

Staples city candidates discuss council’s role

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

What role can the city council play in helping to fill the housing, business and entertainment needs of the city of Staples?

A number of ideas regarding that question came up at the Staples City Council candidate forum held Oct. 24. Five candidates running for city council, Mary Theurer, Charles Tester, Rachel Johnson, Doug Case and Brian Fisher, along with mayoral candidate Chris Etzler discussed these issues.

After introductions, the first question asked of Theurer; about the domain of city government. She cited the role of city police, fire and city employees and how civic organizations are valuable as they work cooperatively with the city.

Other candidates talked about how the city may not be able to control some of the needs of the city, but the council can be an advocate for the changes that they feel are needed.

Downtown

With several empty buildings in the downtown area, candidates were asked what the council can do to help.

Case said Staples retailers need to “stop the migration to Brainerd or St. Cloud” for local shop-

ping. He said people go out of town for the simplest things, such as basic clothing and while there they buy other items. He said action on the Batcher building is needed immediately if the community is going to save the opera hall on the second floor of the building.

Johnson said the downtown should develop a niche so that the community is known as a draw for at least one thing. She gave an example of how Staples-Motley schools and community are known for arts and sports and the downtown community needs to figure out what they want to be known for.

Fisher said the shop local movement can be used to push business owners to be “as good as they can be.” He suggested that business owners can work together to help each other out. He also said the city should help develop entrepreneurs.

Tester said the downtown needs more food and entertainment options; there are a number of buildings where “it shouldn’t be too hard to get someone in there.”

Etzler pointed out that the empty downtown buildings are privately owned, so the city council and Economic Development Authority have limited ability to help fill them. He said the EDA is working

on empty bulding projects and the city council needs to keep supporting those efforts.

Community center

The Staples Community Center is in need of improvements, several candidates spoke on how to work on it.

Case suggested expanding the tax base to more than just the city, since it’s a regional facility. He said it should be owned or co-owned by the school district.

Fisher said the community center should be more of a focus for the council. “I would love to see more family-oriented programs there,” he said. He also touted summer rec as a great program that could continue to grow.

Theurer said partnerships are important in getting improvements at the community center. She suggested increases in school, college and youth programming.

Dower Lake

Candidates talked about what the council should do with the the city-owned Dower Lake Recreation Area.

Fisher and Johnson both advocated increasing access to Dower Lake through a bike trail.

Theurer said the council needs to work harder on seasonal camping and

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Excited for Halloween

Alyson Jasmer (left), nine; and her sister Breanna, 11, have been busy helping prepare their house on 6th St. NE in Staples for Halloween, including carving several pumpkins. “We got some help from mom and dad,” the girls said, mentioning their parents, Rob and Tricia. There are several “scary inflatables” set up in the yard, as well as a “haunted castle” that trick-or-treaters must enter in order to receive any candy. The family has had at least 400 trick-or-treaters stop by their house in past years. “It’s a lot of fun,” Breanna said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Candidates for Senate District 9 share goals



Paul Gazelka

Minnesota Senate District 9 includes parts of Todd, Wadena, Cass and Morrison counties. The incumbent, Republican Paul Gazelka, is being challenged by Democrat Jason Weinerman.

Paul Gazelka

1. Summarize your background and qualifi-



Jason Weinerman

cations.

I am married to Mara-lee, we have five children and three grandchildren. I have a B.S. degree in Business Management from Oral Roberts University and own my own business. I have lived in the Brainerd Lakes area for the last 20 years. I am active in my church, a volunteer at Teen Challenge and teach Defensive Driving Courses for seniors. I have served eight years combined in the House and Senate and have served in leadership roles.

2. What will your top priority be if elected?

My top priority would be to repeal MNSure or at the very least, to fix it. Insurance rates have sky rocketed for too many people. We must work on that. A close second would

be tax relief, especially for farmers, seniors, business owners and those with student loans.

3. What are your views on the budget bill that was not passed this past session? What should have been done to get both sides to agree

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Hello, Readers,

In the autumn of 1963, Beatlemania was a raging epidemic in Britain, and it was rapidly spreading across the European continent. But in the United States, where the likes of Bobby Vinton and Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs sat atop the pop charts, John, Paul, George and Ringo could have walked through Grand Central Terminal completely unnoticed. It wasn't Grand Central that the Beatles were trying to walk through on Oct. 31, 1963, however - it was Heathrow Airport, London, where they'd just returned from a hugely successful tour of Sweden. Also at Heathrow that particular day, after a talent-scouting tour of Europe, was the American television impresario Ed Sullivan. The pandemonium that Sullivan witnessed as he attempted to catch his flight to New York would play a pivotal role in making the British Invasion possible.

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Meg Litts, John Poston vye for House 9A seat



Meg Litts



John Poston

Minnesota House District 9A includes parts of Todd, Wadena and Cass counties. Democrat Meg Litts and Republican John Poston are seeking the seat. The incumbent chose not to run.

Meg Litts

1. Summarize your background and qualifications.

A passion for public education and public service are hallmarks of how I was raised and have raised our two daughters, both of whom attend MSUM. As a transformational leader working in high poverty schools, I learned to collaborate with others to work strategically towards a shared mission, being actively involved in each community. I have also provided leadership in the DFL as county chair and director. In this region, I have lived in both Todd and Wadena counties and have worked with schools throughout the region, allowing me to see firsthand the needs and interests of our area.

2. What will your top priority be if elected?

Passing tax and transportation bills within the first 30 days of the session is my priority so that the lives and livelihoods of our district are supported. I will work to adequately fund high speed broadband initiatives to ensure access and equity to information and resources as viable competitors in the global marketplace. I will

listen to the voters of 9A to hear their concerns and get their input on proposed bills. Next, I will work collaboratively across the aisle in order to ensure that we are moving forward to get the job done in a timely manner.

3. What are your views on the budget bill that was not passed this session? What should have been done to get both sides to agree on the bill?

While some have suggested that the inclusion of light rail in the bill as the primary obstacle to getting the bonding bill passed, I disagree. When we work as legislators, we represent the constituents in our region but are voting on legislation that supports the needs and interests of all Minnesotans. Folks in District 9 and other regions of rural Minnesota utilize light rail as well as do those in the seven counties it serves. One of the primary obstacles to getting the bonding bill passed this session was lack of leadership to backwards plan the work that needed to be completed. In the House, particularly, bills were not delivered in a timely manner. The bonding bill was not the only one that was not completed, and when legislators are tasked with reading through multiple bills in a very limited time frame, there is not enough time for adequate committee review, discus-

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Wadena Commissioner candidates list priorities

District 2



Jim Hofer

County commissioner candidates were asked three questions:

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2. If you believe budget cuts are necessary, which

specific programs would you suggest to make cuts in? If you believe in raising the tax levy to keep up with cost increases, what specific reasons justify that decision?

3. What actions should the county board take to deal with the county’s aging population?

Wadena County Commissioner candidats for District 2:



Ralph Miller

Jim Hofer

1. I have lived in Wadena County since 1968, first in Thomastown Township and then in the City of Staples, Wadena County. We have lived at 104 Mini Drive since 1976. I am married to Mary Jo and we have three adult children: Amanda in Lake Elmo; Rachael

in Westerville, Ohio; and Melissa in Minot, North Dakota. We have two grandchildren, Carter in Minot, and Jenna, in Ohio.

I retired from education in 2008 after a 40 year

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District 4



Chuck Horsager

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Wadena County Commissioner candidats for District 4:

Chuck Horsager

1. I was born and raised in Wadena County and love it here. I worked 16 years in



Murlyn Kreklau

a banking career and have been in ministry for about 20 years and currently serve a local congregation.

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Breathing new life into an old facility

Ground-breaking for Hilltop Regional Kitchen is an emotional event for many participants



By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

With tears in his eyes, Rick Hest, president of the Eagle Bend Senior Citizens Center, expressed his joy in seeing the Eagle Bend School being put back into use.

“It was hard to watch the building sit empty,” said Hest who taught at the school for over 30 years. “To see a part go back into use is a big deal.”

The use Hest was talking about was the Hilltop Regional Kitchen.

After years of thought, planning and fundraising, the kitchen on the hill will be coming to the first phase of fruition as soon as June 2017.

Meals have been served and prepared from the Eagle Bend Senior Center kitchen for many years. In August of this year, the all-time record of 4,993 meals served was set.

From 25,000 meals served from the facility in 2012 to 54,000 so far in 2016, the center has been in need of more space for some time.

Groundbreaking

Some of the speakers participating in the Hilltop Regional Kitchen ground-breaking held Oct. 19, included; from left, Rick Hest, Eagle Bend Sr Center; Loren Coleman, MN Dept. of Human Services; Judy Petrie, Staples Sr. Center; Leota Lind, South County Health Alliance; Roxanne Jenkins, Lutheran Social Services; Julie Myhre, MN Dept of Health; Gary Kneisl, Todd County Commissioner; Kevin Hess, City of Eagle Bend; Paul Drange, National Joint Powers Alliance and Jeff Scholten, MN Dept of Agriculture. At left, Judy Petrie from the Staples Senior Center talked about the tickets which can be used for meals. (Submitted photos)

The women who run the kitchen do so with an efficiency that is unmatched. But lack of storage space has limited them to some degree.

Hest said it was “a shot in the arm” when you saw places like this come back to life.

With approximately 100 people in the former garage shop area of the school, it was easy to see the life and warmth, even on the cold day of the ground-breaking on Oct. 19.

Hest spoke about the many different organiza-

tions who made this day possible including the South Country Health Alliance who he described as the “catalyst” for the big part of this project with their grant of \$465,000.

“We stopped thinking of it as the Eagle Bend project and began to think of all the places that the kitchen reached,” he said.

The shop and other parts of the building are being leased for the next 25 years for use as the kitchen and congregate dining (Phase One). Other phases and uses are planned for the future.

Through the efforts of people on the committee and those interested in seeing this project succeed, \$215,000 was raised since January of this year.

Hest then took the crowd on a “imagination tour” of what the shop room would look like when Phase One was finished.

There were several speakers who talked about this project including SCHA CEO Leota Lind.

She said that the kitchen project had captured their attention and demonstrated all of the diamond values of SCHA.

“Taking a building that has been part of the life and history of a community and breathing new life with a new purpose into it is fantastic,” said Lind.

“I applaud this community for reaching this goal and I am excited to come back in six to eight months and see it in its glory,” she added.

Lind said they would bring a team up to help with painting or serving a meal because they feel they are a part of this project and this community.

Hest said that the goal was to rebid the project this fall and open those bids in mid-November. Since the majority of the project is inside work, it will be worked on over winter.

“We are planning for June 1 to start serving meals from here,” said

Hest.

Hest added that people who deliver the Meals on Wheels might be the only people that some of those who receive the meals see each day.

“This helps them stay in their homes and keeps them healthy,” said Hest.

Loren Coleman from the Department of Health and Human Services proudly said that others can learn from what Minnesota has done, but it can’t be copied.

He congratulated Eagle Bend and Todd County as one of those communities that hasn’t “waited to be told what to do.”

Coleman talked about the Live Well at Home grant through DHS.

Hest added that much of the equipment for the kitchen will come from the money from that grant.

They have secured \$127,000 in grants from Live Well at Home.

Judy Petrie from Staples was another speaker. She said she was so pleased to be part of this project.

“In 2003 my husband died and that was how I learned about congregate dining. I was invited to a lunch at the Staples Senior Center,” she said.

She talked about the four things that stand out about the program.

- Meals on Wheels.
- Senior Center Meals
- Bundled Meals (served outside of city limits in two week quantities)
- Tickets which can be used to go out for a meal at participating restaurants and at the senior centers.

“I am lucky to be here and have these partners. Thanks to them, I will be enjoying these meals for many years to come,” said Petrie.

Paul Drange from National Joint Powers Association talked about the \$100,000 that was given to the project and the impact that will be felt throughout the region with this program.

“It’s a great regional

project built on cooperation,” Drange noted. “The kitchen will help meet the basic needs of hundreds of area residents while repurposing a vacant building in our community.”

Katherine Mackendanz of Todd County Health and Human Services was introduced by Hest as “without her, this project doesn’t happen”.

She said that she loves working on this project and that Eagle Bend is now her ideal destination.

Julie Myhre from the Minnesota Department of Health and a vital part of the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) talked about the great work being done here.

“This is a very innovative and responsive project and it will be incredible what you will provide,” said Myhre.

She said this project was about “community building” through a community facility which will provide social cohesiveness.

She said the future plans for the facility were exciting and that there were “so many ways this facility would be meeting a need.”

Terri Weyer of Lutheran Social Services who considers herself “more of worker bee” than a speaker, introduced Roxanne Jenkins also from LSS.

Jenkins said she “could not say enough about this project. LSS is about good neighbors and we are honored to be a part of the Hilltop Regional Kitchen.”

She said they’d been talking and talking about this sort of thing.

“We should’ve just sent them to Eagle Bend,” she said which was followed by laughter from the crowd.

“You are delivering a meal and a connection,” she added.

“We’re here because of everyone’s efforts. We are humbled by the expression of commitment. Congratulations everyone! You did it!” said Jenkins.

Police respond to domestic abuse complaints

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Department include:

Oct. 3; responded to the 600 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE for a report of a 911 hang up. While investigating, police discovered a verbal domestic had taken place.

Oct. 4; responded to a report of a domestic dispute at 3rd St NE. Upon investigation, police arrested Stone Putnam, 18, for obstructing the legal process, disorderly conduct and domestic assault.

Oct. 6; assisted the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept. with a death scene.

Oct. 7; were advised of two wolf-like dogs running at large on the 100 block of Ravilla St NE. Police and MnDNR attempted to catch the dogs but were unable to do so. Police learned that one of the dogs, a Siberian Husky, had broken into an

enclosure and killed a pet rabbit. The owner of the dogs was later identified as Michael Winter of Staples.

Oct. 7; responded to Lakewood Health System for an intoxicated male acting disorderly and attempting to drive away. Upon arrival, police found that he was not driving and was not on a hold.

Oct. 7; assisted Lakewood Health System with an uncooperative individual who was on a 72 hour hold and attempting to leave.

Oct. 7; assisted Lakewood Health System staff with a disorderly individual waiting to be transferred to detox.

Oct. 9; assisted Todd County in responding to a one vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of Cty. Rd 26 and 285th Ave. A vehicle driven by Luke Knudson of Deer

Creek overturned, and ejected Knudson from the vehicle. Knudson was transported to Lakewood Health System.

Oct. 10; received a report from Amtrak of an intoxicated subject on the train they would like removed. The subject was removed and allowed to wait in the depot.

Oct. 10; received a complaint of an ATV driving through a yard on the 200 block of 2nd St NE.

Oct. 11; assisted Freshwater ALC with an individual who had drug paraphernalia in their vehicle.

Oct. 11; responded to a domestic dispute in the city of Motley. Police arrived and separated the parties involved until the Morrison County Sheriff’s Dept arrived.

Oct. 12; received a complaint of chickens at large on the 200 block of Roosevelt St SW. Police advised the owner.

Oct. 12; assisted with a one vehicle roll over

on Thunder Rd. The SPD was on the scene until the Todd County Sheriff’s Dept arrived. A vehicle driven by Luke Woltz of Luck, Wisc., had overturned. No injuries were reported.

Oct. 13; were notified by the food shelf of an individual who is no longer allowed at the food shelf. The subject had been using different names on each visit to the food shelf. The food shelf will advise the subject of the trespass notice.

