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Area Memorial Day programs to be held



Flags to honor veterans will fly through Memorial Day

Jack Wilson and Michelle Ziegler, Staples were among the volunteers placing flags on the graves of veterans at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples on May 23. The flags will be on the graves through Memorial Day. The Memorial Day program at Evergreen Hill begins at 9 a.m. on May 30 with speaker Andy Schmidt. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Staples

The Staples American Legion will host a Memorial Day program May 30, at Evergreen Hill Cemetery.

Andy Schmidt will be the speaker. The invocation will be given by Pastor Steve Sveom, the national anthem will be sung by Hailey Koenig and Haley Christoffersen and the bugler will be Carly Smith.

Motley

The Motley American Legion, Tri-County Post #124, will host Memorial Day programs May 30, at the following locations:

- Bridgeman Cemetery, 9 a.m.
- Motley Staples Middle School, 10 a.m.
- Motley Evergreen Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- Poplar Cemetery, 1 p.m.

This year's guest speaker at the school program is Command Sergeant Major Mike Worden. He is currently serving as the Garrison Command Sergeant Major at Camp Ripley Training Center in Little Falls and is assigned to the Minnesota Army National Guard.

CSM Worden enlisted in the army reserves in July of 1990, serving in the Military Intelligence branch. He joined the Minnesota Army National Guard in 1996, serving as a part-time soldier in Alexandria. He began a full-time career in the National Guard in 1997, in Stillwater.

A combat veteran with more than 24 years of service, CSM Worden deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2005 and served more than 14 months as an Operations Sergeant providing operational coordination and planning support during execution of combat operations for his unit. He has received several military awards, including the Bronze Star Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal. He lives in Brainerd with his wife Lisa; and teenage children Jack and Eden.

Scheduled to speak at the three cemetery programs is Charles R. Poulton, a 38 year army veteran and Chief Warrant Officer. He is a member of the Motley American Legion.

Pastor Jim Johnson, Motley Free Methodist Church, will offer the invocation at all four programs.

Following the ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery, the Motley Area Historical Society will host a 'Pie and Ice Cream Social' and open house at Motley United Methodist Church from noon - 2 p.m. The public is welcome to view many Motley historical photos, artifacts and resource tools. "Come, visit and talk to some of the local residents about Motley and surrounding area history," says Linda Townsend, MAHS member.

Following the ceremony at Poplar Cemetery, the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club will host a luncheon at Leader Community Hall. The event is in celebration of the club's 90th anniversary. Several historical artifacts will be on display.

Pillager

The Pillager American Legion will host a Memorial Day program at the Pillager School Gym at 10 a.m. This will be followed by ceremonies at Wildwood Cemetery, Pillager; and Gull River Cemetery.

Poplar Ladies Birthday Club celebrates 90 years

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

It's been 90 years since a group of ladies in Poplar Township threw a surprise birthday party for Mrs. J.B. Johnson, who had been sick much of the winter.

They had so much fun that they decided to organize the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club. The purpose of the club was to socialize, offer each other support and to do service projects for their community.

"Our club was organized with 25 charter members," Julia Goodall, a secretary for the club during the early years, included in her minutes. She noted that Minnie Hubbard was elected as the club's first president, Mamie Chapin as vice president and Goodall herself was the club's first secretary/treasurer.

Their first official meeting was held at the home of Imogene Johnson. Other early committee members included Vivian Matthews, Pearl Sowers, Minnie Sowers and Gladys Granby.

Throughout these 90 years, the club's motto, "Help one another" and the club song, "Help Somebody Today" have remained the same. In addition, the club has continued to meet on the third Thursday of each month (except during the winter for the past few years) and the annual dues have remained at 25 cents.

Goodall's minutes describe meetings devoted to sewing and piecing together quilts, of writing letters to young men in the service and planning summer picnics for the community. The ladies made sure they were visiting the sick in their community or extending an invitation to women who had just moved to the area.

Often there was entertainment at the club meetings, as well as an educational program. One year, it was noted that a demonstration on how to make clothing out of a flour sack was given. Learning how to economize was a subject for discussion at another club meeting.

According to Goodall's notes, most meetings ended with the singing of a hymn. Favorites seemed to be "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Let the Lower Lights be Burning." And, of course, if there was a birthday to be celebrated, there would be a special cake served and presents for the "birthday girl."

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Getting ready for Memorial Day

Members of the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club, which celebrates its 90th anniversary this year, have been busy cleaning up the grounds at the Poplar Cemetery near Leader in preparation for Memorial Day. Since it was first organized in 1926, the club has planned the annual Memorial Day program at Poplar Cemetery, as well as helped maintain the grounds. The club's motto is "Help One Another" and in addition to service projects at the cemetery, it has served as a social outlet and support system for several generations of area women. Pictured above, from left, are longtime club members Gay (Granby) Swecker, Carol (Schroeder) Hulett, Clarice (Granby) Gaalswyk, Hope (Hulett) Johnson, Esther (Granby) Jordahl, Linda (Hulett) Michalson, Bernice (Holub) Thomson. Following the Memorial Day service at 1 p.m., the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club will host a luncheon at Leader Community Hall. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

On May 25, 1977, Memorial Day weekend opens with an intergalactic bang as the first of George Lucas' blockbuster Star Wars movies hits American theaters. The incredible success of Star Wars–it received seven Oscars, and earned $461 million in U.S. ticket sales and a gross of close to $800 million worldwide–began with an extensive, coordinated marketing push by Lucas and his studio, 20th Century Fox, months before the movie's release date. "It wasn't like a movie opening," actress Carrie Fisher, who played rebel leader Princess Leia, later told Time magazine. "It was like an earthquake." Beginning with – in Fisher's words – "a new order of geeks, enthusiastic young people with sleeping bags," the anticipation of a revolutionary movie-watching experience spread like wildfire, causing long lines in front of movie theaters across the country and around the world.

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Olson enjoys camping at Dower Lake

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Shirley Olson, of Brainerd has been coming back to camp at Dower Lake Recreation Area for the last 15 years. Even though her husband Arnold passed away five years ago, she still keeps coming back to preserve her memories and because she feels it is a great place to stay. "You get so much for so little," she said. "I've been to a lot of campgrounds and this is as nice as any of them, with a good price and a beautiful lake.

They started camping at Dower Lake when Olson's daughter had a friend playing in a softball tournament and told them about the campground. "We had to check it out," said Olson.

They loved the idea of camping when the softball tournaments were being played. "Even when the campground is packed, it's fun," said Olson. "One year I woke up and found tents had been put up all around the camper. The noise doesn't bother me, nobody gets rowdy, they are honest people."

She likes the neighborly atmosphere of the campground. "Complete strangers will say 'hi' when they walk by," said Olson.

She lives in Brainerd now but had a place near Motley when they first started camping at Dower Lake.

Their love for the park showed in the ways they helped out. After softball tournaments, Arnold would go around and pick up the empty beer cans. "He thought it was so cool that they had the tournaments here and we could camp at the same time," said Olson.

Shirley said "Arnie was a jokester, he loved talking to the people around us. He made a lot of friends."

They would also pick up rocks out of the grass to protect the park's lawn mowers. One year they placed a big rock in the crook of a tree and decided to leave it there. The next year it was still there and then the next. After a few years the tree began growing around the rock and now only a small portion of the rock is visible. "That's our landmark," said Olson.

The layers of tree rings growing around the rock remind Olson of the many layers of experiences they have had at the campground. "There are so many fun things," she said, "a lot of memories."

They enjoyed it so much, Olson said at least once a year they bring a big group of family and friends.

One year Olson and her husband were camping at Dower Lake for the Fourth of July weekend. They had six couples in their group and the women all went into to town to visit the dollar store. They came back with red, white and blue costumes and bags of candy. They formed their own parade and walked through the campground throwing candy to everyone.

"That's what camping's about, just loosen up and have fun,"She said.

In fact, the years they camped with their three kids, Olson said they had no rules and no bed time. "They always went to bed at a decent time because they were so tired from playing all day," she said.

In Olson's trips to Dower Lake, she stumbled upon a unique campground invention, the wheeled lawn chair. She has a nephew who collects old wheelchairs and he let her use

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Campground home

Shirley Olson keeps a photo of her husband Arnold with her when she goes camping at Dower Lake. The two started camping there regularly about 15 years ago, and since Arnold passed away five years ago, Shirley continues to come back to the campground they loved so much. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Graduates

From left are Gas Utility Instructor Randy Baker and first-year students Josh Horstmann, Ben Horstmann, William Richards, Dustin Jones and Damien Henry in front of a backhoe donated to their program by CenterPoint Energy. (Submitted photo)

M State gas utility program launches first graduates

Each of the students had their own reasons for enrolling in the Gas Utility Construction and Service program at Minnesota State Community and Technical College last fall, but all are leaving with something in common: a job.

This year's six-man graduating class was the first for the 32-credit diploma program, which began in the fall of 2015 on M State's Wadena campus.

A few weeks before their May 6 graduation, Josh Horstmann of Staples said he enrolled because he was looking to get into a growing industry. His brother, Ben, didn't want an office job. William Richards of New York Mills wanted to learn a trade, and Damian Henry of Carlos was looking for a job where he could work outdoors. Dustin Jones of Wadena enrolled because he was "sick of working in a factory."

Gas Utility instructor and industry veteran Randy Baker wasn't surprised by the market for students in the program, which was created in large part in response to industry demand. He said there's only one graduate of the program who doesn't have employment in the gas industry and that student has a great job lined up at a family construction business.

The impetus for the Gas Utility program came from conversations between industry representatives and M State Academic Dean Monty Johnson at meetings of the Minnesota Energy Consortium. Johnson is a member of the consortium, and there he learned there were no gas industry training programs at technical colleges in either Minnesota or North Dakota.

Until M State opened its program, the nearest ones were in Green Bay, Wis., and Mitchell, S.D.

"We were very pleased to see M State launch a career path dedicated to those who want to work in the gas field," said Jerry Guck, general manager for Arvig Construction in Perham, one of the companies involved with the program since its inception. "This (program) fills a niche in the Upper Midwest, as there are no other options within 350 miles for people choosing this career path."

In addition to Arvig, companies including CenterPoint Energy, MP Technologies, Groebner and Ellingson have supported the M State program with hands-on learning opportunities on job sites and on-campus demonstrations.

Equipment donations have come from CenterPoint Energy, Minnesota Energy, Arvig, Groebner, MP Technologies, Border States Electric and Lane Trailers and industry representatives serve on the program's advisory board.

When the program began accepting students last year, Ward Westphal of MP Technologies said it would help fill a "huge" need for trained employees in the gas industry, which he said was facing a shortage of workers with the unique skills needed by gas and electric utilities.

The M State program prepares students for a range of career options within the natural gas industry, including repairing, replacing, installing and inspecting natural gas pipeline, with starting salaries in the range of $20 an hour and higher.

According to Guck, graduates will find employment opportunities with construction and pipeline companies, gas distribution operators and local plumbers and HVAC companies.

"The outlook for employment opportunities in this sector of the utility industry is very positive," he added. "While there will still be much learning to be done on the job, the foundation a student will get by completing a program in the gas field – especially one outlined by the very people who will be employing them – puts them on a fast track to advance in this industry."

The graduates of M State's new Gas Utility program are beginning their careers throughout the region - at Excel Energy in St. Cloud and in the Twin Cities, Greater Minnesota Gas in Detroit Lakes, Arvig and Michels Pipeline in Rogers.

In five to 15 years, when there are predictions that 25 percent or more of the gas industry workforce will be retiring, members of the first class of M State's Gas Utility programs say "that's when we're going to be running these companies that are hiring us now."

As a member of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system, M State serves more than 8,000 students in credit courses each year in more than 70 career and liberal arts programs online and at its campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. By partnering with communities, the college also provides custom training services and other responsive training programs.

Wadena County Historical Society requests funds

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the May 17 board meeting, Wadena commissioners heard a presentation from Lina Belar, Interim Director of the Wadena County Historical Society (WCHS). Belar appeared on behalf of the WCHS to ask the board to double its annual contribution to the WCHS budget.

The WCHS has been preserving county records including obituaries, family histories, business histories, property and land records, photographs, newspaper archives and other records for 78 years. The society holds 115,000 artifacts at its Wadena headquarters.

The WCHS hosts traveling exhibits from the Minnesota Historical Society and other historical societies, hosts a series of free programs by local authors and researchers, publicizes archaeological research in the county and assists those who are searching for their family history.

The county board appropriated $8,000 for the WCHS from the 2016 county budget. The WCHS would like the county to double its contribution to $16,000 in the 2017 budget. The WCHS is totally funded by membership fees, donations, grants, private support, and has found it difficult to continue providing services unless it can acquire additional resources.

Minnesota Statutes 138.052 provides for a special tax levy for county historical societies to fund their activities, but the WCHS has never used this provision. Instead, the WCHS has requested an annual appropriation from the county board.

