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Touring TimberLake Hotel

Twenty Staples-Motley High School students interested in the construction trades had the opportunity Feb. 24 to tour the TimberLake Hotel now underconstruction in Staples. The hotel is 44,534 sq. ft. and has 52 units. The building is at different stages on each of the three floors which gave students a peek into how a project progresses. The Ives family, owners of the hotel, worked with Widseth Smith Nolting (WSN), architects and engineers, and with Hy-Tec Construction, the general contractors, to offer the tour to encourage students to enter construction trades. The students were split into smaller groups so the tour guides could address questions. One of the groups is standing in the hotel lobby. The archway in the back will house the registration desk. From left are Scott Sadusky, building official for the City of Staples; Mike Angland, architectural team coordinator with WSN; students Erik Rislund (foreground), Dylan Jasmer and Jacob Krueger; and Kris Ives. See more tour photos on page 2a. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Will Staples-Motley Schools get one-to-one technology?

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

One-to-one technology could become a reality in the Staples-Motley School District as early as the 2017-18 school year, if the administration's proposal is approved by the school board. The board heard a preliminary report at their Feb. 27 meeting.

One-to-one refers to programs that provide all students with their own laptop, netbook, tablet computer or other mobile-computing device. One-to-one refers to one computer for every student.

Superintendent Mary Klamm presented a preliminary start-up cost estimate for the program of approximately $193,000. This would purchase equipment and the infrastructure needed to support it. New investments would be needed each year for upgrades as technology changed.

Under this plan all students in grades 8-12 would have devices they would be able to take home. Almost all students in grades 6 and 7 would have their own devices to use in school, but not take home. The other grades would share carts of devices as they were needed in the curriculum.

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Time for the 'Polar Plunge' again

Above; the 2016 Gaven's Geeks team: (not in any order) Gaven, Ken, Bentley and Brayden Christensen, Rory Doheny, Jen Ganner, Kristie Johnson, Jarid Johnson, Jeri Burns, Zach Torma, Anna Myers, Tyra Myers, Paige Callahan, Scout Strickland, Hunter Dietman, Tristan Etzler, Spencer Miller, Jim Miller, Derek Holst, Trevor Ness, Julie Schwinghammer and Dell Eckman. Many of the same team members have signed up to jump for Special Olympics again this year. (Submitted photo)

Input sought for comprehensive plan

The City of Staples is developing a new Comprehensive Plan and is seeking community input in helping create community-developed goals and aspirations in future planning efforts.

A comprehensive plan is an expression of the community's vision for the future and a strategy map in reaching that vision. Comprehensive planning is an important tool for cities to guide future development of land to ensure a safe, pleasant, and economical environment for residential, commercial, industrial and public activities.

All Staples area residents, business owners, community groups, students, artists and anyone else interested in one or more of the following activities, are invited to share their views and help shape the plan: community open houses, an online survey, a walking tour, round-table and one-on-one discussions and focus groups.

In February, a steering committee of 13 people, appointed by the city met to begin the comprehensive plan process. The committee members represent the local business community, citizens at large and other various stakeholders in our area. The role of the steering committee is to collaborate with and involve stakeholders to ensure that community aspirations and concerns are understood, considered and reflected in the plan.

The City of Staples, working in collaboration with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and Region Five Development Commission (R5DC). NJPA and R5DC's comprehensive planning partnership represents a united goal for efficiencies in government.

For updates and details about The City of Staples Comprehensive Plan process, including the project's timeline and ways to participate, contact Melissa Radermacher at mradermacher@ci.staples.mn.us or 218-894-2550.

Gaven's Geeks to help start new Special Olympics adult team

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

When Gaven Christensen, Staples, starts a new chapter of his life, he'll still be able to play the sports he loves.

This is his last year of high school Special Olympics for Gaven, as he'll turn 21 and will be considered an adult next year.

"He likes being active and loves sports," said his father, Ken Christensen.

"He just likes being around people, he is very social," said his mother, Becky Christensen.

In order to keep Gaven competing in the Special Olympics, the Christensens have decided to start a new team called the Central Minnesota Adults.

Although the team will not start until next season, they have to establish it now, so the team can qualify for funds from the Polar Plunge, the annual Special Olympics

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Hello, Readers,

On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known to the world as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of such beloved children's books as "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham," was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. Geisel, who used his middle name (which was also his mother's maiden name) as his pen name, wrote 48 books–including some for adults–that have sold well over 200 million copies and been translated into multiple languages. Dr. Seuss books are known for their whimsical rhymes and quirky characters, which have names like the Lorax and the Sneetches and live in places like Hooterville.

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Racing from 0 to 115 mph in 18 years

By Janice Winter
Staples World

Ryan Trout's first taste of a snowmobile race earned him the first place trophy - he was 22-months-old at the time, riding a Kitty Cat.

This season the 18-year-old took first place in the USXC 2017, International-500 held Feb. 8-11, a 500 mile cross county snowmobile race starting in Winnipeg, Canada.

Participating in two of the biggest races nationally, Ryan, now a three year member of the Christian Brothers Racing team out of Fertile, hopes to turn pro next year.

Christian Brothers Racing Team is a professional snowmobile race team supporting cross country, snocross, freestyle, ovals and the Soo 500, and races the famed Artic Cat brand.

Cross Country

The 42nd running of the Seven Clans I-500, held Feb. 8-11 included 80+ participants. The sledders left the Red River Co-op Speedway in Winnipeg, MB at 8:30 a.m.

The Trout family drove to Winnipeg for the team's start. Ryan's parents, Alan and RoAnn, continued on to the second fuel stop. Race spectators plan ahead to get to check points in time to cheer on their team.

"The Canada trek was somewhat more grueling even though it was one of the shorter legs," Ryan noted. "Across the border they had a lot more rain that had frozen over large piles and drifts of snow which was impacted - it was like hitting rocks."

"Our machines could cruise 84-86 mph - but you couldn't race like that for this portion of the race."



Bringing it home

Ryan holds the checkered flag on Lake Bemidji following the I500. (Photo by RoAnn Trout)

Though only 50 miles from the Minnesota border the iced terrain took its toll on several riders with injuries that took them out of the race and frostbite. Actual temperature was -24 (-40 with windchill). In preparation, riders try to seal any cracks of air around their helmets and hands, with duct tape. Ryan also wears heated gloves and has hand guards on his sled. Racers experienced temperature fluctuations from -24 degrees (actual temp.) on Feb. 8, to a balmy 35 degrees Feb. 10, almost 50 degrees warmer.

The drivers raced over 200 miles the first day to the Seven Clans Casino in Thief River Falls, with 65 sleds finishing.

Day two was a 195 run in the ditches around the Thief River Falls area. "Pro rider Zach Herfindahl (also a Christian Brothers racer) had a phenomenal day two making up over six minutes on the competition with a fast Arctic Cat," according to the USXC press release.

"The second day it got rough, but I put the hammer down and made up a huge chunk of ground," said Ryan, making up 23 minutes on the field.

Fifty-three sleds finished day three of the 125 miles over rivers, woods and ditches to Bemidji, with a fuel stop in Gonvick. Originally the race would have looped into Staples, but it all depends on snow conditions. In ideal snow condition years, nearly 200 drivers participate.

On day three junior and vintage racers joined the race with over 100 machines leaving the starting line in Thief River Falls. The event was a total of 525 miles with the winner posting a winning time of 7:46:23.

United States X-Country Snowmbile Racing (USXC) is the largest cross-country snowmobile racing organization in North America. The season, which runs from Dec. 2016 to March 2017, has seven events in Minnesota, North Dakota and Manitoba. Over 300 racers compete for year end points and cash awards over some of the toughest terrain Mother Nature creates.

Ice Oval

Ryan raced the Soo International 500 held at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan Feb. 3. The one-mile ice oval produced speeds of up to 115 mph. Ryan's time there earned him a third place finish in the the 500 mile race coming in at eight hours and 41 minutes.

At the Soo, Christian Brothers Racing fielded

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In the pool area

Architect Mike Angland, center, facing camera, is standing in the pool area of the hotel explaining some of the design elements, such as the high ceiling and the materials used for the special needs of pool areas. A hot tub area is behind Angland on the right side of the photo. Arched areas can be seen on the left side of the photo that will be windows looking out to the hotel lobby area. From left are Brian Schornack, SMHS teacher; Angland; students Brionni Schouw, Jacob Krueger and Dylan Jasmer; and WSN employee Brady Bussler, who was also taking photos and video. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



In one of the adjoining rooms

Mary Ives, second from left, owner of the hotel, talks to the students about design decisions made for the rooms, such as this adjoining room. These can accommodate families who need more than one room or students and chaperones traveling for sports or music events. The left side has the wall covering in place while the right side still has just the studding for the closet and bathroom. From left are Danielle Carpenter, Ives, Andrew Thew, unable to identify behind the closet wall, Jacob Carpenter, WSN architect Ashley Martel, Corey Ekholm and Colton Fraley. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



Visiting with the owner

Staples-Motley High School students asked questions and answered a few from Mike Ives, right, owner of the TimberLake Hotel, following their tour of the construction site Feb. 24. From left are Gary Kittelson, Hunter Dietman, Dylan Jasmer (back to camera), Brandon Szymkowiak, Josh Carlson and Arthur Thew. The tours ended in the restaurant and event center which the Ives family purchased that sits on the same property. They will open it again but at present it is used as a staging area for the hotel construction. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



From the lobby to rooms

This group is standing in the lobby just under the arched entrance to the rooms. The space above the archway will be a balcony and seating area. From left are Dylan Jasmer, Brian Schornack, WSN architect Mike Angland, Brionni Schouw and Erik Risland. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Ryan exercises regularly to maintain strength to compete

two snowmobiles, No.17 drivers Zach Herfindahl and Wes Selby and No. 52, ridden by Ryan Trout and Re Wadena. No. 52 qualified 7th and No. 17 was slotted into the 12th position. Racing started at 10 a.m. and finished under the lights; when the checkered flag went out No. 17 was in second place, 11 seconds behind the leader, and No. 52 took the third place on the podium.

"The No. 52 sled was working really well and it was fun to be able to work my way to the front," Trout said, on the Christian Brothers Racing site. "Overall, Re and I led over 70-laps combined. It was his first finish and my first Soo, so it was really good for us and the team." - See more at: christianbrosracing.com.

On Feb. 25-26 Ryan participated in the Seven Clans 100 USXC race at Warroad. Two more plaques grace his wall of fame: 1st place in the I-500 class and 1st place in the Semi-Pro class.

Ryan's next race is the Naytahwash 200, March 4-5.

From an Artic Cat "Kitty Cat" where he participated as the youngest rider in the Tri County Snowmobile Club Radar Run held at Fish Trap Lake in 2000 - to an Artic Cat 6000 RXC racing internationally at 18, Ryan has grown up with racing in his blood and races for the thrill of seeing that checkered flag waving him through the chute.

"Ryan's been competing since he very young," said his dad, Alan. "Whether it be on a snowmobile in the winter or a 4-wheeler in the summer. Somewhere there's always good competition."