Oct. 13; received a report of a student harassing another student at Staples Motley High School. Report remains under investigation.

Oct. 14; received a complaint of a vehicle all over the road heading east into Staples. Police located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. After learning the vehicle was not insured, they had the vehicle tow and conducted an inventory search. During the search police found two grams of methamphet-

amine. Shawn Boyd, 25, of Motley, was arrested and charged with 5th degree possession of a controlled substance. Boyd was transported to the Todd County Jail.

Oct. 14; observed a juvenile with a felony warrant at the football game. The juvenile was arrested and transported to PORT.

Oct. 14; received a report of five individuals climbing on or around the back area of the Batcher Opera House. Police made contact with the subjects, identified them and advised them regarding trespassing. Three of the subjects were given verbal warnings regarding curfew violations and driven to the place they were staying.

Oct. 15; assisted Wadena County with a loud party complaint north of Staples in Wadena County.

Oct. 15; were requested by Lakewood Health System staff to stand by for a subject being verbally abusive and video recording the nursing staff. Police were notified that the subject had been kicked out of the emergency room in Wadena that same night. Police stood by until the subject left.

Oct. 17; received a report of a firearm that had been discharged in a home earlier in the week.

Oct. 18; received a report of a juvenile runaway from Staples-Motley High School. The juvenile was later found safe at a resi-

dence.

Oct. 18; assisted Staples-Motley Elementary School staff with a student attempting to run away.

Oct. 18; took a report of a stolen wallet from a vehicle in the 700 block of Long Prairie Rd.

Oct. 19; conducted a traffic stop for speeding on Hwy 10. Police could smell an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. After searching the vehicle, police located a small amount of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and a prescription pill that is a Scheduled 4 controlled substance. Police advised the driver, Cierra Miller, 27, of Devils Lake, ND that the report would be sent to the Todd County Attorney’s Office for review.

Oct. 21; responded to a report of a suicidal male. The subject made threats to himself and law enforcement and had stated that he wasn’t going down without a fight. Police entered the residence, where the subject would not comply with their demands and officers tased the individual and transferred to Lakewood Hospital and placed on a 48 hour hold.

Oct. 22; investigated a report of damaged property on the 500 block of Warner Rd.

Oct. 22; received a report of a theft of a light bar off a vehicle.

Oct. 22; assisted Morrison County with an unwanted subject at Bricks Travel Center in Motley. Prior to arrival, the subject left on foot. Police located and identified the subject for Morrison County.

Oct. 23; were called to a group home for a client who had been consuming alcohol, was making suicidal comments and appeared to be on a controlled substance. The staff did not feel safe transporting the client. Staples Ambulance was paged and transported the subject.

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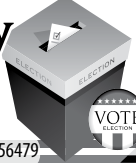
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Staples-Motley School Board



I have served on the board since November 1991 and would like to continue to represent you, the people of the district, and to work for the benefit of all the students to the best of my ability.

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Staples lawn sign vandal caught on camera

Bruce and Bev Nelsen have had two Trump lawn signs stolen and three vandalized during this election season. On Oct. 17, trail cam photos captured images of the perpetrator cutting one of the signs with a sharp object. Above; the vandal, who appears to be wearing what may be a wig; at right, the result of the act of the vandalism.

The Nelsens have shown the photos to local law



enforcement and photos have helped determine the make of car driven to the crime scene. There was no positive identification at this time, but police are on the lookout for the suspects.

“It makes me sad,” said Bev Nelsen, not just because it was vandalism at our home but because “it was an attack on democracy,” she said.

Besides five stolen or damaged signs from their yard, the Nelsens said many Trump signs have been stolen or damaged around Staples. The day after the Oct. 17 vandalism they replaced five signs just in their neighborhood. (Submitted photos)

This is not the first vandalism reported this election season. Early in the campaign Meg Litts, candidate for Minnesota House District 9A, reported that her house had been egged.

Building permit denial delays Wadena County annex project

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

For months - maybe even years - the Wadena County Board put off dealing directly with the courthouse’s failure to comply with the City of Wadena’s City Code, Chapter 11, that requires property to meet off-street parking requirements.

Dean Uselman, City of Wadena Planning and Zoning Director, notified the County Administrator on April 10, 2015, that the county was out of compliance and that “any future expansion would need to address this issue” (Letter dated April 10, 2015).

Now that the county board is preparing to move forward with construction of the new Courthouse Annex at its Jefferson Street location, the city is requiring the county to apply for rezoning of several adjoining properties that the county bought to use as parking lots, and for a variance from the City Code.

Even if the new parking lots are created through rezoning, the county still would not be in compliance. Additional space would be required to meet the City

Code for off-street parking, or a variance would have to be obtained.

At the Oct. 11 board meeting, Uselman appeared before the board to inform commissioners that the City would not issue a building permit for the Annex until the county came into compliance with the City Code for off-street parking.

Uselman and the board discussed a process for meeting the City Code or for obtaining a variance from the City Code, so that construction on the project could begin.

The legal requirements for giving public notice of City Council meeting dates and agendas and of Planning and Zoning meetings and agendas mean that if everything goes the way the county wishes, the excavation for the Annex still could not begin until November 16.

At that date, the weather may prevent excavation for the footings and foundation of the Annex. This would delay construction until spring, and the contractor bids already submitted would expire. The entire bid process would have to be redone, further delaying the work.

Vercon, Inc., representative Justin Maanninga, told the board that if the ground could be prevented from freezing, then construction could go forward on Nov. 16. County Engineer Ryan Odden told the board that employees of the Highway Department could cover up the proposed construction area and maintain a ground temperature above 32 degrees F.

Maanninga was present at the board meeting to present the bids for the Annex project and get board approval. But the board declined to vote on the bids, instead proposing to vote at a board meeting on Nov. 16 (changed from the original Nov. 15 date).

The bids expire on Nov. 23.

Odden presented the board with other options for meeting the City Code for off-street parking, including purchasing or leasing one additional city lot that would furnish enough space for the parking that the City Code mandates. But the board declined to choose any of the other options.

For now, the Annex project is on hold as the county waits for the City’s Planning and Zoning Com-

mission to hold a special meeting to discuss the county’s request for a variance, and then after that, the City Council will meet to vote on the variance.

In other business, the board

- Heard a report from Leota Lind, CEO of South Country Health Alliance.

- Approved a resolution that allows the county to opt out of Minnesota Statute 394.307 regarding second homes for temporary health-care dwellings on private property.

- Approved a revision of the West Central Minnesota Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force Joint Powers Agreement to permit the City of Detroit Lakes to rejoin the group.

- Approved the renewal of a liquor license for Knob Hill Sportsman’s Club for 2017.

- Denied approval of a new logo for the Friendly Rider transit service.

- Heard a report on a new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to be proposed to the City of Wadena for an Assisted Living project that could bring 18 jobs to the City.

- Held closed meetings to discuss labor contracts and pending litigation.

Staples Food Shelf can take meat donations

Fall and into winter seem to be times of the year when many are in need and the costs of food are rising, especially meat. The Staples Area Food Shelf board recently approved a policy where the food shelf will pay for the processing of meat that people want to donate to the food shelf.

Livestock donations of pork or beef will be accepted if it’s prepared by a licensed processor.

Anyone wanting to donate a cow or hog should contact the food shelf first, so they can make the payment for processing of the meat directly to the proces-

sor.

Archery harvested deer can be donated to food shelves, as long as the processors are licensed by the state for food shelves. There are no processors in the Staples area, who are licensed for food shelves. Deer harvested by a firearm, must be x-rayed by the state for lead poisoning, and the meat is not be returned locally.

For those reasons, the Staples Food Shelf is not taking venison donations at this time.

For more info contact Fran Mertens or Doreen Scott at; 218-894-2427.

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Candidates have different goals

career as a teacher and school administrator. Presently, I serve as County Commissioner for Wadena County District 2 which includes the townships of Aldrich, Bullard and Thomastown and the cities of Aldrich, Verndale, and Staples Wadena County portion.

2. The declining Federal and State resources will cause an effect on what services Wadena County will be able to provide. With our low tax base we cannot pass these costs on to the property owners. Therefore, we will need to look at what we are mandated to provide if we accept State and Federal resources and what’s required from a county perspective. I will encourage and support cooperation among cities, townships, counties and state agencies as a way of maximizing resources. Balancing a budget, providing needed services, and meeting State and Federal mandates is our greatest challenge. This is solved by careful analysis and problem solving and not by ignoring the issues. Cutting budgets is not the easy solution because you may be cutting essential or mandated services. Budget management means a very limited tax increase.

3. The county Social Services and Public Health Departments have important roles in serving the senior population. These programs make sure all agencies are working together to make sure the basic needs of our aged population are met. We are members of the South County Health Alliance providing insurance for many of our senior citizens. We have membership with the Central Minnesota Council on Aging, coordinating housing and nutrition needs in our county. We are members of Mahube-wa, a low income agency offering services such as weatherization, fuel assistance, etc. Our Veterans Services department offers assistance to every qualified veteran. We perhaps need to do

more in collaborating with other agencies regarding mental health. We need to support more development of assisted living facilities, through the use of TIF, or other abatement processes.

Ralph Miller

1. My home address has always been District 2. I have been married to my wife, Rosalie, for 46 years and we have two grown daughters and two grandchildren. I have been farming for the past 37 years.

I was honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force as an E-5 (Staff Sergeant) after serving from 1964 -1968.

Our founding fathers recognized the fact that we needed representation of the people by the people. There are no qualifications to serve in government but as a taxpayer in the county I have an interest and desire to serve the people of Wadena County.

2. Levy increases to add new departments and buy buildings is not always in the interest of the taxpayer. We need to be mindful of any new programs in the county even if they start out as grants. When the grant runs out the county is liable if they continue the program without a stream of funding. We need to sharpen our pencils and look at the needs of the county and not all the wants.

I would start with the commissioner’s budget. I don’t think of it to be considered a full time job, the increased salary and per diems has made it a very lucrative position. Consolidate meetings and make better use of the time spent.

3. We need to be mindful of levy increases, because every increase takes a bite out of fixed incomes.

We need to change the dynamics of the county. We need to enhance opportunity for economic development and preserve our agricultural heritage, to keep young people in the community. We need to promote Wadena County as a great place to work and raise a family.

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Candidates share concerns for senior citizens

I also co-own and manage Birch Lake Counseling with my wife, Carol. I’ve served on various committees and boards and believe in community involvement. I hope to bring a conservative and common sense voice as I represent District 4.

2. I’m a fiscal conservative and want to really work to “hold the line on taxes.” I realize that it is a challenge, especially with rising health care costs and some unfunded state and federal mandates. I believe that we need to look for ways to “tighten our belts” and evaluate each budget line item to look at cost/benefit ratios and discern whether things are real needs or just wants. With similar to the number of people in the county over the last 30 years, we need to be cautious about adding more staff and buildings and looking for ways to spend tax dollars. Also, looking at “Best Practices” used by other counties and doing further inter-county resource sharing should help hold the line on con-

tinuous tax increases.

3. This is one of many important issues. I am not aware of any specific concerns but realize that there is a large aging population. Being fair with property tax assessments with the aging and everyone else is important. The Friendly Rider service helps care for some of the transportation needs of the elderly. If elected, I would want to learn more about the needs and possible solutions on this and other issues.

Murlyn Kreklau

1. My name is Murlyn Kreklau and I’m running for Wadena County Commissioner. My wife Trudy and I are lifelong residents of North Germany Township.

We have four children and 12 grandchildren who attend local schools. I was a member of the Minnesota Army National Guard for 6 years. I spent my 43 year career as the Sales Manager for Mason Brothers Co. in Wadena. In this time I was part of a team that grew several hundred

new private sector jobs. I have also been on the town board for 10 years. I would classify myself as a fiscal conservative, but I also think this job is and should be non-partisan in nature. I believe we all would agree of the need for more local opportunities, and a local government that is efficient and reflects our common values.

2. It seems there’s a feeling of resignation that things can’t change. THAT government growth can’t be contained and spending will continue to grow. OR THAT nobody is going to listen to smaller everyday

issues at the local level. OR THAT we are destined to always be the poorest county in the state. There’s no one that we can elect, that’s going to change this perception day one. But we do need someone that will approach each issue, every day, with a mindset that WE CAN.

3. Wadena, nor most other counties, don’t have much in the way of programs or sources of income specifically geared to senior citizens. But what we can do is to keep taxes low so seniors can stay in their homes.



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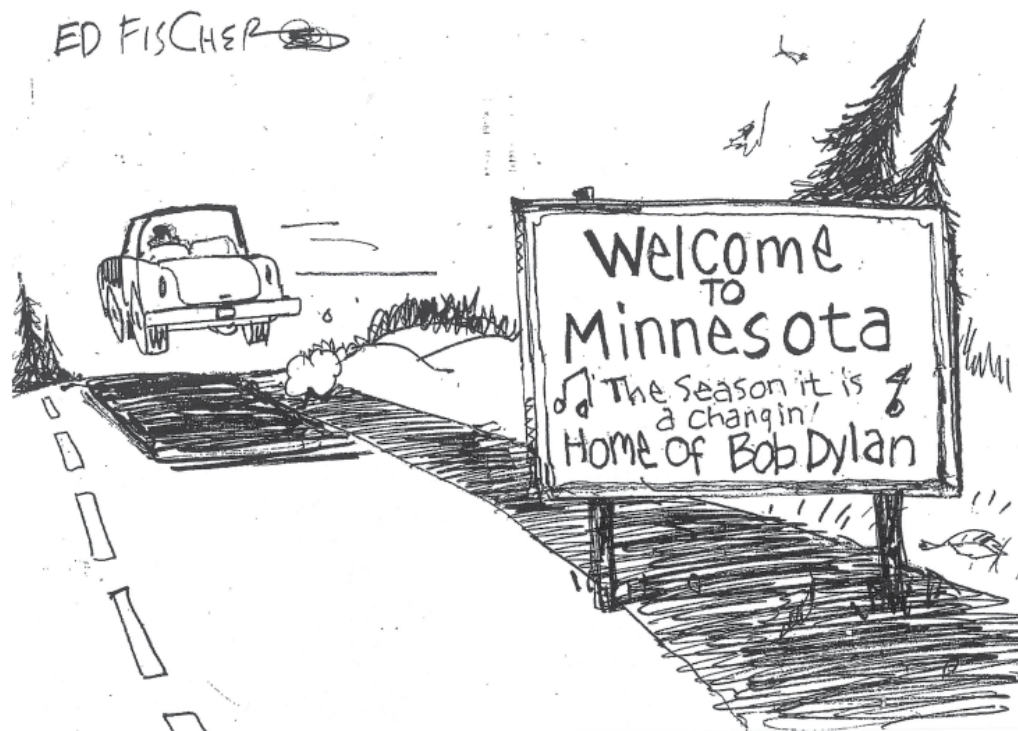
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School bus safety reviewed

Staples-Motley School District buses many more students to school than most school districts. The main reason is out of concern for the traffic on Highway 10 in Motley and how busy 4th Street is in Staples.

In partnership with Region Five, we are applying for a Safe Routes to School Grant through the Minnesota Department of Transportation to find safe alternative routes for our students to walk and bike to school safely. We depend on the public to know when they are to slow down and drive with caution and when they must stop when either following or meeting a bus.

Motorists who know and follow school bus safety laws are our best partners in keeping our students safe. Please remember:

- Be alert! Children arriving late for the bus may dart onto the road without looking for traffic.
- Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles. When in doubt, STOP!
- Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off the bus. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn and the bus begins moving before they can start

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klamm
Supt.