Belar told the board that about 13 percent of its budget goes to maintain its building, 20 percent for programming, and 50 percent for staff salaries. The rest (about 17 percent) goes to other expenses including research, maintenance, advertising, etc.

The board also heard a request from Lee Brekke, County Assessor, the need to hire two temporary staff to help reduce the backlog of property assessments that has grown during the past two years.

Brekke said his staff has been out on medical leave and other forms of leave, making it impossible for him to keep up with the schedule of parcel reviews that the state law requires. Right now, he is behind on 5,300 parcel assessments that need five year reviews.

After discussion, the board voted to approve the purchase of assessment services from two contractors, through the Employment Resource Center, Inc., for about 65 days of work to be done this summer.

In other business, the board;

- Discussed courthouse space allocation again, focusing on the needs of the Auditor-Treasurer and the new Human Resources Department.
- Held a closed meeting to discuss offers for the purchase or sale of real property.
- Discussed the notice from the City of Wadena about a sewer line that connects to the county maintenance shop. More research is needed before a decision can be made about replacing the pipe.
- Learned that Commissioner Rodney Bounds has decided not to seek re-election to the commissioner position for the term that expires on Dec. 31, 2016.
- Appointed Curt Kreklau to take over as lead management negotiator with the county's bargaining units while County Engineer Ryan Odden is on medical leave.

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Community service, community support are ties that bind club



Pruning the tree

Gay Swecker prunes branches from the flowering crabapple tree at Poplar Cemetery. Swecker is a third-generation member of the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club which helps maintain the grounds at the cemetery. Her daughter, Coleen (Swecker) Bowers, is a fourth-generation member. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Gay (Granby) Swecker said she was just one-month old when her mother, Eileen Granby, brought her to her first Poplar Ladies Birthday Club meeting. She'll turn 80 this July, Swecker shared, adding that the club has been a significant part of her life.

"We have always been here to support each other," Swecker said of the club members.

Fellow club member Carol (Schroeder) Hulett recalled the days when the ladies would make food to bring to funerals, or sew clothing for people in need. Once, they helped the Red Cross make straw mattresses during a crisis situation.

Early on, the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club took on the responsibility of caring for the Poplar Cemetery, as well as planning the annual Memorial Day programs held there.

Through their fundraising efforts, money was raised for a number of projects, including building a tool shed for the property and a monument with the names of local service men who gave their lives during World War II.

"We used to mow the cemetery lawn ourselves," Swecker said. "It's gotten to be too much, so now we hire someone to do it."

Prior to Memorial Day, the ladies spend time picking up debris on the cemetery grounds and pruning trees. "We want it to look beautiful," Swecker said.

The service at Poplar Cemetery was THE Place to be on Memorial Day when she was growing up, Swecker recalled. "You wouldn't think of missing it."

She went on to share how she and her family would walk from their farm to the service. "Oh, everybody walked. Back then, there weren't any fences around the cemetery, so there were always a lot of cows around. I remember when the firing squad would shoot, those cows would go running," Swecker laughed.

Later on, stone pillars were made by Ole Granby and an overhead arch by Orel and Cecil Nichols. The gates were installed in 1937.

Music has always been an important part of the Memorial Day service at Poplar Cemetery. In the early days, Swecker's mother would play a pump organ that somebody transported over with their truck. The song, "Scatter Flowers O'er the Graves" has been a tradition for decades. While it is sung (to the tune of "In the Sweet By and By"), children are invited to scatter flowers at the grave of the unknown soldier.

Although they plan the ceremony at Poplar Cemetery, the ladies birthday club members noted that the Motley American Legion has always provided a lot of assistance at the Memorial Day program. In addition to the firing squad, they provide the color guard and often the guest speaker.

Following the ceremony, the Poplar Ladies Birthday Club hosts a luncheon at the Leader Community Hall. This year, in honor of their 90th anniversary, a special cake will be served, along with sandwiches and beverages.

"We will also have a lot of historical artifacts on display for people to look at," Swecker said.

Current club officers include Esther Jordahl, president; Hope Johnson, vice president; and Bernice Thomson, secretary/treasurer. Other club members are Lucille Sowers, Alice Granby, Delaine Achermann, Enid Nelson, Iras Chapin, Lila Granby, Marie Smith, Gay Swecker, Carol Hulett, Clarice Gaalswyk, Linda Michalson and Shirley Feakes.

Many of their members are getting older; but the ladies birthday club still hopes to be around for years to come. "It's harder for younger people to join these days, because so many of them work outside the home," Swecker said. "I hope we can get some more members. It's a good club that's done a lot of good over the years."

And with membership dues still at 25 cents a year, how can you go wrong by joining?

Staples Jaycees earn state recognition

The Staples Jaycees won state awards at the spring convention held in Grand Rapids, May 12-14, including the 2016 Spring All State Gold Chapter.

Melissa Radermacher a member of the Junior Chamber International (JCI) was honored as, 2016 Outstanding Vice President.

A JCI Senatorship, the highest honor bestowed to a member by Junior Chamber International for outstanding service to the organization, was given to Robin Rothstein Groetsch.

JCI Staples - Staples Jaycees is an organization of active citizens ages 18 to 40 who are engaged in creating impact in their communities. More information can be found at jcimn.org.



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Staples Police report underage drinking

The Staples Police Dept. is reminding parents not to allow minors to drink at graduation parties. Police recently busted an underage party, citing a few minors.

Staples Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz said this is the time of the year when underage drinking increases due to graduation and other parties. Police are on patrol watching for underage drinking and paying extra attention to underage parties. The risks of injuries, accidents and assaults go up with alcohol use and Staples Police want to be diligent on making sure the community's young people are safe. There are stiff penalties for hosting a party where there is underage drinking allowed. If police find adults providing alcohol to minors, they could face criminal charges.

Also from the Staples Police report:

May 9; Staples Police responded to a report of smoke at a residence on the 700 block of Dakota Ave. SE. The resident stated that an outside light had started on fire earlier, and it appeared that the siding on the house was smoldering. The Staples Fire Dept. responded and assisted on scene. The residence received minor damage.

May 11; Staples Police talked with a student at Staples Elementary about their behavior in class.

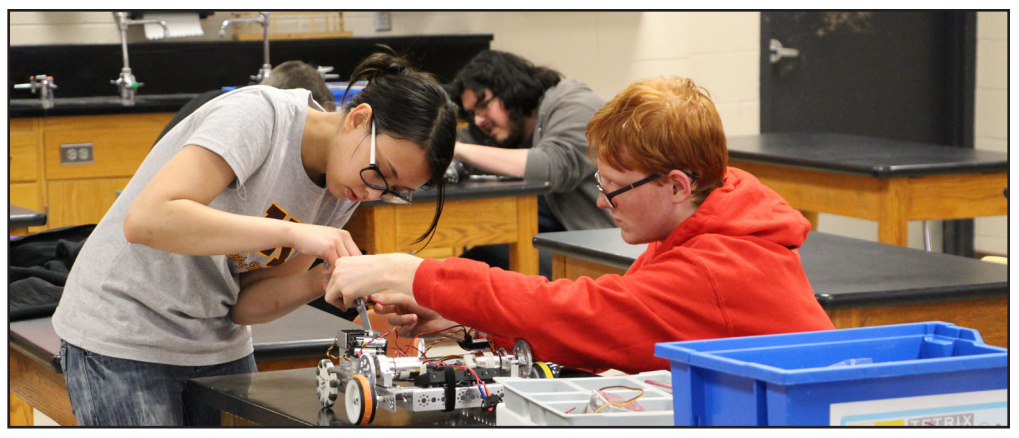
May 11; Staples Police responded to Lakewood Health System for a report of possible child abuse. Police found that the incident had occurred in St. Cloud. They assisted the St.Cloud police with the report.

May 12; Staples Police received information from the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. regarding a homeless juvenile needing to be placed in PORT on an emergency 72 hour hold. Police checked locations in the city, but did not locate the juvenile subject.

May 13; Staples Police were advised of two pit bulls running at large near the intersection of 8th St. and 2nd Ave. NE. The dogs who were not wearing any tags or collars were taken to the Staples Vet Clinic. One is a white and brown adult pit bull; the other is a white and black pit bull puppy.

May 13; Staples Police responded to a report of suspicious activity on the 100 block of Sunrise Drive. After investigation, police issued three juveniles citations for minor consumption.

May 15; at approximately 12:17 a.m., Staples Police were asked to assist the Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. and MN State Patrol of a report of a driver on Hwy 10, traveling northbound in the southbound lane. Police, along with a Morrison County Sheriff's Dept. and MN Stae Patrol began pursuing the fleeing suspect vehicle, on the south side of Motley on Hwy 10. The MN State Patrol conducted a pit maneuver and the suspect vehicle came to a stop on 6th Ave. S., in the city of Motley. The driver, Junior Modesto Viven, of Long Prairie, was arrested and taken into custody by the state patrol.



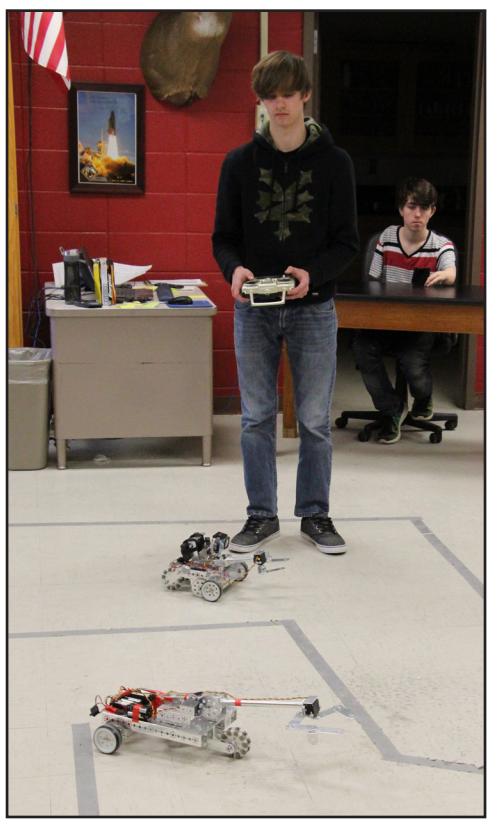
Robot pit crew

The Staples Motley High School physics class included a robotics unit, where students built competition robots in less than two weeks. Students designed, built the shells, added wheels and did the wiring for all the moving parts of their own robots. Above, Amy Lochli and Patrick Thompson ready their robot for competition. Students competed in a timed obstacle course where the robot placed a ball in a tray. Instructor Clay Houselog said there's a lot of problem solving involved in making each design work. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



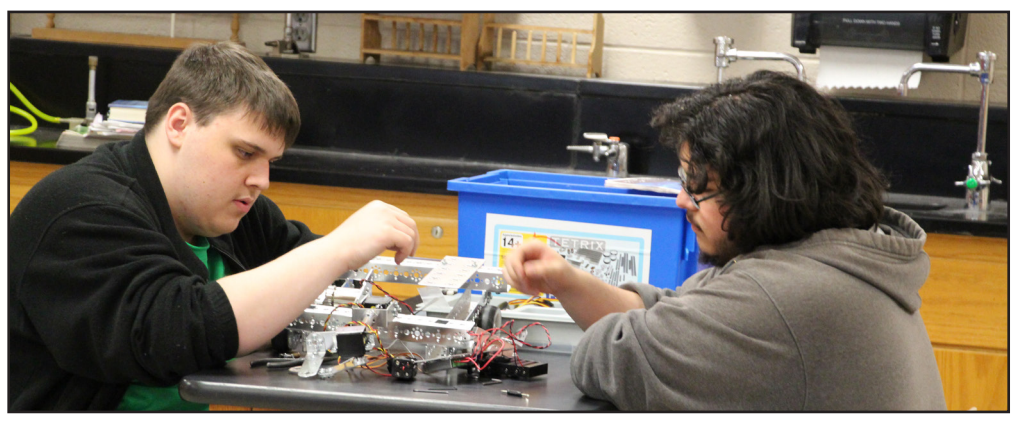
Video go-bot

Ryan Trout places a ball in his robot's claw for his time trial. Trout also mounted a go-pro camera on his device, making a robot-view video of the event.



Robot team work

Alek Lund shown at the controls of his robot driving around the course while teammate Tory Rochet is on deck for his turn.



Mechanical teamwork

Allyn Paklonsky and Ash White are shown here assembling their robot during physics class at Staples Motley High School.

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Camping is a family tradition



Early campers

Lee and Stan Hibbert, of Nisswa, along with Lee's sister Cheri Jones, of Motley, out for a walk at Dower Lake Recreation Area with their dog Penny. Stan and Cheri had just been out fishing, where they said they did very well catching sunfish. The family was there with a third sister from Crosby, and a fourth sister had planned to meet them but was unable to make it. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

a couple to bring camping. She uses them at the campfire, as the fire gets hotter or smokier, or dies down she just rolls the chair back and forth instead of getting up to move it.