An accomplished cross country runner, Ryan continues to train in that capacity running three days a week to stay in shape. He also lifts weights and works out in a gym after school. Ryan also has sights on winning more extreme man competitions this summer. He is as avid about hunting and fishing as snowmobile racing and cross country running.

Ryan is a 2016 graduate of Staples Motley High School and is currently attending Central Lakes College, Brainerd campus.



Mighty big trophies

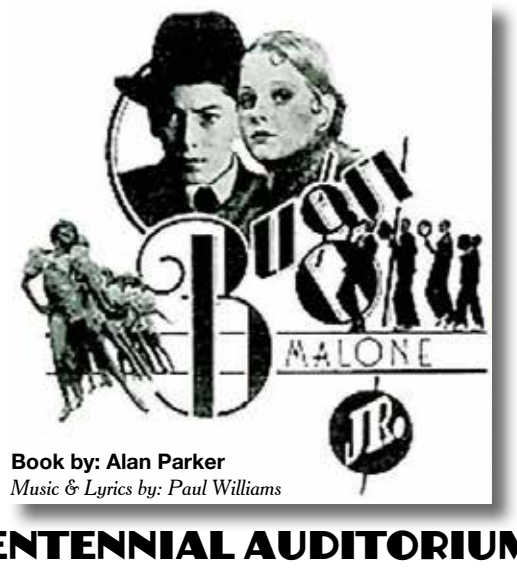
With trophies almost as large as the riders, Zach Herfindahl and Ryan Trout flanked by "Berbs", left and Hector the team mechanics, at the awards ceremony.



Team (Artic Cat) Soo

Run on a one-mile ice oval, the Soo is one of the oldest and most prestigious snowmobile races in the sport. The 500-mile event rewards endurance, race strategy and machine setup. Christian Brothers team Soo, left to right: No 17, Zack Herfindahl and Wes Selby; #52 Re Wadena and Ryan Trout.

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Check the Events Calendar online at www.staplesworld.com
Submit events to dtimbs@staplesworld.com

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Gun death in Clarissa

On Feb. 25, at 1:50 a.m., the Todd County Sheriff Office was alerted to a gun shot victim at 18861 360th St. Clarissa. Clarissa Fire and Rescue, Browerville Ambulance, along with law enforcement responded to the call. Upon arrival, at the residence they found Lacey Kuschel, 36, deceased, a victim of an apparent gunshot wound.

Tyler James Slagerman was arrested at the residence and is currently being held at the Todd County Jail pending the investigation. The Todd County Sheriff's Department was assisted at the scene by the Minesota State Patrol and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.



Tyler Slagerman

Thefts

The Todd County Sheriff's Dept. also received reports of thefts and burglaries in the Clarissa and Browerville area;

Feb. 24; at 4:24 a.m., the sheriff's dept. responded to a burglary at Jon's Family Foods in Clarissa. It was also discovered that Michelle's Family Hair Care had been burglarized as well. Property was confirmed to be stolen from Jon's.

Feb. 25; the Clarissa Liquor Store reported a break in, with the intrusion alarm at 6:02 a.m. with officers on scene at 6:06 a.m.. The north entry door was forced open and once inside the suspects attempted to pry the ATM,but were unsuccessful. There was heavy damage to the ATM and the entry door, but nothing was reported missing.

Feb. 25; the Browerville VFW was broken into, suspects took undisclosed items.

Feb. 26; the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. responded to a theft of propane at 18670 Cty Rd 10 in Reynolds Township. The reporting party, David Larson, stated that sometime between Feb. 22 and Feb. 26, someone had siphoned propane from his 500 gallon propane tank on his property.



Staples Host Lion's Speech Invitational

The Staples-Motley speech team had a great day at their home tournament, held Feb. 18. Award winners were; Dario Sotelo, 4th in Extemporaneous Speaking; Alex Brings, 3rd in Great Speeches; Ari Brings, 4th in Great Speeches; Elijah Sams, 1st in Creative Expression; Jonah Johnson, 5th in Creative Expression; Sadie Thompson, 1st in Extemporaneous Reading; Samantha Svendsen, 4th in Extemporaneous Reading; Krystal Yoder, 1st in Drama; Rachell Fisher, 3rd in Drama; Delaney Larson, 4th in Poetry; Mardi Opheim, 5th in Poetry; Coleman Klimek and Elijah Sams, 1st in Duo; Kallee Abbas and Delaney Larson, 2nd in Duo; Coleman Klimek, 2nd in Humor; Alex Erickson, 5th in Humor; Macy Judd, 2nd in Prose, Samantha Mrazek, 4th in Prose; Krystal Yoder, 5th in Prose; Julia Trantina and Kallee Abbas, Excellent Ribbons in Prose; Samantha Svendsen, 1st in Original Oratory; Samantha Mrazek, 2nd in Original Oratory. Lilly Niemi, Excellent Ribbon in Informative. (Submitted photo)

Staples Food Shelf part of FoodShare month

The Staples Food Shelf continues to have a steady flow of customers, but as food prices rise, the food shelf is in need of more donations.

March is Minnesota FoodShare Month, a time that local food shelves get their state aid determined by the amount of donations they recieve during the month of March.

In 2016, the Staples Food Shelf served 1,083 families and 2,782 individuals. They distributed 69,107 pounds of food, plus 150 food vouchers were given out for meat during November and December.

According to the Minnesota FoodShare report, while the economy overall has been improving, the number of hungry neighbors is still high. The number of elderly in Minnesota who are seeking hunger relief has nearly doubled since 2009.



Learning to 'cha, cha, cha'

At the regional Special Olympics event held in Staples on Feb. 15, Gaven Christensen, foreground, had the entire gym up teaching them how to do the cha-cha. (Submitted photo)

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Gaven's not ready to give up sports

fundraiser in Brainerd.

This year's Polar Plunge is Saturday, March 4, and the Christensens expect around 50 people to take part with Gaven's Geeks, the team they've organized for the past six years. In that time, they've raised $33,000 for Special Olympics. The Staples-Motley Special Olympics team receives a percentage of the money raised and the rest goes to the general Special Olympics organization. This year, they'll have the new adult team to support.

"Gaven is pretty popular, it's easy to find people to jump for him," said Ken.

Team members are required to raise $75, to take the plunge into the freezing water for Special Olympics. Some members raise a lot more, such as Ken's sister Jenny Ganner of Big Lake. The team also sells t-shirts to help support the jump.

Gaven's been a fixture with Staples-Motley sports teams for years, as the manager for cross country, wrestling and track and field teams. He's even had the opportunity to go out on the mat for one wrestling match.

Since he was eight years old, Gaven has participated in Special Olympics unified basketball, swimming, track and field and bowling. Ken said they could eventually add golf and weightlifting, which are two Special Olympics sports being done in the metro area now.

The new adult team is expected to compete in the same events. Anyone 21 years or older who's elgible for the Special Olympics is invited to join the new team. Athletes can be from Todd, Wadena and Morrison counties. Ken said Brainerd and Little Falls have their own adult teams and he believes there are enough athletes in this area to form a good sized team.

The Christensens said they don't have any plans for Gaven's career after high school yet. They expect he'll find a job. But he won't have to hang up his athletic shoes, thanks to the new team.

"We see how much he loves doing it, it helps a lot of people and it's fun for us," said Ken.

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Eagle Valley School financial problems could have effect on bordering districts

To pay for the program Klamm was suggesting a combination of sources including the technology budget and the career and technical education budget. She proposed, however, that the largest share come from the Freshwater Education District building budget.

That building has been for sale and, since there hasn't been much interest thus far, Klamm said the board needs to discuss what will become of it. She anticipates that, whatever they decide, it won't take the full amount set aside for it now.

The board will discuss the program and the budget at their Mar. 6 work session.

Eagle Valley School

In a report emailed to board members the morning following the meeting Klamm updated the board on the status of the Eagle Valley School District.

That district was in statutory operating debt and was preparing their plan when the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) discovered the situation was much more dire than originally thought. MDE ordered that the district dissolve.

At that point Klamm and other superintendents that border Eagle Valley sought a meeting with Sen. Paul Gazelka, Senate Majority Leader, other legislators and affected institutions. Gazelka represents Dist. 9 which includes parts of the affected districts.

Before that meeting, however, a group of people in the Eagle Valley School District came forward to make a sizeable donation to the district, enough to postpone the dissolution. The district needs to complete their Statutory Operating Debt plan and pass a referendum this spring or early summer.

The superintendent group still met with Gazelka and a number of other people to seek legislation.

Klamm reported that if the Eagle Valley District goes into dissolution without the legislation, it would be detrimental to all school districts that border Eagle Valley because of a statute written in the 1950s. The statute states that districts bordering Eagle Valley would lose their operating referendums. While the statute made sense at the time it was written, it does not apply today, but it is still on the books. The last time it was used was 40 years ago.

In addition to other stipulations the legislation asks that bordering districts be held harmless in the case of dissolution by allowing other operating referendums to remain.

Klamm cautioned that the situation changes daily and she does not want to cause undue concern. She is optimistic that the legislation will pass quickly. She is also hopeful that Eagle Valley will pass their referendum, although she noted it likely won't be easy.

In other business the board:

- Approved the spring extracurricular coaching assignments as presented with one exception. Board member Dave Hoemberg asked that Pat Held's name be removed from the list to be voted upon separately. "I feel that for what happened to an individual, my son, it caused him to not graduate from here. He transferred out. It was a small part of what happenend here," Hoemberg said as he voted no.
- Approved the resignations of Rachel Sanders, high school math; Jessica Lancaster, Little Cardinals Academy teacher; and Mark Michel, maintenance.
- Accepted the retirement of Tammi Brisson, teacher.
- Approved a contract for Mark Michel as elemtary school custodian.
- Approved the extended trip request to the Galapogos Island for the Spanish Club in June 2018.
- Heard in the superintendent's report about the $216,000 projected budget deficit, mostly due to the loss of 22 students, most of whom have moved away, and to the unexpected hiring of additional paraprofessionals.
- Also in the superintendent's report heard of Connections High School closing as a separate school but reopening as a program within the high school.

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Police investigate financial, drug related crimes

The following includes some of the incidents reported to the Staples Police Dept;

Feb. 14: Staples Police investigated a report of financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

Feb. 15: Staples Police received a report of prescription medications stolen on the 600 block of Wisconsin Ave. SE.

Feb. 17: Staples Police took to a report of suspicious property found in a vacated apartment. Items located were methamphetamine and packaging materials.

Feb. 18: Staples Police received a report of a suspicious person walking on 2nd Ave. NE, swinging a sword. Police made contact with the person at his residence and discovered it to be a toy sword.

Feb. 22: Staples Police responded to a three vehicle accident at 5th St NE and 3rd Ave. NE. There were no injuries and accident information was exchanged with all parties involved.

Feb. 23: Staples Police took a report of domestic assault, where later Kevin Barthel 48, was arrested.

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School board members' decisions lead the way to student successes

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klamm
Supt.
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I hope Staples-Motley School District residents joined community members, parents and students throughout the state of Minnesota to salute their local education leaders during Minnesota's annual School Board Recognition Week - held February 20-24.

Governor Mark Dayton set this week aside to recognize the contributions made by Minnesota's school board members, including the Staples-Motley School Board, who are charged with governing public education under state law.

