods is a local nonprofit who will come to your congregation, school, business or organization and share ways to support your fellow community member. We won’t even ask for a fee. Our board and staff want our community to be ready to reach out in compassion with knowledge and confidence when someone is hurting. Contact us at mnwellnessinthewoods@gmail.com. Your community is our community. There is no charge for this program.

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Hunting pressure

I quit reading Mike Rahn’s Outdoor column long ago. But, my brother pointed out his column to me in the February 25, 2016 Staples World. At first I thought to ignore it but then realized I could live to regret that.

He talked about crossbow opponents worried about added hunting pressure during archery season. That sounds like jealousy to me. The opponents want to hunt but they see my hunting as an encroachment on their “ten-

ured” hunting rights.

In Rahn’s article there was talk of “traditional” bows being different than a crossbow- yes they are. But Mike needs to know that a plastic stick with wheels, site pins and mechanical release is not a traditional bow. My daughter and I built a bow a couple of years ago. We started with a piece of wood. When that was worked to the right shape we glued deer sinew to the back. We cut, boiled, pressed and shaped horn which we glued to the belly and topped the back with two beautiful diamond back rattlesnake skins- that’s traditional.

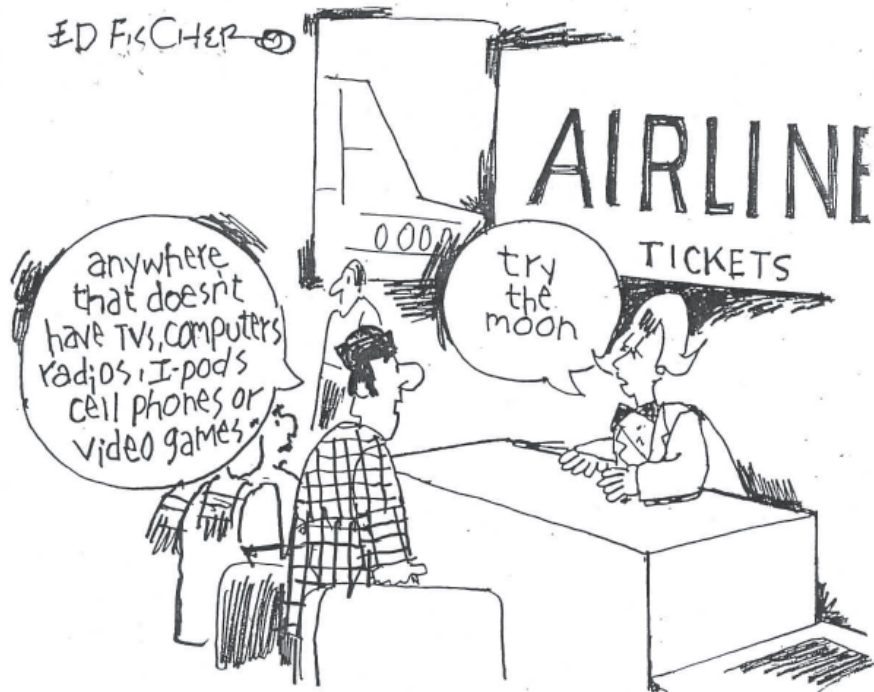
A crossbow is not any longer ranged than a compound bow and no more accurate. The chief difference is: I used to practice to gain proficiency (accuracy). Now when I practice, I get tendonitis and a sore shoulder. That pretty much lasts through the season causing me to be less accurate than had I not practiced. The main advantage with the crossbow is it takes little practice because of little muscle involvement.

As to accuracy: I have read articles of archers shooting elk and other big game out to 50 and 60 yards with compounds. I feel comfortable with my crossbow at 30 yards. Last year I shot two deer at 15 and 10 yards.

Addressing the 104 day season, I didn’t have that much time. I don’t hunt during the rifle season. Few at my age enjoy sitting in a stiff breeze in December with temperatures down to five below. That leaves about 65 days. Of those, I hunted about 20 different days. At 60 plus years (this is the group that can hunt with a crossbow in archery season) bed feels better in the morning than a cold seat so I only got in a morning hunt twice. I usually hunt about two hours in the evening. The math shows I hunted about 40 hours last year with my crossbow. Is that a lot of pressure?

People in my age group basically will miss out on archery altogether if jealousy and inexperience wins an argument to stop us from archery hunting with a crossbow. I hunted with a bow for years and for now I can still hunt with my “horizontal bow”.

Dean J. Griffith
Staples, Minn.



Special Olympics event

There are many times as a principal I watch from afar with tremendous pride and emotion as an event unfolds on our high school campus. Each year, Special Olympics is one of those events for me. I enjoy watching these games, as so many positive memories are generated as a result - not only for the Olympians, but for our high school students and guests.

On Friday, February 19, our boys basketball team hosted Pequot Lakes for their last regular season game. Before the varsity game, we lowered the lights, turned on the spotlight and introduced our Special Olympics Team. The basketball players from both towns spontaneously came together to create a cheering tunnel for the Special Olympians to run through onto the court. The crowd was on its feet as AC/DC boomed across the gym during the introductions. The crowd actively cheered on the unified game participants. Our boys’ basketball team shined as they generated rebounds and passes for eagerly waiting Special Olympians. Re-

gardless of the outcome of the varsity game later that night, coaches, players and officials were in agreement that it was one of the best nights in a gym all season.

The following Wednesday (Feb. 24), the high school was proud to once again host the Regional Special Olympics Basketball Event. This event has grown to include 250+ participants from area schools. Over 40 of our high school students volunteered as “captains” and “station managers” to ensure a quality event. Staples Motley has gained



By Mike Schmidt
Staples Motley and Connections High Schools Principal

It’s not just Flint where kids are in danger

By Ronald White and Molly Rauch

Brown, foul-smelling water spewing out of faucets. Children poisoned by lead and other toxic metals. Families with aching joints, brittle bones and shocking hair loss. These troubling images and more have been flowing out of Flint, Michigan since late last year as the scope and impact of the city’s austerity-driven water contamination crisis has become increasingly clear.

But pollution, contamination and toxic chemicals that harm children’s health aren’t confined to Flint. America’s children are being exposed to a host of toxic chemical hazards. From deteriorating lead paint still widespread in many communities, to toxic toys sold at dollar stores, dangerous chemical

facilities near homes and schools, we’re putting our kids in danger.

All children, but especially those under age five, are susceptible to toxic chemicals because their bodies and brains are still growing and developing. However, there is a striking inequality in the likelihood that children of color and those living in poverty will be exposed to dangerous substances. That disparity is especially clear when we look at facilities that use, store or produce toxic chemicals.

A recent report from the Center for Effective Government (foreffectivegov.org) found that nearly one in 10 schoolchildren - 4.9 million - attend school within a mile of a hazardous chemical facility. Almost two-thirds of the children who live in homes near these facilities are children of color. Children of color living in poverty are especially hard hit, with poor black and Latino children more than twice as likely to live in these “fenceline communities” as white children who are not poor.

Living near a dangerous chemical facility increases the chances of being exposed to toxic air or water pollution. These facilities operate in just about every state in the nation, though they are more densely concentrated in the Midwest, the South, the Mid-Atlantic and California.

Living in a fenceline community also significantly increases the risk of exposure should a large-scale chemical disaster occur. Again, that danger is greater in communities of color. Facilities located in these communities have almost twice the rate of incidents like chemical leaks, fires and explosions as those in communities largely populated by whites.

Tackling this environ-

quite a positive hosting reputation and we did not disappoint.