Of course having a wheelchair at the campsite, it gets other uses, especially if kids or grandkids are around, like rolling down the hill in the chair. Now she uses it to carry firewood, so she doesn't have to pack a heavy cart.

"They're not just for handicapped people any more."

Olson said she loves taking her twin granddaughters camping with her and last year they happened to be in town for a community celebration. "We had so much fun," Olson said about face painting and other activities they participated in.

She still goes back and forth over the summer and stays three or four days at a time. "We are usually one of the first to camp in the spring and one of the last to leave in the fall," said Olson. She remembers shivering around the campfire during her final camp out last year.

Olson loves camping so much, her kids bought her a small electric chain saw to help cut up firewood at the camp site. But she has other plans, too. She was disappointed that the stumps from last year's storms had been cleared away because she was going to ask if she could use the chain saw to make a little play house for forest creatures.



Final concert....Final farewell

Jeff Iverson, band instructor at Staples Motley High School, directed his final Commencement Concert May 20. Iverson, who is retiring at the end of this school year, waved farewell to the audience. From left are Rebecca Soukup, Elijah Sams, Iverson, Millie Klefsaas and Josie Erickson. (Submitted photo)

Tri-County CEO addresses Wadena County Board

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

Tri-County Hospital CEO Joel Beischwenger appeared before the Wadena County Board at the May 10 meeting to explain what Accountable Care means, and how it affects Wadena County.

Beischwenger told the board that regardless of one's political views, the Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare, has forced all health care organizations to get better. This is a good thing, Beischwenger said.

Beischwenger said that TCHC's 500 employees and providers have an indirect impact of $250 million in the TCHC service area. The organization spent $53 million in Wadena County in 2015. TCHC wants to be seen as "the best value provider partner for all constituents in an accountable care environment."

Also at the May 10 meeting, the commissioners, along with Auditor-Treasurer Judy Taves and outgoing County Coordinator Curt Kreklau, worked out compromises for the changes the board is making in county governance and organization in the next few months. Kreklau will become director of information technology (IT) and human resources (HR) on May 28, and will supervise a staff of two people in the new HR department and two people in the IT department.

Taves will return to her position as clerk of the board, will transfer two of her staff to form the new HR department, and will revise the job descriptions of the remaining employees that she supervises. The HR staff will be moved into the vacant office behind the treasurer's office complex, and Kreklau will remain in his temporary office in the planning and zoning department area. Two doors will be installed to provide entry and security for the HR department.

These locations are temporary and will probably change when the new courthouse annex is completed and areas in the courthouse are vacated by the county attorney and probation staffs.

Omission

In the cutline for the photo of All State musicians that was published in the May 19 Staples World, it was inadvertently omitted that Noah Han was chosen for All State Choir for the 2016-17 school year. It was correct in the story. The Staples World apologizes for the omission.

EARLY DEADLINES

Due to Memorila Day the deadline for the June 2 Staples World

Friday, May 27 5 p.m.

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On Memorial Day, we pause to reflect on the service and sacrifice of the men and women of our Armed Forces. We honor the memory of those who lost their lives protecting our nation's freedom, and we salute all those who have served in our military past and present. Their selfless dedication reminds us that freedom is not free, and we will never forget their courage and extraordinary contribution to our country.

Congratulations to our SMHS graduates!

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Staples Motley Schools



By Mary Klamm
Supt.
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Congratulations to the Class of 2016! This Friday, you will achieve something you will value for the rest of your lives - a Staples-Motley High School diploma.

It has been a joy to watch this senior class during my first year at Staples-Motley. Even with the days of "senioritis," these students have been a great group to get to know. I will miss their creativity, their smiles and their sense of humor.

The path to a high school diploma has changed dramatically in recent years. Some of our students have already received their AA degree or enough college credits transferring from online and Staples-Motley classes to enter a post-secondary institution as a sophomore or junior. Some graduates hardly attended Staples-Motley High School during their junior and senior years. They chose to attend colleges in other parts of the state. Still other students split their day between the high school and either M State Community and Technical College in Wadena or Central Lakes College in Staples or Brainerd.

The opportunities afforded to our high school students today are impressive. Thank you to all our parents and our entire high school staff for the work you do to help students plan their educational options carefully and thoughtfully to prepare them for their future!

As a community, you can feel good about our schools and the education we offer to all our students. Congratulate our graduating seniors and wish them well in their future endeavors. Let them know just how proud of them we are!

Dept. of Labor's overtime rules will unintentionally harm employees

By David Chavern, Pres. & CEO Newspaper Association of America

In June of 2015, the Department of Labor (DOL) proposed increasing the salaries test used to determine if an employee is eligible for overtime from the current threshold of $23,660 to $50,440 annually. This means that employees – such as managers, supervisors and other professionals who are exempt under the Federal Labor Standards Act – would need their annual salaries elevated to $50,440 or be treated as hourly employees that are eligible for overtime. This proposal, which more than doubles the current standard, would set the salary threshold at a level that is nearly $10,000 and $15,000 higher than what is mandated by the state laws in California and New York – states where the cost-of-living is relatively high compared to the rest of the country. What works in New York City or San Francisco doesn't necessarily work in Rapid City, South Dakota or Ames, Iowa.

Let me be clear, the current salaries test – which hasn't changed since 2004 – should be increased. But, addressing a decade of inaction with an immediate 113 percent increase in the salary threshold will result in unintended consequences that will ultimately hurt current employees.

A recent survey of Newspaper Association of America (NAA) member newspapers found that the newspaper industry would have to spend more than $130 million annually to raise the salaries of exempt employees.

Such a drastic and sudden increase in the salary threshold also would significantly and unfavorably impact our local retail advertising customers. According to the National Retail Federation, retailers would experience a $745 million impact with more than two million employees affected.

Given the well-documented financial challenges of our industry, many newspapers will not be able to meet the new standard. According to the NAA survey, most newspapers said that they would either have to replace full-time employees with those working part-time or convert current exempt employees to an hourly wage. The unintended consequence of the proposed rule is that employees would see a reduction in benefits and workplace flexibility and would be required to fill out timesheets. This is particularly challenging for journalists who need flexibility to cover news stories in their communities that are not constrained by timetables. No journalist wants to be pulled back from a story. The potential impact on local journalism is real. According to the aforementioned survey, 46 percent of the newspapers surveyed said that the proposed salary requirements would force cuts to newsroom staff. If this becomes a reality, it would reduce the journalistic resources needed to keep local communities informed.

A change to current salary threshold is welcomed and supported if it can, in fact, sustainably meet the needs of both the employees and businesses. A rule that is reasonable will encourage businesses to raise salary levels. But a rule that goes too far, too fast, will simply force businesses to restructure operations to avoid unsustainable costs. This will hurt existing employees.

Congress should encourage the Obama Administration to recalibrate this rule into one that is practicable, particularly in light of continued headwinds in our nation's economy.

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Every day is Memorial Day

By Andrew Lichtenstein

I went to my first military funeral in November 2003. A local newspaper wrote that Jacob Fletcher, a 28-year-old private from Long Island, N.Y., was being buried with military honors at the national cemetery in Pinelawn. U.S. troops had already died in Iraq, and I believed deeply that their sacrifice was important, that their deaths should not be ignored.

The ceremony itself was brief. A lone bugler played Taps, an honor guard of seven soldiers fired their rifles into the air three times for a gun salute and the U.S. flag covering the casket was carefully folded and presented to Fletcher's family. A military funeral has the feeling of having been designed while at war, under fire and lasts at the gravesite about eight minutes.

Despite the sadness and grief all around me, I appreciated the simplicity and beauty of the event. At the time, U.S. military deaths in Iraq were not being covered by the national media. The story was about victory, and the speed of the conquest. It was there, beside the freshly dug dirt of Fletcher's grave, that I knew this was for me more than another story. It was a commitment I had to make, a chance to bear witness.

In spring 2004, a magazine agreed to fund my travel expenses to attend 10 funerals across the country. Since the ceremonies were short and to some extent similar, I felt it was important to add geographic diversity. Every decent photograph can be considered a landscape and I planned to rediscover my country through a schedule determined by grief and death. So one week I went to the desolate high plains of western Nebraska, the next to the desert of southern Arizona, then to the subdivisions of central Florida.

I was wrong. No matter how standardized the script of a military funeral, no two were the same. In the Berkshires of western Massachusetts, the police closed off the roads to all traffic but the funeral party, treating the death of a local kid like a national secret. In Arkansas, the father of a boy who had given away all his favorite belongings before he left for war, somehow knowing he would not be coming back, invited me over to their home for dinner.

Not feeling comfortable, not wanting to offend or intrude, and always remembering that the people being buried were so much more than another picture for a photo essay, there were some funerals where I never took the camera out of the bag. And then there were others where I became an official photographer of sorts, emailing images to the friends and family members of the soldiers. Everyone's relationship to death is different.

From 2003 through 2006, I attended between 50 and 60 funerals - I never counted. Zachary Barr, a radio journalist, and I also visited 10 families across America that had lost a brother, father, son or husband in Iraq. Some grieving families wholeheartedly supported the war and the Bush administration for starting it. A few were very angry with the government. But for most, their loved one's death was deeply personal, beyond politics. It was from these families that I learned the most. They helped to show me what we have really lost - the incredible, priceless human sacrifice of war.

Where I live, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Memorial Day is a three-day weekend, a time to take the cover off the above-ground pool in the backyard or to buy the first bag of charcoal for a barbeque along the East River. There is nothing wrong with that. After a long winter and a cold spring, the holiday is an unofficial celebration of the beginning of summer. But maybe I became a photographer because I was a visual person first. I'm fortunate to see the world in memories.

Memorial Day reminds me of the ghostly faces of the pair of barn owls that live on a cattle ranch managed by Jim and Pat Mracek on the edge of Hay Springs, Neb. I'd visit the owls in the barn each morning, and they would always silently sweep out onto the prairie. The Mraceks' son, Cory, was killed in Iskandanriyah on Jan. 27, 2004.

Or of sitting in the living room of a Kiowa elder in Apache, Okla., as he sang a traditional death song for his neighbor Joshua Ware, killed in Ubaydi on Nov. 16, 2005.

I remember the muddy banks of the beautiful Wabash River, outside Independence, Ind., where Breanne Wilson ran with abandon, chasing her dogs. She was just a kid then. How old would she be now? Her father, Bryan, was killed in Anbar province on Dec. 1, 2004.

It struck me then, and still does, how the names of these places, so familiar and so foreign, were connected. Independence and Anbar, worlds apart, briefly brought together in tragedy.

For me, Memorial Day has nothing to do with a single day, a single time of year, the end of spring and the beginning of summer. Every day is Memorial Day.

I remember visiting Arlington National Cemetery on a freezing winter day just after Valentine's Day. An icy crust had formed on top of the snow, and as I walked through the rows of new graves in Section 60, the area of the cemetery reserved for casualties of the war on terror, my boots fell through the ice, leaving a messy trail. On top of a single grave, a woman had left the imprint of a kiss, the red lipstick shining against the winter white.

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Historic church

This historical church located on the Wadena County Fairgrounds is ready for visitors to the fair, June 23-25. A new ramp was built a long with the church's interior being painted. (Submitted photo)

Wadena County Fairgrounds historic church adds ramp

The historic church at the Wadena County Fairgrounds has a new look with the completion of a handicapped accessible ramp for the building.

The church was built between 1903 and 1905 on the former Nils Peter Nicholson farm, located 7-1/2 miles north on the "Jefferson Highway." now County 127.

In various records it is referred to as either the Leaf River Mission Covenant Church or the Swedish Lutheran Covenant Church. At intervals, a circuit rider, Rev. Renius Johnson, conducted church services. Sunday school was held regularly.

Later, the church was moved from Leaf River to the Green Valley Community in Otter Tail County where it was used for both church services and Sunday School. Sometime later, the church closed.

Darrell Nicholson, a grandson of Nils Peter Nicholson, arranged to have it moved to the Wadena County Fairgrounds where it was re-dedicated as the Historical Church. He and his wife, Sandy, were married there in 1977.

Recently Dan Nicholson, another descendant, spearheaded an effort to restore the church and make it available to the public. The Wadena County Historical Society is overseeing the project.

Last summer the interior of the building was scraped and painted with Tom Anderson of Horizon Painting donating most of the labor for the project. The handicapped ramp was built by Miller Construction.

The historical church will be open to the public during the Wadena County Fair; June 23-25. Be sure to stop in and learn about its history. For more information call 218 631-9079 or email 603wchs@arvig.net

Citizens Against Drugs plans meeting

The Todd County Citizens Against Drugs Coalition is planning to host their monthly meeting at the Staples Police Department on Tuesday, May 31, at noon.