According to the Minnesota Association of School Boards, the key work of school boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what the community wants the school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority;
- Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;
- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
- Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement.

Even though this is a week late, it's never too late to say thanks to our school board members! Staples-Motley School Board members are: Board Chair, Mary Freeman; Vice Board Chair, Bruce Lund; Treasurer, Chad Longbella; Clerk, Dave Hoemberg; Director, Bryan Winkels; and Director, Greg Frisk.

March 14 town meetings:

Be a part of direct democracy

By the Minnesota Assocation of Townships

Every year Minnesota townships are required to hold an "Annual Town Meeting." It's held the second Tuesday of March, which is March 14 this year. It's a true form of direct democracy, encouraging all members of the community to participate.

As with most American political ideas, town meetings have their roots in colonial America. New England town meetings gave citizens a way to exercise local authority. These meetings were especially important in the development of democracy because it emphasized problem-solving through group efforts. Thomas Jefferson called it the "wisest invention ever devised by the wit of man for the perfect exercise of self-government."

This tradition was passed down to townships here in Minnesota. Township residents gather on the second Tuesday in March at the town hall or another designated place to discuss their communities. The town clerk calls the meeting to order and oversees the process of nominating and voting upon a moderator for the evening, who's chosen from those attending.

Typically, residents hear reports from various committees - like roads and fire protection. Townships are required to post an audit. Everyone attending votes on the tax levy. Many townships hold elections the same day, outside the meeting, for a supervisor, clerk or treasurer.

Townships are often referred to as "grassroots government." This reference stems from the community-based nature of how town government is structured. Most townships have small populations, but a big sense of community. Being small, township officials must be creative in delivering quality services with the least possible burden to taxpayers.

If you live in a township, participate. Join your neighbors at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 14. Your local paper will publish the time and place. Be a part of direct democracy.



Grade for nation's lawmakers drops to a dismal D

By Indiana Univiersity Center on Responsive Government

The job performance of Congress has slipped from bad to worse, in the opinion of a group of academic experts from across the country who were asked to evaluate the institution by the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. From a C-minus in 2015, Congress slipped to a grade of D for 2016.

"A very sizable majority of the experts think Congress's record was extremely poor over the past year," said Edward G. Carmines, Distinguished Professor, Warner O. Chapman Professor of Political Science and Rudy Professor at Indiana University.

What's more, the preponderant view among the experts is that the worse is yet to come. In response to the question, "Overall, do you see signs from this past year that Congress will be working better in the future?" Fifty two percent replied "things will get worse," while only 12 percent said "things will get better."

That's a markedly gloomier outlook than a year ago, when Paul Ryan had just recently succeeded John Boehner as House Speaker. Then, 33 percent of the experts thought things would be better, and only 11 percent expected worse.

"The view the experts had at the end of 2015 that things would get better was not realized," said Carmines. "Their hopes were dashed" by the contentious, election-year second session of the 114th Congress.

In the 2015 survey, only 15 percent of the experts said they thought polarization in Congress would increase. But in the 2016 survey, almost 40 percent predict more intense polarization ahead. "It's not very encouraging," said Carmines.

Congress hit D-grade depths on four measurements: "protecting its powers from presidential encroachment," "keeping the role of special interests within proper bounds," "fulfilling its national policymaking responsibilities," and "considering the long-term implications of policy issues, not just short term."

Also, the House earned a grade of D-minus on "keeping excessive partisanship in check," as more than half the experts gave the House a flunking F on that measure. The Senate fared only a little better; its 2016 performance restraining excessive partisanship was gauged a D-plus.

Nearly 60 percent of the experts described incivility in Congress as "a major problem."

"Contemporary members of Congress are very good at attacking political opponents, but not so adept at governing," said Lee Hamilton, who served 34 years in the House and is now a distinguished scholar at Indiana University and a senior advisor to its Center on Representative Government. "But what we've seen in recent years on Capitol Hill does not need to be the future. Congress can get things done. It takes the right kind of legislators — individuals willing to negotiate, compromise, and forge a consensus from the vastly different points of view that are inevitable in a diverse nation."

The 2016 survey showed a glimmer of improvement in one performance measurement: On the question, "Does Congress exercise its proper role in setting the legislative agenda?" experts gave a C-plus grade, up from a C in 2015.

"This area will be interesting to watch in 2017, with Congress and the White House in the hands of the same party for the first time in six years," said Michael M. Sample, IU vice president for public affairs and government relations and director of the Center on Representative Government. "Will the 115th Congress be subservient to executive power, or will legislators be assertive in dealing with the new president and take a more independent posture in policymaking?"

In the 11 years the center has conducted the experts' survey, members of Congress generally have gotten decent marks on keeping in touch with the public. This was again the case in 2016, with the survey's highest grade, a B, coming on the question, "Do legislators make a good effort to be accessible to their constituents?" The question, "Does Congress make its workings and activities open to the public?" drew a B-minus grade from the experts.

Several questions in the annual survey ask the experts to assess the public's knowledge of and interaction with Congress. In the history of the survey, the public has never rated highly, and the results for 2016 fit the pattern.

The public got across-the-board D grades for "understanding the main features of Congress and how it works," "following what is going on in Congress on a regular basis," and "understanding the role of compromise in Congress." The public got a C-minus for "voting in congressional elections," and C grades for "working through groups that share their interests to influence Congress" and for "contacting their members of Congress on issues that concern them."

The experts also were critical of the job the media and the education system do in informing the citizenry about Congress. "How well does the media coverage of Congress contribute to the public's understanding of Congress?" drew a D-plus grade, and "How well does our educational system provide students with a good understanding of the role of Congress in our representative democracy?" drew a C-minus.

Data on 2016 were collected online in December and January, after the 114th Congress adjourned; the survey elicited the opinions of a select group of 33 top academic experts on Congress from around the country.

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Concert and dinner at Motley Free Methodist

Fundraiser for food shelf

The Motley Free Methodist Church will host a dinner and concert on Saturday, March 18, to raise money for the Motley Area Food Shelf.

The meal will be served from 5 - 5:30 p.m. It will be immediately followed by the concert and sing-along, led by the church's worship team, which will conclude at 7 p.m.

All are welcome to attend this event. Motley Free Methodist Church is located at 33 Wellwood Street. Free will offering.



Sharing a taste of Ireland through song

Mikko & Friends will perform at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Saturday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m. Pictured, from left, are Christina Seaborn, St. Cloud; Doug Tatge, Alexandria; Annie O'Flynn, Elbow Lake; Chuck Wencl, Alexandria; Mikko Cowdery, Osakis. (Submitted photo)

Mikko & Friends bring Irish music

Join Mikko & Friends for an authentic Irish 'Paddy' Party at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Saturday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m., as part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular season. The concert is underwritten by Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd.

Celebrate spring with an evening of love, laughter and song. The 'Irish pub' concert will include jigs and reels; songs and stories; old Irish and Scottish favorites gathered on the band members' travels in the Celtic communities of Canada, across the region and throughout Ireland.

According to their press release, "Mikko & Friends will bring you a grand array of Celtic tunes to warm your heart and set your toes tapping."

Band members include fiddling legend Christina Seaborn; 'Pennywhistle Professor' Chuck Wencl; 'Accordionista Extraordinaire' Annie O'Flynn; vocalist Doug Tatge, known for his stunning ballads and folk tunes; and Mikko Cowdery, who rounds out the show with classics like 'Danny Boy,' along with laughable toasts, jokes and stories of the bands' travels.

Mikko and Annie were founding members of the Skilly & Duff Irish quartet that captured first place in the Celtic Music competition at the Irish Fair of MN in 2009, which led to their musical travels in Ireland and the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

One of the common responses to a Mikko & Friends concert is, "It's like a trip to Ireland!"

This will be the final concert in this year's regular arts council season. The summer concert series in Staples, held at Northern Pacific Park on Sunday evenings, begins July 9.

For more information, check out the arts council's website at www.staplesmotleyarts.org.

Tickets for Mikko & Friends concert are available online at the arts council's website; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World, located at 224 4th St. NE in Staples. For more information call 218-894-1112.



'In the second month of '17...'

... Paul Bunyan gave to me, two tall pines.' Pictured above at Pine Grove Park in Staples are members of the **Lumberbats** baseball team, Staples, recipients of the second gift from the giant lumberjack. From left are Jason Bachmann, Blake Petrich, Austin Redemske, Tanner Fischer. To see a video performance of the Lumberbats' song, visit the Staples World website at www.staplesworld.com or our Facebook page. The Staples World will be highlighting a variety of area landmarks during the debut year of 'The Twelve Months of '17' sung to the tune of 'The Twelve Days of Christmas.' Stay tuned to find out what Paul Bunyan delivers each month. *The name of the Staples baseball team was listed incorrectly in last week's paper. We apologize for the error.* (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

FFA Alumni Conference is March 4

The annual Minnesota FFA Alumni Conference will be taking place Saturday, March 4, in Staples, at Central Lakes College. The conference offers an opportunity for alumni to network with affiliate members from around the state, as well as obtain and learn how to utilize alumni resources.

Registration's at 8:30 a.m. with the conference starting at 9 a.m. It's expected to finish around 1 p.m.

Registration can be done online at mnffaalumni.org, or at the door. Questions can be directed to Aimee Brichacek at tabric2001@gmail.com.

The conference will include a tour of the Ag-Centric facilities and the keynote speaker this year is Mark Jirik of Detroit Lakes, the softseed commercial manager for Cargill. He currently serves as the Treasurer of the Minnesota AgriGrowth Council, Chair of the Minnesota AgriGrowth Foundation and is a member of the National Sunflower Association Board of Directors. He was an active member of the Mahnomen FFA Chapter, serving as the 1995-96 State Vice President, served on the Minnesota FFA Foundation, 2002-2004 and is currently the Region I representative on the Minnesota FFA Alumni Council.

Awards will also be presented to:

- Outstanding Alumni member
- Oustanding Young Alumni member
- Outstanding Affiliate
- Outstanding Coaching Award

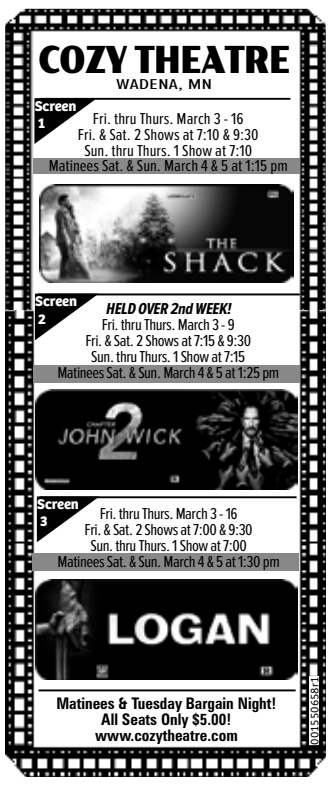
President's Circle

An addition to the conference, the Minnesota FFA Alumni President's Circle training of 20 individuals in a new personal development program. The Minnesota FFA Alumni Association has created a systematic, sustainable leadership enhancement program for FFA Alumni in Minnesota. The new leadership program includes enhancing and building alumni member leadership skills which, in turn, will sustain and improve agriculture education in Minnesota.