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driving again.

During School Bus Safety week teachers review with students actions that will keep them safe. I would like to urge parents to have the following discussions with their children:

- When the bus approaches, students should stand at least six feet away from the curb, and line up away from the road;
- Wait until the bus stops and the door opens before boarding the bus;
- If a student must cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least 10 feet ahead of the bus before crossing. Be sure that the bus driver can see the student and the student can see the bus driver.
- When exiting the bus, walk at least six feet from the bus after exiting. Be careful that clothing with a drawstring and book bags with straps don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
- A student should always tell a bus driver if they drop something near the bus. They should never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see the student.
- Never walk behind the bus.

When it comes to bus safety, we all need to work together to make sure everyone knows the current bus safety laws so our students arrive to school safely.

Letters to the Editor

Candidate clarification

In last week's paper, in the article on the School Board Candidates Forum, there was a statement made by me which was printed without the full text of my answer, and I feel did not convey my intent in answering the question.

The article stated that Frisk said, "I would want someone that has the same level of education that I do and is able to communicate like me."

What I said was, 'Our teachers and administrators are professional, educated people. Our board members are in a leadership position, ultimately their bosses if you will, and if I were a teacher, I would want someone on the board with at least the same level of education that I have, and who is able to communicate like me.'

I would like to thank the Staples World for allowing me to clear that up. I realize it is impractical to print word for word everything that was discussed.

Greg Frisk
Motley, Minn.

Constitutional amendment

Did you know we have a Minnesota State Constitutional Amendment on the ballot?

It is, "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove state lawmaker's power to set their own salaries, and instead establish an independent, citizens-only council to prescribe salaries for lawmakers?"

This sounds like a good idea. However, how do you get on this committee? The Governor and State Supreme Court Chief Justice

each appoint one person from each of the eight Congressional Districts. Half of the members appointed by the Governor and Chief Justice have to be from each of the two major political parties. The people or their spouses can't be current or former legislative members, lobbyists, judges or State Statutory Officer.

This all seems good, but is it? This is another committee or council, accountable to no one, spending your tax dollars. Dare we believe the committee will do the work for the betterment of Minnesota? What about the people who are not part of either of the 'two major political parties'? Wait, do the members have to consider the budget impact of their decisions? Why a Constitutional Amendment?

Patricia Seifert
Grey Eagle, Minn.

And you think it's a pain to vote now

Editor's note: This column by Connie Schultz originally ran in *The Plain Dealer*, Cleveland, Ohio, on Feb. 19, 2004.

The women were innocent and defenseless. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive.

Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 helpless women convicted of "obstructing sidewalk traffic."

They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night.

They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack.

Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, twisting and kicking the women.

Thus unfolded the "Night of Terror" on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food - all

of it colorless slop - was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory.

Some women won't vote this year because, why exactly? We have carpool duties? We have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

HBO's "Iron Jawed Angels" is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could have my say at the polling booth. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder.

There was a time when I knew these women well. I met them in college - not in my required American history courses, which barely mentioned them, but in women's history class.

That's where I found the irrepressibly brave Alice Paul. Her large, brooding eyes seemed fixed on my own as she stared out from the page.

Remember, she silently beckoned. Remember.

The HBO movie is now available on DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum.

I want it shown on Bunko night, too, and any-

where else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and a little shock therapy is in order.

It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized.

And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse. Alice Paul was strong, he said, and brave. That didn't make her crazy.

The doctor admonished the men: "Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity."

Editor's note: *The Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified by 36 states and became law on Aug. 26, 1920. Women could vote in the fall elections, including in the Presidential election.*

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Top reasons you should vote

Voting is a way to speak your mind and let your voice be heard. Your vote is your voice. When we vote, we are actually telling elected officials and lawmakers how we feel about education, public safety, social security, health care and other important issues.

One voice, one vote really does count. Remember: there is power in numbers, and when we vote and get our family members to vote, we can truly make a difference. If you don't vote for what you believe in, others will - and you may not like the outcome.

Our children are depending on us to represent their voices too. Because our children can't vote, we have to do it for them. That's how we make our concerns about schools, safety, housing and other issues heard. When we vote, we are looking out for our kids, and their futures.

Voting changes communities. Do you ever wonder why one neighborhood gets passed over for things it needs, while another seems to get it all? One big reason is voting. When we vote, we can get results that we can actually see.

Vote to effect change. It was through elections that we voted in officials who were champions for civil rights. Voting is our chance to make a differ-

ence in our own lives and within the world.

Believe it or not, voting is a way of honoring our history. As long as our country has existed, there have been people who didn't want us to vote. There were several freedom fighters that stood up for the right to vote. Well, those times may seem ancient, but there are still people today who don't want us to vote. It's now

our turn to stand up and vote to preserve the honor of those who went before us.

Last but not least, because it gives you credibility. Often times, we voice our concerns to elected officials, but if we aren't voting, our concerns may not matter at all to them. Voting can actually give you the credibility to make your concerns a top priority for legislators.

Vote responsibly!

Step #1

Become an informed citizen.

Step #2

Cast an informed ballot!



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Clarinetist Jeanne Rohr featured in orchestra concert



By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Jeanne (Dalen) Rohr of Staples has been playing clarinet since the summer before she entered 5th grade. It's remained a passion of hers for several decades; and she is known throughout Central Minnesota for her skill both as a teacher and a performer.

On Saturday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m., Jeanne will be one of the featured soloists with the Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra's (LPCO) concert entitled, "The Rohr of the Clarinet & Flight of the Flute." It will be held at the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School Auditorium.

"The music is really lovely," Jeanne said of the upcoming concert program which includes a world premiere of the piece, "Fire Norske Folke-Tunes," by Michael Halstenson. Her solo piece, Jeanne went on, is from "Five Bagatelles," by Gerald Finzi.

The concert is under the direction of conductor Mark C. Graf, music director for the Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra.

"I've been fortunate to have had some very inspiring directors over the years," Jeanne said.

An alumnus of the Verndale School District, Jeanne had five band instructors during her time there, including Ted

Masog. "I'm not going to say when I graduated from high school; but it was Ted's first year there," she laughed.

Jeanne went on to study music at St. Cloud State University; and later taught band, elementary music and choir at Staples Motley Schools for 32 years. She retired in 2007.

She can't remember a time when the clarinet wasn't a part of her life.

"My dad played, as did all five of my sisters," Jeanne shared. "I remember my dad playing the song, 'Long, Long Ago.'" The Dalen sisters performed together on occasion when they were younger. When asked if their one brother also

played clarinet, Jeanne laughed, "No, he chose not to."

For awhile, her granddaughter Lindsay studied the clarinet. "So, we had four generations playing there for bit," Jeanne said, noting that her daughter-in-law, Cindy, also plays clarinet.

She can't imagine a world without music, Jeanne said. "It's one of the pillars of my life...family, faith and music."

Jeanne has played clarinet with the LPCO for over five years, in addition to playing with the Heartland Symphony Orchestra and Wadena Community Band. She also plays alongside students in polka band and pit orchestras. Currently, Jeanne works part-time as a woodwind instructor at Pillager School.

In addition to music, Jeanne has been a 4-H vol-

unteer for 36 years, with over seven years as a 4-H Program Coordinator. She is also devoted to her family which includes husband, Gary; their sons, Jeremy, Chad, Jason (deceased) and Michael; and five grandchildren.

She's been blessed, Jeanne says, mentioning again those three pillars in her life. Family. Faith. Music.

Jeanne believes her music is a God-given talent. "I don't mean to sound egotistical; but any talent I have is truly a gift and it's my responsibility to share it."

She is happy for the opportunity to share her musical gift at the upcoming concert in Long Prairie. For more online information about, "The Rohr of the Clarinet & Flight of the Flute," visit www.thelpco.org.

Local musician

Jeanne Rohr, rural Staples, is one of the soloists to be featured in the upcoming concert, "The Rohr of the Clarinet & Flight of the Flute," by the Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra. The concert will also highlight the talents of flutists Lisa Winter, Wadena; and Chris Herbert, Long Prairie. (Submitted photo)

Flag retirement ceremony

There will be a flag retiring ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 2, at the Huck Holst home, 28943 Todd Line Rd., Staples (2 mi. west of the Evergreen Hill Cemetery) at 5:30 p.m. with the American Legion Post 124, Motley posting the colors.

The U.S. Flag Code reads, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

All are welcome to attend.

Educational Opportunities

Nov. 5, 8, 9

MOSAIC TABLE TOP CLASS Sat., Nov. 5, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Tues., Nov. 8 and Wed., Nov. 9, 6 - 9 p.m., Landmark Inn, Staples. Pam Collins, instructor. Sponsored by Staples-Motley Community Ed. To register, 218-894-2497.

Nov. 14 and 15

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE Mon., Nov. 14 and Tues., Nov. 15, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294.

Nov. 17

BALSAM & BOWS holiday wreath making class, Thurs., Nov. 17, 4:30 - 8 p.m., Central Lakes College Assembly Rm., Staples campus. Instructors: Becky Roelofs; Alan and Shirley Judd. to register, 218-894-2497. Sponsored by Staples-Motley Community Ed.

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CHRISTIANS IN RECOVERY - ALCOHOLICS VICTORIOUS MTG Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 218-640-5679.

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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.

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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, sec-

ond 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.

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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.

October 29

TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT Sat., Oct. 29, 2 - 5 p.m., Motley United Methodist Church. Candy, games. All welcome. If interested in participating, call Robin, 763-691-5004.

November 15, 16

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Nov. 15, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Nov. 15, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Nov. 16, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

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Arts and disabilities conversation set

The staff of VSA Minnesota - the state organization on arts and disability - invites the public to join the conversation on how people with disabilities engage with the arts community in Staples and the surrounding area.

Craig Dunn and Jon Skaalen will be in Staples on Tuesday, Nov. 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Five Wings Arts Council office at 121 4th St. NE.

Dunn and Skaalen are interested in hearing from people with all types of disabilities:

- People who are blind or deaf,
- People who live with mental illness or a developmental disability or
- People who have physical disabilities or other disabilities brought on by medical conditions.

They want to hear about:

- What you are doing in the arts? and
- What barriers you might be experiencing that are keeping you from doing what you would like in the arts?

They also want to hear from people who work in arts settings who have questions about how to serve people with disabilities more effectively through their arts presentation or program.

Skaalen will share information about and distribute applications for VSA Minnesota's Emerging Artist Grant Program for artists with disabilities. The program, with a deadline in early 2017, provides six grants of \$2,000 for chosen artists to create new work in the coming year.

Dunn will talk about plans for some new work looking to increase the participation of people with disabilities both as self-employed artists and as employees in organizational settings.

Two very important final notes:

- RSVP so they bring enough cookies.
- Even more importantly, anyone needing a sign language interpreter to participate in the gathering must let them know no later than end of day Thursday, Nov. 3, so arrangements can be made.

RSVP's and requests for an interpreter should be sent to Craig Dunn at craig@vsamn.org or call 800-801-3883.

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Community Fall Carnival at Staples Alliance Church

Staples Alliance Church will host their 15th annual Community Fall Carnival on Monday, Oct. 31 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the church.

This event provides a safe and fun get-together for children ages two years through sixth grade. Evening activities include games, prizes, candy, popcorn, face painting, air toys, coffee and treats for the adults and much more. Throughout the evening there will be drawings for prizes for both children and adults.

For information, contact the church at 218-894-2891. Staples Alliance church is located at 1512 8th St. NE.

Fall Fund Raiser

CHILI FEED
Fri. Oct. 28 • 5-7pm

Free will donations • All donations will be matched
***Bake Sale *Silent Auction**
SonRise Christian School
35305 585th Ave., Bluffton

OUR 8th Year!

HAUNTED HOLLOW
FRIDAY, OCT. 28
7:30 - 10:30 p.m. \$10 at door.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29
7:30 - 10:30 p.m. \$10 at door.

DIRECTIONS: 1.5 mi. East of Staples, on the Warner Road or 1 mi. North of Lakewood Health System, Staples on Cty. Rd. 83 then, 1/4 mi. West on Warner Rd. (28943 Todd Line Road) Watch for signs!

AMERICAN BOYCHOIR

www.americanboychoir.org

November 6, 2016
Tornstrom Auditorium
2 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 Adult | \$8 Under 18
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Staples High School Class of 1976 40th reunion

The Staples High School Class of 1976 held their 40th class reunion Aug. 26, during Railroad Days, at Local Legends in Staples. In addition, several class members participated in the Railroad Days parade the next day. (Submitted photo)



New Lions members

The Staples Host Lions Club welcomed new members Ron Denning and Gavin Christensen. Above, left to right: Sponsor Keith Porter, Ron Denning, Sponsor Ken Christensen, Gavin

Christensen, Lion Carol Breikreutz and District Governor Jack Breikreutz, who conducted the installation. (Submitted photo)

Care Center

November Birthdays

Oscar Deiss, Nov. 2; Roy Anderson, Nov. 7; Pauline Page, Nov. 8; Walter Wiese, Nov. 8; Margaret Bielefeld, Nov. 18.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Tues., Nov. 1, 2:15 p.m. Church; 6:30 Bingo/Marge
Weds., Nov. 2: Bingo/Marge
Thurs., Nov. 3, 10 a.m. Bible study; 2 p.m. Birthday party; 6 p.m. Game night

Fri., Nov. 4, 9:45 a.m. Cappuccino time
Sat., Nov. 5, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist singers
Sun., Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m. Word games; 2:15 Social time

Mon., Nov. 7, 1:45 p.m. Entertainment/Doug Sparks
Tues., Nov. 8, 10 a.m. Catholic Mass; 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Alliance; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m. Kathy/piano; 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Verndale Fall Festival set

The Verndale area churches are hosting the third annual Community Fall Festival from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 31, in the original gym (as opposed to the new gym) at the Verndale School.

The free family event will have prizes for non-scary costumes, games, candy and goodies for parents.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Timothy and Miranda Schmidt of Staples, a baby boy, Maddox Charles-Robert, weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on October 16, 2016.

Born to Jennifer Cullifer and Dustin Richmond of Wadena, a baby boy, Hunter Kenneth, weighing eight pounds, four ounces on October 18, 2016.

Born to Daniel and Breena Clayton of Baxter, a baby boy, Foster Ellis, weighing six pounds, 14 ounces on October 19, 2016.

Born to Michael and Susanne Krause of Motley, a baby girl, Azaleah Jane, weighing eight pounds, five ounces on October 19, 2016.

Born to Loren and Hope Alexander of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Everett Ronald, weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on October 20, 2016.

Born to Nathan and Amanda Stone of Brainerd, a baby boy, Ezekiel Mykel, weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on October 20, 2016.

Born to Gabriel and Shannon Wheeler of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Arlo James, weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on October 20, 2016.

Born to Aaron and Jessica Perish of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Macy Ann, weighing six pounds, one ounce on October 20, 2016.

Born to Paul and Melissa Dooley of Nisswa, a baby girl, Ariel Faith, weighing five pounds, eight ounces on October 21, 2016.