The group has asked Regional Prevention Coordinator Kelly Felton do some training about coalition work and prevention science.

For more information, call David Determan, Health Education Coordinator for Todd County Health & Human Services, at 320-732-4271.

Volunteers sought for health ins. counselors

The Central Minnesota Council on Aging (CMCOA) will hold a three-day training September 7,9 and 13, in St. Cloud for persons interested in becoming counselors in the State Health Insurance and Assistance Program (SHIP) for Wright, Stearns, Todd, Wadena, Sherburne, Mille Lacs, Isanti, Kanabec, Chisago, Pine, Benton, Morrison, Crow Wing and Cass counties.

Counselors will help Medicare consumers, their families and caregivers better understand Medicare options by providing information and referrals regarding resources. Counselors will also help consumers complete paperwork to enroll in programs that could assist with health insurance costs and reduce prescription costs. These programs may include; Medical Assistance, Medicare Savings Programs, Energy Assistance, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Persons interested in volunteering are asked to enroll in the free three-day training, Core Body of Knowledge, where they will receive 18 hours of classroom learning.

Registration is limited to 10 volunteers and will be accepted through Aug. 26. For a registration packet contact Brenda Wuebkers at CMCOA, 320-253-9349.

Volunteers will receive staff support, guidance and on-going training as they provide assistance, outreach and one-on-one counseling.

The Senior Linkage Line®: A One Stop Shop for Minnesota Seniors is a free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, as well as, SHIP and the Minnesota Medicare Patrol (SMP). To seek assistance with any area concerning Minnesota seniors and their caregivers, call the Senior Linkage Line® at 1-800-333-2433 or go to www.MinnesotaHelp.info ® to chat live with a Senior Linkage Line® Specialist.

Mental Health Month event held

May is designated as Mental Health Month and has been observed since 1949. According to Mental Health America, this year's theme is "Life with Mental Illness."

In observance of Mental Health Month, the Todd County Local Advisory Council on Mental Health hosted its annual Mental Health Awareness Day in Bertha on May 5. Approximately 50 attended.

Scott Geiselhart, a fireman from the Frazee Fire Department was one of the speakers. Geiselhart struggled with lack of sleep, flashbacks, difficulty regulating his emotions and substance use issues until being properly diagnosed with PTSD from his experiences as a fire fighter and first responder.

He attempted suicide prior to receiving treatment for his condition in the form of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Therapy. Geiselhart's story of recovery served as an example for others of what is possible with effective treatment.

Connie Burns, Todd County Health and Human Services, presented on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE). She also led the group in some yoga techniques used to reduce stress and anxiety.

Annette Pearson, Director of Outpatient Services at Vinland National Center, gave a presentation titled "Addressing the Challenges of Addiction and Brain Injury."

Karen Wussow, author of the book "Outside the Lines," shared her story of being placed into protective services after being removed from her parents at the age of nine. She overcame many obstacles on her way to reaching her goal of becoming a social worker.

Juanita Blackhawk, an artist and board member of Wellness in the Woods, led the group in a bead making activity to finish out the day.

Along with the five speakers, displays and resource information from Nystrom and Associates, Vinland National Center, The Crisis and Referral Line and Wellness in the Woods were available.

If you or a family member are in need of mental health resource information contact the Crisis Line and Referral Service at 800-462-5525. They are available 24 hours a day to provide information about local resources or a connection to crisis services as needed.



Poetry contest winners

In recognition of April as National Poetry Month the Friends of the Staples Public Library sponsored a poetry contest for teens. The winners were all from Staples Motley High School. The winners received Chamber Bucks for; first $75, second $50 and third $30. Seated from left, are third place Mardi Opheim, 11th grade; second place Andrew Bates, 9th grade and first place Katey Flansburg, 9th grade. Other participants received Dairy Queen certificates. Standing are Cathy Perish, left, Staples Public Library manager and Gloria Palmer, president of the Friends. Palmer and Perish said they were pleased with the response for this first year and agreed they will do the contest again next year. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

Storytellers invited to enter new contest

The Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council is sponsoring a new event - the Great American Story - for oral storytellers.

This inaugural year, stories are now being invited from up to 50 Minnesota storytellers. Judges will narrow the selections to four finalists who will perform the best-told stories at an event Saturday, Sept. 24 at Armory Square in Park Rapids.

Entries will be ranked based on literary merit and strength of delivery. Criteria will include originality, emotional impact, strong beginning, dramatic arc and resolution.

At the public performance, the audience will vote to select the top two storytellers among the four finalists. The two semi-finalists will be given a prompt and tell a 10-minute extemporaneous story. The audience will then select the winner.

First place storyteller will receive an award of $1,000, second place $500 and each of the other two finalists will receive $250. All four finalists will receive one night's lodging in Park Rapids and a celebratory meal.

For entry information and rules for the Great American Story, go to www.thegreatamericanstory.org. Entries no more than 10 minutes in length may be posted online or recorded on a DVD or flash drive and mailed.

The Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council serves as an umbrella organization for 16 arts and cultural organizations in the greater Park Rapids area. Representatives from these arts groups, along with individual arts project champions, meet monthly to coordinate arts calendars, share information and incubate interest in new arts projects. PRLAAC also maintains a website - www.prlaac.org - and sponsors successful projects including Art Leap, Noon Hour Concerts and the Youth Music & Art Showcase.

P.A.W.S. to host pizza planning party June 1

P.A.W.S. (Pets Abandoned Wanting Support) will host a pizza party Wednesday, June 1, at 6 p.m. at the Aldrich Community Center.

Plans will be discussed for the Rally for Rescue to be held July 17, at Pine Grove Park, Staples.

The non-profit organization is also planning a vaccination clinic for September.

RSVP is necessary for the ordering of pizza to;ndukowitz@live.com or call 218-639-PAWS or see the Facebook page.

Lakewood's open house, ice cream social, in Long Prairie

In celebration of their new location, Lakewood Health System's Medical Marketplace will host an open house ice cream social at 221 Lake St. S. in Long Prairie on Thursday, June 2, 2 - 4 p.m.

For more information, call 320-732-3051.

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

Ongoing Events Posted Last Thursday of the Month:

AA Mtgs At Lakewood Health System Hospital Main Campus, Staples, Classroom A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-639-1428.

AA Mtgs At First Lutheran Church, Pillager: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 p.m. For info., 218-839-1804.

AA Mtgs At Motley Free Methodist Church: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-630-8976.

AA Mtg at Motley United Methodist Church: Mondays, 8 p.m.; For info., 218-639-9743.

Al-Anon Mtg Thursdays, 8 p.m., Staples United Methodist Church. For info., 218-296-1123.

Christians in Recovery - Alcoholics Victorious Mtg Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-640-5679.

Dual Recovery Anonymous Meeting Fridays, 4 p.m., Northern Pines, 11 2nd St. SW, Wadena. For info., 218-631-1714.

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #1077 of Staples Tuesdays, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., meeting follows. For info., 218-639-0544.

Weight Watchers Mtg Mondays, Lakewood Health System main campus, Staples. Weigh-in, 5 p.m.; Mtg., 5:30 p.m. For info., 218-639-4888.

Monthly events

'Adult Survivors Of Suicide Loss' Support Group Mtg third Tuesday, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Alzheimer's Assoc. Caregiver Support Group Mtg first and third Thursday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Reflections Intensive Outpatient (IOP) rm., Lakewood Health System's senior campus, Staples. For info, 218-894-8288 or 218-894-8195.

Diabetes Support Group Mtg second Monday, 3:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-3510, ext. 5376.

Foot Care Clinics sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Thursday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt., 218-894-8080.

Grief Support Group Mtg sponsored by Tri-County Health Care, first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., TCHC, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Lyme Disease Support Group Mtg second Monday, 6 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-296-2352.

Memory Loss Support Group For Caregivers Mtg second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-632-8733.

Motley Area Historical Society Mtg second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall. For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group Mtg second Thursday, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Lakewood Health System Senior Campus, Staples. For info., 218-894-8393.

'Parents Who Have Lost a Child' Support Group Mtg second Monday, 5:30 - 7 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Senior Citizens Mtg at Leader Hall third Tuesday. Potluck lunch, 11:30 a.m.; blood pressures, 11:30 a.m.

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

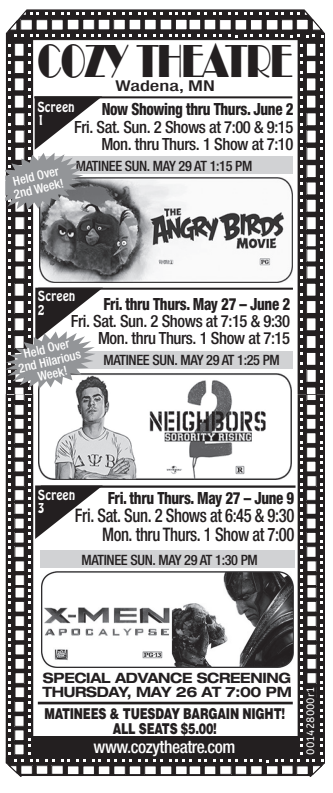
Staples Motley Early Childhood Coalition Mtg second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Staples Family Center. For info., 218-894-1897, or smecc@isd2170.k12.mn.us.

Todd County Republicans Mtg third Thursday, 8 p.m., Church of Christ, Browerville. For info., 320-533-1119.

Wahoo Valley Area MN Deer Hunter's Association Mtg second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley. For info, 218-640-5423.

Women Of Today Mtg first Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples.







The deadline for the June 2 issue of the Staples World is 5 p.m., Friday, May 27.

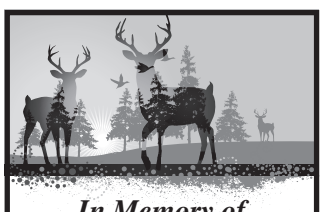
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The family of
Harold Germann
would like to thank everyone who sent cards, messages and offered words of support during the sad time surrounding his recent death. Thank you to those who attended, and everyone that was a part of making his Celebration of Life so meaningful. We are grateful to the ladies of Sacred Heart Church and Ted and Gen's for the delicious meal after his funeral mass. We thank Mike Blessing, Jayme Carlson and Mike Hajek for providing music that honored his memory. Thank you to Rosie Blessing and Sister Cordy for organizing and leading the great-grandchildren tribute. We thank Tom Honek for offering a thoughtful and personal eulogy. We are grateful to the staff of Brenny Funeral Home and Father Joe Korf for the support and kindness during a difficult time. A warm thank you to his long time friends from the Table of Knowledge who continually made him laugh and smile and who escorted him during his final journey, and to the Burger King staff for the many kindnesses over the years. We are grateful to Kevin O'Keefe who faithfully assisted Harold while he was in his home and the entire staff at Lakewood Care Center, who were incredibly attentive, caring, kind and thoughtful during his residence there. Lastly, we thank the Lakewood Hospital ER and Dr. Moe for promptly identifying the need for specialty care and the ambulance staff for quickly and efficiently transferring him to St. Cloud Hospital.
**We miss him greatly.
Your many kindnesses
will not be forgotten.**
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Student Achievements

The University of North Dakota held its spring 2016 commencement ceremonies May 14 and 15. Local graduates include:

- Theresa Odden, Motley, Bachelor of Arts, College of Arts and Sciences
- Marko Webster, Staples, Master of Physician Assistant Studies, Graduate School.



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a treasure...
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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Dylan and Brittany Johnson of Pine River, a baby girl, Cecellia Lynn weighing six pounds, seven ounces on May 15, 2016.

Born to Michael and Michelle Kulzer of Baxter, twin baby girls, Marie Leigh weighing four pounds, 11 ounces and Grace Jennifer weighing four pounds, 13 ounces on May 15, 2016.

Born to Trent and Samantha Walter of Sebeka, a baby boy, Ansel James weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on May 16, 2016.

Born to Matthew and Abigail Henry of Park Rapids, a baby boy, Rowan James weighing eight pounds, one ounce on May 17, 2016.

Born to Matthew and Adelle Sanoski of Browerville, a baby boy, Barrett Matthew weighing seven pounds, 12.5 pounces on May 18, 2016.

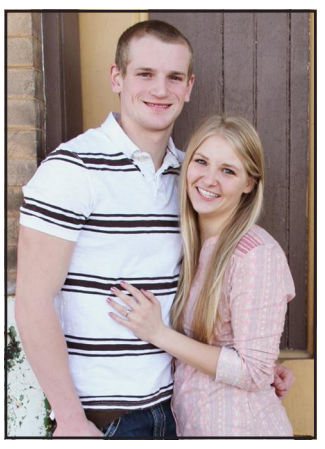
Born to Perry and Mary Borntreger of Deer Creek, a baby girl, Sara Marie weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on May 19, 2016.