During the past twelve months, 20 individuals have been participating in the President's Cirlce leadership training program delivered by Welchlin Communication Strategies. Core training inclued a strong focus on teamwork, conflict resolution, mentor leadership and strategic planning.

The first training for new participants will be held prior to the conference at Central Lakes College in Staples, Thursday, March 2, through 9 p.m. Friday, March 3. Graduation from the program will be held during the Minnesota State FFA Alumni Conference on Saturday, March 4.





Children and adult programs offered at Staples Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Minnesota Workforce Center Visit - Mar. 2

A Workforce Center staff person will be available at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, Mar. 2, 2-4 p.m. to assist adult job seekers with resumes, accessing online job sites, and other one-on-one assistance.

Reading Roundhouse Storytime - Mar. 8

Children preschool through grades two are invited to a Reading Roundhouse Storytime at the Staples Public Library on Wednesday, Mar. 8, 10:30-11 a.m. Enjoy a fun storytime with flannel boards and activities. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

Lego Builders - Mar. 9

Children ages five to 13 are invited to a Lego Builders program at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, Mar. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Enjoy a monthly, fun hour of block building using the assortment of Lego and large blocks provided. Bring your imagination, and the library will provide Lego challenges and a snack. Each month, each child receives something special to take home Attendance is limited and registration is required. This event is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Family Movie Night - Mar. 9

All ages are invited to a fun family movie showing at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, Mar. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

For more information or to register for any of the programs contact the library at 218-894-1401.

The Staples Public Library is located at 122 6th St. NE, Staples. The hours are: Mon. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tue. 2-8 p.m., Weds. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thurs. 2-8 p.m., Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

March 8

Free Tax-Aide Wednesdays, noon - 3:30 p.m., through April 12, Staples Community Center. No appt. needed. For people 60 and older, low-moderate income. For info., 218-894-5772.

March 9

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Club Mtg Thurs., March 9, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Roger McNeil, caller; Bernadette McNeil, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

School board work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a work session at 7 p.m., Monday, March 6, at the high school media center.

Foster, Jabobs & Johnson, Inc., will conduct a listening session with the board and administration. This is the company contracted to prepare a facilities study for the district.

Other agenda items include:

- Review of budget revision #1;
- Review of the technoloty budget;
- Freshwater Education District building;
- Tennis and swimming cooperative agreements with Verndale;
- 2017-18 staffing recommendations.

13th Annual Big Ole fellowship weekend set

The 13th Annual Big Ole Round-Up is a fellowship weekend for members of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-anon. Everyone is invited to attend this event March 17-19 at the Holiday Inn just off I-94 in Alexandria.

Speakers over the three-day weekend include Recovering Alcoholics and their loved ones who share their experience strength and hope. Open AA and Al-anon meetings will be held throughout the weekend.

For more information about the fellowship weekend contact Lorne S. at 320-260-3104 or email bigoleroundup@yahoo.com. Check the facebook page for a copy of the complete flyer.

For more information on AA and Alcoholism go to www.aa.org.

For more information on Al-anon go to www.al-anon.alateen.org.





Donation for students

The Staples '93 Lions and Thrivent Financial recently purchased several toiletry items for students at Staples-Motley Elementary School. Pictured, from left, are Hallie Bergeson, school social worker; Kay Mueller, Lion and Thrivent Financial representative; Beth Gedde, Lion; Karen Bergemann, school nurse; Joann Schornack, Lion. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Andrew and Nicole Worden of Wadena, a baby boy, Mason Daryl weighing eight pounds, 6.5 ounces on Feburary 20, 2017.

Born to Nicholas and Cheryl Kandoll of New York Mills, a baby boy, Rand Edward weighing nine pounds, nine ounces on February 20, 2017.

Born to Payton Eidem and Douglas Johnson of Menahga, a baby girl, Hayden Jae weighing five pounds, 5.5 ounces on February 22, 2017.

Born to Shannon and Amy Dykhoff of Park Rapids, a baby girl, Amelia Grace weighing six pounds, 9.5 ounces on February 23, 2017.

Born to Garrett and Emily Streitz of Eagle Bend, a baby girl, Everly Willa weighing seven pounds, five ounces on February 24, 2017.



Mrs. Minnesota crowned

Heather Dirschel Johnson of Maple Grove (right) was crowned the 2017 Mrs. Minnesota United States on Feb. 18, at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd. She is pictured with last year's winner, Andrea Bennett Xiong. Johnson is the granddaughter of Ray and Lucille Gallipo, of Staples; and the daughter of Steve and Sharon (Gallipo) Dirschel of Blaine (Sharon is a Staples native). As a skin cancer survivor, Johnson's platform is skin cancer prevention and early detection. She will be working with the American Cancer Society throughout the year at various activities and appearances; and hopes to speak at schools and hospitals throughout the year. Johnson was awarded the Judge's Award for swimsuit, interview and evening gown. She will compete in the Mrs. United States national pageant July 8, in Orlando, Florida. (Submitted photo)

Obituaries



Lee Kalisch

Lee Kalisch, 82, of Staples passed away February 24, 2017, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 2, at 11 a.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples, with Father Joe Korf and Deacon Jim Trout officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Lee Wesley Kalisch was born March 17, 1934 in Staples, to Adolph and LaRoe (Alden) Kalisch. He married RoseMarie Trout in Philbrook, in 1954. Lee worked as a chef on the railroad for 42 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, harvesting wild rice, going to auctions, selling pumpkins and especially spending time with his family.

Lee is survived by his wife; five daughters, Marie (Rick) Busch, Clarissa, Sharon (Dan) Hagenson, Staples, Shirley (Craig) Norwood, Riverside, CA, Darlene Weibye, Clarissa and Judy (Mike) Tichy, Henning; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Grace Altringer, Lois Trick, Maryann VanHoever and Karen Nurnberger and two brothers, Charles and Raye.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Richard and one sister, Eleanor Steinmetz.

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Dezerae Trana

Dezerae (Dezi) Trana, 32, of Staples passed away peacefully in her sleep, February 27, 2017 at home.

Services for Dezerae will be held Friday, March 3 at 11 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held Thurs., March 2 at the church from 5 to 7 p.m. and again one hour prior to the services.

Interment will be at Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Dezerae was born July 4, 1984 in Staples to Dennis and Ramona (Dukowitz) Trana. She graduated with the Class of 2002, from Staples Motley High School. Dezerae worked at Giovanni's Pizza, as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Lakewood Health System Home Care and Hospice in Staples, and part time at Twisted Sisters and Local Legends. She lived life to the fullest, always with a smile and left a lasting impression on everyone she met. Dezerae enjoyed coloring, tubing, camping, spending time with her family, friends and her fur babies, Ruger and Fat Jerry.

Dezerae is survived by her parents; one brother, Denny of Staples and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ron and Bev Dukowitz and Tom and Barb Trana; two uncles, Ron Dukowitz and Ron Gustafson and one cousin, Rollie Gustafson.

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Herbert Lambert

Herbert Lambert, 78, of Verndale, passed away February 19, 2017 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Services were held February 25 at Balsamlund Lutheran Church in Aldrich, with Pastor Eric Klapp officiating.

Interment will be at Balsamlund Lutheran Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home of Staples.

Herbert was born June 24, 1938, in Staples Township to Herman and Florence (Sklenika) Lambert. He grew up on the family farm, where he grew a love for tractors. He was a member of the England Prairie Pioneer Club and Balsamlund Lutheran Church Mens Club. Herbert enjoyed fast cars, loud trucks, watched a lot of car races on TV and at the track and enjoyed participating in tractor pulls, where he won several trophies. Herb also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Herb is survived by one sister, Shirley Lambert; brother-in-law, Ronald Anderson; two nieces, Brenda Hebl and Susan (Rodney) Meier; one nephew, Douglas Anderson; special friend, Gwen Webb; and numerous great-nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Nancy L. Anderson. w9c A00006B2017MA02

Jean Hahn

Jean Hahn, 77, of Staples passed away February 24, 2017 at the Elders Home in New York Mills.

Funeral services will be held Friday, March 3, at 11 a.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, in Staples with Pastor Saul Stensvaag presiding. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes, Wadena.

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Lorraine Trout



Lorraine Trout, 87, of Browerville passed away February 26, 2017 at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 3 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley with Father Joe Korf officiating. Visitation will be, Thursday, Mar. 2, from 5-8 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to services at the church.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Lorraine was born November 30, 1929 in Ward Township, Todd County to Henry and Dorothy (Pankratz) Smith. She attended a one room country school and graduated from Browerville High School. Lorraine received her Bachelor's Degree in teaching from Bemidji State. She started teaching school at a one room country school and later taught at Sacred Heart Catholic School, in Staples. Lorraine married Athur Trout on June 21, 1949, in Staples. Lorraine helped on the farm and was a fire warden for 40 years. She enjoyed reading, gardening, growing flowers, crossword puzzles, cards, shopping and going to the casino. Lorraine was active in Missions Circle, Homemakers Club, her card club for 67 years, being a homemaker and decorating for the holidays. She most loved spending time with her family.

Lorraine is survived by two daughters, Kathryn Pitcher of St. Louis Park and Joyce (Jerry) Brever of Staples and one son, Alan (RoAnn) Trout of Browerville; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Raymond Smith and Leo Smith; one sister, Betty Martinek; sister-in-law, Margie Smith; brother-in-law, Lavern Martinek and son-in-law, Marvin Pitcher.

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David Lundstrom



David Milton Lundstrom, 60, of Wadena, formerly of the Pillager/Brainerd area, passed away February 24, 2017, at Fair Oaks Lodge in Wadena, after a hard-fought, 18 month battle with cancer.

A Celebration of Life was held Feb 28, at the Family Life Church in Verndale.

Arrangments were with Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Dave was born July 24, 1956, in Rochester, New York, to Richard and Joan Lundstrom. He graduated from Floodwood High School in 1974. He lived in Duluth and the Twin Cities, where he met, Janice Theel, while attending North Central Bible College. Dave and Jan were married December 29, 1979. Dave was a minister for ten years, pastoring in Menahga, Walker and Pillager (Casino Assembly of God). Following his pastoral call, he and Jan went into the bakery business in Brainerd. They moved to Wadena, where Dave worked for Abby's Bakery and then for Lund/Crestliner Boats. Dave loved his family and adored his granddaughters.

Dave is survived by his wife; two sons, Jonathan (Tabitha), of Bemidji and Charlie (fiancé Emma) of Moorhead; two granddaughters; his mother, Joan Lundstrom, of Park Rapids; one sister, Jeanne (Jon) Nauman, of Ramsey; two brothers, Tim (Laurie) of Fargo, ND and Dan (Linda), of Cottage Grove; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; and his paternal and maternal grandparents. w9c A00006B2017MA02

Todd Orr



Pastor Todd Orr, 53, of Staples passed away February 23, 2017, at his home.

Funeral services were held March 1 at the Nazarene Church in Hewitt, with Pastor Paul Haddix officiating.

Interment will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls.

Arrangements were with Brenny Funeral Home, Staples.