The morning began with registration and a large group dance including, of course, the “Hokey Pokey”, “Cupid Shuffle” and “Cha Cha Slide”. The smiles and energy were endless. Each team was announced and lined up center gym where we sang the National Anthem, recited the Special Olympics Oath and experienced the Torch presentation. This is truly an amazing sight. Skill events were capped off with several basketball games and lunch provided by our Food Service Department. The pride exhibited by the athletes, coaches, aides and families is phenomenal. And each year I get to see the very best in our high school students with these events.

The Special Olympics Oath is as follows: “Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” With both the unified game and Wednesday’s basketball event... winning was everywhere!

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SMACF offering grant opportunities

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

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

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

Children, Youth and Families: Supplementing the endeavors of people striving to develop and implement positive opportunities for residents of the Staples Motley area.

Human Services: Programs to promote the overall quality of life and meeting human needs (i.e. healthcare, food shelves, domestic violence, etc.).

The average grant is \$2,000 and a limited number of grant funds are available so apply now. For large projects, grants are available for a maximum amount of 50 percent of the project cost up to \$2,000. Since its inception in 1999, the foundation has awarded over \$145,000 in grant funding to area projects.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the Initiative Foundation, a regional foundation serving Central Minnesota.

The application and grant guidelines are available on the SMACF website at: <http://www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org>. You can submit your application on line or by mail at SMACF PO Box 101, Staples, MN 56479.

Completed applications must be submitted no later than April 15, 2016.

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



Jumping sky high for spring weather

DeVon Brusewitz, of Staples took advantage of 40 degree weather on Feb. 27, setting up his bike ramps to practice some of his jumps. With much of the

snow melting over the past week, spring can't be far away. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Preschool and Kindergarten Enrollment Fairs scheduled for March and April

The Staples Motley School District invites all families with children ages five and under to learn more about preschool classes scheduled for the 2016-2017 school year at both Staples and Motley Family Centers. Preschool Enrollment Fairs have been scheduled at both sites and will offer information about all preschool programming offered by the district, including Head Start classes.

The Preschool Enrollment Fair will be held at the Staples Family Center on March 8 and at the Motley Family Center on March 15. The Preschool Fairs will run as an open house from 5:00-6:30 p.m. with a parent information session scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Families will be able to learn more about Staples Motley early childhood and preschool programming, meet teachers while the children can enjoy games and activities planned just for them.

The Staples Elementary and Motley Elementary kindergarten enrollment nights previously scheduled in conjunction with the Preschool Enrollment Fairs have been postponed until April. More information will be provided following the Re-Start Campaign vote by the school board on February 29.

For more information on Early Childhood/Preschool programming, contact Sue Estabrooks-Anderson, Director of Early Learning Programs, at 218-894-5400, ext. 3531 or sanderson@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow, Minnesota State Patrol

Question: If driving a commercial vehicle and stopped, what documents are needed to present to the trooper? Also what do they look for if a truck is weighed?

Answer: I will list what is covered in a "level inch inspection", done along with weight enforcement.

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There are "Level 2" inspections, which are walk around inspections, and "Level 3" inspections, which are paperwork only. All of which include the drivers portion and registration on vehicles.

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Speech team places second at Bemidji

The SM Speech team traveled to the Bemidji Lumberjack Tournament held Feb. 27 coming home with second place honors. Results - Creative: Elijah Sams, 1st, Cade Bestland, 2nd; Drama: Macy Judd, 5th; Duo: Grant Yungbauer and Elijah Sams, 2nd; Extemporaneous Reading: Noah Han, 3rd, Bryn Williams, finalist; Humor: Alex Erickson, 3rd place, Brooke Jackson, finalist, Cael Sams, red ribbon; Informative: Alex Erickson, red ribbon; Original Oratory: Rebecca Soukup, finalist; Poetry: Mardi Opheim, 5th; Storytelling: Cade Bestland, 1st place, Brian Sterriker, blue ribbon. The team will compete at Walker on March 5. (Submitted photo)

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Anticipation... it's making me wait

Students in Shela McIlravy's third grade class at Sacred Heart Area School watch Katie Benson as she pours butter-milk off the butter the students just made. The students divided into teams to take turns shaking jars of cream to produce the butter. Benson, a junior at SMHS and Vice President of the Staples Motley FFA and Rebekka Paskewitz, FFA

President presented an Agriculture in the Classroom program on Dairy Facts Feb. 26. All Staples Motley third grade students with the help of a \$1,000 grant from the National FFA Foundation, will participate in monthly interactive lessons introducing them to the agricultural industry. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Half and half was poured into a glass jar. Students divided into two teams - four girls and four boys - and took turns shaking the jar until it turned into butter.



Taste testing in the classroom

Final results: real creamy butter on a Ritz cracker with thumbs up approval. Left to right: Rebekka Paskewitz, Maila Mikhaeil, Jade Storry, Lilly Tyrrell, Sophie Albie, Jacob Becker, Bryan Burrows, Katie Benson, Joe Zimmermann, Axel Mertens.

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A special thank you to Father Joe, Marge, Ann and Jan for stopping by so frequently for prayers.

Most of all, thank you to the kids and staff of Sacred Heart Area School and for their beautiful voices in song at Grandma Mona's service.

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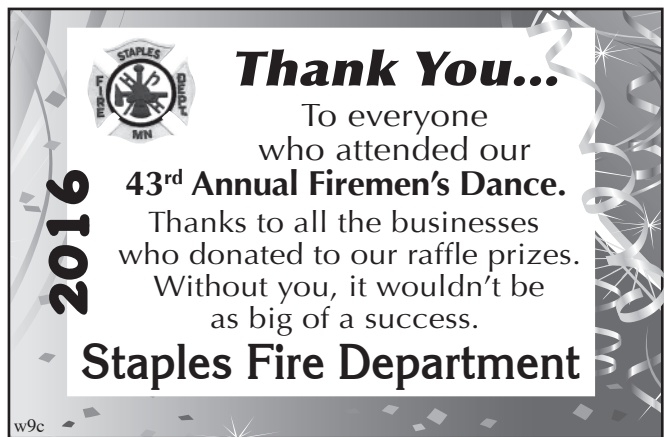
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Born to Grace Flanery and Zach Rushmeyer of Hewitt, a baby boy, Garrison Elijah, weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on February 19, 2016.

Born to Kent and Sarah Swenson of Brainerd, twin girls, MaKenna Kristine, weighing six pounds, two ounces and Aria Lee, weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on February 19, 2016.

Born to Shakell Rogers and Steve Weller of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Shaelyn Renee, weighing five pounds, 13 ounces, on February 19, 2016.

Born to Ryan and Kara Kloss of Royalton, a baby girl, Aubriella Mary, weighing eight pounds, 15 ounces on February 20, 2016.

Born to Kyle and Cassandra Brauch of Menahga, a baby girl, Millie Mae, weighing eight pounds, three ounces on February 21, 2016.

Born to Rebecca Plautz and Daniel Brown of Verndale, a baby girl, Brooklyn Marie, weighing six pounds, nine ounces on February 22, 2016.

Born to Mazzymae Young of Brainerd, a baby boy, Zaydin Jacob, weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on February 23, 2016.

Born to Stephen and Jessica Adams of Brainerd, a baby boy, Ellis Michael, weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on February 24, 2016.

Born to Blessing Chihwai and Eric Cahill of Brainerd, a baby boy, Mason Tinashe, weighing five pounds, 15 ounces on February 25, 2016.

Born to Ryan and Anna Spandl of Browerville, a baby boy, Jack Ryan, weighing eight pounds, two ounces on February 25, 2016.

Born to Eric and Amy VanKeuren of Pierz, a baby boy, Kaden Randal, weighing seven pounds, two ounces on February 25, 2016.

Born to Troy and Crystal Fritzlar of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Lauren Violet, weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on February 26, 2016.