Born to Heidi Cline and Ryan Loftis of Staples, a baby girl, Rayna Marie weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on May 19, 2016.

Born to Shane and Bridget Owen of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Anastasia Josephine weighing eight pounds, six ounces on May 19, 2016.

Born to Darick and Heather Bartel of Staples, a baby girl, Alexis Edna weighing five pounds, two ounces on May 20, 2016.

Engagements



Amiot, Johnson

Tiffany Amiot, daughter of Bryan and Melinda Amiot of Staples; and Ryan Johnson, son of Gene and Angela Johnson of Motley, announce their engagement.

Tiffany is a 2014 graduate of Staples Motley High School. She is currently studying at Central Lakes College, to be a registered nurse and works as a CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Ryan is a 2014 graduate of Staples Motley High School. He is currently attending Bemidji State University, studying business management; and he works at Dairy Queen in Motley and Staples.

A July 16, 2016 wedding is planned at Staples Alliance Church. The couple plans to live in Staples.



Smith, Wing

Abby Smith, daughter of Greg and Becky Smith of Staples; and Brandon Wing, son of Jeffrey Wing of Motley and Lisa Wing of Baxter, announce their engagement.

Abby is a 2011 graduate of Staples Motley High School and a 2015 graduate of Concordia College. She plans to return to school in the fall of 2016, as part of the Physician Assistant Program.

Brandon is a 2010 graduate of Staples Motley High School and a 2013 graduate of M State Community College. He currently works for Michels Corporation in Rogers.

A May 28, 2016 wedding is planned at Pine Peaks in Crosslake, with Pastor Stephen Sveom officiating. The bride and groom will each have seven attendants, including Shelby Smith as maid of honor; and Cody Wing as best man.

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

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

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
First Service .....8:30 a.m.
Second Service .....10:45 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 Scoggins, 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
26298 Bear Rd., Cushing
www.cushingbaptistchurch.org
Pastor Dan Holmes.....320-749-2583
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study .....7:30 p.m.

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
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.

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Paul Johnson
218-746-3768
Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study/Prayer .....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA 2yrs-5th grade.....6:15 p.m.
Adult Classes.....6:15 p.m.

Hewitt

Church of the Nazarene
114 Front Street, P.O. Box 146
Hewitt, MN 56453
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Verndale

Verndale Alliance
109 NW Brown Street, Verndale.
218-445-5619
Senior Pastor Tony Stanley
Associate Pastor Fred Hartley IV
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Bible Fellowship Classses
.....11-11:45 a.m.

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. .....Boys and Girls Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... C.R.E.W. Youth Ministry
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. ..... Adult Bible Studies

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

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

Good news for graduates

Pastor Greg Ciesluk, Staples and Motley United Methodist Churches

[Jesus said], "If you love Me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, Who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you do, because He lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans - I will come to you." – Jesus, John 14:15-18

Tomorrow will be graduation exercises for Staples Motley High School seniors. They will march with heads held high boasting wide smiles and donning their caps and gowns. In a moment of great joy, they will throw the caps into the air and begin a season of celebrating this great milestone. After the celebrating cools down, they'll begin a new chapter in their lives and be thrust into a new world.

Their new adventure reminds me of a nature show on television about a black bear that gave birth to two cubs. One cub died right away. Three weeks later the mother died and the remaining cub was left to fend for itself. An orphaned cub in that condition is like a walking buffet for predators. And of course the camera immediately showed a hungry-looking mountain lion.

One day the orphan cub encountered a giant male black bear. The little cub cowered at the bear's sheer mass. The larger bear peered around and seemed to realize that the mother bear wasn't anywhere to be found. He gave the little cub a friendly nudge. The camera then showed the little bear happily trailing along after the larger one. The adoption papers were signed, sealed and registered at the county seat in that nudge. Papa bear proceeded to show the cub how to grub for insects, how to catch fish and how to scratch his back against a tree.

One day the two bears became separated. The cub began to cry and looked frantically for his new father, but couldn't find him anywhere. The cub approached a stream where he'd learned to fish and something caught his attention. He looked up to see a mountain lion ready to pounce. That same mountain lion had stalked the cub for the entire show. There was no way that mountain lion would've gone for that cub with Papa bear around, but now....

The camera zoomed in on the cub. He automatically mimicked the posture of his adopted father when threatened. He stood on his hind legs and bared his teeth. Then, in the exactly the same way his new father would have done, this cub let loose a mighty growl that should have reverberated throughout the forest. But, only a tiny bear cub squeak came out.

Well, you know what was coming. But, to everybody's astonishment the mountain lion lowered his head and ran off in the opposite direction. The camera panned back to the proud little cub still standing tall on his hind legs. And then all the viewers saw what that little cub could not. Just a few yards behind him, at full, ferocious height, his sharp, white teeth bared in a snarl, stood Papa bear. He may not have made a sound, but he was there.

And even though the cub couldn't see his father, his father stood guard, protecting his young. The little cub had power available greater than anything he could produce on his own. There was a greater power watching over him.

Though graduates are being sent into a challenging world where "mountain lions" are on the prowl, there is a greater power within them and watching over them. The Holy Spirit lives within them and surrounds them. Jesus Christ stands with them as a constant, consistent friend. The Christian community continues to pray for them and support them. In the face of the "mountain lions" of loneliness, stress, temptation, professors, peers, and dangerous, yet attractive philosophies that threaten to devour their souls and derail them from the path that leads to life, graduates are not alone. Like the Papa Bear to the orphaned cub, the power and presence of God through the ministry of the Christian community surrounds graduates with guidance, comfort, strength, wisdom, friendship, and support. This is good news indeed for graduates (and for us all)!

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

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Central Building Supply
Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

Ernie's Food Market
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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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Staples, MN 218-894-1775

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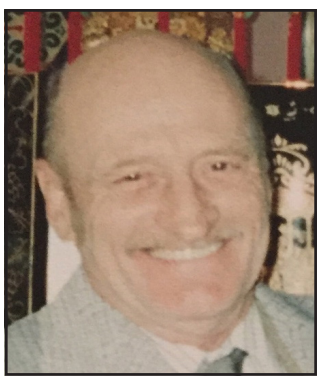
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218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Open 7 days a week.
Staples, MN 218-894-3263

Obituaries

Charles Mertens



Charles (Charlie) E. Mertens,73, of Staples passed away at his home May 19, 2016.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held May 23 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were entrusted to Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

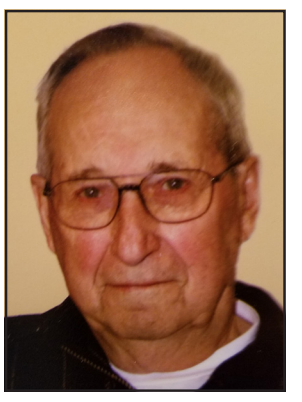
Charlie was born to Joseph and Julia (Bittner) Mertens on the family homestead January 18, 1943. Charlie attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, graduated from Staples High School class of 1961 and Wadena Technical College 1990 for Telephone Service. He served in the U. S. Army, working on the military railroad and was employed by Burlington Northern Railroad as a brakeman for 25 years. He worked for Mertens Construction owned by his brother Bob as a very skilled blade operator and for Miller Plumbing and Heating as a plumber's helper. Charlie married Marcia Hurst on June 3, 1967. Together they raised three daughters on a hobby farm west of Staples near his family homestead. He enjoyed fishing, making spear fishing decoys, hunting, building birdhouses, gardening and tending his small orchard. When Charlie rode his Harley you could hear him coming from a mile away with Johnny Cash playing on his 8-track.

He is survived by; three daughters Charlene (Galen) Abbas of Staples, Marci (James) Harrison of Pine River and Jo (Ryan) Staydohar of Nashwauk; his mother, of Staples; eight grandchildren, three sisters, Carol Ford, Margaret (Kerry) West, Margery (Ken) Haidle and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father; one brother, Bob; sister-in-law, LuAnn; brother-in-law Keith Ford and one niece, Sarah.

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Dale Holmberg



Dale F. Holmberg, 91, of Motley, passed away May 8, 2016 at his home.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Motley, with Pastor Paul Koehler officiating. Visitation was held Thursday, May 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples and one hour prior to services at the church Friday.

Interment with Military Honors was held at the Motley Public Cemetery (Evergreen) in Motley.

Arrangements were with the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Dale was born on May 12, 1924 in Lamberton, to Thure and Ethel (Fox) Holmberg.

He married Evelyn (Haak) on October 23, 1944 in Lamberton.

Dale is survived by his wife of 71 years; six daughters, Sharon Halligan of St. Paul, Cheryl (Wally) Hejhal of Park Rapids, Audrey (Pat) Holmberg of Farmington, Debbie (Les) Leek of Zim, Cindy Schifsky of Cambridge, Wendy (Jerry) Daniels of St. Paul; three sons, David (Karen) Holmberg of Motley, Donnie Holmberg of Maple Grove, Duane Holmberg of Willernie; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren; one brother, Darrell (Jennine) Holmberg of Lamberton; two sisters-in-law, Lyla Holmberg of Motley and Darlene Clark of Crosslake.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Armin and Lowell Holmberg.

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Freshwater Education District

MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING FRESHWATER EDUCATION DISTRICT # 6004 Maslowski Center, Wadena, MN April, 27, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 p.m. by C. Funk, Chair.

Board Present: A. Bailey - Eagle Valley; C. Funk - Sebeka; C. Wolf - Long Prairie/Grey Eagle; R. VanDenheuvel - Bertha/Hewitt; J. Fiemeyer - Wadena-Deer Creek; R. Thalmann-Henning; S. Veronen - Verndale; C. Hasbargen - Menahga; B. Lund - Staples Motley; Others: D. Fjeldheim - Sebeka; J. Nesland; J. Timm; S. Ladwig

APPROVAL OF PAST BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Bailey, to approve the 1/27/16 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented with the addition of calling for a Roll Call vote on the item proposing to freeze the 16-17 SY membership assessment; VOTE - VanDenheuvel, Thalmann, Hasbargen, Wolf, Funk, Lund, Hayes, - YES. Bailey, Veronen, - NO. Motion Carries to approve the Minutes as amended herein.

ADOPTING THE AGENDA

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by Hasbargen, to approve the agenda as presented. VOTE - U/C

STAFF PRESENTATION

J. Timm made an informational presentation on the Early Middle College collaboration between FED and CLC. J. Nesland thanked J. Timm for being an advocate for students.

OLD BUSINESS

Feb. 16, 2016 and March 15, 2016 Supt Advisory Meeting summaries were reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

EARLY CHILDHOOD/ FAMILY EDUCATION REPORT

MOTION BY Lund, seconded by Bailey, to accept the following donations for the Reading for the Future (RFF) Program: $50 - Mid-Minnesota, Baxter, MN; $100 - Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club, Cushing, MN. VOTE - U/C

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Wolf, to approve the successful Initiative Foundation Grant request for $3,000 for preschool reading project for the purchase of preschool books. VOTE - U/C

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

MOTION BY Hasbargen, seconded by Veronen, to adopt the 16-17 Level IV School calendar as presented. VOTE - U/C

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by Lund, to accept a donation of a Pacer Walker to the Special Education Department from Nu Motion ($100 value). VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by Bailey, to accept Anonymous donation of $100 to the Elm Tree Academy. VOTE - U/C

RECOGNITION of M. Grondahl, B-3 Assessment/ Occupational Therapist as a recipient of the NJPA Teacher of Excellence Award.

UPDATE of School Social Worker and School Psychologist needs and the shortage of licensed staff in these areas.

ALC & TARGETED SERVICES/CREDIT RECOVERY REPORT

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Fiemeyer, to approve the adoption of the 16-17 SY ALC Handbook as presented. VOTE - U/C

MOTION BY Bailey, seconded by Hasbargen, to approve the 16-17 Freshwater ALC School as presented. VOTE - U/C

REVIEWED TS/CR school participant list with Norman County West to join next fall.

MOTION BY Wolf, seconded by Veronen, to approve the Federal Food Service purchase agreements with ISDs 2155, 2170, and 2753 in the amount of $10 per student application. VOTE - U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by VanDenheuvel, to accept the donation from Target "Take Charge" of $53.06 to the LP ALC. VOTE - U/C

MEMBER SERVICES AND OTHER NEW BUSINESS

UPDATE of local district interested in joining for SpEd Services has decided to not join at this time, will continue to work with them.

UPDATE of Superintendent Area Work Sessions that are held the 1st Friday of the month, with rotating of locations.

REVIEWED FY-17 Menu Options; with no changes.

MOTION BY Lund, seconded by Fiemeyer, to approve the FY17 Freshwater Employee Handbook as presented. VOTE -U/C

BOARD COMMITTEE/CONSULTANTS REPORTS- Reviewed 4/6/16 Health Ben. Committee Mtg, 2/24/16 TCC Mang. Team minutes with TCC Board Mtg to be held on 8/24/16; Recognition of S. Boehland as the MAAPS 2016 Exemplary Award recipient; Update of E-Rate training session hosted by FED on 3/8/16.