Todd was born March 2, 1963 in La Mesa, CA to Harold and Betty (Loescher) Orr. He grew up in Brook Park and graduated from Staples High School in 1981. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard for four years and after his Honorable Discharge, he returend to Staples. Todd married Julie Montgomery on June 28, 1986 at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. He worked as a cook at the Cardinal Café in Staples and at Louis Kemp in Motley. Todd studied to become a pastor and was ordained in August, 2016. He was the Associate Pastor at Nazarene Church in Hewitt. Todd was recently called to be the full time Pastor at Friendship Church of the Nazarene in Mora. He enjoyed photography, fishing, making videos, spending time with family and friends and road trips.

Todd is survived by his wife; mother, Betty Rike; one brother, Scott Orr of Riverton, WY; one sister, Theresa Blazka of Oregon; one step-brother, Glen (Brenda) Rike of Pine City; mother-in-law, Margaret Montgomery; four sisters in law, Judy (Doug) Zimmerman; Jody (Todd) Johnson, Peggy (Tim) Leyh, Trish (Dave Winter) Montgomery; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; grandfathers, Orville Loescher and Elmer Orr; father-in-law, Ronald Montgomery; sister-in-law, Tammy Stahl.

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New member

The Staples Host Lions Club welcomed new member Jon Miller into club membership at their last meeting. Pictured from left to right are Jon Miller, Sponsor Tom Honek and Keith Porter who conducted the installation. Submitted photo)

Staples Motley FFA Leadership awards



Six members of the Staples Motley FFA competed in Leadership CDE's (Career Development Events) Feb. 9 at Central Lakes College-Staples. The participants, their category and placing are listed from left: Molly Lindgren, Farm Bureau Discussion Meet, first; Rachel Paskewitz, Prepared Public Speaking, first; Katie Benson, Employment Skills, first; Ari Brings, Creed Speaking, first; and Ben Olander, Creed Speaking, fourth. Not available for the photo was Zachary Strickland, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, first. All of the first place winners will advance to compete at the State FFA Convention in April. (Submitted photo)

Student Achievements

Paige Melse, Staples, has been named to the 2016 Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Nicolette Edin, Staples, has been named to the 2016 Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Northwestern, St. Paul. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time and have a grade point average of 3.65 or higher for the semester.

Sarah Olsen, Pillager, has been named to the 2016 Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Northwestern, St. Paul. To qualify, students must be enrolled full-time and have a grade point average of 3.65 or higher for the semester.

Senior Citizens news

By Kathy Crews
and Arlene Grover

The Staples Senior Citizens organization needs you. Join or renew your membership for only $5 per year. Sign up on Wednesdays with Carol Olsen or call Arlene at 218-894-2254. Mail your check, payable to Staples Senior Citizens, to P.O. Box 14, Staples, MN 56479-0014.

Are you ready for St. Patrick's Day? Your senior citizens board is planning a members-only St. Pat's Day party on Mar. 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Seniors Room at the Community Center. This is the day we hope to make sure all the "Irish Eyes are Smiling" and "Irish Hearts are Happy." There will be 10 free bingo games with prizes plus a door prize. Hats and/or costumes will also be eligible for a prize. Pay your dues now and sign up for this fun event.

Just a reminder that congregate dining meals are available weekdays at the Community Center at 11:45 a.m. with evening meals available on four Thursdays. Call Diane at 218-894-2556 mornings to register for a meal at least one day prior. The menu is included in the Senior Echoes newsletter.

March Birthday: Jan Pogreba on Mar. 8. No anniversaries this month.

We are still battling winter so drive with care and walk with extra care.

CLICK!
Staples World color photos are available for purchase online:
http://staplesworld.dotphoto.com

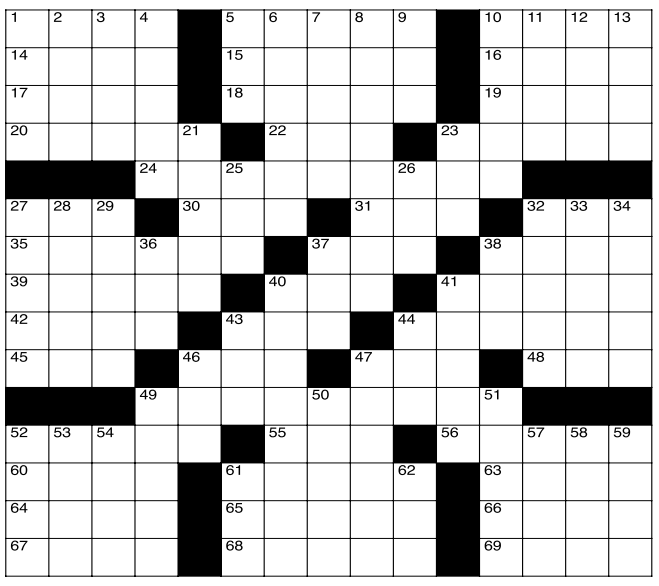


Farm Bureau award

The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) Young Farmers & Ranchers (YF&R) Committee presented awards at the MFBF Leadership Conference, Feb. 3-4 at the Sanford Convention Center in Bemidji. The recipients of the MFBF YF&R Golden Pitchfork Award was presented to Sarah and Miles Kuschel of Cass County. The award is presented to those who are not afraid of hard work and heavy lifting. President Kevin Paap, left, presented the award. (Submitted photo)

Crossword Puzzle

Week 9

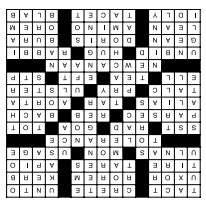


CLUES ACROSS
1. Sensitivity
5. Greek island
10. Up to the time of
14. Wife
15. Composer Ned
16. Edging to street path (Brit.)
17. Lose energy
18. Biblical parable
19. Celery (Spanish)
20. Arm bones
22. Japanese family emblem
23. Customary practice
24. Acceptance
27. Very fast aircraft (abbr.)
30. Cool
31. Indian state
32. Young boy or girl
35. Astronomy unit
37. Confederate soldier
38. Famed German composer
39. Alternate name
40. Used to pave driveways
41. Artery
42. Type of powder
43. Inquire too closely
44. Northern Ireland
45. Connects two points at right angles
46. Hot drink
47. A newt
48. Engine additive
49. Wealthy Connecticut town
52. Not invited or requested
55. Embrace
56. Spiritual leader
60. Wild or sweet cherry
61. __ Day, actress
63. Daughter of Ion
64. Recline
65. Type of acid
66. City in Utah
67. Lazily
68. Music term
69. Divulge a secret

CLUES DOWN
1. Very short skirt worn by ballerinas
2. Angle between leaf stalk and stem
3. Popular in Nebraska
4. Dessert
5. Cognitive retention therapy
6. Wandered
7. Mistake
8. Adolescent
9. Medical term
10. Russian tsarÕs edict
11. Type genus of the Nepidae
12. High school math class
13. Double-reed instrument
21. Painful places on the body
23. Fiddler crabs
25. Resinous substance
26. Person of wealth (Brit.)
27. Series
28. North American plant
29. Warble
32. Pastries
33. Group of eight
34. Twyla __, dancer
36. Pouch
37. Singer Charles
38. Cattle genus
40. Eye infection
41. Where couples go to marry
43. Long bench with backs
44. Unrestricted free agent
46. ___ Talks
47. Causal agent
49. Nincompoop
50. Relating to the aura
51. Person of conspicuous wealth
52. Type of mottled fruit
53. Essential
54. Fertility god
57. Folk singer Ives
58. La __ Tar Pits, Hollywood
59. Foot
61. Digital audiotape
62. Drunk

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Answers



Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship
Worship Service .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School
and Coffee Fellowship .....9:35 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

United Methodist
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2248
Pastor Greg Ciesluk .....
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

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
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....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.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor 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 Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

Verndale

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

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

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

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Grumbling or groaning?

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

Have we become a culture of complainers? We can watch various forms of complaints on the "news" 24/7 if we so choose. We whine and protest about our politicians (on either side of the aisle) far more than we pray for them. Our work, our food, our family, and the weather are all regularly to blame for something. It drives me nuts when my kids complain and I wonder where they could have possibly learned that? But then I realize that I am personally an expert at hiding my complaints within various forms of sarcasm and off-hand comments.

John Ortberg points out that there are three different ways to deal with the hard stuff that comes to us in life. Grumbling, Gratitude, and Groaning.

Grumbling is really a lack of trust; and trust is the number one factor in knowing God. When we grumble, we're really saying that God is not reliable and that He doesn't care. Complaining is wrong because it leaves God out of our life situations that He desperately wants to be included in.

Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. - Philippians 2:14

Gratitude is not necessarily giving thanks for everything, but it is giving thanks in everything. We're not thankful for evil things that happen to us or others, but we can still be thankful, even in the most challenging times, for God's presence, provision, and promises.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances... - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Groaning is recommended throughout the Bible. Groaning is bringing the hard stuff in our lives straight to God. It's being open and honest about what we're going through, while still believing that God cares and has our best in mind.

Therefore groan, son of man! Groan before them with broken heart and bitter grief. - Ezekiel 21:6t

Grumbling is toxic. But you and I can choose the way of Jesus - the way of Gratitude and Groaning. Today, we can turn to the way of walking through the sun and the storms of life with a steady trust in the God who cares for us.

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

Ernie's Food Market
Groceries - Gas - Convenience - more
Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to $250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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

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

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

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF TODD IN DISTRICT COURT SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Case Type #14 - Other Civil

SUMMONS

Dennis R. Weirens and Rita L. Houle,
Plaintiffs

vs.

David A Remjeske, Susan Remjeske, Charles F. Hinnenkamp, Janet M. Welters a/k/a/ Janet Marie Zitzow, Donna R. Kociemba, Donna R. Kociemba, Trustee of the Donna R. Kociemba Trust dated December 20, 1994, Bruce A. Kociemba, Deborah A. Kociemba, Trustees U/D/T dated October 17, 1996, Merrill Lynch Credit Corporation, JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., the unknown heirs of Alois Walter Kociemba, deceased, the unknown heirs of Herbert J. Thelen, deceased, the unknown heirs of Donald E. Remjeske, Sr., deceased, the unknown heirs of Irene R. Remjeske, deceased, the unknown of heirs of Albert Gordon Anderson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Virginia L. Anderson f/k/a Virginia L. Burnette, deceased, the unknown heirs of Boniface B. Hinnenkamp, deceased, the unknown heirs of Agnes R. Hinnenkamp, deceased, an all other persons unknown or claiming any right, title, estate, interest, or lien in the real property described in the Complaint herein,
Defendants.

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE ABOVE NAMES DEFENDANTS:

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED. The Plaintiff has started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers 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.

This action involves, affects, or brings into question real property situated in the County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, legally described in the Complaint herein.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the object of said action is to obtain a judgment declaring that Plaintiff is the owner in fee of the property described herein, and that the defendants, and each of them, have no right, title, estate, interest or lien in or upon the said read estate.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that no personal claim is made by Plaintiff against any of the Defendants.