Sacred Heart Church Fall Festival
Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016
310 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
Mass: 10:30 a.m. DINNER: 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Menu includes: pork loin, chicken, dressing, potatoes/gravy, corn, cole slaw, cranberries, squash, rolls, homemade pie.
EVERYONE WELCOME!
***BAZAAR at Sacred Heart Area School:**
•Bingo •Produce/plant sale •Baked goods •Bingo •Raffle (1:30 drawing)

•Adults: \$10
•Children 6-12: \$5
•Under 5: free
For take outs and in-town delivery, call: Dan, 218-639-8032

Robin, Happy 60!
We're going to Lambeau Dec. 4.
LOVE, Andy, Megan, Pam
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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Left to right: Melissa Lindow, Bonnie Johnson, Nicole Schoon

Melissa Lindow, Clinic Coordinator
Nominated by Mary Hoffmann, Recruitment & Strategy Coordinator and Dawn Plested, Business Operations Director.
"Melissa recently began her position as Clinic Coordinator. Her first task: learn every detail about the scheduling process for all providers and nurses and build a profile for a scheduling software. She has stepped up to the challenge with her desire to help and improve all processes. We are very impressed with her positive character and professional work ethic. Within the first week she had learned all of our provider's names, schedules, preferences and nurses. She has worked nights and weekends since she started to build an entirely new process and software to take scheduling of both providers and nurses to the next level. Correct scheduling is the cornerstone of every other operations function. Having the correct information in our system ensures correct payment of the physicians, accurate scheduling of the patients, and appropriate FTE management. Melissa's work on this process has been amazing!"

Bonnie Johnson, Director of Home Based Services
Nominated by Eric Adams, former Care Van employee.
"Bonnie's ability to assess problems and find positive solutions is equaled only by her can-do attitude. She makes people feel special and important no matter the circumstances. Everyone who knows her recognizes her as very special and counts themselves blessed to have her in their lives."

Nicole Schoon, LPN, Care Coordinator
Nominated by Gloria Drayna RN, Clinic Manager and Stephanie Jeziorski, Director of Care Coordination.
"Recently, we needed someone to help manage the call-ins of our nursing staff - Nicole volunteered. She continues to do these duties along with being a leader and active participant in learning our new Momentum Scheduling software and assisting the new Clinic Coordinator with the momentous task of making sure all the information needed within Momentum is accurate. Nicole has been doing all of this in addition to her actual role as float care coordinator. Nicole has been a rock star and truly exemplifies a great LHS employee who has gone above and beyond for her clinic team."

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Obituaries

Richard Ziegler

Richard Ziegler, 86, of Staples, passed away October 23, 2016 at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Father Joe Korf officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

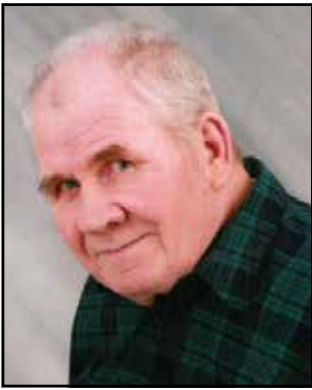
Interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples. Military Honors will be provided by the Motley American Legion Post #124.

Richard Matthew Ziegler was born October 21, 1930 in Fawn Lake Township to Edward and Gertrude (Weishalla) Ziegler. Richard joined the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Staples VFW. Richard married Ann Freiberg on June 30, 1955, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in St. Paul. They worked in the Twin Cities before moving their family to the Staples area in 1964. In 1970, they moved to their farm where they worked and raised their family. Richard also worked for Northern Manufacturing, retiring in 1992. He enjoyed flying and worked toward a pilot license for single engine planes. He enjoyed fishing, bowling and playing horseshoes. Richard enjoyed music, playing the banjo when he was younger and the harmonica. He cherished time with his family.

Richard is survived by four daughters, Marie (Ron) Weber of Duluth, Deborah Ziegler, Shelly Wilds both of Staples, Barb (Gregory) Dvorak of Pillager; four sons, Donald (Michele) Ziegler, James (Tina) Ziegler both of Staples, Steve (Keri) Ziegler of Ogilvie, Gregory (Kate) Ziegler of Fort Ripley; one daughter-in-law, Kristi Ziegler of Staples; one sister, Barbara DeWald of Staples; two brothers, Robert Ziegler and Lawrence Ziegler of Lino Lakes; 50 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one son, Jeff; two brothers, John Ziegler and Romaine Ziegler and two sisters, Pat Austad and Viola Dukowitz.

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Larry Pankratz

Larry Pankratz, 87, of Browerville died October 18, 2016 at St. Williams Care Center in Parkers Prairie.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 22, at Christ the King Catholic Church in Browerville with Fr. Matthew Crane officiating.

Interment was at Christ the King Catholic Cemetery, Browerville.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

Larry was born July 13, 1929, in Brainerd, to Frederick and Mabel (Crocker) Pankratz. He attended country school through the eighth grade. Larry worked in the Dakotas farming and then went to work at the Ford Plant, in St. Paul. He joined the U.S. Army in 1951, and was honorably discharged in 1953. On October 17, 1953, he married Patricia Taylor in Browerville. He continued working at the Ford Plant until 1955, until they moved back to Browerville where they farmed. In 1959 he began driving milk truck for North Star Dairy (Land O Lakes) for 32 years until his retirement in 1991. He was co-owner of Zigan-Pankratz Bus Company for the Browerville Public School for many years. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and bowling. His hobby was working on 8N Ford tractors. Larry was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Dolly (Bob) Sadlo, Deb (Steve) Olson both of Browerville and Julie (Dale) Massman of Osakis; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one granddaughter and one grandson.

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Hazel Vasecka

Hazel Vasecka, 95, of Little Falls passed away October 11, 2016 at Diamond Willow in Little Falls.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Oct. 17 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls.

Burial was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were by Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls.

Hazel was born to Donald and Alice Buckingham on October 17, 1920, in Crow Wing Township, Hubbard County. She attended country school through the eighth grade. After graduating from Park Rapids High School, she attended one year of normal teacher training. She accepted her first teaching position at the age of 17 in the rural school District #40, Wadena County and continued her 40 year teaching career at the Motley and Verndale Public schools, where she was awarded Teacher of the Year in 1979. She was an accomplished seamstress, quilt-maker, gardener and baker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples where she served in the Mission Group and chaired the funeral lunch committee for many years. She has been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Little Falls for the past 20 years. She was a member of MEA, NEA and the VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Hazel is survived by two daughters, Peggy (Charlie) Martin of Little Falls and Deb (Chuck) Schey of Lake Shore; two sisters, Dorothy Huggett of Portland, OR and Laura Burton of Embarrass; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Hazel was preceded in death by her husband, Bernard J.; one son, Bernard; one daughter, Patricia Madzo; two brothers, Donald and Robert and four sisters, Gladys, Esther, Norma and Bertha.

In lieu of flowers, family requests memorials to Unity Family Hospice, MN State Services for the Blind and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

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Publisher's Note: The sample ballot on these pages is a combined ballot. Federal, state and judicial offices and the constitutional question will be part of the actual ballot for all precincts. However, the samples for county, city, special district, township and school districts represent the general circulation of the Staples World and the northern part of Todd County. The actual ballot you will receive will contain only the county, city, special district, township and school district and the questions that pertain to the specific county commission district, city, township or school district in which you are registered to vote.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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Todd County	State of Minnesota	November 8, 2016
State General Election Ballot Instructions to Voters: To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this:		
Town Offices	School District Offices	Court of Appeals
Town Clerk Town of Villard Vote for One ☐ Connie Mosack ☐ write-in, if any	School Board Member Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Bryan Winkels ☐ Craig Dobson ☐ Chad Longbella ☐ Greg Frisk ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	Judge 8 Vote for One ☐ Denise D. Reilly Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
Town Clerk Town of Ward Vote for One ☐ Nikki Deyle ☐ write-in, if any	School Board Member Independent School District No. 2155 (Wadena-Deer Creek) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Dan Lawson ☐ Ryan Damlo ☐ Vince Hinojos ☐ Kent Schmidt ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	Judge 11 Vote for One ☐ Michelle A. Larkin Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
School District Offices	Special District Offices	Judicial Offices
School Board Member Independent School District No. 736 (Bertha-Hewitt) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Russell F. VanDenheuvel ☐ Matthew Blashack ☐ Sarah Baumgartner ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	United Hospital District Board Member At Large Vote for One ☐ Robert M. Mueller ☐ write-in, if any	Judge 13 Vote for One ☐ Randolph W. Peterson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
School Board Member Independent School District No. 877 (Browerville) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Jodi Hillmer ☐ Keith Noska ☐ Kelly Callahan ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	United Hospital District Board Member Town of Staples Vote for One ☐ Ronald Storbakken ☐ write-in, if any	Judge 14 Vote for One ☐ Larry Stauber Jr. Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
School Board Member Independent School District No. 818 (Verndale) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Shyla Pies ☐ Chris Youngbauer ☐ Marcus Edin ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	United Hospital District Board member Town of Villard Vote for One ☐ Barbara V. Peterson ☐ write-in, if any	Judge 16 Vote for One ☐ Peter M. Reyes, Jr. Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
School Board Member Independent School District No. 2759 (Eagle Valley) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Nate Pachan ☐ Brent Line ☐ Wayne Bookor ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	Judicial Offices Supreme Court Associate Justice 6 Vote for One ☐ Natalie Hudson Incumbent ☐ Michelle L. MacDonald ☐ write-in, if any	Judge 17 Vote for One ☐ Matthew E. Johnson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
	Court of Appeals Judge 5 Vote for One ☐ Louise Dovre Bjorkman Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any	Judge 18 Vote for One ☐ Heidi Schellhas Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
		Judge 19 Vote for One ☐ Francis Connolly Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
		Judge 20 Vote for One ☐ Daniel A. Benson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
		Judge 21 Vote for One ☐ Michael Fritz Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
		Judge 22 Vote for One ☐ Sally Ireland Robertson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
		Judge 23 Vote for One ☐

terested persons are urged to attend.

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**NOTICE
FAWN LAKE
TOWNSHIP REGULAR
NOVEMBER MEETING**

The regular November meeting will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 7 p.m., instead of November 14, 2016. Questions, please call the clerk at (218) 531-0287.

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**NOTICE
GENERAL ELECTION
MAY TOWNSHIP**

The General Election polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the May Town Hall, Tuesday, November 8.

Board of Canvass will meet on Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 p.m. at the May Town Hall.

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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

The Becker Township monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. along with the Board of Canvass meeting. There will be no meeting on November 8 due to elections.

Becker Township is a mail balloting township. Non registered voters can register and vote at the Walker courthouse or the Pillager City Hall on November 8. Contact the Auditor Treasure's office at 218-547-7260 with any questions.

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**NOTICE
GENERAL ELECTION
THOMASTOWN
TOWNSHIP**

The polls will be open on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Thomastown Town hall.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST WADENA COUNTY

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 206.83, Wadena County will test the AutoMARK and precinct based optical scan voting equipment that will be used for the vote tabulation in the State General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Wadena County uses ES&S AutoMARKs, ES&S Model 100 Precinct Based Optical Scan Ballot Tabulators and DS200 Precinct Based Optical Scan Ballot Tabulators.

Wadena County will test its election equipment at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2016, in the Courthouse Auditorium of the Wadena County Courthouse located at 415 Jefferson St. S, Wadena, MN. The purpose of this testing is to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count and tabulate the votes cast for all races, candidates and ballot questions. This test must be observed by at least two election judges, not of the same political party, and is open to the public, representatives of the political parties, candidates and the press. All in-

STATE OF MINNESOTA
WADENA COUNTY AUDITOR/TREASURER

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

SAMPLE BALLOT

To the voters of Wadena County
In the County of Wadena, State of Minnesota.

Notice is Hereby Given, That a General Election will be held in *all* the Election Precincts of Wadena County on Tuesday, the Eighth (8th) day of November, 2016, at which time the polls will be open from the hours of 7 o'clock AM (unless your municipality has published notice stating otherwise) to the hour of eight (8) o'clock PM for the purpose of electing candidates for the following offices:

Federal Offices
Ten Presidential Electors for the office of President and Vice-President of the United States
One Representative in the United States House of Representatives in Congressional District: 8

State Offices
One State Senator in State Senate District: 9 or 2
One State Representative in the Minnesota House of Representatives in Legislative District: 9A or 2B

Constitutional Amendments
Amendment 1
Remove "Lawmakers" Power to Set Their Own Pay

County Offices
One Commissioner in County Commissioner District 2 or 4

One Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor in the Soil & Water District 4
One Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor in the Soil & Water District 5

Judicial Offices
Supreme Court
Supreme Court Associate Justice 6

Appeals Court

Court of Appeals Judge 5
Court of Appeals Judge 11
Court of Appeals Judge 14
Court of Appeals Judge 17
Court of Appeals Judge 19

Court of Appeals Judge 8
Court of Appeals Judge 13
Court of Appeals Judge 16
Court of Appeals Judge 18

Seventh District Court
District Court Judge 3 in the 7th Judicial District
District Court Judge 22 in the 7th Judicial District
District Court Judge 28 in the 7th Judicial District

District Court Judge 18 in the 7th Judicial District
District Court Judge 25 in the 7th Judicial District

Dated October 20, 2016
Judy Taves County Auditor/Treasurer
Wadena County Minnesota

SAMPLE BALLOT

State General Election Ballot
Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ● .

Federal Offices	Constitutional Amendments	City Offices
President and Vice-President Vote for One Team	Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment. To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question. Remove Lawmakers' Power to Set Their Own Pay Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to remove state lawmakers' power to set their own salaries, and instead establish an independent, citizens-only council to prescribe salaries of lawmakers? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Mayor City of Staples Vote for One ☐ Chris Etzler ☐ write-in, if any
☐ Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence Republican		Mayor City of Verndale Vote for One ☐ Raye Ludovissie ☐ write-in, if any
☐ Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine Democratic-Farmer-Labor		☐ George Deiss ☐ write-in, if any
☐ Darrell Castle and Scott Bradley Constitution Party		Council Member City of Aldrich Vote for Up to Two ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
☐ Dan R. Vacek and Mark Elworth, Jr. Legal Marijuana Now		Council Member City of Menahga Vote for Up to Two ☐ Tim Ellingson ☐ Dennis Komulainen ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
☐ Alyson Kennedy and Osborne Hart Socialist Workers Party	County Offices	City Offices
☐ Jill Stein and Howie Hawkins Green Party	County Commissioner District 2 Vote for One ☐ Ralph Miller ☐ Jim Hofer ☐ write-in, if any	Council Member City of Nimrod Vote for Up to Two ☐ Kevin Milbradt ☐ Coleman Rydie ☐ Aaron Frame ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
☐ "Rocky" Roque De La Fuente and Michael Steinberg American Delta Party	☐ Chuck Horsager ☐ Murlyn Kreklau ☐ write-in, if any	
☐ Evan McMullin and Nathan Johnson Independence	Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 4 Vote for One ☐ Thomas (Tom) Schulz ☐ write-in, if any	
☐ Gary Johnson and William Weld Libertarian Party	Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor District 5 Vote for One ☐ Bruce Juntunen ☐ Randy Wenthold ☐ write-in, if any	
☐ write-in, if any		
U.S. Representative District 8 Vote for One		
☐ Stewart Mills Republican		
☐ Rick Nolan Democratic-Farmer-Labor		
☐ write-in, if any		
State Offices		
State Senator District 2 Vote for One		
☐ Paul Utke Republican	City Offices	Council Member City of Sebeka Vote for Up to Two ☐ Michael Lillquist ☐ Nathan Nims ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
☐ Rod Skoe Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Mayor City of Aldrich Vote for One ☐ write-in, if any	
☐ write-in, if any	Mayor City of Menahga Vote for One ☐ Jensine Kurtti ☐ Patrick Foss ☐ write-in, if any	Council Member City of Verndale Vote for Up to Two ☐ Gary VanDam ☐ Tara Erckenbrack ☐ Jeremy Umland ☐ Jim Ackerson ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
State Senator District 9 Vote for One		
☐ Paul Gazelka Republican		
☐ Jason Weirnerman Democratic-Farmer-Labor		
☐ write-in, if any		
State Offices		
State Representative District 2B Vote for One	Mayor City of Nimrod Vote for One ☐ Keith Frame ☐ write-in, if any	Council Member City of Wadena Vote for Up to Two ☐ Jessie Gibbs ☐ Wade Miller ☐ Troy Pierce ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any
☐ Steve Green Republican		
☐ Bryan Klubunde Democratic-Farmer-Labor	Mayor City of Sebeka Vote for One ☐ David A. Anderson ☐ James K Murphy ☐ write-in, if any	
☐ write-in, if any		
State Representative District 9A Vote for One		
☐ John M. Poston Republican		
☐ Meg Litts Democratic-Farmer-Labor		
☐ write-in, if any		

Dated: Oct. 24, 2016
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Roy DiGiovanni
School District Clerk

Vote front and back of ballot

State General Election Ballot
Instructions to Voters:
To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ● .