LHS and MedicalGPS partner for point-of-care feedback

Lakewood Health System recently partnered with MedicalGPS, LLC (MGPS) to use MGPS's M3-Patient Experience system in all LHS clinics. M3-Patient Experience is a real-time, internet-based management tool that helps medical providers and support staffs maximize our patients' clinic experience. "We are excited to partner with MedicalGPS to conduct point-of-care surveying which will allow our patients the opportunity to give us feedback about their visit and overall experience at Lakewood," said Jennifer Strickland, Customer Experience Director at LHS. "This feedback and information will help us see how we're doing in all aspects of care and, if necessary, how we can improve the patient experience at LHS."

MGPS president, Martin R. Hudson said, "This past June we had the pleasure of attending the Health Leaders Media webinar titled, 'Leveraging CG-CAHPS to Engage Patients, Physicians, and Staff: The LHS's Program'. After learning about Lakewood's innovative and progressive pursuit of service excellence, we are honored they have selected M3-Patient Experience® as their preferred patient feedback system to sustain the highest levels of quality in this rapidly changing, value-based healthcare environment."

To use the new system, patients can take the anonymous survey from computers or mobile devices at LHS facilities on the same day as their visit, giving feedback regarding their experience at Lakewood. The survey information is then compiled and the results are delivered to Lakewood staff, which uses the information to make positive change to the patient experience.

About M3-Patient Experience

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About MedicalGPS, LLC

MedicalGPS specializes in the delivery of services and products that provide actionable information to the fingertips of healthcare professionals. Unique to MedicalGPS' product offerings is M3-Patient Experience, a state-of-the-art real-time patient feedback system that monitors, measures and maximizes patient loyalty and patient retention. Using GPSMapping®, MedicalGPS' proprietary business intelligence information system, physicians, administrators and other healthcare decision makers have access to a full array of internet-based decision support tools including M3-Patient Experience as well as; chronic disease management modules, provider-to-patient connectivity, financial and clinical benchmarking dashboards, coding profiles, payer mix and reimbursement trends and other tools designed to maximize the patient's experience and optimize care.

To learn more about MedicalGPS go to: <http://www.medicalgps.com/>





Heading in to the operating room

The Central Lakes College Practical Nursing students may be observing surgical procedures at Lakewood Health System during their final semester clinical course. In this photo, these students were given a tour by staff of the operating room at LHS in Staples. The practical nursing program is located on the Staples CLC campus. From left are David Hobson, Brooke Dumpprope, Samantha Killian, Allie Virnig, Meagan Eix, Leslea Hove, Tasha Johnson and Lisa Bausman. (Submitted photo)

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Obituaries



Louise Behsman

Louise Marie Behsman, 76, of Verndale, passed away, February 27, 2016 at the Central Todd County Care Center, Clarissa.

Services will be held Friday, March 4, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. at the Assembly of God Church, Staples, with Pastor Roy Miles presiding. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the services, at the church.

Arrangements are with Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena.

Louise was born May 27, 1939 in Maddock ND, to Stanley and Mary (Morrison) Anderson.

She graduated in 1957 from Braham High School.

Louise married Donald Behsman December 7, 1989 in Buffalo and in 1990 they moved to Aldrich. Louise worked as a courier for the Staples World.

She enjoyed collecting and selling antiques, gardening, raising animals and being around her family.

Louise is survived by her husband; children, Robert (Cathy) White of Oklahoma, Bill (Sue) White of Hewitt, Sandy (Kathy Dimaggio) White of Colorado, Debra (John) Kaiser of Staples; step-children, Marty (Julie) Behsman of Florida, Kris (Louisa) Behsman of Massachusetts, Holly Behsman of Missouri; one brother, Fred (Yvonne) Bebenese of Brooklyn-Center; two sisters, Linda Carlson of Taylors Falls, Belva Jean Ott of Pine City; 19 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; many friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Marge Schustead; infant great-grandson, Lucas.

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Dennis Neisess

Dennis D. Neisess, 74, of Staples, passed away February 28, 2016, at his home.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples, with Pastor Collins officiating. Visitation one hour prior to service.

Dennis was born December 10, 1941, in Breckenridge, to Margaret (Miller) and step father, Clayton Derby. The family later moved to Wadena where Dennis graduated from Wadena High School in 1960.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples.

Dennis is survived by; one son, Douglas (Traci) Neisess of Staples; one step-son John (Sharon) Long of Staples; grandchildren Jenna (Kevin) Ashman, Ryan Long, Christopher Banaka, Camryn Neisess; great-grandchildren, Kalei and Cutler Ashman; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis; his parents; step-father; three brothers, Donald, Gerald and Graydon.

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Geneva Mykland

Geneva Trout Mykland, 90, of Wadena, passed away February 20, 2016.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 26, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Arlie Sowada as celebrant and Deacon Jerry Snyder.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Wadena.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena.

Geneva was born August 21, 1926 to Charles and Julia (Mashuga) Kohanek in Browerville.

She left home at a young age and worked various jobs, including in an airplane factory in the Twin Cities during WWII.

Geneva was married to Clifford Trout on May 21, 1946 in Browerville. They made their home on a farm near Wadena, where they raised eight children. They both retired from farming in 1985 and moved to a new home in Wadena in 1990.

She enjoyed sewing, baking, gardening, fishing, camping and playing cards. She was a member of Christian Mothers and the VFW Women's Auxiliary.

Clifford passed away in 1993 and in 1996 Geneva married Lincoln "Mike" Mykland. He passed away in 2013.

Geneva is survived by four sons, David (Elnora) Trout and John (Mary) Trout, both of Wadena, Roger (Patty) Trout of Virginia, Paul (fiancee Kristi) Trout of Fergus Falls; four daughters, Carol (Marty) Wegscheid of Bluffton, Linda (Joel) Hagen of Co-hasset, Karlene (Jerry) Snyder and Beckie (David) Vorderbruggen both of Wadena; 29 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; one step-son, Don (Mary) Mykland of Park Rapids; one step grandson.

Geneva is preceded in death by two husbands; parents; five brothers, Joseph, Edward, Herbert, Richard, Harold Kohanek; two sisters, Marie Dahlin, Dorothy Kohanek; one step-son, Gary Mykland; one step-grandson.

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Bruce Judd

Bruce E. Judd, 67, of Staples, passed away February 24, 2016, at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Bruce was born August 6, 1947 in Portland OR, to Tom and Irene (Booth) Judd.

He will be sadly missed by all those who remember his warm smile and free spirit.

Bruce is survived by three daughters, Angela Morgan of Louisiana, Thomasena (Joel) Lingenfelter of Staples, Jennifer Judd of Motley; one son, Chauncey Judd of Motley; two sisters, Teresa (Gene) Kucera, Cindy Rawlings (John Pierce); one brother Douglas (Gail) Judd, all of Staples; many grandchildren and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father Tom (Lyla) Judd; mother, Irene (John) Booth; one nephew.

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Richard Bohman

Richard "Richie" Bohman, 67, passed away February 25, 2016 at Lakewood Health System, Staples after a brave battle with cancer.

Graveside services were held February 29, 2016 at Bridgeman Cemetery, Pillager, with military honors provided by the Wadena VFW.

Arrangements were with Taylor Funeral and Cremation Care, Staples.

Richie was born April 28, 1948 in Little Falls, to Thorwald and Betty Bohman.

He grew up in Little Falls, served in the Vietnam War and after returning from the war, he worked for Pittsburgh Pacific Mining on the Iron Range. He eventually settled in Pillager and worked for Cass County until he retired.

Richie married Leann Farber in 2003.

He enjoyed being outdoors and was an avid sportsman.