BUSINESS/ FINANCES/OTHER NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by VanDenheuvel, to approve the 1/26/16 - 4/25/16 cash reports and payments of checks numbered 117891 thru 118186. VOTE - U/C

MOTION BY Thalmann, seconded by Hasbargen, to approve the 4/27/16 recommended revisions to the FED's Flexible Spending Account Plan document so as to move the annual plan year from July to January as well as miscellaneous other minor updating revisions. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Bailey, seconded by Lund, to acknowledge receipt and review of the 2016 three year state pay equity report. VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Wolf, to approve Revision II of the current FY-16 financial budget as presented.

Fund - Revenue - Expenditures

01 General: $8,805,176; $8,927,122

04 Community Service: $592,682; $599,047

VOTE-U/C

MOTION BY Fiemeyer, seconded by Bailey, to approve the FY-17 consulting agreement with A.Hunter. VOTE - U/C

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Thalmann, to approve revisions to the current FED HRA Plan document so as to move the plan anniversary date to January effective 1/1/17, from the current July date, and other miscellaneous compliance revisions. VOTE - U/C

UPDATE of the Staples Leased Facility; At this time, it appears the ALC, Itinerants, and Bus. Office to be moved to the Staples CLC Campus by 7/2017. The plan is also to move the two technology servers to the Wadena building on East US 10.

UPDATE of BHH Planners/Architects; At this time, some remodeling and increased space is being considered allowing for more space of SpEd staff members and the technology servers.

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Fiemeyer, to approve the authorization of the 5/2016 FED Health Insurance Plan open enrollment month, as well as the Health Benefits Committee recommendation to extend the current health plan, at the current premium rate, for an additional six months so as to end up with a calendar plan year as of 1/1/17. Also, to designate 11/2016 as open enrollment month for the 1/2017 plan year. VOTE - U/C

MOTION BY Veronen, seconded by Thalmann, to act to call for Freshwater Health Insurance bids, per current specifications, for plan years 2017 and 2018 through the joint powers health insurance pool sponsored by the Region V Service Cooperative. It is understood, that the Freshwater health insurance agent of record will continue to work with the Health Benefits Committee, as well as all interested representatives from the employee groups, to carry out this effective date of 1/1/17 renewal. VOTE - U/C

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA TOPICS

MOTION BY Bailey, seconded by Hasbargen, to approve the items as follows: Increase in hours for K. Dornbusch, Naming S. Boehland Carl Perkins Coordinator for months of July - Sept. 2016, A. Dinkel-Van-Valkenburg ABE Coordinator, Resignation of S. Boehland, M. Iverson, B. Pogreba from Contract to Letter of Assignment, Permission to advertise and fill vacancy of School Social Worker, ECSE Teacher, Speech Language Pathologist, Carl Perkins Coordinator, VOTE - U/C.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY VanDenheuvel, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. VOTE - U/C

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
Jil Fiemeyer, Clerk
Freshwater Education District #6004

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Public Notices

TODD COUNTY NOTICE OF MAIL BALLOT PROCEDURES PRIMARY ELECTION

These procedures shall be applicable to the Primary Election to be held in Todd County on August 9, 2016.

City of Swanville

All voters in these precincts who are registered by the 21st day before the election (July 19, 2016) will be mailed a ballot.

The County Auditor of Todd County no earlier than forty-six (46) days and no later than fourteen (14) days before the date of the election will mail the ballots. The ballot will be addressed to the voter at the voter's residence as shown on the registration file unless the voter requests, in writing, an absentee ballot that will be mailed to the voter at a different address.

A voter who is not registered to vote in the district on the 21st day before the election may submit, by mail or in person, an application for absentee ballot to the County Auditor of Todd County and receive voter registration forms and an absentee ballot for the election.

Mail or absentee ballots must be received by the County Auditor of Todd County by mail or in person no later than 9:00 p.m. on August 9th. The ballot must be returned in the ballot secrecy envelope and return envelope provided by the County Auditor. The voter and the voter's witness must complete the mail voter's certificate on the return envelope. The voter may bring his/her blank ballot and envelopes to the Auditor's Office to have a staff member serve as a witness if they do not have a witness.

An electronic voting system will be available at the Todd County Auditor's Office to permit persons with disabilities to bring their blank ballot to the courthouse to vote privately and independently. This system will be available for public demonstration in the Auditor's Office beginning June 24th. The Auditor's Office is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Todd County Historic Courthouse on the day of the election. The ballots will be counted at the Todd County Main Street Government Center in Long Prairie, Minnesota, after 8:00 p.m.

Additional information concerning this election may be received from the Todd County Auditor/ Treasurer's Office at 215 1st Ave. S #201, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347, by telephone at 320-732-4414, or by e-mail at elections@co.todd.mn.us.

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NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP SEEKING QUOTES

Bartlett Township is seeking quotes for Class 1 gravel (12% binder, 3/4 minus). Price per yard should include the delivery by belly dump truck and spreading on township roads. Proof of insurance for $1.5 million tort limit must be provided with the quote. Quotes must be received, in a sealed envelope, to the township clerk by June 20, 2016. The township reserves the right to reject any and all quotes. Call the clerk with questions at 218-445-5090.

Jan Jares, Clerk
47810 193rd Ave.
Aldrich, MN 56434

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CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Staples City Hall to consider the application of Tim Voeltz for a Conditional Use Permit at 506 3rd Street SW, legally described as Lots 9-12, Block 2, Evergreen Addition. Mr. Voeltz proposes to construct a 16 foot by 28 foot addition to his existing 28 foot by 34 foot (952 square feet) garage. The existing garage is a nonconforming structure in that private garages are limited to 800 square feet in gross area.

A Conditional Use Permit is required to enlarge a nonconforming structure.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter

Dated: May 17, 2016

Phil Lindaman
City Clerk

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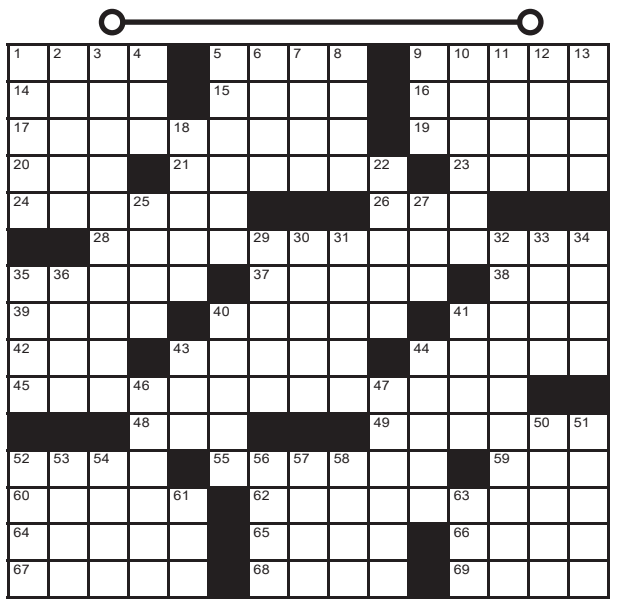
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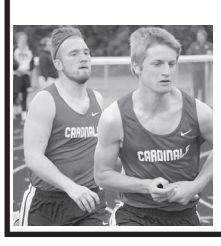
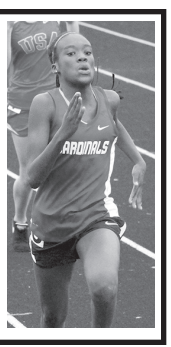
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Last Week's Answers
"J.V. Team"

Photo memories... Photo gifts...

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The deadline for the June 2 issue of the Staples World is 5 p.m., Friday, May 27.




Do kids love color...or what?

After the Staples Elementary School color run held May 19, participants covered in color held a dance party under the starting line arch. Students in front included, from left, Cece Moe, Jack Carlson, Josie Jennissen, Amber Dregney and McKenzie Fletcher. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Fun with paint

Emilya Case and Paxton Sharpe enjoy the colorful crowd post color run held May 19.



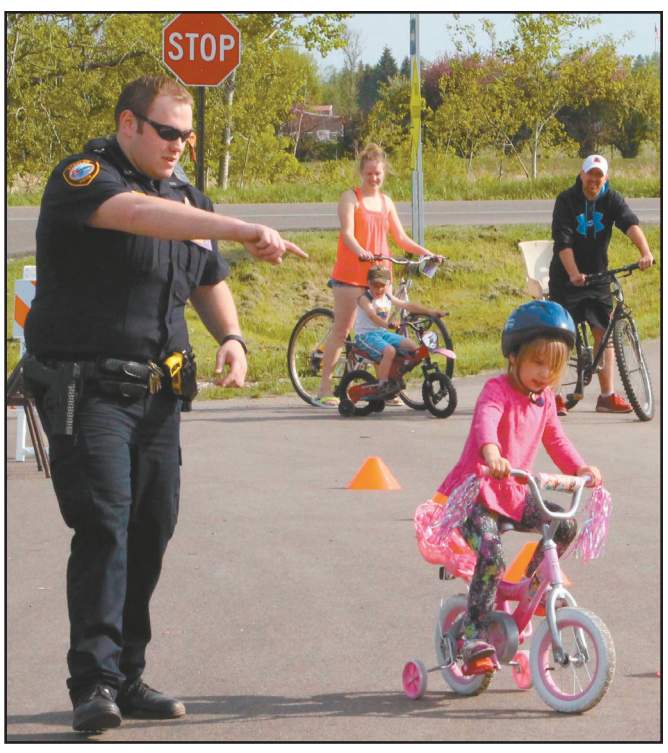
On the spot bike repair

Jake Capistrant of Jakes Bikes in Alexandria, tunes up a bike for one young man looking to ride in the Staples Bike Rodeo held May 19. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Trail travelers

The bike trail that runs alongside Jon's Family Foods, Staples had plenty of activity during the bike rodeo, from kids, animals and walkers all sharing the path safely.



Bike rodeo course

Staples Police officer Landyn Saewert helps kids through the obstacle course at the bike rodeo held May 19.



And the bike winner is.....

Mabel Haehnel was one of the lucky winners of a new bicycle, as her name was drawn at the Staples Bike Rodeo held May 19. Bikes were donated by; Staples True Value and Staples Ace Hardware; Staples Rotary Club donated two refurbished bikes; the Staples Lions Club and Staples Area Friends of the Trails purchased a bike from Jakes Bikes of Alexandria at a discount. Other bike winners were; Ella Judd, Brandon Bollingberg, Deven Johnson and Angela Wenzel.





Pedal power to school

Staples Elementary School students rode their bikes to school on May 19, part of a week long program by Staples Area Friends of the Trails, in which students riding to school were able to enter their name for a new bicycle drawing. Pictured in photo above, Georgia Kruchten, Keith Rollins and Amy Rollins pedal up the sidewalk to the school. Lower photo, Dannica Rahn parks her bike in the crowded bike rack at school. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Distracted driving and cell phone use

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: With all this attention to distracted driving recently, I know that a person can "talk" on a cell phone while driving if they are 18 years old or older. I understand that it is illegal for anyone under that age to be "on a cell phone". Does that apply to a "hands free" device such as a "blue tooth"?

Answer: Anyone under 18 years of age may NOT operate a vehicle while using a cell phone whether handheld or hands free, when the vehicle is in motion. A driver with a provisional license may use a cell phone to call 911 in case of an emergency.

So a "hands free" device while a vehicle is in motion is also illegal for someone under 18. Vehicles in motion also apply to someone stopped at a stop sign, stop light and stopped in traffic in general. The exception of "obtaining emergency assistance" is quite limited in my professional opinion. Calling "911" would be a good example. Calling mom and dad to let them know you are late should be done before you put the vehicle in motion.

Minnesota is involved in a serious effort to reduce the fatalities and serious injury crashes on our roadways. It involves a partnership with a mission of "Towards Zero Deaths" (TZD).

I believe distracted driving is the next dangerous epidemic plaguing our roadways and the statistics show that. Distracted driving contributes to one in four crashes in Minnesota. Ask yourself what the most important text message you ever sent or received. Now ask yourself, is that text worth your life or another life on the road?

Help us put an end to distracted driving. Before you get in the car, put away the phone, adjust your radio and enter your location into your GPS. If you're a passenger, speak up if someone drives distracted.