City Offices	School District Offices	Judicial Offices
Council Member City of Staples Vote for Up to Four ☐ Rachel Johnson ☐ Douglas M. Case ☐ Charles Tester ☐ Brian Fisher ☐ Mary M. Theurer ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	School Board Member Independent School District No. 821 (Menahga) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Brad Goehrig ☐ Jon Kangas ☐ Robert E. Smith ☐ Julia Kicker ☐ Curtis Hasbargen ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	Court of Appeals Judge 5 Vote for One ☐ Louise Dovre Bjorkman Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 8 Vote for One ☐ Denise D. Reilly Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 11 Vote for One ☐ Michelle A. Larkin Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 13 Vote for One ☐ Randolph W. Peterson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 14 Vote for One ☐ Larry Stauber Jr. Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 16 Vote for One ☐ Peter M. Reyes, Jr. Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 17 Vote for One ☐ Matthew E. Johnson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 18 Vote for One ☐ Heidi Schellhas Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 19 Vote for One ☐ Francis Connolly Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
City Offices	School Board Member Independent School District No. 2155 (Wadena-Deer Creek) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Dan Lawson ☐ Ryan Damlo ☐ Vince Hinojos ☐ Keith Schmitt ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	
Special Election For Council Member City of Menahga To fill vacancy in term expiring January 7, 2019 Vote for One ☐ Maxine (Norman) McNeece ☐ Kim Rasmussen ☐ write-in, if any		
City Clerk City of Aldrich Vote for One ☐ write-in, if any	School Board Member Independent School District No. 2170 (Staples-Motley) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Bryan Winkels ☐ Creig Dobson ☐ Chad Longbella ☐ Greg Frisk ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	
City Treasurer City of Nimrod Vote for One ☐ Jeannie Arthur ☐ write-in, if any		
School District Offices	Special District Offices	Judicial Offices
School Board Member Independent School District No. 818 (Verndale) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Shyla Hess ☐ Chris Youngbauer ☐ Marcus Edin ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	United Hospital District Board Member At Large Vote for One ☐ Robert M. Mueller ☐ write-in, if any	7th District Court Judge 3 Vote for One ☐ Daniel A. Benson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 18 Vote for One ☐ Michael Fritz Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 22 Vote for One ☐ Sally Ireland Robertson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 25 Vote for One ☐ John H. Scherer Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any Judge 28 Vote for One ☐ Douglas P. Anderson Incumbent ☐ write-in, if any
School Board Member Independent School District No. 820 (Sebeka) Vote for Up to Three ☐ Charles Funk ☐ Rodney Huttunen ☐ Eric S. Nelson ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any ☐ write-in, if any	Judicial Offices Supreme Court Associate Justice 6 Vote for One ☐ Natalie Hudson Incumbent ☐ Michelle L. MacDonald ☐ write-in, if any	

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170
STAPLES MOTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the general election has been called and will be held for Independent School District No. 2170, (Staples Motley School District), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, the Eighth (8th) day of November, 2016, for the purpose of electing three (3) school board members for four (4) year terms. The ballot shall provide as follows:

To vote, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this: ●

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2170
(STAPLES-MOTLEY)
VOTE FOR UP TO THREE

☐ Chad Longbella
☐ Bryan Winkels
☐ Greg Frisk
☐ Creig Dobson

"write-in, if any" _____
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Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the polling place designated for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will open at 7:00 a.m (unless your municipality has published notice stating otherwise) and will close at 8:00 o'clock p.m. on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. Any unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: Oct. 24, 2016
BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
/s/ Roy DiGiovanni
School District Clerk

43-44pnc

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 5, 2016

Public Comments

Steven Reynolds of Staples, MN appeared before the County Board to address concerns regarding the installation of a driveway on his property.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 5th day of July, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Routine Business

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Auditor Warrants number 227502 through 227673 in the amount of \$760,373.25.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 43744 through 43832 in the amount of \$84,901.89.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 68757 through 68918 in the amount of \$93,748.08 and 511315 through 511345 in the amount of \$73,732.94.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND

WHEREAS, The 2016 Budget for Todd County's participation in the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections system has been approved at \$290,869; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received asking for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the transfer of the funds in the amount of \$290,869 from the General Fund to Community Corrections Fund.

Public Works

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

FINAL PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION - 2016 PAVEMENT STRIPING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the contract with Traffic Marking Services, Inc. for the 2016 Pavement Striping Contract known as CP 77-16-03 located along various Todd County Highways, has in all things been completed, and;

WHEREAS, construction work on this contract was scheduled and completed in 2016 with the value of the total work certified being \$60,290.41, and;

WHEREAS, partial payments amounting to \$57,275.89 have been previously been made to the contractor as work progressed, and;

WHEREAS, it has been determined that \$3,014.52 still remains to be paid to Traffic Marking Services, Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does here accept said completed project for and in behalf of the County of Todd and authorize final payment as specified.

Ditch Inspector

On a motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT FOR DITCH MAINTENANCE

- COUNTY DITCH 25

WHEREAS, Henry Theisen is requesting to maintain 1 mile of CD25 located on his property in Germania Township, Sections 24 and 25. One/half mile of ditch is part of Ditch A Lateral 1 on parcels 09-0018500 & 09-0019000, and one/half mile of ditch is part of Main Ditch B on parcels 09-0019600 & 09-0019800. The maintenance will be done at his own expense, and;

WHEREAS, a Hold Harmless Agreement has been submitted to the Ditch Authority and a Wetland Application has been submitted to the TEP. An onsite inspection was done May 18, 2016, and;

WHEREAS, applicant is allowed to maintain the drainage ditch to the original width, depth and grade. An improvement by lowering or widening the ditch bottom is not allowed. Sediment and vegetation can only be removed to the extent of the original ditch bottom elevation. Spoil may be side cast and leveled, staying within 16 ½ feet of the ditch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Ditch Authority gives permission to Henry Theisen to maintain one/half mile of Ditch A Lateral 1 and one/half mile of Main Ditch B of CD25 located on his own property, at his own expense.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Ethan Korfe as a Seasonal Recreational Assistant at the current minimum wage, of \$9.50 per hour, with an effective date of July 10, 2016 pending the passing of a background check.

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On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Pictometry Contract and complete flyerover in 2017.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the use of Compliance Funds for Pictometry Flyover in 2017, in the amount of \$90,752.50, with the remaining amount covered by the participating cities.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Purchase of Service Agreement between Todd County Health & Human Services and Holistic Family Education Services for the period of July 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 at a rate of \$39 per hour.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Emera Wershing to fill an open position as a Public Health Nurse at Grade 12, Step 4 - \$28.55/hr.

Auditor-Treasurer Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Adjourn

Commissioner Becker recessed the meeting until July 19, 2016.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	\$3,497.00
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.....	8,095.50
CDW GOVERNMENT INC.....	6,211.40
CLIFTON LARSON ALLEN, LLP.....	3,300.00
COMPUTER PROFESSIONALS	4,551.60
LONG PRAIRIE SANITATION INC.....	3,150.64
MCIT.....	2,076.00
MORRISON COUNTY.....	22,467.25
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE AUTH.....	54,941.37
STEP.....	5,510.00
TODD CO AGRICULTURAL SOC.....	10,378.57
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST.....	2,740.78
Payments less than \$2,000	13,034.48

AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	43,096.23
BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION.....	3,919.26
BUSSMANN/RONALD & MARY LOU	19,815.13
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	3,399.09
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK.....	4,070.93
GENE-O'S COUNTRYSIDE REST LLC.....	7,869.85
GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIBRARY	85,418.50
KEYL.....	3,555.00
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO ...	4,243.01
MARVIN TRETTER, INC.	5,711.30
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	10,282.43
MN DEPT OF FINANCE...	7,022.50
US POSTAL SERVICE...	25,654.55
Payments less than \$2,000	19,477.33
ALLIANCE BUILDING CORPORATION.....	89,395.00
AMERICAN HERITAGE...	8,031.46
BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION.....	3,282.56
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,412.00
GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT GROUP	4,975.00
SPECTRUM PRINTING ...	2,381.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE ...	2,773.21
TEAM 261	3,250.00
VOYANT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC.....	3,476.78
WATERGUARDS, LLC	9,381.00
WOLF RIDGE ELC	4,986.00
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A	4,608.00
Payments less than \$2,000	11,925.56
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK.....	34,198.45
BROWERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL	2,694.43
FAHRNER ASPHALT SEALERS, LLC	52,454.15
HARDRIVES INC.....	130,518.85
Payments less than \$2,000	6,140.10
Total	\$760,373.25

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	Vendor Name	\$ Amount
CENTRACARE HEALTH	LONG PRAIRIE	\$2,054.03
FARMERS STATE BANK		38,578.75
GOVERNMENT FORMS AND SUPPLIES		2,219.58
INDEPENDENT EMERGENCY SERVICES		10,009.57
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO. ...		2,896.05
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV		2,846.16
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP ...		4,081.71
PHOENIX SUPPLY		2,568.25
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET		3,137.39
Payments less than \$2,000		16,510.40
Total		\$84,901.89

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	Vendor Name	\$ Amount
V #10881 COST EFFECTIVE	HEALTH INS.....	\$2,251.99
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROG.....		6,398.40

DHS - SWIFT	12,668.74
RURAL MN CEP INC	14,764.07
V#14261 COST EFFECTIVE	
HEALTH INS	2,432.25
TODD COUNTY MIS	
DEPT	18,553.60
156 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	36,679.03
Total	\$93,748.08

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BIG LAKE SCHOOLS COMMUNITY ED	2,064.00
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC.....	14,644.25
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	3,029.52
MID MINNESOTA DRUG TESTING INC	3,085.00
NORTH HOMES INC	15,287.86
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR ...	10,143.70
PRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES INC.....	2,601.37
PSJ ACQUISITION LLC	10,374.74
Payments less than \$2,000	12,502.50
Total	\$73,732.94

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 5, 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 4, 2016..

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer 43pnc

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JULY 19, 2016

Public Comments

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 19th day of July, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Erickson

CASS COUNTY NOTICE OF STATE GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a State General Election will be held on November 8, 2016. The State General Election Ballot will include the offices of U.S. President and Vice President; U.S. Representative District 8; State Senator Districts 5 and 9; State Representative Districts 5A, 5B and 9A; one MN state constitutional amendment; County Commissioner Districts 2, 3 and 5; Soil and Water District Supervisor Districts 2, 3, and 4; Associate Justices Seat 6; Minnesota Court of Appeals Judges Seats 5, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, and 19; Ninth Judicial District Judges Seats 2, 8, 16, 17, 20, and 23. The ballot will also include local elections for the following contests within respective jurisdictions:

CITY OFFICES	MAYOR	COUNCIL MEMBERS	COUNCIL MEMBER(S) Special Terms (2 Yr)	CLERK	SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES	SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
CITY					INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Backus	1	2	0		No. 113 Walker-Hackensack-Akeley	4
Bena	1	2	0		No. 115 Cass Lake-Bena	4
Boy River	1	2	0	1	No. 116 Pillager	3
Cass Lake	1	2	1		No. 118 Northland Community	4
Chickamaw Beach	1	2	1		No. 181 Brainerd	3
East Gull Lake	1	2	0		No. 186 Pequot Lakes	4
Federal Dam	1	3	0		No. 317 Deer River	3
Hackensack	1	2	0		No. 820 Sebeka	3
Lake Shore	1	2	0		No. 2170 Staples-Motley	3
Longville	1	2	0		No. 2174 Pine River Backus	3
Motley	1	2	0			
Pillager	1	2	0			
Pine River	1	2	0			
Remer	1	2	1			
Walker	1	2	0			

TOWN OFFICES	SUPERVISOR SEAT(S)	CLERK OR TREASURER	SPECIAL TERM (2 Yr) OFFICES or QUESTIONS	SUPERVISOR SEAT(S)	CLERK OR TREASURER	SPECIAL TERM (2 Yr) OFFICES or QUESTIONS
Ansel	Seat 3	Clerk		Moose Lake	Seats 2 and 3	Treasurer
Barclay	Seats 2 and 3	Treasurer		Otter Tail Peninsula	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer
Becker	Seat 2	Clerk		Pike Bay	Seats 1, 4, and 5	Treasurer
Beulah	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer		Pine Lake	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer
Birch Lake	Seat 1	Treasurer		Pine River	Seats 2 and 3	Treasurer
Blind Lake	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer		Ponto Lake	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer
Boy Lake	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer		Poplar	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer
Boy River	Seat 3	Clerk	Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer	Powers	Seats 1 and 3	
Bull Moose	Seats 2 and 3	Clerk		Remer	Seat 3	Clerk
Bungo	Seat 1	Clerk		Rogers	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer
Byron	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer	Clerk	Salem	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer
Crooked Lake	Seats 2 and 4	Clerk	Appointment of Town Clerk	Shingobee	Seats 1 and 3	
Deerfield	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer		Slater	Seat 3	Clerk
Fairview	Seat 2			Smoky Hollow	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer
Gould	Seats 1 and 3	Clerk	Appointment of Clerk & Treasurer	Sylvan	Seats 1, 2, and 4	
Hiram	Seats 1 and 2	Clerk		Thunder Lake	Seat 1	
Homebrook	Seat 1	Clerk		Torrey	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer
Inguadona	Seats 1 and 2			Trelpe	Seats 1 and 3	
Leech Lake	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer		Turtle Lake	Seats 2 and 3	Treasurer
Lima	Seats 1 and 3		Supervisor Seat 2	Wabedo	Seat 3	Treasurer
Loon Lake	Seat 1	Clerk		Walden	Seats 1 and 3	Treasurer
McKinley	Seat 2	Clerk	Supervisor Seat 3	Wilkinson	Seat 1	Clerk
Maple	Seats 1 and 2	Clerk		Wilson	Seats 1, 4, and 5	Clerk
May	Seat 1	Clerk		Woodrow	Seat 3	Clerk
Meadow Brook	Seats 1 and 2	Treasurer				

Polling place locations and hours of voting are as follows:

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS	PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	HOURS
Townships			Shingobee Precinct 2	Turtle Lake Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Bungo	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Sylvan	Sylvan Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Crooked Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Trelpe	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Fairview	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Turtle Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Hiram	Hackensack Community Ctr	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Wabedo	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Kago	Longville Fire Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Wilkinson	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Leech Lake	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Woodrow	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Maple	Town Hall	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Cities		
May	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Cass Lake	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
McKinley	Town Hall	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.	East Gull Lake	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Pike Bay	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Hackensack	Hackensack Community Ctr	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Pine River	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Lake Shore	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Ponto Lake	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Pillager	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Powers	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Pine River	City Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Shingobee Precinct 1	Town Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Walker	Walker Fire Hall	7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

MAIL BALLOT PRECINCTS			
Ansel Township	Bull Moose Township	Loon Lake Township	Salem Township
Backus	Byron Township	Meadow Brook Township	Slater Township
Barclay Township	Chickamaw Beach	Moose Lake Township	Smoky Hollow Township
Becker Township	Deerfield Township	Motley-part in Cass County only	Sucker Lakes Unorg.
Bena	Federal Dam	Ottertail Peninsula Township	Torrey Township
Beulah Township	Gould Township	Pine Lake Township	Thunder Lake Township
Birch Lake Township	Hardwood South Unorg.	Poplar Township	Wahnena Unorg.
Blind Lake Township	Homebrook Township	Remer	Walden Township
Boy Lake Township	Inguadona Township	Remer Township	Willow River Unorg.
Boy River	Lima Township	Rogers Point Unorg.	Wilson Township
Boy River Township	Longville	Rogers Township	Winnie Portage Unorg.