Richie is survived by one son, Mathew (Nikki) Bohman of Creswell, OR; four daughters, Amber (Kirk) Olson of Valley City, ND, Heather (Ansu) Baral of Colorado Springs, CO, McKenzie Bohman of Pillager; one sister, Rosie (Dale) Otterness of Fridley; one brother, Larry Bohman of Las Vegas and eight grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife; parents; one sister, Punky.

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Care Center

MARCH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Thurs., Mar. 17 - 10:45 a.m. Vet's talk; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6:00 p.m. Games

Fri., Mar. 18 - 1:45 p.m. Entertainment- Dan Remer Sat., Mar. 19 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. 7th Day Adventist singers

Sun., Mar. 20 - 2 p.m. Assembly of God singers

Mon., Mar. 21 - 1:45 p.m. Symphonic Band; 7 p.m. Music In Motion Dance

Tues., Mar. 22 - 9:50 a.m. Sing Along/Bruce and Friends; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Mar. 23 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Activities

Thurs., Mar. 24 - 1:45 p.m. Communion Services; 6 p.m. games

Fri., Mar. 25 - 9:45 a.m. Decorate eggs; 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Service

Sat., Mar. 26 - 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Tues., Mar. 29 - 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Mar. 30 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Project Together; 7 p.m. Men's Chorus

Thurs., Mar. 31 - 4 p.m. Cheers



Reprints of Staples World photos are available for purchase online



http://staplesworld.dotphoto.com

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Pastor Tony Romaine
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship.....8:30 a.m.
First Service.....10:45 a.m.
Second Service.....9:35 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:35 a.m.
Coffee fellowship.....9:35 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
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
Jeff Scaggins, Pastor
Saturday Worship.....9:30 am.
Sabbath School.....10:45 a.m.

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Communion.....1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Rachel Stout.....218-640-5587
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
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Stacey Minion
Sunday School for all Ages.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group.....6:30 p.m.
Men's Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
Praise & Prayer.....4:30 p.m.

Cushing Baptist
26402 40th Ave., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study.....7:00 p.m.

Leaf River Township
The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info. #.....218-837-5690
Open by arrangement

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Pastor David Stevens
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 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
Rev. Greg Ciesluk
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

Risen

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus" -Luke 24:2

Pastor Greg Ciesluk, Staples and Motley United Methodist Churches

Last week, my wife and I saw a new Christian movie in the theatre and I want to urge you to see it. It's about the central reality of our faith- the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our faith is built on this foundation and without it we have nothing really. As the Lenten season unfolds and we journey toward Holy Week and Easter Sunday, I encourage you to give yourself the gift of a faith lift. See the movie and invite a friend (perhaps even a friend who doesn't quite believe) to see it with you.

I came across a powerful review from Eric Metaxas' on www.breakpoint.org and I feel compelled to share some excerpts of it here. "Risen," directed by Kevin Reynolds and starring Joseph Fiennes, an unbeliever confronts the empty tomb. It's the story of the manhunt for the corpse of Jesus Christ. Spoiler alert: They don't find it.

Fiennes plays a Roman tribune named Clavius. He's tasked by Pontius Pilate with crucifying the latest batch of Jewish rabble and self-proclaimed messiahs. The only catch? One of them really is the Messiah.

Of course Clavius, a good Roman military man, doesn't think anything of Jesus. When the centurion at Golgotha admits, "Surely this Man was the Son of God," Clavius lets him have it. Clavius is tough, and he's immune to Jewish superstition - that is, until Sunday morning. For Clavius, that's when all Heaven breaks loose.

The tomb is empty, the guards aren't talking and the disciples of Jesus are spreading the news that He's come back to life. The high priest warns Pilate that they'll have an uprising on their hands if he doesn't put the resurrection story to rest. So Pilate sends Clavius on a grisly, CSI-style hunt for the body

of Christ.

That's when he has an encounter that shakes his pagan worldview to the core. "I have seen two things which cannot reconcile," he says. "A man dead without question, and that same man alive again."

The film is great. It's a respectful and riveting portrayal of the gospel accounts, but even more because it shows an unbeliever's crisis of faith when confronted by the Risen Lord.

In anticipation of Easter, I cannot think of a better reminder of how Christianity, as Tim Keller puts it, forces us to "doubt our doubts." The empty tomb is the most startling fact of history, something two millennia of skeptics have tried to explain away. But the evidence is just too strong. And "Risen," like a good detective novel, follows that evidence where it leads.

For instance, the Roman officials and Jewish leaders had every motive to produce a body. Yet they couldn't. And Jesus' disciples had nothing to gain and everything to lose from lying about the Resurrection. But their transformation from cowards to spiritual conquerors testifies that they, like Fiennes' fictional character, saw something—or Someone—who rocked their worlds.

Joe Fiennes, says he expects this movie to touch audiences in a unique way because it invites them to examine these events through the eyes of a non-believer. I think "Risen" will challenge audiences to confront, with Clavius, the question that defies doubters to this day: If Jesus is dead, then where is the body?

I hope you'll go and see "Risen." Invite a friend to see it with you. You'll be in for an Easter encounter that will resurrect your faith!

The Staples Area Church Directory is sponsored by these area businesses:

Central Building Supply

Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Ernie's Food Market

Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

Staples Veterinary Clinic

"Complete Animal Care"
Staples, MN 218-894-1775

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank

Fully Insured to \$250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

Longbella Drug Store

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

Staples World

Your community newspaper since 1890
224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza

Pizza, Pasta, Salads, Sandwiches
Staples, MN 218-894-3299

Staples True Value

"Just Ask Rental"
Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263



NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Darryl T. Kingbird, Jr., a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation as nominee for New Century Mortgage Corporation, a California corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Deutsche Alt-A Securities, Inc., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-AR3 by assignment recorded on June 30, 2014 as Document Number A490123 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$115,500.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: February 7, 2007

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on February 9, 2007 as Document Number 447217 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: \$117,544.79

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lot Nine (9), Block Twenty-Eight (28), Tweed's Fourth Addition to the Village of Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 414 2ND AVE SW, LONG PRAIRIE, MN 56347-1831

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: New Century Mortgage Corporation, a California corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 36-0060300

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100431900104112923

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: April 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on October 21, 2016.

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.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: February, 26, 2016

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-A SECURITIES, INC., MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR3 Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.

By: /s/ Rebecca F. Schiller, Esq. N. Kibongni Fondungallah, Esq. *Curt N. Trisko, Esq.* Samuel R. Coleman, Esq. Attorneys for Mortgagee The Academy Professional Building 25 North Dale Street St. Paul, MN 55102 (651) 209-9760 (16-0268-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

NOTICE BULLARD TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Bullard Township, Wadena County, Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Officers and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the Bullard Township Hall. Election poll hours are 5:00-8:00 p.m., at which time voters will elect:

- one (1) Supervisor, three (3) year term;
- one (1) Clerk, two (2) year term.

Special election: one (1) Treasurer; one (1) year term.

Board of Canvass will take place immediately after the election, and the Annual Meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 15, 2016, with the same times and location.