2. YOU MUST REPLY 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 received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at 421 Sinclair Lewis Avenue, PO Box 226, Sauk Centre, Minnesota 56378.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND 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 paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU 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 claim stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written Answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION. The parties may agree to or be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under rule 114 of the Minnesota Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated:
January 17, 2017

Thomas J. Mayer
Attorney- City of Sauk Centre
421 Sinclair Lewis Avenue
P.O. Box 226
Sauk Centre, MN 56378
Telephone: (320) 352-6503
Attorney I.D. No. 69139

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
All that part of Government Lot Three (3), Section 26, Township 127, Range 33 contained within the following described metes and boundary lines:

Commencing at a point 395 feet West and 336 feet South and 50 feet East of the Northeast corner of said Lot 3; thence East 62.5 feet; thence South to the marginal waterline of Birch Lakes; thence West along the marginal waterline of Birch Lake to a point due South of the point of beginning; thence North to the point of beginning with the exception of a 10 foot driveway across the lot running East and West where the road now runs. Together with the benefit of a road easement over a 10 foot road presently running East and West across Lot 39 of Ward Springs Addition.

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NOTICE ANNUAL AUDIT MEETING THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP

The regular monthly meeting of Thomastown Township will be held on Monday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will include the Annual Audit of the books

Joy Weyer, Clerk,
May Township Clerk
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NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE

2018 American Sign Language Immersion Travel Study Program

Central Lakes College is requesting proposals from qualified individuals or organizations to offer travel arrangements for the 2018 American Sign Language Immersion Travel Study Program at Central Lakes College. A copy of the request for proposal may be obtained by calling Debbie Sterriker at Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road, Staples MN 56479, (218) 894-5103 or 1-800-247-6836.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2017. All proposals must be sealed and marked "2018 American Sign Language Immersion Travel Study Program". Submit proposals to:

Central Lakes College
Attn: Debbie Sterriker
1830 Airport Road
Staples, MN 56479

The college reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any information or irregularities in the bidding and to make the award serving the best interest of the college.

Central Lakes College is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer and Educator. These materials are available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities upon request. If you use a TTY, call the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 and request to contact Central Lakes College.

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NOTICE POPLAR TOWNSHIP BOARD

The Poplar Town Board will meet Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Leader Hall at 5:00 p.m.

All meetings are open to the public.

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township
9pnc

NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Fawn Lake will hold its election at the town hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Offices to be voted on are one (1) Supervisor position for a three (3) year term, and one (1) Treasurer position for a two (2) year term. The board of canvass will immediately follow the election.

The annual meeting will be held immediately following the board of canvass at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Inclement weather alternate date will be the following Tuesday, March 21 at the same times.

Call the clerk at (218) 531-027 with any questions.

Kelly Miller, Clerk
Fawn Lake Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE TODD COUNTY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Todd County is the recipient of County Program Aid grant funds for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) prevention from the state of Minnesota as a result of 2014 Session Law Chapter 308. It is anticipated this will be an ongoing aid program, dependent on decisions by the Legislature. The purpose of these funds is to "prevent the introduction or limit the spread of aquatic invasive species at all the access sites within the county" (MN Statutes 477A.19).

The purpose of this RFP is to facilitate the disbursement of these funds to parties interested in conducting work to facilitate this purpose.

Todd County is soliciting Local Government Units (LGU) and/or private businesses for proposals for the Todd County AIS Program in 2017. The details of this RFP can be found on the Todd County website. Contact the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) with questions at 320-732-2644. Applications are due March 24, 2017.

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NOTICE WADENA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday the 16th day of March, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Wadena County Courthouse to consider the application of Thomas S. and Lisa L. O'Connor for a Conditional Use Permit for property described as follows: NE1/4 NE1/4; E 100' of NW1/4 NW1/4, Section 3, Township 134 N, Range 33 W, Thomastown Township, located in an A-2 Mixed Agriculture Forestry District.

The application, if approved, would allow operation of a Commercial Dog Kennel and Breeding Facility.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing and be heard on this matter. Access to the public hearing will be allowed through the Sheriff's department on the South side of the Courthouse only.

Date: February 23, 2017

Deana M. Malone,
Wadena County Planning & Zoning Administrator
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NOTICE VILLARD TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Villard Township, County of Todd, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. In case of inclement weather, the meeting may be postponed until March 21, 2017.

The Annual meeting will be held at the Eastwood Inn in Motley in their conference room **(note location)** and will commence immediately following the Villard Township March regular meeting to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Villard Township March regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastwood Inn.

If you have any questions, contact the clerk at 218-352-6489.

Connie Mosack, Clerk
Villard Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE SYLVAN TOWNSHIP CASS COUNTY PILLAGER MINNESOTA SEALED BIDS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Sylvan Town Board of Supervisors is requesting sealed bids for the annual Road Maintenance contract located in Sylvan Township, Cass County, Minnesota, USA.

Bid specifications and conditions may be obtained from the Town Clerk during the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Sylvan Town Hall.

Written requests can be made to the following address:

Sylvan Township
Attn: Town Clerk
12956 24th Avenue SW
Pillager, MN 56473

Sealed bids must be received at the Sylvan Town Hall by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2017.

Bids must be accompanied with a five percent (5%) bid bond based on $100,000.

Bids will be opened and the responsibility of the bidders will be considered at the Sylvan Town Hall on March 16, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. The Bid Contract will be awarded on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 7:05 p.m. at the Sylvan Town Hall.

The Sylvan Township Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities contained therein.

Faith Broberg,
Clerk / Treasurer
By order of the Sylvan Board of Supervisors
9-10pnc

NOTICE POPLAR TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Poplar Township annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the Leader Hall.

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

All meetings are open to the public.

Hope Johnson, Clerk
Poplar Township
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NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Bartlett Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the town hall. The polling hours are from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Officers to be voted on are one (1) Supervisor A and one (1) Treasurer.

The Annual Meeting will be held following the election at 8:15 p.m.

An update on the fence issue will be discussaed.

Inclement weather alternate date will be Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the same location and time.

Jan Jares, Clerk
Bartlett Township
9pnc

NOTICE WADENA COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 206.83, Wadena County will test the ES&S AutoMARK, assisted voting device, which will be used during the Thomastown Township Election, to be held March 14, 2017.

The purpose of this testing is to ascertain that the equipment will correctly tabulate the votes cast for all races and candidates.

The test will be held on:
Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

The tests will be conducted at:
Wadena County
Courthouse Auditorium
415 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, Minnesota

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

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NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP MEETING

May Township will hold its Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the May Township Hall at 5834 112th Street SW, Pillager. In case of inclement weather the annual meeting will be moved to March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and in case inclement weather again postpones the annual meeting it will be held on March 28, 2017.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk
May Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP

The polls will be open from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on March 14, 2017 for the township election of one (1) Supervisor and the Treasurer's position at the town hall. The annual meeting of the township will be held following the canvassing of the election at 8:00 p.m.

The Election and Annual Meeting will be held on March 21 at the same times if there is bad weather on the 14th.

Joy Weyer, Clerk,
May Township Clerk
9-10pnc

NOTICE STAPLES TOWNSHIP ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

The Staples Township Election and Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Staples Town Hall.

The Polling Hours are 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Positions to be filled are:

One (1) supervisor, three (3) year term;

One (1) Treasurer, two (2) year term.

Board of Canvass will follow the election with the Annual meeting immediately after that.

In case of inclement weather, the election and Annual meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Bonnie Thoele, Clerk
Staples Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Moran Township, County of Todd, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the town hall. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election may be postponed to March 21, 2017. The meeting will commence at 3:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The election poll hours will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. at which time the voters will elect one (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term and one (1) Treasurer for a two (2) year term. The Board of Canvass will be held at a 8:00 p.m.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township
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NOTICE MOOSE LAKE TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING AND REQUEST FOR BIDS

Moose Lake Township will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

The township is now accepting bids for road maintenance and cemetery maintenance. Send bids to: Moose Lake Township Clerk, 5335 51st Ave. SW, Pine River, MN 56474

In case of inclement weather, the alternate meeting date will be Tuesday, March 21 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Karen Roubal, Clerk
Moose Lake Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Meadowbrook Township will be meeting the first Tuesday of each month except for July and November at the Swan Valley Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m. Please note the change of place as the Leader Community Hall has some construction and maintenance issues.

The Annual Township Meeting for Meadowbrook will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the Swan Valley Lutheran Church, 6:30 p.m. In case of bad weather the meeting will be held the following week.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township
9-10pnc

NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

Byron Township will hold their Annual Meeting on March 14, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall. In case of bad weather the meeting will be postponed to March 21 at 3:00 p.m.

The Regular Board meeting will be held March 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Bev Hoemberg, Clerk
Byron Township Clerk
9-10pnc

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Todd County accepts ditch tree removal bid

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

As anyone who lives on a ditch system will attest to, trees can really slow down drainage.

At the Feb. 21 meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners discussion and action took place on the County Ditch 18 repair project when the board approved the first part of the project at a cost of $71,430.

Background

The Todd County Ditch Authority put the County Ditch 18 Repair Project out for rebids with the bid opening held Feb. 16.

Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp said that because of issues including boggy ground which needs to be worked on while the ground is still frozen, Kurt Deter, Ditch Attorney, advised that the Ditch Authority can make a decision on the tree removal portion of the bid at a regular commissioner's board meeting.

After discussion, the board did approve doing the first portion of the project - tree removal - and accepted the low bid by Corbin Pickar Excavating in the amount of $71,430.

A Repair/Outlet Hearing will be held in mid April 2017 to make a decision on the mobilization and ditch cleaning portion of the bid.

Uhlenkamp further shared, "The bid amount for mobilization and ditch cleaning is $200,255, for a total bid of $271,685.

"Because of scheduling conflicts, a Repair Hearing will not be able to be scheduled until sometime in mid April. The frost may be out by then and the tree removal will be difficult if not impossible to complete at that time and may need to be delayed until winter of 2017."

A letter has been sent to the landowners on the assessment roll after the bid opening, to inform them of the bid amount and that the Ditch Authority would be making a decision on the tree removal portion at the Feb. 21 board meeting.

One gentleman at the meeting asked if a landowner could remove his own brush and trees from his ditch property to keep the cost down.

Uhlenkamp said that they could remove the trees and brush themselves, however the property would still be on the assessment and would not change the cost much at all.

In other business:

• After discussion, the board approved a Conditional Use Permit request to establish a two building mini-storage business for Mike Wolpert with four conditions including:

1) Vegetative screening of three rows consisting of one row of conifer, one row of deciduous, and one row of shrubs at 12 foot planted spacing.

2) Exterior lighting must be shielded and elements directed to buildings, with more lights closer to the ground and not directly visible off site.

3) That the Agricultural Compatibility Statement be included.

4) If more storage buildings are planned for this parcel a CUP amendment must be obtained.

Planning and Zoning Director Tim Stieber said there were a number of concerns with this CUP, some of which were resolved at the planning commission meeting. He said there was one letter of concern that the storage buildings would lower adjoining property values and another person who expressed concern that it would raise property values.

Commissioner David Kircher had a concern with why they were planting trees and questioning how long it would take for the trees to grow. He asked if they had looked at fencing.

Chairman Rod Erickson said that they had, but then there were questions raised on how high the fence should be among other things.