At which places all qualified electors residing in their respective townships or cities may cast their ballots. All pre-registered voters in mail ballot precincts will receive ballots by mail. The polling place on election day for mail ballot precincts for voters not pre-registered is the office of the Cass County Auditor-Treasurer, Courthouse, Walker, Minnesota, and other designated locations. Election day hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Non-registered voters in mail ballot precincts may also apply for an absentee ballot in advance. For sample ballots and more information, visit www.co.cass.mn.us, or call 218-547-7260.

Dated October 20, 2016

/s/ Sharon K. Anderson, Cass County Auditor-Treasurer

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programs and allows counties to cooperate in said programs through a Joint Powers Agreement pursuant to Minnesota Statute 471.59, and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners of Todd and Wadena Counties, in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 401, established a joint community corrections agency in 1976 to form Todd-Wadena Community Corrections (hereinafter referred to as TWCC), and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners of Todd and Wadena Counties find that it continues to be necessary, desirable and in the best interests of the citizens of said counties that there be maintained and operated a community-based corrections program in the two counties, jointly, and consistent with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes Chapter 401.

WHEREAS, Todd and Wadena Counties wish to reaffirm their continued commitment to providing community corrections in their respective counties through TWCC.

NOW THEREFORE, the Counties of Todd and Wadena, being governmental subdivisions of the State of Minnesota, agree to exercise their joint and mutual powers as follows:

Article 2: Purpose

General Purpose: The counties shall cooperate for the purpose of administering, budgeting, staffing and operating community correctional services in Todd and Wadena Counties.

Article 3: Name

Name: The Counties did establish Todd-Wadena Community Corrections (TWCC) in 1976 and hereby reaffirm and maintain TWCC as the entity/agency through which community corrections services will be provided, including the administration of aid/grant funding, in the counties.

Article 4: Governance

1. Joint Powers Board: The Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee shall serve as the Joint Powers Board of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections. Membership of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the member Counties.

2. Executive Committee: An Executive Committee shall have the responsibility for overseeing and conducting the operations of Todd-Wadena Community Corrections. Membership shall consist of two County Commissioners from each County as appointed annually by the Board of Commissioners in each respective County; one District Court Judge, chambered in one of the member Counties, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Seventh Judicial District; and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Board appointed annually by the Advisory Board. The Executive Committee may select its own officers. The Chair shall rotate between the two Counties on an annual basis. The Executive Committee shall have the direct authority to:

- Determine the establishment, continuation, modification and termination of correctional services and programs.
- Develop and recommend budget to each member County.
- Ensure compliance with the annual Comprehensive Plan and budget.
- Enter into grants and contracts.
- Develop and implement policies and procedures.
- Select and direct personnel.
- Obtain liability, property and auto insurance and may obtain such other insurance it deems necessary to indemnify the Joint Powers Board and TWCC's members for actions of the Joint Powers Board and members arising out of this agreement.

3. Advisory Board: The member counties shall appoint an Advisory Board whose membership, per Minnesota Statutes Chapter 401, shall be representative of law enforcement, prosecution, the judiciary, education, corrections, ethnic minorities, social services, and a lay citizen. The primary purpose of the Advisory Board is to actively

participate in the formulation of the Comprehensive Plan for the development, implementation and operation of correctional programming and services offered by TWCC. In addition, the Advisory Board serves to advise TWCC of community correctional needs within the two Counties and suggest new programs to enhance correctional services.

4. By-laws: The Executive Committee may adopt by-laws to govern its operation and the operation of the Advisory Board. Such by-laws shall be consistent with the Agreement and applicable statutes.

5. Per Diems: Executive Committee members and Advisory Board members may receive per diems and travel expenses as determined by the Executive Committee and consistent with the laws of the State of Minnesota.

6. Open Meeting Laws: The Executive Committee and Advisory Board shall comply with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13D (Open Meeting Law.)

7. Fiscal Host: The member counties shall designate the fiscal host of TWCC. The fiscal host will provide a strict accountability of all funds and report of all receipts and disbursements shall be provided for in accordance with MS 471.59.

Article 5: Withdrawal and Termination

5.1 Withdrawal: Either participating County may withdraw from this agreement by serving a copy of a Resolution of Withdrawal of its Board of Commissioners upon the other participating County not less than six (6) months prior to the commencement of the following calendar year, and shall be effective as of the first day of the calendar year following the year in which the Resolution of Withdrawal was served.

5.2 Financial Obligations: In the event of the termination of this Agreement, all of the assets of TWCC shall be sold and the proceeds shall be applied towards any outstanding debts and obligations of TWCC at the time of the sale. Any deficiencies owing shall be contributed by the member Counties based upon the percentage of the total County contribution amount which each member County is responsible for at the time of termination of this Agreement.

5.3 Property: In the event of the termination of this Agreement, any surplus property/assets shall be shared by the member Counties based upon the percentage of the total county contribution amount which each member County is responsible for at the time of the termination of this agreement.

5.4 Records: Upon termination of this Agreement the Fiscal Host at the time of the termination of this Agreement shall have the responsibility for keeping and maintaining such files and records of TWCC for so long as the maintenance of such records is required by law.

Article 6: Indemnification and Hold Harmless

1. Applicability: Todd-Wadena Community Corrections shall be considered a separate and distinct public entity to which the member Counties have transferred all responsibility and control for actions taken pursuant to this agreement. Todd-Wadena Community Corrections shall comply with all laws and rules that govern a public entity in the State of Minnesota and shall be entitled to the protection of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 466.04.

2. Indemnification and Hold Harmless: Todd-Wadena Community Corrections shall fully defend, indemnify and hold harmless the member Counties against all claims, losses, liability, suits, judgments, costs and expenses by reason of the action or inaction of the Executive Committee and/or employees and/or the agents of TWCC. This agreement to indemnify and hold harmless does not constitute a waiver by any participant of limitations on liability provided under Minnesota Statute 466.04.

To the full extent per-

mitted by law, actions by the Parties pursuant to this Agreement are intended to be and shall be construed as a "cooperative activity" and it is the intent of the Parties that they shall be deemed a "single governmental unit" for the purpose of liability, as set forth in Minnesota Statute 471.59, subdivision 1a(a); provided further that for purposes of that statute, each Party to this Agreement expressly declines responsibility for the acts or omissions of the other Party.

The Parties of this Agreement are not liable for the acts of omissions of the other participants to this Agreement except to the extent to which they have agreed in writing to be responsible for acts or omissions of the other Parties.

Article 7: Ratification

Ratification: Except as herein expressly amended, modified, or revised, all other prior Joint Powers Agreements are hereby ratified and affirmed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto caused this agreement to be executed by the respective duly authorized officers.

Public Works

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

AWARD OF BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR SAP 077-599-060 (BURNHAMVILLE TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROJECT)

WHEREAS, sealed bids were received on July 12, 2016 by the Todd County Public Works Director and the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer for SAP 077-599-060, said bridge replacement project on 331st Avenue in Burnhamville Township, and;

WHEREAS, the following sealed bids were received:

Structural Specialties, Inc., Hutchinson, Minnesota: \$348,136.00
Korby Contracting Co., Inc., Fergus Falls, Minnesota: \$364,549.09

M-K Bridge Construction, Inc., Walnut Grove, Minnesota: \$457,832.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and award the contract for the above said construction project to Structural Specialties, Inc. of Hutchinson, Minnesota based on their low bid of \$348,136.00.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Ryan Hanson as a Part-time Deputy.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve to post in-house and advertise for part-time deputies.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Nonconforming Use Change Request by Sandra Andersen, Parcel #24-0051900, Mattson's Subdivision (34-131-32 Lot 11 Pine Island Lake in Turtle Creek Township. Granted request to change the existing nonconforming use (dwelling) to another nonconforming use (Accessory storage structure) with the following conditions: 1) Structure shall only be used to store water oriented items such as floats, tubes, paddles, fishing, equipment, life jackets, etc., and similar items mentioned on the application. 2) All habitable space features should be removed including air conditioners, refrigerators, beds, bar counters, or other items that suggest that the structure is being used for more than storage. 3) That no hazardous chemicals be allowed to be stored within the structure including five gallons of gasoline, bulk oil, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, paints, cleaners, batteries or other chemicals/hazardous materials that may pose a danger to the environment or

affect water quality. 4) That no additional light sources, decorative or otherwise, be added to the exterior of the structure there by preventing a public nuisance due to the close proximity to the lake.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Zone Change Request by Curt and Dawn Richter, Parcel #21-0006901. South of 210th Street, the NE4 of NW4 and part of NW4 of NE4 of Sect-6 in Round Prairie Township. Granted Zoning Amendment request to rezone said parcel from AF-1 to Shoreland zoning with no conditions.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit for Curt and Dawn Richter, Site Address: 23419 210th Street, Long Prairie, MN. Parcel #21-0006901. South of 210th Street, the NE4 of NW4 and part of NW4 of NE4 of Sect-6 in Round Prairie Township. Granted CUP to establish a winery to include on/off sales of wine and food, sale of retail items, and to host special events and weddings with the following conditions: That the Agricultural Compatibility Statement be included as a condition:

"This site is located in an agricultural district, and consequently there will be from time to time, sights, sounds and smells associated with the operation of farming. No lot owner shall bring action of Law, against any farming operation because of such farming activities, as long as such farming activity complies with state, federal, EPA or Todd County Ordinances."

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Conditional Use Permit for Ammon Gingerich, Site Address: 18562 County 11, Long Prairie, MN. Parcel #17-0014600. NW Corner of SW4 NW4; S 580 FT; E 751.03 FT; N TO N LINE; W TO PT OF BEG Little Sauk Township. Granted CUP to establish a schoolhouse (24' x 40') and support buildings including a lean-to (24' x 20') and horse shed (14' x 24') with no conditions.

Health & Human Services

An update of the Hilltop Regional Kitchen project in Eagle Bend was presented by Jackie Och, Katherine Macedanz and Rick Hest.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Lia Seidl to fill an open position as a Child Protection Social Worker at Grade 10, Step 1 - \$23.26/hr.

Agenda item 9.3 Appoint Registered Nurse (1) was pulled by recommendation of Jackie Och, HHS.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Teri Kuehne to fill an open position as a Registered Nurse at Grade 10, Step 1 - \$23.26/hr.

Human Resources

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize Human Resources to begin advertising for an Administrative Assistant position.

Auditor-Treasurer Report

Summer school students will be visiting the Courthouse offices July 21, 2016. The Finance Committee is set to meet on July 26. MCIT will be providing a work session on July 26 for County Board members and SWCD Board members.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the meeting was adjourned for the month of July, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS
Vendor Name \$ Amount

APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	\$2,509.40
BROWERVILLE TRUCK WASH/BIG BOYZ	6,280.42
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	3,440.32
DELL MARKETING L.P.....	2,984.71
ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC	4,935.00
HANCOCK CONCRETE PRODUCTS CO	15,198.44
HILLYARD	2,653.12
IMPACT TECHNOLOGY ..	2,549.00
PHELAN CPA/FRANCIS..	2,725.00
RELIANCE TELEPHONE INC	2,500.00
SATELLITE TRACKING OF PEOPLE (STOP)	2,000.00
SPANIER WELDING	25,200.00
WADENA ASPHALT CO ..	3,320.00
WIDESTRITCH INC	9,255.78
NOLTING INC	9,255.78
Payments less than \$2,000	32,042.02
Total	\$116,593.21

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#14471	\$2,007.30
#4453	2,550.00
GREATER MN FAMILY SRVS INC	5,619.00
#1911	2,593.65
LONG PRAIRIE GREY EAGLE SCHOOLS	2,295.56
#10746	3,161.25
NEXUS INC-MILLE LACS ACADEMY-SHIP	4,794.60
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	\$ 24,135.00
#14051	3,358.80
PARISH/JON	2,796.72
PINEHAVEN YOUTH AND FAMILY SRVS INC	7,404.60
STEP	7,600.72
#14203	4,208.30
Payments less than \$2,000	58,034.01
Total	\$130,559.51

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held July 19, 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on October 4, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
43pnc

Public Notices

NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ASSESSMENT OF DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staples City Council will meet at 8:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at the Staples City Hall to consider, and possibly adopt, the proposed assessment against the following described property that has delinquent utility bills:

- Lots 11 & 12, Block 6, Bigelow Addition to Staples. Parcel No. 38-0111610

The proposed assessment is on file for public inspection at the City Clerk's office. The total amount of the proposed assessment is \$373.28. Written or oral objections will be considered at the hearing.

Owners have the right to prepay the entire assessment to the City Clerk without an interest charge within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment. However, if the assessment is not prepaid, the assessment principal will be assessed in one installment plus interest at a rate of 6% per annum, with payment due in 2017 with real estate taxes.

Owners may appeal an assessment to District Court pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 429.081 by serving notice of the appeal upon the Mayor or City Clerk of the City within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with

the District Court within 10 days after service upon the Mayor or Clerk; however, no appeal may be taken as to the amount of any individual assessment, unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the City Clerk prior to or at the assessment hearing.

Dated: October 12, 2016

Phil Lindaman,
City Clerk

42-43pnc

NOTICE OF UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT REGULAR ELECTION

Notice is hereby given, that the regular election of the Hospital District will be held November 8, 2016 at which time the polls will be open in the following voting precincts at the following polling places at the following times:

Staples Township: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Villard Township: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
City of Motley: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Moran Township: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Thomastown Township: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
City of Staples: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. (Staples Community Center)
Meadowbrook Township: by mail
Becker Township: by mail
Moose Lake Township: by mail
Poplar Township: by mail
Motley Township: by mail
Byron Township: by mail

That at said Regular Hospital District election the following matters will be voted upon: The election of one member to the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2020 representing and from each of the following cities and townships:
Staples Township
Villard Township
City of Motley
Poplar Township
Moose Lake Township
Meadowbrook Township

and, the election of one member at large on the Hospital District Board for a term expiring December 31, 2020 representing and from any of the government units of the Hospital District and the entire Hospital District which will vote for a member at large are:

Staples Township
Villard Township
City of Staples
Moran Township
Becker Township
City of Motley
Meadowbrook Township
Byron Township
Moose Lake Township
Poplar Township
Motley Township
Thomastown Township

By order of the District Board of Directors, United Hospital District, Staples, Minnesota

Hospital District Clerk
43-44pnc

NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the South shores of Lake Shamineau. Starting November 15 and early months of 2017. For inquiries call 651-698-8246
42-44pnc



Notice of Public Hearing
Portable Audio/Video
Recorder Policy

Sheriff Tom Burch has requested an opportunity for the public to comment regarding proposed policy changes to the use of portable audio/video recording devices while in the performance of Sheriff's Office duties.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed changes will be held during the Cass County Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 that begins at 9:00 a.m. in the public meeting room of the Land Department Building, Backus, Minnesota.