Janelle VanAlst, Clerk Bullard Township

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP MARCH MEETING DATE CHANGE

The regular March meeting date will be changed from Thursday, March 14, 2016 to Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Questions, call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk Fawn Lake Township

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Moran Township annual election of officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of bad weather, the meeting and elections may be postponed until March 15, 2016. The election poll hours will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:

- Two (2) supervisors
 - One (1) clerk
- The Board of Canvass will immediately follow elections. The Annual Meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The elections and meeting will be held at the Moran Town Hall located at 23608 430th Street, Browerville, MN.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk Moran Township

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No: 77-PR-16-110 Minn. Stat. §§ 524.1-401, 525.312 Minn. Gen. R. Prac. 404

In Re: Estate of **LEROY TEPLEY** Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT

Patsy Roberts has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent. It is Ordered that on April 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at Todd County Courthouse, 221 1st Avenue South #100, Long Prairie, MN 56347 on the Petition.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court (probate the decedent's Will) determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

- Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Court File No. 77-PR-16-110

BY THE COURT Dated: February 4, 2016 /s/ Daniel Benson · Judge of District Court

Dated: February 4, 2016 /s/ Brandi Farrow, Deputy Court Administrator

ROSENMEIER LAW OFFICE Peter Vogel MN# 113037 210 2nd Street Northeast Telephone: 320-632-5458 Facsimile: 320-632-5496 e-mail: p.vogel@littlefall-slaw.com

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee will meet Monday, March 7, 2016, at 4:30 p.m., at the Todd County Office, 200 First St. NE, Staples, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell Administrative Assistant

NOTICE FOR BIDS TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Closing date: March 29, 2016

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

Sealed bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m., March 29, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

S.P. 077-070-007 6" Latex Edge Line Pavement Marking Various County Roadways (208.100 miles)

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

NOTICE FOR BIDS TODD COUNTY GRAVEL SURFACING AND DUST CONTROL APPLICATION PROJECT Closing date: March 29, 2016

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:30 a.m., March 29, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

CP 16:57, CP 16:95, CP 77-16-08

Graveling Surfacing and Dust Control Application Project Various County Roadways (13.966 miles)

This is an abbreviated advertisement. A full advertisement can be viewed by going to the Public Works website at <https://egram.co.todd.mn.us/>

Loren Fellbaum Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer

NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Staples Township election and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the town hall. Polling hours are 5:00 to 8:00 p.m..

The annual meeting follows after close of election.

In case of inclement weather, the election and Annual Meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 13, 2016. The Board of Canvassing will follow the Annual meeting.

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk Staples Township

NOTICE POPLAR TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Poplar Township will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall.

All pertinent business will be conducted and the question 'shall Poplar Township make the Clerk position an appointed position' will be discussed.

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will held one week later.

All meetings are open to the public.

Hope Johnson, Clerk Poplar Township

NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Becker Township Annual Meeting will be held March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall with the regular monthly meeting to follow.

In case of bad weather it will be held the following Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall.

All township residents are encouraged to attend.

Mary Fitcher, Clerk Becker Township

NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Bartlett Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday March 8, 2016 at the town hall. The polling hours are 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Offices to be voted on are:

- One (1) Supervisor
- One (1) Clerk

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately following the election at 8:00 p.m. A new "Fence Proposal" will be discussed and voted on at the meeting.

Inclement weather alternate date will be Tuesday March 15, 2016 at same location and time.

Jan Jares, Clerk Bartlett Township

NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for May Township will be March 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. In case of bad weather it will be held the following Tuesday. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.

Bianca Wyffels May Township Clerk

NOTICE MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Moose Lake Township will hold its annual meeting, Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

The township is now accepting bids for road grading and maintenance. Please send bid to:

Moose Lake Township Clerk, 5335 51st Ave SW, Pine River, MN 56474.

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date will be Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubal, Clerk Moose Lake Township

NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The polls will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on March 8, 2016 for the township election of:

- One (1) Supervisor
- One (1) Clerk

positions at the town hall The Annual Meeting of the township will be held following the canvassing of the election at 8:00 p.m.

The election and Annual Meeting will be held on March 15, 2016 at the same times if there is bad weather on March 8.

Joy Weyer, Clerk Thomastown Township

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Fawn Lake Township will hold its election for: one (1) supervisor, 3 year term and one (1) clerk, 2 year term on March 8, 2016. Polls will be open from 5-8 p.m at the Town Hall.

The Board of Canvass will immediatetly follow the election.

The annual meeting will be held following the Board of Canvass.

Questions, call the clerk at 218-531-0287.

Kelly Miller, Clerk Fawn Lake Township

NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Villard Township, County of Todd, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until March 15, 2016.

The Annual meeting will be held at the Eastwood Inn in Motley in their conference room (note location) and will commence at 8:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Villard Township March regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastwood Inn.

If you have any questions, contact the clerk at 352-6489.

Connie Mosack, Clerk Villard Township

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"We Are Family"

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1 Shark movie

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15 J.F.K. abbr.

16 Native of Muskogee

17 Alaska town

18 "Crystal Silence" jazzman

20 One of Sinatra's exes

21 Actress Lisa

22 Music symbol

23 Lineman?

27 Moves fast

28 Miniskirt style

29 Instruction to an equestrian

31 Hawkeye State native

34 Squawk, e.g.

37 Suitors pitch it

38 "All Summer Long" singer, 2008

40 Complexion

41 Remaining

42 Constrictor

43 "What do you ___?"

44 Won ___

45 Rorschach image

47 Pioneering multi-sport star

53 Witch's curse

54 Anticipate, as an arrival

55 Slightly twisted

56 Renowned chef

59 Perfume holder

60 Declare without proof

61 Progress too slowly

62 Herr Bismarck

63 Clam's cousin

64 Be positioned

65 "Stop pouring"

9 Legendary bird

10 Whatchamacallit

11 Energy giant that went bankrupt in 2001

12 Hair removal product

13 Refrain part

19 Egg box: Abbr.

21 First-round pass

24 Tiny parasite

25 Auto-financing co.

26 One in an order

29 Noah's number

30 Spared item

31 Wedding day phrase

32 IV sites

33 Job lot?

34 Exchanges words?

35 Pantyhose problem

36 As of now

38 Volume control

39 Sky of TV

43 Lo mein vessel

44 Prepares for takeoff

45 Four-hand amusement

46 Totally drunk

47 Chimes

48 "Camptown Races" syllable

49 Volunteer's cry

50 Part of a holy name

51 Give a grand speech

52 Snaggable fabric

53 Sitcom-streaming service

56 Flashy two-point basket

57 Get wrinkled?

58 Cartoon fan's keepsake

59 Oath

Last Week's Answers

"FOUR MONTHS"

Deadlines for all classified ads, including garage sale ads

is 5 p.m. MONDAY to be published in

Thursday's Staples World

and

5p.m. Wednesday for the Staples Square Shooter.



Electrical fire at school

On Feb. 26, a transformer on the east side of the south gym at the Motley School site shorted out and caught fire on the outside of the building. Witnesses said the electrical fire made a loud noise as kids were in the playground area before school. Students inside the school reported flickering lights and then a total blackout. The Motley Fire Department was called and immediately put the fire out. The building was evacuated at 8:20 a.m. and students were put on buses. All Motley Pre-School, Elementary and Middle School students were sent home for the day. Staples Elementary and Staples Motley High School still had a regular day of school. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

BBB warns about student loan relief scams

According to the Wall Street Journal, the class of 2015, on average, graduated from college owing slightly more than \$35,000 in student loans. But they’re not alone. Student loan debt is weighing many people down and scammers are promising quick and easy relief. Unfortunately, these promises are hollow, and too many hopeful borrowers don’t discover that until after they’ve paid still more money out of pocket. Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota ® (BBB) reminds people it’s easy to make grand claims, but tough to deliver.

“Scammers often prey on those that are desperate, and they know there are many people out there who are dealing with a lot of student loan debt,” said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota.

“Unfortunately, these so-called offers of assistance leave people in even worse shape financially.”

BBB of Minnesota and North Dakota has received two reports recently through BBB Scam Tracker wherein Minnesota residents with student loan debt signed up with a California firm that promised to help them qualify for a student loan forgiveness program. Both individuals paid the company nearly \$600 upfront for the service and then the com-

pany failed to deliver.