AUCTION
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After 35 years of collecting and repairing radios and antiques, I will sell the following items at auction on:
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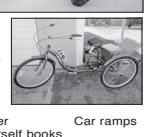




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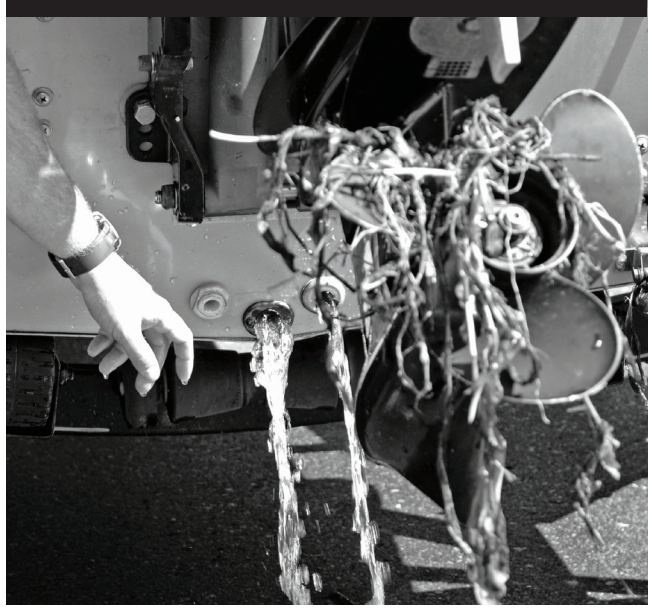


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Softball team suffers one run playoff loss

Quinn Uhlman did everything she could to keep the Staples Motley softball season going, but the team fell one run short, losing 11-10 to Osakis in their opening playoff game on May 20. The Cardinals also played on May 19, falling to Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 9-4.

Uhlman was four for four at the plate, two home runs, and four RBI's in the game. Jenna Trantina and Lisa Kossan also continued their hot steaks, both going three for five, with two of Kossan's hits going for doubles.

The Cardinals outhit Osakis 13-9, but five errors contributed to the one run loss.

Against LPGE, Kossan and Uhlman each had two hits.

Golf team advances

Andrew Israelson was part of a three way tie for first place at the pre-section meet, leading to a third place finish for the Staples Motley golf team. The meet was May 24 at Blackberry Golf Course in Sartell The Cardinals will now compete at the Section 6AA meet June 6 & 7, also at Blackberry.

For the girls team, Olivia Klefsaas and Hailey continued their string of top ten finishes at two meets, at Crosby-Ironton and Fergus Falls.

Team results

Girls results

Crosby-Ironton Invitational

3. Hailey Koenig 44, 42 - 86; 7. Olivia Klefsaas 41, 50 - 91; 17. Alix Peterson 52, 60 - 112

Fergus Falls Invitational - May 19-20

6. Klefsaas 80, 78 - 158; 13. Koenig 86, 84 - 170

Boys pre-section 6AA

St. Cloud Cathedral 323, Rocori 325, Staples Motley 349, Albany 357, Melrose 357, Zimmerman 374, Osakis 375, Milaca 390, Little Falls 397, Sauk Centre 414, Pierz 433, Kimball/EdenValley/Watkins 438, Paynesville 468

1. Andrew Israelson 37, 40 - 77; 16. Finn Erholtz 42, 47 - 89, 16. Beck Erholtz 41, 48 - 89; 30. Jacob Bendson 49, 45 - 94; 56. Jack Benson 56, 51 - 107; 67. Devon Isenberg 64, 56 - 120

Smith's home run starts Cardinal comeback

The Staples Motley baseball team nearly erased a 7-2 deficit against Bertha-Hewitt/Verndale on May 21, but the rally fell short by one and lost 7-6.

"We gave them too many opportunities right away," said Coach Mitch Anderson as the Cardinals fell behind 5-0 after three innings.

Brady Smith started the comeback with a two run homer, but B-H/V got those two runs right back.

Blake Gerard came in to relieve starting pitcher Reid Busker, who Anderson said pitched great up to that point. Gerard finished the game with two scoreless innings giving the team a chance.

In the sixth inning, the Cardinals scored four runs but could've had more. "We had plenty of opportunities but could'nt capitalize," said Anderson.

Smith also had two walks and scored twice in the game.

Huber jumping at nationals

Former Staples Motley track and field athlete Brian Huber has qualified for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which will be held on May 26-28 in Bradenton, Florida.

Huber will compete in the long jump, which will feature 19 competitors. The event is at 2 p.m. central time on Thursday, May 26 in a finals-only competition. He has the ninth-best jump in the nation this season at 24-8 1/2. Huber was All-American in the long jump indoors in March.

Track athletes win at Mid State Conference

The Staples Motley track and field teams had four conference champions at the Mid State meet held May 17 at Park Rapids

On the girls team, Millie Klefsaas won the 100 hurdles and pole vault, while Kira Sweeney won the 3,200.

For the boys, Max Giza won the pole vault and Isaiah Ross-Bahn won the 800 meters.

Team results

Girls results

Detroit Lakes 163, Pequot Lakes 86, Park Rapids 77, Staples Motley 33, Crosby-Ironton 15

100 - 8. Addison Hirschey 14.91, 9. Kassidy White 15.86

200 - 11. Jenna Dvorak 31.51, 12. White 34.88

400 - 6. Alex Davis 1:10, 13. White 1:23

800 - 5. Megan Dumpprope 2:40, 11. Krystal Yoder 2:59

1,600 - 4. Sweeney 5:49, 6. Kiera Dumpprope 5:59

3,200 - 1. Sweeney 12:22, 7. Yoder 16:58

100 hurdles - 1. Millie Klefsaas 15.52

300 hurdles - 9. Larken Hirschey 58.89, 11. A. Hirschey 1:02

4x100 4. (Davis, Brooke Ferdon, Dvorak, A. Hirschey) 58.25

4x200 - 5. (Amber Robben, L. Hirschey, Kelsie Weite, Ferdon) 2:01

4x400 - 4. (Davis, L. Hirschey, Weite, Ferdon) 4:44

4x800 - 4. (Chelsea Nanik, M. Dumpprope, Weite, K. Dumpprope) 10:50

High jump - 13. Weite 4'0", 14. Davis 4'0", 15. Yoder 4'0"

Pole vault - 1. Klefsaas 11'3"

Triple jump - 11. A. Hirschey 23'3"

Shot put - 9. Toni Brings 22'9", 11. Hannah Dolezal 21'4", 12. Chelsea Hofmann 19'9"

Discus - 7. Brings 83'8", 10. Dolezal 64'5", 12. Hofmann 57'2"

Boys results

Detroit Lakes 169, Pequot Lakes 91, Staples Motley 50, Park Rapids 38, Crosby-Ironton 26

100 - 6. Jake Miller 12.49, 7. Zac Carlson 12.63

200 - 6. Tyler Johnson 24.35, 8. Matthew Fisher 25.37, 14. Scout Strickland 27.47

400 - 7. Frank Karbowiak 57.37, 8. Mason Rychner 58.11

800 - 1. Isaiah Ross-Bahn 2:02, 11. Ben Bartczak 2:22, 14. Bentley Christensen 2:39

1,600 - 10. Emmet Anderson 5:10, 12. Christensen 5:27, 13. Kalin O'Dell 6:22

3,200 - 5. Ryan Trout 10:52, 8. Anderson 10:59, 9. Bartczak 11:16

110 hurdles - 4. Max Giza 16.49

300 hurdles - 2. Giza 43.07, 8. Fisher 46.72, 11. Noah Han 52.15

4x100 - 3. (Rychner, Miller, Hunter Berggren, Carlson) 48.30

4x400 - 2. (Ross-Bahn, Karbowiak, Johnson, Giza) 3:35

4x800 - 3. (Karbowiak, Johnson, Trout, Ross-Bahn) 9:11

High jump - 2. Ross-Bahn 5'6", 8. Johnson 5'0"

Pole vault - 1. Giza 11'6", 5. Trout 10'6", 12. S. Strickland 7'0"

Long jump - 4. Rychner 18'0", 6. Miller 17'11", 7. Berggren 17'7"

Triple jump - 4. Han 37'4", 6. Berggren 36'0", 13. Fisher 31'0"

Shot put - 6. Berggren 36'0", 9. Zach Strickland 33'0", 11. S. Strickland 27'4"

Discus - 8. S. Strickland 92'9", 9. Z. Strickland 91'10", 12. Bartczak 77'4"

How much longer can we use live minnows for bait?

By Ray Gildow

Is the era of using minnows for bait in Minnesota coming to an end? Probably not, but significant changes seem to be coming.

Minnow trappers or harvesters, the main supplier of minnows to bait shops across Minnesota, are increasingly feeling the "pinch and costs" of state requirements brought on by the ever growing list of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in Minnesota lakes and rivers. These requirements are causing angst among a growing number of harvesters.

DNR officials are scrambling to stay ahead of the migration of these critters and weeds by addressing as many "pathways of spread" as possible to protect water recreation in the state's waters. Every year new lakes and rivers are found to be infested with one or more of the aquatic invasive species(AIS). Minnesota has 6,564 rivers and 11,842 lakes. To date there are over 600 of these waters infested in Minnesota.

The 500-800 minnow harvesters in Minnesota are a very independent lot. They work in very competitive businesses, competing for bait with other harvesters and competing to find retail outlets for their catch. It is not an easy life and it is getting more challenging.

Harvesters need to be licensed and keep up to date on ever changing requirements passed by the legislature and the DNR regarding how they harvest and manage their harvesting gear. Some just harvest minnows from lakes and rivers, while others maintain their own minnow ponds in addition to harvesting from lakes and rivers.

Since the 1990s a special permit has been required for minnow harvesting in waters infested with Eurasian Water Milfoil, Flowering Rush, Spiny Waterfleas.

The minnow harvesters feel like a branded lot. They feel that an undue amount of pressure is being put on them to solve the AIS issues, while other people, animals, birds and reptiles are also contributing to the spread of AIS but with less attention.

Studies done in other states that have serious AIS issues have demonstrated that minnow harvesters were a significant part of the transfer of AIS materials. The DNR also recognizes that more regulations mean fewer harvesters and they have been working with the harvesters to help keep regulations manageable.

I have been following this issue for a number of years now and I believe that there are at least three outcomes facing anglers today:

First; the cost of minnows is going to continue to rise. Last summer in Central Minnesota a dozen three-five inch red tail chubs were selling for $16-17.

Second, we are going to experience a continued loss of bait harvesters which will also drive up the costs of minnows.

Third, we are seeing an explosion in the development of new types of artificial baits. This is due, in part, to people believing that fishing with minnows is someday coming to an end.

I don't know the future, but for now, we can still use minnows for bait. It is going to cost more but buy a lot of them, the bait harvesters need our support.

Ray Gildow, Staples, is the author of "Legends & Legacies, A History of the Nisswa Guides' League" and is owner of Gildow Guide Service. More information can be found at raygildow.com.

5K Hero Run winner



Twelve-year-old Kira Sweeney, a seventh grader at Motley Staples Middle School, was the top runner in the entire women's division, not just for her age group, at the 5K Hero Run May 21, in Fargo. Over 8,000 runners participated in the event's first year to honor law enforcement, veterans and emergency services personnel. Sweeney's goal was to beat 20 minutes and she came in at 19:58, a full minute ahead of the next runner. Sweeney is a runner on both the Cardinal varsity cross country team and the track and field team. She is the daughter of Jerred and Tiffany Sweeney, Staples. (Submitted photo)

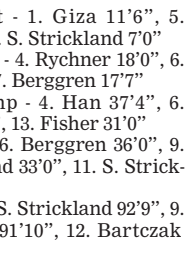
Champion tumbler



Grace Tremble, center, recently competed in tumbling for the Northern Illinois State Championship. She did two tumbling sequence runs scoring 9.6, 9.6, 9.8 and 9.9 earning the title of Northern Illinois State Champion in the sub-novice division. This is her first year in the program and she trains at Gymnastics Divine in Dixon, Ill. Grace will be competing at nationals in Knoxville, Tenn. on June 14. She is the daughter of Brandon and Erin (Frisk) Tremble of Oregon, Ill.; granddaughter of Greg and Sherry (Miller) Frisk of Motley; and the great-granddaughter of Carroll and Donna Miller of Bertha and the late Doug and Pat Frisk of Motley. (Submitted photo)

Fish stocking likely always be a source of debate

Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Minnesota lawmakers are no better than the rest of us when it comes to procrastination. As late May approaches and the state's constitutional deadline the legislature to adjourn has past senators and representatives quicked their pace to end legislative business that had piled up, so they can go home to their districts and constituents for the summer.

This year has been no different. It's not unusual that one of the pieces of legislation being hurried through the legislative process at deadline time is the so-call Game & Fish Bill. This bill is often a stew of provisions that could affect anything from land purchases for conservation, to what's a legal garment to wear when hunting, to what and where our state fisheries managers can stock fish.

Minnesota is blessed, or cursed, depending on your viewpoint, by an activist legislature that not only appropriates money for natural resource management, but often intervenes and takes those decisions out of the hands of the biologists and scientists on our state Department of Natural Resources payroll, the ones who are paid to manage those resources.