A copy of the policy is available for public review during normal business hours at the Cass County Sheriff's Office, located at 303 MN Avenue West, Walker, MN, or Phone (218) 547- 7308 and on the Cass County website at www.co.cass.mn.us. All interested persons may appear and be heard at the public hearing either orally or in writing by filing comments with the County Administrator before the hearing.

Dated: October 18, 2016
43pnc

/s/ Robert H. Yochum
County Administrator

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT
CASE TYPE:
OTHER CIVIL
(Quiet Title)
COURT FILE NO.
77-CV-16-970**

SUMMONS

Mitchell McGlade,
Plaintiff,
v.

Sharon Ann Florhaug;
The Estate of Frank J.
Krieglmeier, deceased;
The Estate of Rita M.
Krieglmeier, deceased; and
all heirs and devisees of
any of the above-named
persons who are deceased;
and all other persons
who are deceased; and all
other persons or entities
claiming any right, title,
estate, lien or interest in
the real estate described
in the Summons and
Complaint herein,
Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS
DIRECTED TO THE
ABOVE NAMED
DEFENDANTS.

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

2. **YOU MUST RE-
PLY WITHIN 20 DAYS
TO PROTECT YOUR
RIGHTS.** You must give
or mail to the person who
signed this summons a
written response called an
Answer within 20 days of
the date on which you re-
ceived this Summons. You
must send a copy of your
Answer to the person who
signed this Summons lo-
cated at:

Heley, Duncan &
Melander, PLLP
8500 Normandale Lake
Blvd., Suite 2110
Bloomington, MN 55437

3. **YOU MUST RE-
SPOND TO EACH**

CLAIM. The Answer is
your written response to
the Plaintiff's Complaint.
In your Answer you must
state whether you agree or
disagree with each para-
graph of the Complaint.
If you believe the Plaintiff
should not be given every-
thing asked for in the Com-
plaint, you must say so in
your Answer.

4. **YOU WILL LOSE
YOUR CASE IF YOU DO
NOT SEND A WRITTEN
RESPONSE TO THE
COMPLAINT TO THE
PERSON WHO SIGNED
THIS SUMMONS.** If you
do not Answer within 20
days, you will lose this
case. You will not get to
tell your side of the story,
and the Court may decide
against you and award the
Plaintiff everything asked
for in the Complaint. If you
do not want to contest the
claims stated in the Com-
plaint, you do not need to
respond. A default judg-
ment can then be entered
against you for the relief
requested in the Com-
plaint.

5. **LEGAL ASSIS-
TANCE.** You may wish to
get legal help from a lawyer.
If you do not have a law-
yer, the Court Administra-
tor may have information
about places where you can
get legal assistance. **Even
if you cannot get legal
help, you must still pro-
vide a written Answer to
protect your rights or
you may lose the case.**

6. **ALTERNATIVE DIS-
PUTE RESOLUTION.** The
parties may agree to or be
ordered to participate in an
alternative dispute resolu-
tion process under Rule
114 of the Minnesota Gen-
eral Rules of Practice. You
must still send your writ-
ten response to the Com-
plaint even if you expect
to use alternative means of
resolving this dispute.

7. **To be included only
if this lawsuit affects ti-
tle to real property:**
THIS LAWSUIT MAY
AFFECT OR BRING INTO
QUESTION TITLE TO
REAL PROPERTY located
in Todd County, Minne-
sota, legally described as
follows:
That part of Govern-
ment Lot 2, Section 25,
Township 129, Range 35,
Todd County, Minnesota
included in the following
described parcel:
Starting at the South-
east corner of Lot 26 of

Little Deer Beach Addition
to Leslie Township as the
point of beginning, thence
going East on a straight
line with South line of said
Lot 26 to the center of the
Township Road, thence
Northerly along the center
line of said road to a point
in a straight line with the
Northerly line of Lot 27 of
Little Deer Beach Addition
to Leslie Township, thence
westerly along said line to
the Northeast corner of
said Lot 27, thence South-
erly along the East line of
said Lot 27 and Lot 26 to the
point of beginning.
(the "Property")
The object of this action
is to:

1. Obtain an Order and
declaratory judgment de-
termining, adjudging, and
decreeing that Plaintiff
Mitchell McGlade is the
owner in fee of the Prop-
erty.

2. Obtain an Order and
declaratory judgment de-
termining, adjudging, and
decreeing that the Defen-
dants, or anyone claiming
through them, have no
right, title, interest, estate,
or lien upon the Property.

3. For other relief that
the Court deems just and
equitable.

HELEY, DUNCAN &
MELANDER, PLLP

Dated: August 30, 2016

By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Scott
Jeffrey A. Scott (#0339416)
8500 Normandale Lake
Boulevard, Suite 2110
Minneapolis,
Minnesota 55437
952-841-0001
Attorneys for Plaintiff

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The undersigned hereby
acknowledges that pursu-
ant to Minn. Stat. § 549.211,
subd. 2, costs, disburse-
ments, and reasonable at-
torney and witness fees
may be awarded to the op-
posing party or parties in
this litigation if the court
should find that the under-
signed acted in bad faith,
asserting a claim or de-
fense that is frivolous and
that is costly to the other
party, asserted an unfound-
ed position solely to delay
the ordinary course of the
proceedings or to harass,
or committed a fraud upon
the court.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Scott
Jeffrey A. Scott
41-43pnc

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and Toyota have in common?**

**A: They are at the top of the list
of stolen cars in Minnesota.**

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**Human Resources
270 20th Street NW
Benson, MN 56215**

or email:
mconnolly@cvec.com.

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Staples Area Church Directory

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
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 5th St. 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 Bob Ford
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
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
www.bethanylutherancushing.com.
Rev. Jean M. Megorden
Lay Pastor Bob Mueller
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Senior Pastor: Pastor Dan Crocker
Visitation Pastor: Pastor Jim Brown
Youth & Ministry Coordinator: Stacey Minion
1354 Cafe Coffee Fellowship.....9:13 a.m.
Worship Gathering.....10:00 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
Pastor Bob Ford
www.motleyumc.org
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.

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

Pillager
First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
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 Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Children's Church.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.

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

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

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Sunday School - Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer & Praise.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m.....Bible Study groups, all ages

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

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

Crossword Puzzle
Provided by American Profile

Week 43

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“Gridiron Groups”

Across

1 Hideous sort

5 Blotto

10 Like some coffee

14 Custard dessert

15 Rocky ridge

16 Weigh down

17 Some toys

19 Joined together

20 “Old MacDon-ald” letters

21 Lodge

23 Justice Fortas

24 Staff sgt., e.g.

25 Construction site

29 Boxer’s bane

31 Trail the pack

32 Selling point

33 Hair piece

34 Prom wear, briefly

35 Yiddish “yuk”

36 Castle door destroyers

41 Bewitch

42 Cyclades island

43 Rioter’s take

45 Strengthen

48 Hurricane dir.

49 Extreme

50 Courtroom pros

53 ____Wan Kenobi

54 NHL Bobby

55 RR stop

56 Paris subway

58 Songbird

60 Breakfast side dish

64 Speck

65 Arise

66 “A ____ plan...”

67 Approximately

68 Not so common

69 Saw

Down

1 Commonly

2 Choral group

3 Time before TV

4 Author Michael

5 No-no

6 Anger

7 ____ green

8 Series

9 Like some questions

10 Category

11 Lock sites

12 Fit to eat

13 Can’t stand

18 Barks

22 Mav or Cav

24 Packers’ org.

26 Disparage

27 Takeoff prelim

28 “____ return”

30 Tennis great

Gibson

34 Cowboy name

35 Three pt. scores

37 Leaks

38 Christmas song

39 Car road

40 School of Paris

44 ____ chi

45 ESPN effect

46 Brat

47 Marsh birds

48 Singing syllables

49 Conniver

51 Old anesthetic

52 Hot coal

57 Heavy reading?

59 Prefix with con

61 Abbr. on old maps

62 Clamor

63 Unfortunate

Last Week's Answers
“Child’s Play”

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Jesus, with us
By Pastor Steve Sveom, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

The gospel of Matthew has bookends that send a powerful message of promise to us. After a genealogy reminding us that God has been at work fulfilling a promise to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants for the purpose of blessing all the world, the gospel tells of the announcement to Joseph of Jesus’ upcoming birth. A quote from Isaiah is used to indicate that the child to be born would be called Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.” At the end of the gospel, as Jesus departed, he said to the disciples, “And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The proclamation, at the beginning of Matthew and the end of Matthew, is that God is with us always. The gospel shows ways that God is present in the life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus. What can that mean for us, now?

It can mean that we hold fast to this promise when we live each day: when we face challenges, when we experience blessings, when we fail, when we succeed and when the world around us seems out of balance.

“God is with us,” and Jesus is “with us always, to the end of the age.” Let us remember... and let us live in the joy and confidence of this promise.

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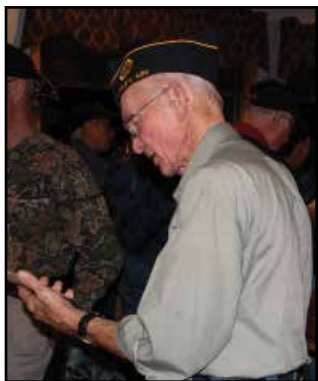
Post #124 Commander

Tom Ladwig of Motley serves as commander for the Motley American Legion Tri-County Post #124, a position he has held since April of 2015. He is a navy veteran. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Monthly meeting

The Motley American Legion Tri-County Post #124 held their monthly meeting at Countryside Restaurant in Motley Oct. 20. Prior to conducting the business portion of their meeting, the members enjoyed a meal and conversation. Pictured above, from left, are Ron Unger, Sgt. at Arms; Ron Starke, John Marsh, Joyce Wille, Maury Peterson, Neil Dvorak, Dave Bartle, Mike Vasecka. Pictured in center, Alvin Jeske recites the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion, which is recited at the start of every meeting. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Motley early-childcare provider honored

Angela Dobson of Motley was honored recently by Parent Aware for School Readiness (PASR) for using kindergarten-readiness best practices in her business.

Dobson has been doing licensed home childcare for 12 years. She is in the process of completing her four stars to obtain a Parent Aware Rating.

According to a press release, Dobson's business was one of five in northern-Minnesota to be honored by PASR. "These folks really deserve a lot of credit for doing the right thing for Minnesota's youngest children," said Erica Maas, Executive Director of PASR, a non-profit that supports the ratings. "It's one thing to make claims about quality, but these providers are proving that they are actually using best practices."

The Parent Aware Ratings are a Consumer Reports-like service that helps parents find child care and preschools in their area that are using kindergarten-readiness best practices.

The best practices measured by the ratings include use of proven, evidence-based curriculum, teacher training, teaching materials and teaching methods.

"I've worked in this field for a long time and I have a hard time spotting these best practices just by a quick visit," said Maas. "The Parent Aware Ratings help parents know who is using best practices, something that is nearly impossible for most parents like me to spot on our own."

PASR notes that up to 90 percent of brain development occurs before age five, making the first five years of life a critically important time to have children in stimulating learning environments.

Dobson and the other honorees have been given a number of tools to promote their rating, such as yard signs, banners, window stickers and a customized web video. An ad campaign also promotes providers with ratings. In addition, providers may also be able to serve children receiving millions of dollars worth of state-government-funded Early Learning Scholarship, which can only be used with Parent Aware-rated programs.

Preschool programs with a Four-Star Rating:

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- Are committed to school readiness by using best practices in child assessment; and always working toward making instruction more individualized, stimulating and language-rich in order to promote critical thinking.
- Have education credentials, are committed to ongoing professional development and have volunteered for additional training.
- Develop strong relationships with families by doing most of the following: sharing assessment results, helping them access family support services; and providing information in parents' primary languages.

Other area Four-Star Parent Aware Rated Programs include the Staples-Motley School District's Preschool Programs: School Readiness, Head Start, ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) and Little Cardinals Academy; and Sacred Heart Area Preschool in Staples.

Ladwig honored to be commander for Motley American Legion Post

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Navy veteran Tom Ladwig is a proud member of the Motley American Legion Post #124 and has served as its commander since April of 2015.

He was first inspired to join the military by his grandfather Thomas Edward Rath, of whom he is named. "Grandpa served in the navy during WWI," Ladwig shared recently. "He joined when he was 14 years old."

A native of Pelican Lake, Wisc., Ladwig attended vocational college for one year after high school (he had intended to be a gunsmith); but decided instead to follow in the footsteps of his Grandpa Rath. "I was in the navy from 1984 - 1988. I was 20 years old when I joined," Ladwig said.

In addition for the opportunity to serve his country, Ladwig said he joined the navy for economic reasons and, "to see the world."

Ladwig joined the military during the time of the Libyan Conflict. Twice, he was stationed at Adak, Alaska, part of Operation Valiant Usher.

He enjoys sharing stories with other veterans during the American Legion's monthly meetings. "This is a good group to be a part of," Ladwig said. "They have a lot to share and I enjoy listening to their stories of how they have served their country." He's humbled to serve as

the post's commander, Ladwig went on. "They drafted me about six months after I joined...I enjoy it."

Ladwig works in Little Falls as the Director of Operations for a petroleum distribution center. He has lived in Motley for 11 years and is married to Motley native Shelly (Swecker). Together they have three children and six grandchildren. "That's another reason I joined the American Legion...I hope to share with my kids and grandkids what it means to be a veteran. I think it helps in still respect."

The Tri-County American Legion Post #124 meets the third Thursday of every month at Motley City Hall, at 7 p.m. "Any veteran is welcome to join us," Ladwig said.

In addition to the monthly meetings, the American Legion members participate at a variety of services, parades, programs; and burials of veterans. "We still have a color guard here," Ladwig noted. They are also actively involved in fundraising and provide annual scholarships to area students.

The Motley American Legion is a very supportive group, Ladwig said. He's glad he joined and hopes other area veterans will consider doing the same, no matter their age or branch. "As the saying goes, 'We all gave some and some gave all,'" Ladwig said.

Veterans Day program planned in Motley

The public is invited to attend a Veterans Day program at Motley-Staples Middle School on Friday, Nov. 11, at 9:30 a.m.

Tri-County American Legion Post #124 will provide the color guard and program; and there will be student participation as well, including readings, essays, tributes and artwork.

This year's program will feature the presentation, "One Hundred Years of Military Uniforms."

Bob Follis, a member of the Motley American Legion, has collected dozens of uniforms representing all five branches of the United States military. Several of these uniforms will be on display; and in addition, students will model some of them.

Follis said he has presented this program at other area schools and that it has been well received. "It's a great history lesson," he said.

Trick or Treat event at Cass Cty Sheriff's Office

The Cass County Sheriff's Office will host their 5th annual Trick or Treat event on Monday, Oct. 31, 4 - 7 p.m. in Walker.

Visit with Sheriff Tom Burch and staff; and re-

ceive a 'trick or treat' bag with coloring books, safety tips and treats.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office is located at 303 Minnesota Ave., across from the Dairy Queen.

Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and the Morrison County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) included the following:

Oct. 17 - The MPD received a report of a gas drive-off at Auger's Motley Express.

Oct. 14 - 16 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Jacob Feldt, 25; Noah Anderson, 21; Thomas Reisinger, 51; Jamesha Sheffell 24; Brea Welter, 28; Zachary Trembley, 21; Cody Thibault, 24; Tyler Holmstrom, 20; Heather Apps, 42; Michael Battaglini, 41; and a citation to Cole Rennecke, 21, for not wearing a seat belt.

Oct. 19 - The MCSO received a call from Kenneth Johnson reporting he had struck a deer while driving at Dove Rd. and 340th St. in Cushing. A passerby, Toby Schrupp, said he would like the deer.

Oct. 19 - The MCSO met with a Wadena County deputy at BRICKS Travel Plaza in Motley and took custody of Joshua Stansbury on a body only warrant out of Morrison County. He was transported to Morrison County Jail.

Oct. 17 - The MCSO received a call from Jesse Oothoudt reporting a stolen

pontoon trailer at a residence on Cottonwood Rd. in Cushing.

Oct. 16 - The MCSO received a call regarding a blue Dodge truck with no plates parked in the back of a corn field on 70th Ave. in Cushing. Deputy Al Yoder arrived at the scene and found a plate on the inside of the truck and after running the numbers it came back stolen out of New York Mills.

Oct. 15 - Kyle Kalis called the MCSO to report that someone had siphoned about five gallons of diesel fuel out of one of their Action Docks trucks the night before. The incident occurred on Azure Rd. in Cushing.

Oct. 15 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Kerrie Derks, 54. While making contact with the driver, the deputy noticed a glass paraphernalia pipe on the dash. He received consent to search the vehicle but did not find anything more. The pipe was disposed of at the sheriff's office.

Oct. 15 - The MCSO received a report of gas theft at Orton's BP in Motley.

Oct. 14 - The MCSO issued a speeding citation to Don Heimer, 27.



At sea

Tom Ladwig of Motley is pictured aboard Fighter Squadron 24 in 1987, when he was deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans with the United States Navy. Ladwig received an award "For outstanding performance as an Aviation Ordnanceman Branch Crew Leader for Fighter Squadron 24 and Carrier Air Wing NINE Ordnance Arm/Dearm Team Leader." (Submitted photo)



Wearing a WWI navy hat

Tom Ladwig (right) is pictured wearing his grandfather Thomas Edward Rath's navy hat, from the WWI era. Rath's entire navy uniform will be one of several modeled by Motley-Staples Middle School students during their school's Veterans Day program Nov. 11. The program, entitled "One Hundred Years of Military Uniforms," will be led by military historian and Motley American Legion member Bob Follis (left). (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Fall Festival



Approximately 320 people attended the Harvest Dinner at Motley United Methodist Church Oct. 19. Pictured above serving are, from right, Vern Peterson, Marie Macheel, Steve Solem. At left, guitarist Jim Olsen provided entertainment in the sanctuary while guests waited to be seated. In lower photo, from left, are Todd Anderson, Diane Anderson and Peggy Houle, all of Motley, enjoying the turkey dinner; and Margie Solem, one of several volunteers who helped at the event. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



The magnificent black bear

By Ray Gildow

Although I am not a bear hunter, I have always been fascinated by these amazing animals. They can be up to six feet tall and adults vary in weight from 150 pounds to 500 pounds or more. The Minnesota record for the largest black bear killed during the hunting season is over 600 pounds.

The DNR estimates that there are between 12,000-15,000 bears in Minnesota. This is lower than the estimated populations in the early 1990's when the populations were estimated to be between 20,000-25,000. Hunting is the major cause of mortality of bears.

Most bears live in the northern third of the state but they will often travel great distances in the fall looking for food, especially acorns, and then usually return to their summer home range before winter takes hold to find a den and hibernate.

I have had three bear encounters of the close kind during my life in the north country. The first was filming a "hibernating" bear with a Cass County forester. It was 20 below and I was working on a TV piece



Minnesota monster

Ray Gildow spotted this bear near his home. (Submitted photo)

that needed a bear for part of our story. The forester knew where there was an open den with a bear laying right in plain view in the middle of an open field. We thought it was a great opportunity to film a bear hibernating right under us. The bear didn't think so, it rolled in its den, jumped up, climbed out of the den and took off running to the woods. I'm not sure who

was running the fastest, us or the bear, we didn't even get a chance to turn on the camera. Hard to do that running for your life.

The second encounter was walking up a road by our cabin. A friend and I got to the top of the hill to see three cubs climbing a tree twenty feet in front of us. Needless to say we backed down the road before we got a chance to see

how close we were to their mother.

The third encounter was two years ago when we had 5 different bears hanging around our neighborhood. The photo included with this article is the biggest one I got on camera about 25 feet from our bedroom window. One morning I was walking around the corner of our house on my way to check our bird feeders when I came within 10 feet of a black bear standing on its hind feet. It was shocked at seeing me and I was petrified seeing it. The bear turned and ran into the woods. I went into the house, changed my pants and went back to fill my bird feeders!

These creatures are truly magnificent. They are almost human like. They can walk on two feet, better sense of smell than a dog, run almost 30 miles per hour, climb trees like a squirrel and play like kittens. There have been bear attacks in Minnesota but they are usually not interested in hurting people. I know that from my own little encounters over the years.

Bears, one of the animals that make Minnesota such a great place.



Playoff pick six

Mason Rychner returns an interception for a touchdown in Staples-Motley's 46-0 playoff win. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Cards find bright spots in tough swim meet

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley swim team was overwhelmed by numbers and by speed as they lost to Holdingford 118-27 on Oct. 18.

“It was a tough meet on the girls mentally, but we had some good races and we will take this as a learning experience,” said Coach Amanda Olson.

The coach said some changes will be made before the conference meet on Friday, Oct. 28, and the team will be more rested for the big meet.

Team results

Highlights vs. Holdingford:

Varsity Medley Relay 2nd (Emily Veronen, Lili Schneider, Autumn Nelsen, and Emma Gerard).

Aleeah Halverson dropped 8 seconds in the JV 200 Freestyle for 2nd place in 2:41.

Brianna Hinman 2nd in the 200 Individual Medley, Autumn Nelsen 3rd.

Adriana Dickey took 1st in the JV 50 Free with a 5 second drop and personal best of 31.73. Gerard, Joelle Bounds, and Jaden Engebretson took 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the varsity race. Bounds had a new personal best of 30.51.

Hinman 2nd in the 100 Butterfly.

Schneider (2nd place) had

a personal best in the 100 Freestyle with a 1:04, and Engebretson (4th place) with a 1:07.

Bounds and Nelsen both had new personal bests in the 500 Freestyle for 2nd and 3rd place.

The 200 Free Relays took 1st (Lili Schneider, Emily Veronen, Autumn Nelsen, and Emma Gerard) and 4th (Aleeah Halverson, Evelyn Gonzalez, Hannah Hinman, Adriana Dickey).

Veronen 2nd place in the 100 Backstroke.

Schneider took 1st in the 100 Breaststroke, and Halverson had a 3 second drop for a 1:37.

The 400 Free Relay (Dickey, Bounds, Hinman, Engebretson) 2nd with a new team best.



Fast through the water

Emma Gerard peeks out of the water for a quick breath during the 200 freestyle relay. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

SMHS volleyball team finishes regular season

The Staples-Motley volleyball team will play number one seed Park Rapids in the Section 8AA playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 27. The game starts at 7 p.m. at Park Rapids.

The Cardinals finished their regular season on Oct. 24 with a loss at

Barnesville, falling 10-25, 14-25, 8-25.

Team highlights included:

Mackenzie Zetah - 5 Digs, 2 Kills

Ashley Vasquez - 3 Digs, 2 Kills

Camryn Banaka - 5 Digs, 3 Assists

Chelsea Nanik - 7 Digs, 1 Assist

Alex Davis - 3 Digs

Jenna Trantina - 6 Digs

Paige Kittleson - 1 Ace

Serve, 3 Digs, 1 Kill

Taylor Heldman - 1 Dig, 1 Assist

The truth about all that deer hunting stuff

By Ray Gildow

Ok! I am old school deer hunter and this article is about the truth as I see it, perhaps many of you hunters will not agree with me, in fact, probably most of you won't, but I just have to get this subject off my chest.

I still deer hunt by climbing up in an eighteen-foot ladder stand tied to a seventy-foot black spruce tree that rocks back and forth with a good north-west wind. Some days it is not only bitterly cold, but all that rocking can be downright scary.

I sit along a creek with lots of brush and young trees mixed in with mature oaks. On most mornings I hunt until about 10 a.m., climb down from my tree stand and start stalking the woods looking for deer and warming up my frozen feet. During warm days it is really enjoyable, during cold windy days, not so much. I have had very good luck hunting this way, both in my tree stand and stalking deer in the woods.

I grew up hunting the woods. Not sitting in a heated box stand along the edge of a deer food plot. I hunt with a rifle, knife, compass, warm blaze orange clothes, boots for sitting and another pair for walking. That's it. I don't need anything else. Well, I do bring a snack along. I am not a bow hunter so my comments here are for hunters of the rifle season.

My grandpa and my father trained me to read the woods, figure out where the deer were moving, what they were eating, where



Frozen in its tracks

A deer decides whether to run or stay still. (Submitted photo)

they bedded down and how to stalk the woods quietly and safely.

Now, let's take a look into the modern day hunting store and see what stuff today's hunter are told they must have. Outside the store are the box stands, even ground stands that look like tree stumps, and ground tents. The stands are usually designed with windows and heaters.

Inside the store is the collection of hunting stuff that overwhelms the senses. Blaze orange heated socks, gloves, facemasks, orange hand warmers, binoculars, rattling horns, a ton of other devices that make sounds like a buck in fight, trail cameras, scents for does in heat, scents for does on the run, scents for bucks in heat looking for does in heat, fawn calls,

doe calls, buck calls, tree mirrors, binoculars, fake tree branches, scent wicks for hanging on branches, cover scents for spraying on the hunter's gloves, boots, coats, shirts and faces, and the best one.....that little bottle of puff that one squeezes so one can see which way the wind is blowing.

Well you get the point, you need a four wheeler and a trailer to get all this stuff out to your stand. This is an unbelievable collection of stuff being marketed to go deer hunting!

So I like to keep it simple, carry what I need in my coat and hunt on the move. I leave all the rest of that stuff on the shelf. Full disclosure: that heated box stand with a heater does have a nice ring to it when the temperature is below zero.



Opening a scoring lane

Dalton Holmberg carries the ball on a touchdown run as Alex Erpelding, Trey Skeesick and Hunter Berggren provide the blocks. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals run wild in first playoff game

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Hunter Berggren rushed for 184 yards and three touchdowns while Dalton Holmberg ran for 135 yards and two touchdowns as the Staples-Motley football team defeated Wadena-Deer Creek 46-0 in the opening round of the playoffs on Oct. 25.

The Cardinals also played their final regular season game at Crookston on Oct. 19. Despite outgaining their opponent on the ground and through the air, the Cardinals lost 20-14. Two turnovers hurt the Cardinals, as did allowing Crookston to convert three of three fourth down tries.

Just eleven days before the playoffs, WDC had beaten the Cardinals 28-20. The difference this time was the Staples-Motley defense, team blocking and the running of Berggren and Holmberg.

Despite four turnovers in the first half, the Cardinals still put together two touchdown drives, both scores by Holmberg. They took a 16-0 lead at halftime because the defense stood firm after every turnover and Mason Rychner ended the only WDC threat with an interception in the end zone.

In the second half, Jacob Bendson and Trey Skeesick made a fourth down stop to end the first WDC drive of the half, and when the Cardinals capitalized with Berggren's first touchdown, the floodgates opened.

After a punt, Rychner caught a long pass to the one yard line and Berggren ran it in for the score. On the next possession Rychner stepped in front of a



Shutout defense

Jacob Bendson (22) and Kyle Serich helped set the defensive tone with this third down stop of a WDC runner. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

WDC pass and took it to the end zone to make the score 40-0, still in the third quarter. After another punt, the Cardinals drove in for their final score.

Staples-Motley will travel to Pillager for a second round playoff game on Saturday, Oct. 29, with the game to start at 7 p.m.

Team results

SM 0 14 0 0 - 14
C 7 7 6 0 - 20

Rushing: SM 45-218, C 45-188

Dalton Holmberg 14-112, Eric Lisson 28-97, Josh Lombard 3-9

Passing: SM (Lombard) 7-17, 73 yards, 2 int.; C 4-7, 30 yards

Receiving: Holmberg 4-40, Derek Kennedy 2-37, Hunter Berggren 1-1

Tackles: Alex Erpelding 13,

Jack Feitek 7, Lisson 7, Scout Strickland 7, Trey Skeesick 7, Kyle Serich 6, Hunter Carlson 6, Holmberg 4, Matt Miller 3, Mason Rychner 1, Kennedy 1

Section 6AA playoffs
SM 8 8 30 0 - 46
WDC 0 0 0 0 - 0

Rushing: SM 60-337, W 17-21

Hunter Berggren 24-184, Dalton Holmberg 27-135, Zac Carlson 3-14, Cade Schmidt 2-5, Josh Lombard 4(-1)

Passing: SM (Lombard) 3-5, 54 yards, 1 int.; W 11-33, 134 yards, 2 int.

Receiving: Mason Rychner 3-54 yards

Tackles: Alex Erpelding 12, Eric Lisson 5, Rychner 4, Jacob Bendson 4, Trey Skeesick 4, Kyle Serich 3, Derek Kennedy 3, Jack Feitek 3, Hunter Carlson 2, Holmberg 2, Scout Strickland 1, Isaac Swensrud 1, Zac Carlson 1

Edin takes positive attitude to state

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

Staples-Motley tennis player Izabella Edin enters the state tournament as the number two seed in Class A singles.

“I would love to win it, but I just want to play my best tennis,” said Edin. “I want to finish with a positive mindset for my senior year.”

Edin has a 33-0 record this season, but has not played the tournament's top seeds. Edin finished third at state two years ago and played club tennis last year instead of high school.

“I expect the competition to be great, so I want to have fun and play,” she said.

Edin said she played well at the section tournament, despite coming off the team's heartbreaking loss in the section final.

“Everyone on the team played well, so

I'm really proud of the team,” she said.

She gave her teammates credit with improving her game this season.

“In the beginning I was more timid because I don't usually play on a team and I was nervous,” said Edin. “But towards the end of the season the girls and I gelled, I felt confident and relaxed, and played more aggressively.”

Edin also gave credit to coaches Kayla Janson and Katie Edin for helping her gain confidence during the season, and she wants to keep that going at the state tournament. “I will go there to have fun with Kayla and Katie,” she said.

Janson said Edin's successful season has come because of “her positive attitude on and off the court,” said Janson. “She has shown great leadership, and now she is excited and prepared to play in the state tournament.”

High hopes for section CC

Both the Staples-Motley boys and girls cross country teams plan to finish near the top at the Section 6A meet at New London-Spicer on Thursday, Oct. 27.

Coach Bruce Fuhrman said both squads are top

five teams who have a chance to make it into the top two if they run well. The top two teams in the section advance to the state meet.

Fuhrman said the top individuals also have a good

chance to make it to state even if the team doesn't. Kira Sweeney and Emmet Anderson have been the top two runners for the girls and boys teams this season.