BBB advises people to watch for scams and suspect offers that entice student loan holders by promising to wipe out their debt.

How these ‘Offers’ work:

- You get a phone call, email or spot a post on social media that claims a company can erase your student loan debt. Many claim that their service is made possible by a new government program or policy. The company asks for an upfront fee to supposedly negotiate with your lender or student loan servicing company on your behalf. They will claim they’ve helped numerous other clients, but don’t believe them.

Student loans can only be forgiven under specific circumstances, which are not fast or easy.

Once the money has been paid, the scammers take your fee and disappear.

- In another version of the student loan scam, con artists claim that they can save you money by consolidating your loans. Some charge a fee for using a free government service. Others may actually move your loans to a private lender with a higher interest rate.

- Another tactic entities employ is to offer to see if people qualify for a deferment or forbearance,

which allows you to temporarily postpone making your federal student loan payments or reduce the amount that you pay. However, no one needs the help of a company to do this. Anyone can seek such temporary relief on their own.

How to spot a suspect student loan relief offer:

- If it seems too good to be true...it probably is: Any company that claims it can erase your student loan debt in minutes is lying. Don’t bother responding to the advertisement or email.
- Requests for upfront fees: Never pay money upfront. Remember, anyone can make big promises. That doesn’t mean they can deliver.
- Being asked to sign a legal document: Never sign over power of attor-

ney to a third party unless you fully understand what you’re getting into. Giving a company the power to negotiate on your behalf or assign your loans to other lenders could open the door to even more financial hardship.

The best way to avoid student loan relief scams

Be on guard, know your options and stay in contact with your lender or loan servicing company. Contact BBB or your school’s financial aid office if you receive questionable offers. You can also research loan forgiveness programs offered by the federal government by visiting <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans>.

Prairie Bay looking for Staples options

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renew interest in the restaurant.

Representatives of Prairie Bay restaurant in Baxter were at the meeting as they are looking at expanding regionally and specifically at options in

Staples.

After the meeting, Staples EDA Director Melissa Radermacher said she would like to see both the restaurant and hotel development happen at the same time.

Todd County looks at ways to handle P&Z complaints

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

How can the county handle complaints received in regard to planning and zoning violations? That turned out to be a good question during the board’s monthly work session.

Soild and Water Conservation District/Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber gave the board a brief overview of what the county currently does and some ideas on what the future might hold.

The county currently has policies to follow in regard to complaints. He said that anonymous complaints do not carry an obligation by the county to follow up on.

“But that doesn’t mean that we don’t,” said Stieber. Typically the procedure is that someone from his department will complete a field visit to see what is going on. “Complaints don’t necessarily mean that a violation has occurred,” he explained.

When a violation is verified, the violator can’t get a permit until the violation is cleared up. But sometimes they can’t fix the violation without a permit, so the county does allow one in that case.

Stieber said that some of the violations in the system are seven to ten years old.

“Nothing in the ordinance allows us to absolve these,” said Stieber. He said that when he began working for the county, there were 632 violations.

“I worked on them for about a year - some were resolved - and got it down to around 400. Now we are under 400. A big chunk of them are not big problems,” he said.

Stieber said he felt they were going in the right direction, but that some of the violations were more difficult.

His department will do a reasonable investigation, but sometimes contacting landowners is a slow process because they do not always live at the property, or they don’t have a phone leading to contacting the landowner by letter.

Some of the enforcement actions taken include: after the fact fees, but these only apply if they need a permit; stop them from getting permits; give cease and desist orders or issue restoration orders.

But it takes the sheriff’s office and the court system to issue a violation.

Stieber said that it is common that the court system is not geared up for land use violations. For example, the judges are

not familiar with this. It is a hard area of law, added Stieber.

He said that he had put out an informal survey to other planning and zoning administrators related to violations. He said that flexibility early in the process is a good thing otherwise they are locked into an added workload. He said there are a lot of different approaches used for compliance and that the county has some of those tools to use.

Stieber said they could look at what they could do for more enforcement. One possibility might be to charge assessment fees for cleanup onto the property owner’s taxes.

Chair Barb Becker said that if the property was sold and the assessments were on the taxes, the new owners would be aware of the violations.

Stieber said that putting assessments on taxes would be a way to apply pressure.

One of the problems that arises when someone fails to apply for permits is that the county can’t go back and collect the taxes for the improvements. Another factor is that other people’s properties can be affected by other’s bad decisions.

“There is not a lot of ways to make these go away,” said Stieber. He said the county does have the public nuisance ordinance, but that is used for something seen, unless it’s a public health concern.

Stieber also referenced the solid waste ordinance. He said it referenced more to the dumping on properties and because disposal services are available in Todd County, it is unlawful to store and accumulate waste.

“I don’t know who enforces the solid waste ordinance. We could cite these and turn them over to someone. There is a lot more spelled out in the solid waste ordinance than in our public nuisance ordinance,” said Stieber. “Public nuisance is a hard one to prove because it is a subjective standard.” He said invoking the solid waste management ordinance was more clear.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that Douglas County has a misdemeanor spelled out in their ordinance. “They cover it pretty well in here,” said Neumann, referring to the Douglas County ordinance.

Stieber said he did not know if the county’s board of adjustments was ready for that level of enforcement. “I brought a few violations to them, but they didn’t know what to

do with them. I gave them some education on what to do,” said Stieber.

Neumann said they didn’t want to reinvent the wheel. Stieber said that to be successful they might want to work with the solid waste ordinance, but pointed out that this was a big time committment and cost.

Becker asked what they would do if there was a problem in a township.

Stieber said that if the problem was big enough, they would almost have to condemn the property. “That’s a pretty high step. Then you would have to clean it up if you inherited the land. It would cost the county money and I don’t think you would tolerate that very long if I was losing money,” said Stieber. “The Conditional Use Permit we amended this morning (see last week’s

regular commissioner meeting article) is our fault. We didn’t do anything to act on this. We didn’t do anything to start with. We’re the guilty people. When we issue a CUP, if they don’t follow the conditions, revoke it,” said Kircher.

Stieber said that they are just trying to keep up with it. Erickson said that the CUP in question for Marvin Drayna came

back many times and was regranted and regranted. “There is a need in our county for some of these operations, but they need to be done in a place that’s screened and meets conditions,” said Stieber.

Kircher asked who followed up on these to make sure landowners are getting permits that they

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Special Olympics opening ceremony in Staples



The Minnesota Area 5 Special Olympics Basketball Tournament was held in Staples Feb. 24, with a number of area schools participating. Pictured above with the Special Olympics torch is Staples Motley High School junior Corey Ekholm. In lower photo, SMHS senior Joshua Hoemberg reads the Special Olympics Oath while Principal Mike Schmidt looks on. Sixteen Cardinal athletes (representing both SMHS and Motley Staples Middle School) participated in the event: Gaven Christensen, Taylor Smith, Rebecca Oberlander, Sarah Nanik, Joshua Hoemberg, Corey Ekholm, Lance Wonders, Thomas Carry, Cody Christy, Colton Fraley, Dakota Baert, Logan Paklonsky, Maykayla Lambert, Michael Ballantine, Lily Romig, Jordan Bohne. The Cardinals played two games during the tournament. They won their first game against the Menahga Braves; and lost out to the Little Falls Shooting Stars in the second. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Getting some game tips

Rebecca Oberlander, student at Staples Motley High School, gets some game tips prior to the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Staples from para-professionals Lorri Mumme-Johnson and Jarid Johnson. The Cardinals had the opportunity to work on a few basketball skills that day, including speed dribble, spot shot and target pass. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Perfecting their speed dribble skills

Staples Motley athletes practiced a number of skills, including speed dribble, prior to the Special Olympics basketball game in Staples Feb. 24. Left: On the court is Gaven Christensen. In the background are teammates Thomas Carry and Taylor Smith. Right: Michael Ballantine. The Cardinals played two games. They defeated Menahga in the first game; but lost to Little Falls in the second. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



“They were caring for Logan, not just taking care of him.”