Erickson said the CUP was satisfactory with neighbors.

• Zoning ordinance amendments were presented at a commissioner's work session on Oct. 18, 2016, and at Planning Commission meetings on Dec. 1, 2016, Jan. 5 and Feb. 2017. Copies of the proposed changes were distributed as required by statute and posted on the county web site.

Input was obtained at each meeting. The final proposed changes were reduced somewhat in scope from the initially proposed version.

Appointments to Board of Adjustment and Planning Commission will continue to be by commissioner district. Road access requirements were initially proposed to be 16.5 feet minimum. This was increased to 33 foot minimum land connection or perpetual access easement. The other proposed changes were not altered.

According to Stieber, the Planning Commission and public provided good review of the proposed changes and recommended accepting them at February's Planning Commission meeting.

• Shawn Ehlert applied to subdivide property into two residential lots located in the shoreland district of Mound Lake in Grey Eagle Township. The Preliminary Plat met all Planning and Zoning requirements and was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on February 2 with no conditions. The board approved the recommendation.

• Jill Scott from Morrison County Public Health provides reflective supervision for the Nurse Family Partnership Agreement. The NFP program is a home visiting program to first time pregnant mothers and their infants with visits made by a public health nurse. The program began in Todd County in October 2010 partnering with Morrison County. In 2013, Wadena and Cass counties joined. The cost is split between the four counties.

The board approved the renewal agreement.

Commissioner David Kircher said that this was one of the best programs offered by public health.

"It is the best bang for our buck and we see the best returns out of it," he said.

Scott agreed and said that they saw less incarcerations of parents and teens who were in the program.

• Approved a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the DT Lisson Inc. doing business as Double Eagle Golf & Grille in Eagle Bend, effective April 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018.

• Approved a one year On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for the Sauk Centre Country Club Inc. doing business as Greystone Golf Club in Sauk Centre effective April 1, 2017, through March 31, 2018.

• Approved a one day gambling permit for the Sauk Centre Main Street Ducks Unlimited to hold a raffle at Diamond Point Supper Club in Birchdale Township on April 8.

• Approved a one day gambling permit for the Wahoo Valley Chapter of Minnesota Deer Hunters Association to hold a raffle at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township on April 1.

• Approved the recommendation of the Todd County Parks and Trails Board to appoint Commissioner Barb Becker as an alternate to the Todd County Parks and Trails Board.

• Scheduled the 2017 County Board of Appeal and Equalization for June 19 at 6 p.m. not to end before 7 p.m.

• Heard the Todd County Development Corporation's annual report from Director Rick Utech.

• Heard the Great River Regional Library's annual report from Executive Director Karen Pundsack.

• The board approved the hire of Temporary Seasonal Recreational Assistants for the sheriff's office to work in the areas of boat and water patrol, snowmobile patrol, ATV patrol and invasive species enforcement. The positions would be minimum wage positions.

• Accepted the resignation of Travis Genty as a GIS Specialist with an effective date of Feb. 17.

• Approved waiving the 90-day waiting period and allowing human resources to begin the process of recruiting, interviewing and recommending hire to fill the GIS specialist vacancy as recommended by the personnel committee to fill the position vacated by Genty.

• Approved the resignation of Administrative Assistant Lori Jorgensen retroactive to Oct. 23, 2016.

• Held a brief closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Public Notices

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Closing date: March 14, 2017

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 14, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

S.P. 077-070-008
Ground In Wet Reflective Epoxy Edge Lines
Various County Roadways (16.560 miles)

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

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
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NOTICE BECKER TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

The Becker Township Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall with the regular meeting to follow.

In case of bad weather it will be held the following Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Becker Town Hall.

All township residents are encouraged to attend.

Mary Fitcher,
Becker Township Clerk
8-9pnc

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MOTLEY TOWNSHIP

The Annual Election of Officers will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017. The polls will be open from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Motley Township Town Hall. Positions to be filled are as follows:

one (1) Supervisor for a three (3) year term, special election for Supervisor to fill vacancy in term expiring March 12, 2019, and

one (1) Treasurer for a two (2) year term.

Absentee ballots are available by appointment at the home of the Clerk, 218-821-0746.

In case of inclement weather the Annual Election of Officers and Annual Meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

The following will be held after the Annual Election of Officers: the Board of Canvass, the Annual Meeting and the Regular Monthly Meeting.

Robin Johnson, Clerk
Motley Township
8-9pnc

NOTICE LEADER COMMUNITY HALL BOARD

The Leader Community Hall Board will meet on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall to discuss moisture damage and mold in the attic.

Mark Strom, Secretary
8-9pnc

(ABBREVIATED ADVERTISEMENT)

TODD COUNTY GRAVEL SURFACING PROJECT

Closing date: March 14, 2017

Sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m., March 14, 2017 by the Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer and County Auditor/Treasurer at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, Minnesota 56347 for the following construction project:

CP 17:82, CP 17:84, CP 17:86
Graveling Surfacing Project
Various County Roadways (15.556 miles)

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

Loren Fellbaum
Todd County Public Works Director/Engineer
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Visiting legislators

Over 25 Farm Bureau members from Minnesota met with legislators Feb. 14 during one of the Farm Bureau Days on the Hill. The program is an annual event coordinated by the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. Among top issues Farm Bureau members focused on were changes to property taxes, clarification to the buffer law, transportation infrastructure legislation supporting rural roads, bridges and permit requirements for ditch mowing and haying along state highway rights of way. Pictured from left are Representative John Poston (R-Lake Shore), Delvin Durheim, Roger Zastrow and Roger Smith of the Todd County Farm Bureau. (Submitted photo)

Safety net coverage for ARC/PLC open

Producers on farms with base acres under the safety net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill, known as the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs, can visit their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office to sign contracts and enroll for the 2017 crop year. The enrollment period will continue until Aug. 1, 2017.

Since shares and ownership of a farm can change year-to-year, producers on the farm must enroll by signing a contract each program year.

If a farm is not enrolled during the 2017 enrollment period, the producers on that farm will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs for the 2017 crop should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program. Producers who made their elections in 2015 must still enroll during the 2017 enrollment period.

The ARC and PLC programs were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and offer a safety net to agricultural producers when there is a substantial drop in prices or revenues for covered commodities. Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium grain rice (which includes short grain and sweet rice), safflower seed, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat. Upland cotton is no longer a covered commodity. For more details regarding these programs, go to www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

For more information on the FSA ARC and PLC programs contact your local FSA office.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
DOWER LAKE RV PARK EXPANSION

Owner: City of Staples
Address:
C/O JEREL NELSEN, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
122 6TH STREET NE, STAPLES, MN 56479

Separate sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment for the complete construction of the Dower Lake RV Park Expansion will be received by the City Council of the City of Staples, MN at City Hall until March 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall. The bids will then be tabulated and it is the intent of the City Council to initially consider the bids at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in the Council Chambers.

The proposed work includes, but is not limited to, the following major items:

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	APPROXIMATE QUANTITY
CLEARING AND GRUBBING	ACRE	1.9
SELECT GRANULAR BORROW	CU YD	2,300
AGGREGATE SURFACING, CLASS 5	CU YD	200
3" PVC WATERMAIN PIPE	LN FT	1,345
4" PVC SEWER PIPE	LN FT	1,229
WATER WELL AND WELL HOUSE	LUMP SUM	1.0
SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT SYSTEM	LUMP SUM	1.0
WATER SERVICE RISER	EACH	18
SAN. SWR. SERVICE RISER	EACH	18
ELECTRICAL SERVICE	LUMP SUM	1.0

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid made payable without condition to the Owner, as a guarantee that the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, will promptly execute the Agreement in accordance with the Bid and the other Contract Documents.

Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.wsn.us.com by clicking on Bidding Documents in the upper right hand corner or at www.questcdn.com by inputting Quest project #4850837 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading and working with this digital project information. You may download the digital plan documents electronically for $30.

Women or minority-owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

The City reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids.

No bidder may withdraw his / her bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2017.

Jerel Nelsen, City Administrator
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Working at the ice fishing jamboree

Central Minnesota CEO students hosted an ice fishing jamboree at Dower Lake in Staples Feb. 25. Pictured above at the registration table are, from left, Logan Taggart, Zach Strickland, Dominic Nistler, Sarah Moen, Jacob Krueger, Rachel Paskewitz, Hayley Maloney, Molly Lindgren, Katie Benson. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Central MN CEO students hold successful Ice Fishing Jamboree



Family outing

Twelve-year-old River McQuiston (center) had a fun time ice fishing with his dad, Joey (left) and uncle, Ryan, at the Ice Fishing Jamboree in Staples Feb. 25. The McQuistons are from Wadena.



Waiting patiently

Kevin Nelson, Staples, was one of 75 contestants at the Ice Fishing Jamboree at Dower Lake in Staples Feb. 25. Also pictured is Julie Benson of Staples, whose daughter, Katie Benson, was one of the Central Minnesota CEO students who hosted the event. At the time of the photo, Nelson said he had not yet had a bite; but that he was enjoying being outside on a beautiful winter day.

Seventy-five hearty outdoor lovers spent the afternoon out on Dower Lake in Staples with their fishing rods Feb. 25, participating in an Ice Fishing Jamboree.

The event was hosted by the Central Minnesota CEO class; and after a week of extremely mild weather, the class felt fortunate that the temperatures dropped to the typical Minnesota February weather to keep the ice safe on Dower Lake. With the permits from the Department of Natural Resources and the Todd County Sheriff's Office in place, the Ice Fishing Jamboree went on as planned.

The students found a lot of community support as they were able to solicit sponsorships for the event from over 50 local businesses. This resulted in a number of prizes, including door prizes for anyone who purchased a ticket to the event.

"We had good food, good prizes, good people and a good time," said Rachel Paskewitz, of the CEO students.

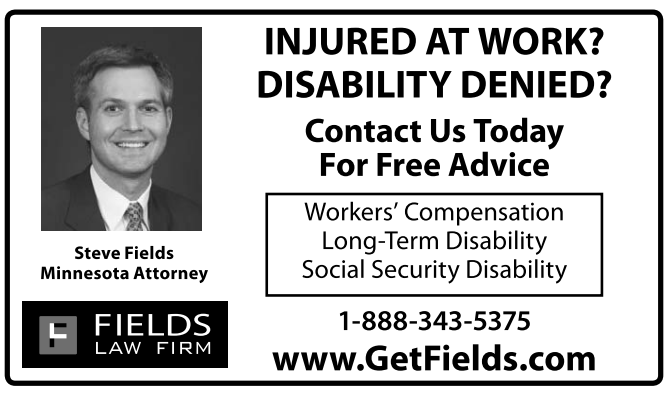
Prizes were awarded for the first fish of the day; and first, second and third place prizes were awarded for both the biggest game fish and the biggest pan fish.

Bailey Folkestad of Wadena caught the first fish of the day. Dean Herda of Merrifield caught the largest game fish, winning a half-day of guided open water fishing with Walleye Dan; and Paul Lorentz of Wadena caught the largest pan fish, winning two-days and two-nights of free ice house rental on Lake of the Woods, provided by Tim Rice.