One current example is the stocking of muskies, or not, in a number of new lakes or chains of lakes where they are not currently found. The Game and Fish Bill as it now stands is almost certain to halt the DNR's planned stocking of muskies in five lakes or chains of lakes across Central and North Central Minnesota, plus a lake on the state's southern border with Iowa.

Whether or not to expand the distribution of muskies in Minnesota has been one of the most heated and longstanding debates in recent times. Musky fishermen and DNR biologists are on one side of the issue, and some lake associations and lake property owners are on the other, with a whole lot of the general population – and lawmakers – either disinterested, or unsure of who to believe.

Those who support the idea contend that musky numbers in any given lake are not large enough to hurt the angling for walleye and other species, and would provide a new angling opportunity and tourism draw. Those who oppose claim that muskies will decimate the population of walleye, primarily and reduce the overall quality of angling in the waters proposed for new musky stocking. The research that's been done by fisheries departments in Canada and elsewhere in the U.S. seems to favor the "stocking-won't-ruin-things" side of the argument, but it's hard to make absolute generalizations; or promises, for that matter.

It's hard for those opposed to the musky stocking proposal to claim the moral high ground, when Minnesota and the rest of the nation has such a long history of moving fish species around, like pieces on a chess board. Walleye are stocked in more Minnesota lakes where they were not originally found than any other species, in order to satisfy angler demand for the state fish. Smallmouth bass, which in our state were originally restricted to lakes and rivers in the Great Lakes and Mississippi River drainages, have become abundant and popular in many other lakes.

Trout and salmon have been stocked in many cold, deep inland lakes, or in Lake Superior. Recently my son and I spent a day fishing several North Shore streams for steelhead, a strain of rainbow trout originally found in the rivers of the Pacific Northwest. They were introduced in Minnesota waters draining into Lake Superior in the late 1890s and adopted their species' West Coast lifestyle, growing to large adult size in Lake Superior, then entering streams draining into the lake to spawn. Fish of 24-28 inches, and five to eight or even ten pounds, are not unusual. They leap, fight as hard as any fish, and provide an angling experience equal to any other in Minnesota. But without the stocking that occurred more than 100 years ago this important fishery would not exist, and my son and I would not have had the broad smiles on our faces these fish provided us with this very spring.

The objectives of stocking are not the same everywhere, of course. In some cases it is hoped that natural reproduction will be the end result. This has been the case with steelhead in Lake Superior streams of Minnesota's North Shore and Wisconsin's South Shore, east of the City of Superior. Smallmouth bass successfully reproduce and provide quality fishing on the lake where our family's cabin sits in North Central Minnesota, waters outside this fish's original range.

In other cases there is some natural reproduction, but not enough to satisfy angler demand, so in such places stocking "helps Mother Nature." In still others, there is little or no natural reproduction, as is the case with some managed-for-walleye waters in Southern Minnesota, or some small deep lakes where stream trout species are planted. In these cases it is the simplest form of put-and-take fisheries management, fish stocked and grown to be harvested just as a farm crop is planted in the hope that favorable growth will yield a crop at maturity.

More often than not, it's a hollow argument to advocate for what's "natural" in our waters and in our fisheries. High-minded anglers, myself included, may have a philosophical preference for catching fish that are the product of a male and female meeting on a spawning ground, mating, and their offspring growing from egg to fry to fingerling to adult on their own. But that's not the life history for many of the fish that provide angling opportunity in Minnesota waters. "Pure" and "natural" became casualties of fish management history long ago. And who's to say one way is right and the other wrong?

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Due to Memorial Day Observance the deadline for the June 2 edition of the Staples World

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103 Lost and Found

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For a full job description see our Freshwater Education District website at **www.fed.k12.mn.us**.
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Motley June Fest to offer variety of events
Music, fireworks and more

Pig races, a parade, fireworks and music are just a few of the activities taking place during the first ever 'Motley June Fest.'

The event is sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce (SMACC), which has been working alongside a committee of people representing Motley's businesses, organizations and service groups.

The majority of the festival will take place Saturday, June 18, although there are city wide garage sales all day on Friday, June 17; and a gospel concert and ice cream social is planned on Sunday, June 19, from 1 - 3 p.m. Although they are two separate events, the Motley June Fest is being held in conjunction with the Motley Fair, which runs June 16 - 19. "The committee is looking forward to a grand celebration of small town values with many fun-filled events being planned for the weekend," said Barb Cline, SMACC Executive Director.

June 18

Motley June Fest kicks off on Saturday with a classic car and tractor show from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Motley School. The City Parade follows at 10 a.m., with a variety of floats scheduled in the line-up.

The Leader Area Pig Races is the featured event of the festival and will be held at the grandstand at the fairgrounds. The two shows begin at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. This event is sponsored by Motley School alumni and Motley businesses.

From 11:30 - 1 p.m., be sure to check out the Wings Competition downtown and listen to music by Rampage, a U.S. Army band which plays New Orleans style brass.

Music continues from 1 - 3:30 p.m., with husband and wife duo Tami & The Bachelor.

Up and coming singers ages 15 - 25 will have the opportunity to compete in the 'Motley Sings' contest at 4 p.m. "We are looking for the best two voices to send to the 'Minnesota Sings' event in September to represent our area," said Cline.

A street dance, featuring the band October Son, will take place from 8 p.m. - midnight; and fireworks are scheduled at 10 p.m.

June 19

The festivities wrap up on Sunday with a gospel concert (The Schimpps and The Timbs) and ice cream social at Veterans Park from 1 - 3 p.m.

"Events like this could not happen without sponsors," Cline said of the Motley June Fest. For more information on Motley June Fest, call the chamber office at 218-894-3974 or check out their Facebook page.



Plaque presentation

A presentation of a new plaque containing the names of all past commanders of the Motley American Legion Tri-County Post 124 was held recently at Motley City Hall. Pictured from left are Tom Ladwig, current commander; and past commanders Brian Goltz, Floyd Griffith and Ron Hanson. (Submitted photo)

Plaque honors past commanders of Motley American Legion

At their regular monthly meeting in May, the members of the Motley American Legion Tri-County Post 124 presented a plaque honoring their past post commanders.

The Motley American Legion Post 124 was chartered in 1919; and has been going strong since that time.

"If you are currently serving in the military or have served in our armed forces, we urge you to consider joining the Motley American Legion," said legion member Alan Marshall. He went on to note that the group meets on the third Thursday of each month at Motley City Hall at 6:45 p.m.

For more information, contact Joyce Wille, membership coordinator, by calling 218-414-0355 or emailing her at joycew607@gmail.com.

"Our sincere thanks go to Kathy Binder of Winners Trophy and Engraving in Brainerd for a fantastic job of engraving," Marshall said.

According to their mission statement, "In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion is to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military and their families, both at home and abroad."

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organizaion devoted to mutual helpfulness."

Summer gatherings in Scandia Valley
Hosted by Motley UMC, all welcome

The Motley United Methodist Church will host four outdoor services in Scandia Valley this summer on Saturdays, beginning June 4.

These free events will be held at the Fire Hall Pavilion from 5 - 6 p.m. In case of rain, they will be moved inside. The program will include live music, a meditation and refreshments. Gary and Dawn Timbs will lead the music on June 4.

The remaining Saturday services will be held June 18, July 16 and August 13, with various musicians scheduled. For more information, call 218-352-6466.



Thanks from Kuwait

Motley Elementary Principal Deb Ferdon accepts a flag from Capt. Adam Reidel of the Minnesota National Guard, representing the 682nd Engineer Battalion, stationed in Kuwait, and their commander, Keith Ferdon, Deb's husband. Motley Elementary students sent Valentine's Day cards and gifts to the battalion in February and as a thank-you, the 682nd flew the flag over their base in Kuwait and sent it back to Motley. The students watched the presentation on May 23. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Land for Sale

CASS COUNTY LAND DEPARTMENT
NOTICE OF SALE OF TAX-FORFEITED PARCELS
Notice is hereby given that an Oral Auction will be held in the Commissioners Board Room, Cass County Courthouse in Walker, MN at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, 2016.
For information concerning specific parcels, please contact the Cass County Land Department at 218-947-3338, or the Auditor-Treasurer's Office at 218-547-7260. Parcel information may be viewed on the Cass County Website:
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27730 OLGA LN., Browerville, Sylvan Shores.
w21p

GARAGE SALE: Red Barn Antiques & Collectibles, 6039 Azalea Road, Motley. **Fri., Sat., Sun., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Every 3rd Fri., Sat. and Sun. through Oct. or by appt.** 218-640-6475. Antiques and vintage items incl. Red Wing, Roseville, Fiestaware, furniture, Depression glass, garden and yard art. ssw21p

HUGE PERENNIAL PLANT SALE: Sat., May 28-Mon., May 30; Fri., June 3-Sat., June 4, 8 a.m.-? Yvonne Dickman and Sue Gosse. Many varieties of perennials: Hostas, Day Lilies, Bleeding Hearts, Lilacs, more. 3 mi. east of Staples, Hwy. 10 to 305th Ave. S, across tracks to #49430. Watch for signs. w19-ssw20-21p

ANNUAL HUGE MULTI-FAMILY SALE - SYLVAN SHORES: 40206 Paradise Dr. Books, scrapbooking, household, tools, women's clothing, puzzles, perennials. TOO MUCH TO LIST. **Thurs., May 26, 1-5 p.m., Fri., May 27-Sat., May 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** ssw21p

WIEBESICK ESTATE SALE: Household, tools, rubber boat, 3x-4x men's clothing; 3 deer cameras, Grumman motorback canoe. **Fri., May 27-Sat., May 28, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. May 29, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.** 25200 Cty. Rd. 7 north of Staples, 1 mi. west/Wahoo Valley. w20-ssw21p

GARAGE SALE: Hand crafted gourds, hand carved songbirds, hummingbirds. **Thurs, May 26, 1-5 p.m., Fri., May 27-Sat., May 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.** Sylvan Shores, 40206 Paradise Dr. ssw21p

ESTATE MOVING SALE: 28453 Ottawa Dr., Sylvan Shores, Browerville. Sat., May 28-Sun., May 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hand tools, power tools, gas mower, roll off dock, large household generator, Sun Setter retractable awning, lawn furniture, some household furniture, large appliances, some clothing. Worth the drive ssw21p

MULTI-FAMILY SALE IN POLE SHED. Rain or shine. 48424 275th Ave., Staples take Hwy. 210 South over RR tracks, left onto Co. Rd 7, before 210 curves, immediate right onto 275th Ave. 6th place on left. Signs - Braith, Kramer, Rubink, Sjodin. **Thurs., May 26-Fri., May 27, 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat., May 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** Clothes, shoes, books, PS2 games, movies, new jeans, Avon, bedding, bikes, desk, toys, 4-wheeler, jewelry. ssw21p

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., June 2-Sat., June 4, 9 a.m-6 p.m. Singer furnace, 10,000 BTU's (used twice); clothing, shoes, DVD's, DVD stand, purses, lead crystal trays/vases, craft items, yarn, white bookcase (3 shelves), scales, Fry Daddy/scoop. A lot of misc. 317 6th St. SE, Staples. ssw21-22p

4TH ANNUAL HUGE GARAGE SALE - LINCOLN LAKES AREA: Fri., May 27, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat., May 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 3287 Bluebird RD., Cushing. Many items to choose from, something for everyone. Household, furniture, clothing: children-adult; shoes, toys and MORE. All proceeds go to Bethany Lutheran Church Youth, Cushing. w20-ssw21p

Annual Staples AG Missions Garage Sale
Thurs., May 26 - Fri., May 27, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday, May 28, 8 a.m.-noon.
914 3rd Ave. NE
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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MISSIONS.
w20-ssw21

MOVING SALE: Fri., May 27, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., May 28, 8 a.m.-noon. Kid's, men's and women's clothing and shoes, some furniture, kitchen items, printer. 1507 3rd St. NE, Staples. Braith, Holst and Jessop. ssw21p

MOTLEY: HUGE MOVING SALE: Thurs., May 26, Fri., May 27, Sat., May 28, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 1032 Postel Dr., Motley, Hwy. 10 S to River Rd (left) just before the big FISH at Morey's, left on Postel Dr. Furniture, housewares, home décor, tools, yard care supplies, lawn furniture. w21p

LARGE FAMILY GARAGE SALE and "under the tent sale" **Thurs., June 2, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri., June 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat., June 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** 48080 281st Ave. Howards, 2-1/2 mi. S of Staples. Hwy. 210 to County 7 to 281st Ave. to 48080 (Rosenthal Greenhouse Rd.) Follow signs. No early sales Thursday. Toys, crafts, clothes, plants/ planters, 2 love seats, misc. furniture, knick knacks, trikes, radial arm saw, small dog/cat house, garden decor, jewelry, books, DVDs, misc. small tools, antique blacksmith's forge, much misc. w21-ssw22p

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