— Diana Verville, Pequot Lakes

Appendicitis is rather common affecting 1 in 1,000 people living in the United States and is the most common reason for a child to need emergency abdominal surgery. There is nothing typical about the emergency situation for a parent when the patient is your child.

Diana Verville of Pequot Lakes, shares her experience as a mother. “I was really impressed how friendly and accommodating all the Essentia Health staff were.”

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Logan Verville, his parents Diana and Steve and brother Wyatt

The Team recognized Logan’s love for hockey and watched a Minnesota Wild video clip with him after the surgery to make him smile. Diana also appreciated that General Surgeon Dr. Troy Duinick explained the minimally invasive appendectomy surgery and recovery process concisely.

Two weeks after surgery, Logan was back on the ice with his Breezy Point Squirt team.

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Report update would cost more

need? “We as a board are approving these CUPs contingent on them getting these permits and the contingency is never followed up on,” said Kircher. Stieber said they could pass interim use permits and if the conditions are not met, the permit is not renewed.

“Most commonly the people do most of the conditions, but there will just be one little thing left,” said Stieber. He said that he would look at the Douglas County information and bring back a draft copy.

Much of the discussion came up because of the recent complaints about salvage yards or landfills being operated in the county unlawfully.

In other discussion:

- Human Resources; Karla Nalezny gave an update on Springsted. She said she had spoken with Ann Antonsen to come back to the county to give an update, but Antonsen told her it was out of the scope of the contract and would have to charge an additional \$1,500 to return. Nalezny said she had told Antonsen that the final report the county has is not accurate. She said she would work with Nalezny on it, but won’t come back to the county.
- Nalezny said that the ongoing charge from Springsted to do the evaluation of positions is \$200. She said that this was \$400 to \$450 through the Hay Group. (The Hay Group is who the county had used previously to do salary/position studies.)
- Commisisoner David Kircher asked what the turn-around time was for re-evaluations or appeals was for Springsted vs. Hay Group. Nalezny said that for Hay it was typically a week to ten days. She said they had no appeals yet with Springsted.
- Kircher pointed out that the turn-around time with Springsted has not been good in past experience. “They may be cheaper, but what you get is cheap,” he said.

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In the spotlight

With the entire arena watching, Alex Erpelding grabs a leg in the 160 pound championship match at the state wrestling tournament. (Submitted photos)

Erpelding 2nd, Lisson 5th at state wrestling

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Alex Erpelding came up two points short in the state championship 160 pound wrestling match, to finish second. Eric Lisson won three matches at 126 pounds to earn a fifth place medal.

The other three Staples Motley wrestlers did not place. Spencer Miller won two matches at 106 pounds to finish in the top eight, but dropped a 6-4 decision to fall short of the medal round. Owen Bjerga lost two matches at 113 pounds. Jeremy Miller lost 7-3 to the top seed but then an

upset in the second round bounced him from the tournament.

"All the kids wrestled really well," said Coach Dave Anglin. "Wrestling at state capped off a good season for them all."

Erpelding's path to the finals was steady and efficient, with wins of 6-1, 7-1 and 8-4 in the first three rounds. "Alex was on a mission, he was just a machine," said Anglin.

In the final against Noah Landrus of Aitkin, Erpelding nearly pulled an upset after Landrus had beaten him earlier in the season. "Alex caught him off guard," said An-

glin, "towards the end he was struggling to survive as Alex was trying to turn him but couldn't quite get there. It was one of the best matches in the tournament, it doesn't get much better than that."

Lisson won his first two matches with a 7-5 decision and a pin. He lost his next two but came out on top in the fifth place match with a 5-4 win over Ryan Molinaro of Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City.

"Eric kept getting stronger and stronger towards the end of the year," said Anglin, "he earned that fifth place medal."

Anglin said the state experience will make every one of them tougher to beat. Jeremy Miller was the only senior of the five state athletes. "We'll miss Jeremy, he's done a lot for our program," said Anglin.



Front headlock

Jeremy Miller works on scoring points at the state wrestling tournament.



Fast paced state action

Spencer Miller picks up his opponent at the state wrestling tournament.

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If there was an omen in the appearance of the swans just at that moment, it might have been that this particular day - Saturday, February 27 - was destined to set temperature records across the state. Some communities broke the

Playoff loss at home

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Motley boys basketball team lost in the opening round of the Section 8AA playoffs, 49-47 to Hawley on Feb. 25.

The Cardinals struggled on offense in the first half with missed shots and poor ball handling.

"A lot of credit to Hawley, they did a great job on defense, limiting our scorers," said Coach Micheal Poncelet.

In the second half, balanced scoring brought Staples Motley back into the game. Josh Lombard provided a spark with a three pointer and a fast break layup off a steal. The Cardinals began to take control on Gavin Smith's second steal and basket of the half. When Jack Fietek took a charge and John Lund made a basket for a six point lead, it looked like the team was ready to pull away.

But two defensive lapses allowed a three point play and an open three pointer to go in for Hawley and the game was tied up again.

There were some big plays in the last few minutes, with Trey Skeesick taking a charge, Andrew Israelson hitting a three pointer and Feitek getting a rebound basket for a

Israelson, Lund, Smith voted all-conference

Micheal Poncelet was named Coach of the Year and three Staples Motley boys basketball players were named to the Mid State Conference All-Conference first team.

Andrew Israelson, John Lund and Gavin Smith were named to the 11-man team.

The Cardinals finished 4-4 in the conference but pulled off two big upsets of the top two teams.



Inside pass

Andrew Israelson drops a pass to Trey Skeesick for the first basket of the game. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

three point lead. But Hawley tied the game on another long shot with 1:25 left.

Neither team scored again until Hawley hit an inside shot in the final two seconds.

"Our guys did not do the things they needed to to win the game," said Poncelet. While the team was disappointed in the loss, he said looking back over the entire season, the program took some steps forward.

"We are going to lose some good players, we won't be able to replace those three seniors. How-

ever, the young guys coming in have tremendous potential," said Poncelet. He pointed to Lombard and Derek Kennedy putting in quality minutes for varsity. He said Isaiah Ross-Bahn is another young player who has done everything the coaches have asked. "We have a bright future," said Poncelet.

Fast start, slow start

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples Motley girls basketball team got off to a great start against Pierz and held on for a 55-45 win on Feb. 23, then got off to a slow start on Feb. 26 against Pequot Lakes and couldn't catch up in a 75-54 loss.

"We need to come to play for 36 minutes and if we do, we will be competitive," said Coach Craig Wolhowe.

Against Pierz, the Cardinals pushed their lead to 20 points in the second half, but a Pierz press started closing the gap, all the way to eight points with two minutes to go. Quinn Uhl-

man, Amber Robben and Claire Wolhowe hit their free throws at the end to seal the win. "We lost a little of our composure, but it was a good learning experience," said Wolhowe.

Against Pequot Lakes, the Cardinals started down 16-1. "I felt that we played timid in the first half. We regrouped at half and started playing Cardinal basketball," said Wolhowe. The team stayed within three points for the second half. "This was a good test to end the regular season," said Wolhowe.

Playoffs

Staples Motley will have one home playoff game,

on Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m. against Crookston. The winner of that game will play Saturday, March 5 at Concordia College in Moorhead, with the next round Tuesday, March 8, also at Concordia.

Team results

Staples Motley 55, Pierz 45

Scoring: Amber Robben 12, Quinn Uhlman 9, Kelsie Weite 9, Claire Wolhowe 9, Sam Schimpp 6, Chelsea Nanik 4, Kaitlyn Longworth 4, Megan Dumpprope 2

Staples Motley 54, Pequot Lakes 75

Scoring: Wolhowe 18, Uhlman 15, Robben 10, Dumpprope 4, Schimpp 4, Longworth 2, Weite 1

Winter-weary find open water a welcome topic

I'm not generally a believer in omens, and don't view unusual events as signs foretelling things to come. But I was tempted to see a good omen in the six low-flying swans winging majestically overhead just as my wife and I were leaving home last weekend to begin a two-hour drive to Duluth and Lake Superior. From their low altitude I suspect the swans were heading for the nearby Mississippi, whose open water would be especially attractive given the fact that our nearby lakes are still solidly frozen.

Trumpeter swans are among our hardiest waterfowl, typically migrating southward when ice-up gives them no choice. Conversely, I expect to see them among the earliest waterfowl migrating northward in spring. Due to current and turbulence, portions of some rivers may remain open throughout the winter; or if not, will be free of ice before the lakes and the hardier species in the duck, goose, and swan families make the most of the opportunity to get a jump on spring migration.

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

60-degree barrier, something that seems wildly improbable for February in Minnesota.

Perhaps we should have seen it coming, given the fact that legitimate winter was so slow in coming in 2015. Ice formation, or rather the lack of it, kept anglers off many of their favorite spots well beyond normal. Several ice fishing tournaments, including the nationally-known Brainerd Jaycees Tournament, had to wait weeks beyond scheduled dates in order to assure safe ice to hold all those expected to attend.

My wife and I arrived in Duluth to find the big lake free of ice as far as the eye could see. When you've grown accustomed to driving around lakes populated with ice fishing shelters and vehicles, it's breathtaking to see an endless expanse of rippling water, sunlight reflecting off its wave tops and reflecting a clear blue sky overhead. Moving water is one of the best therapies for the winter weariness that seems to strike at this time each year.

Due to its immense size and volume, Superior may not always freeze over entirely, as our inland lakes do. But commonly in late winter there will be ice floes within sight of shore, and sometimes immense sheets of ice that the wind has driven ashore to block the mouths of rivers that drain the steep, rocky heights inland. But ice near shore, or its absence, is not the whole story.

There is a definite trend toward less ice on Lake Superior in winter. Weather records here have been religiously kept since the earliest days of Great Lakes

shipping. They show that the Lake Superior surface area covered with ice in winter has declined roughly 80 percent since the 1970s. It is not mere coincidence that average winter temperatures have been rising faster in Minnesota than in any other state, according to University of Minnesota climatologists. To broaden the perspective, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources records show that during the period from 2000 to 2015, all major Minnesota lakes whose ice-out dates are tracked experienced their earliest ice-outs ever recorded. Food for thought for those who don't think global warming is real.

We soon learned that we were not the only winter-weary souls who had felt a seasonal migratory urge to visit the "shining big sea water," as Longfellow's characters in the classic Song of Hiawatha called Lake Superior. We had hoped to find a place along the shore where we could walk our young Labrador in relative solitude, given this three-year-old's tendency to get wound up in the excitement of other people and dogs. It seemed, however that everyone knew it would be the warmest day of the winter, a glorious day of sun that was best enjoyed outdoors. They all seemed to have their dogs with them, too, which is why we had to drive a good distance north toward Knife River before we left the crowd behind.

I've been coming to Duluth, Lake Superior, and its North Shore since I was in high school, as a destination for camping, hunting and fishing. As many scenic and recreational wonders as Minnesota has,

there is nothing else quite like this vast inland sea, whose cliff and waterfall-studded shores lack nothing in rugged beauty compared to our real oceans.

In those earlier days the North Shore Highway was a two lane road for most of the distance from Duluth to the Canadian border. Forest closely hemmed in the road, and gave a sense of solitude and adventure to a drive to almost any destination there. Today the right-of-way has been widened considerably, and new three lane blacktop with a superhighway feel has diminished the sense of remoteness. But the beauty has not changed; reason enough to keep coming back.

"Coming back" is what serious anglers will do beginning in late March, throughout April, and perhaps into early May, in pursuit of the migratory rainbow trout that enter many of the North Shore streams to spawn. They are unpredictable in their timing, sometimes maddening in their uncooperativeness and difficult in the extreme to handle and land in the confines of the narrow streams you find them in. In some ways these rainbows, called steelhead, are cult fish very much like the musky. A wise angler once said that they are to be fished with high hopes and low expectations.

But our high hopes were certainly met on this one day journey into spring. It mattered little that the next day, back at home, there were snowflakes, and the melt of the day before had turned back to ice. That is Minnesota in spring, and we were now fortified to stick it out until the real thing arrives.



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Gordy Crocker's family
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Motley Area Food Shelf hopes to stock its shelves during Food Share Month

Dollars will be stretched to feed more people

The Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS) is hoping to raise \$20,000 during March, Minnesota's Food Share Month.

According to information from Sherry Miller Frisk, MAFS Director, "Minnesota Food Share's March campaign is a unique opportunity we have each year to truly stretch our dollars to feed more people. This campaign is the only statewide effort where every dollar donated goes directly to food shelves to purchase food for the hungry."

In 2015, the MAFS served 1,081 households and 3,019 individuals collectively and distributed 76,349 pounds of food.

Each month, the MAFS orders food from Second Harvest Heartland in Minneapolis. The food is delivered on the last Friday of each month.

Frisk noted that Second Harvest Heartland is one of the nation's largest, most efficient and most innovative food banks. In 2013 (statistics are done every four years), they delivered over 65 million meals to nearly 1,000 food shelves, pantries and other agency partner programs serving 59 counties in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. Second Harvest Heartland helps relieve hunger not only by sourcing, warehousing and distributing food; but through data driven through leadership and community partnerships that help improve the region's larger hunger



Open Thursday

The Motley Area Food Shelf, located at 679 Third Ave. So, is open every Thursday from 9 a.m. - noon; and on the last Thursday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m. as well.

relief system. Statistics also show that clients often have tough decisions to make during the year, often choosing housing, transportation/gas, medical care/medicine and utilities over food.

After the food is delivered each month, volunteers help unload the truck and put all of the items that need to be refrigerated away. "The Motley Area Food Shelf has a great group of volunteers that keep the shelves stocked and assist the clients when they come in," Frisk said.

The food shelf also has garden plots available to the community, located next to the food shelf building. "If anyone is interested, stop by the Motley Area Food Shelf on a Thursday morning to sign up," Frisk said.

The MAFS is located at 679 Third Ave. So. It is open on Thursdays, from 9 a.m. - noon; and on the last Thursday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m. as well.

"We are lucky that we have such a great community that supports our food shelf and provides us with the means to meet our clienteles' needs," Frisk said. "Together, we can build a stronger, healthier community."

For more information about the MAFS and how you can make a donation during Food Share Month, call Pat O'Regan (MAFS Chair) at 218-316-7570; or Sherry Miller Frisk at 218-352-6137.



Faithful volunteers

Volunteers at the Motley Area Food Shelf were busy stocking shelves and helping customers load food supplies into their vehicles recently. Pictured above, from left, are Bill Kokett, Florence Berndt, Steve Johnson, Fran Kokett and MAFS Director Sherry Miller Frisk. During Food Share Month, the MAFS is hoping to raise \$20,000...funds that will go toward keeping the shelves stocked with food for the hungry in the Motley community. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



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