The Central MN CEO class includes students from Staples-Motley; and Wadena-Deer Creek. The students from SM are Mikayla Sauber, Zach Strickland, Rachel Paskewitz, Dominic Nistler, Molly Lindgren, Jacob Krueger, Rachell Fisher, Katie Benson. Those from Wadena-Deer Creek are Logan Taggart, Sarah Moen, Hayley Maloney.

More information about the CEO class can be found online at www.centralmnceo.com. Watch for the CEO Trade Show in May, which will showcase the individual businesses of the CEO students.







Puppies, preschoolers and grandparents

The Motley Family Center was a scene of cuteness on Feb. 23, when residents of Harmony House in Motley visited with Little Cardinals Academy students, along with white shepherd puppies brought in by Franz Achermann of the Leader area.

Above, Robert Unruh and Darlene Carlson share their puppies with preschoolers Natalie Dumpprope and Claire Rutten. The students also shared some coloring activities with the seniors. Harmony House residents come to the family center every other month for activities, projects and holiday parties, but this was the first time puppies were a part of the visit. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Making friends with the puppies

Little Cardinals Academy students Hope Carlson, Brielle Mevisson, Ethan Alexander and Matthew Jewison take care of the puppies in their classroom on Feb. 23.

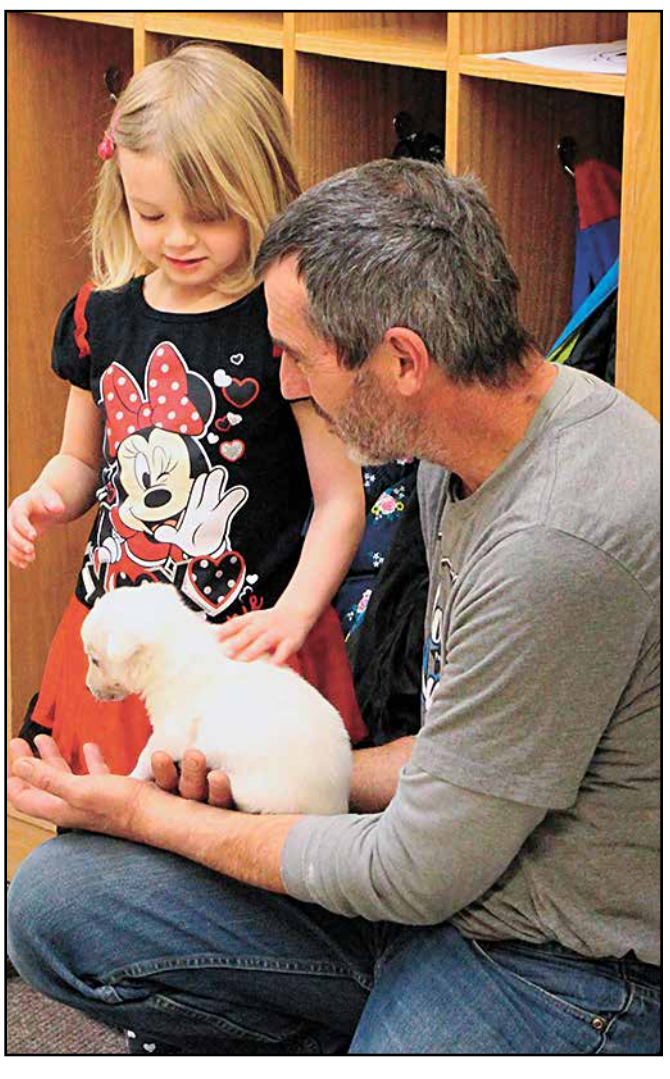


Adoring the puppies, puppies, puppies

Motley Family Center speech language pathologist Elisabeth Wright, upper left, helps students handle the puppies. Students from left, Addison Macheel, Matthew Michel, Shyanne Harrington and Ellie Decker are loving the moment.

Calming hands

Kiera Chenoweth pets one of the white shepherd puppies held by its owner, Franz Achermann.





Shhh, sleeping puppy

Ethan Alexander sneaks between Maynard Waln and Robert Unruh to see the sleeping puppy in Unruh's arms. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Stopping the shot

Blayne Dumpprope blocks his opponent and pulls him to the mat during the section tournament. (Submitted photo)

Despite loss, Cardinals lock up second seed

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team will play a home playoff game on Thursday, March 2, at 7 p.m. against Bagley.

The Cardinals are the second seed despite losing their final regular season game on the road against Barnesville, 59-45.

"Barnesville is a very good team, we did not have a great start and got behind big early," said Coach Craig Wolhowe.

A 17-6 start led to a 34-13 halftime score. "We played better in the second half, but we dug ourselves too big of a hole," said Wolhowe. "Barnesville played a zone and we could not buy a basket." The Cardinals shot 33 percent from the floor, just 29 percent inside the arc. "For some reason we did not follow the game plan and Barnesville took advantage of our miscues," said Wolhowe.

The team had 19 turnovers and just seven assists on the 15 baskets they scored.

With Barnesville earning the number three seed in Section 8AA, the Cardinals are hoping for a rematch in the section semifinals. If they keep winning, the Cardinals will play Saturday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7 at 7:45 p.m. and Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m., all at the university of Minnesota-Crookston.

Team results

Staples-Motley 45, Barnesville 59

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 15, Kelsie Weite 11, Amber Robben 6, Kaitlyn Longworth 5, Chelsea Nanik 5, Sam Schimpp 3

Cardinals sending six wrestlers to state

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team had an extremely successful section individual tournament, as six wrestlers qualified for the state tournament and two others came close, losing in a true second match.

The state-bound wrestlers are: Spencer Miller at 113 pounds, Blayne Dumpprope at 120, Owen Bjerga at 126, Eric Lisson at 132, Jasiah Paskewitz at 138 and Alex Erpelding at 170.

Three of those wrestlers were section champions. Erpelding and Miller were dominant in their quest for the section title. Erpelding had a bye in the first round, scored a quick pin in the second and won 11-0 in the championship round. Miller recorded two pins and a technical fall in his three wins. Lisson also had a fall in his first match and won 7-5 in the section championship after gaining a 7-2 lead. Lisson wasn't worried even though "I gave up a couple of easy ones," he said.

The other three wrestlers finished second after making it to the championship match.

Dumpprope took a 3-2 lead in his championship match but made one mistake in the third period. "I kept my leg in instead of hooking him and he turned it into a five point move," said Dumpprope. That meant he needed to wrestle a true second match. "I was angry," he said, "I didn't wrestle my best until that true second." In that match, he earned a double leg takedown and his opponent tried to sit out. "I jumpted forward and put on a cradle, and I was able to keep it," said Dumpprope. In a few seconds he had earned a pin and a trip to state. "It was an awesome feeling, I never had a bigger surge of excitement and joy in my life," he said.

Bjerga also said he didn't have his best match in the finals. "I wasn't quick enough," he said about that match. But like Dumpprope, in the true second match he had no problem, winning 10-0.

After winning his first two matches at the section tournament, Paskewitz said "I am wrestling the best I have ever done," even though he has moved up in weight class. Before his championship match, he knew there would be no true second because he had beaten both wrestlers in the third place match, so "I just wanted to go out and have some fun," he said. He didn't fare well against one of the state's top wrestlers, but was happy to have earned his trip to state.



Topsy-turvy

Spencer Miller turnes his opponent upside-down during the section tournament. (Submitted photo)

State meet

All the Cardinal wrestlers are optimistic about winning their first match at state. Paskewitz and Dumpprope will have their first state experience, while the others are experienced and hoping to place high.

Erpelding may be the state favorite at 170 pounds, as some of the other top ranked wrestlers moved down to 160 pounds in their sections. But as an experienced senior wrestler, he will be ready. "You can't underestimate anybody at state," he said. "I will wrestle how I wrestled all year, and do what I've been doing in practice." His first match is against Noah Scott of Canby.

Lisson is the other senior going to state. He will face Trey Fairbanks of Deer River who he said he has beaten this year. Lisson is the number four seed, but has wrestled well against the top seed in his bracket. "I hope to get an upset ther and come out on top," he said.

Bjerga is wrestling the state's number three seed, Jamaal Baird of Deer River, but has done well against some of the other top people in his weight class. "If I wrestle my match, I think I can beat him," said Bjerga. He said his goal is to get into the top six.

Dumpprope faces Dominic Bulger of Trinity School at River Ridge in the first round. "We have close records, if I wrestle the way I did I can do well," he said. His goal is to win at least two matches at state.

Paskewitz' first round matchup is against Dylan Rudningen of Kerkoven-Murdoch-Sunburg, a wrestler with a very good record but is still unseeded. "My first year at state is going to be pretty nerve-wracking," he said, adding that he has to win that first match because the second round will be against the state's top wrestler.

Other Cardinal wrestlers who placed at section were:

106 - Payton Bjerga 3-2, 5th place

152 - James Ehresman 1-3, 6th place

160 - Jonathan Lisson 1-3, 6th place

195 - Braden Tyrrell - 3-2, 3rd place

220 - Shaine Guggenberger 1-3, 6th place

285 - Kyle Serich 3-2, 3rd place



Klefsaas medals at state

Boosted by a third place medal in the balance beam, Millie Klefsaas placed 15th in the all-around competition at the State Gymnastics Meet at the University of Minnesota's Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis on Feb. 25. Her beam score was 9.525.

The Staples-Motley senior competes for the Brainerd Warriors team. Her scores included a 22nd place in uneven bars with a 9.20 score and a 30th place in floor exercise with a score of 8.95. Her score of 9.36 in the vault only counted towards the all-around competition, although it would have placed her near the top 30. (Photos by Bill Johnson)



Cardinal BB Boosters offering fan buses

Section basketball begins

The Cardinal Basketball Boosters are hoping to provide some options for fan buses for the boy's and girl's section basketball games.

Game dates are listed below. The girls first round of section play is; Thursday, March 2 at home; winners of the games held on Thursday will play Saturday, March 4 in Crookston at 4:30 p.m.

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For more information, cost and to reserve a seat contact; **deanneschimpp@lakewoodhealthsystem.com or Heidi_smith06@hotmail.com**.

BB section games

- Girl's 1st round: Thursday, Mar. 2; @Staples
- Girl's 2nd round: Saturday, Mar.4 @ Crookston
- Girl's 3rd round: Tuesday, Mar.7 @ Crookston
- Girl's section finals: Friday, Mar.10, @Crookston
- Boys first round: Thursday, Mar. 9, @ Staples
- Boy's 2nd round: Saturday, Mar. 11 @ Moorhead
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Jackie Perius		177
Robin Kramer		157



Getting a section win

Jasiah Paskewitz headlocks his opponent into the mat during the section tournament. (Submitted photo)

Cardinal BBB runs away with two games

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team overwhelmed two teams with their pressure defense and fast-break offense, with a win over Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 72-54 on Feb. 21 and Park Rapids 64-30 on Feb. 23.

The Cards finish their regular season this week with a game against Detroit Lakes that was played on Feb. 28 and a game at Barnesville, Friday, March 3

Against W-H-A, the Cardinals used their size and speed advantage to open up an early lead, and maintained it the rest of the game.

Gavin Smith had 26 points, nine steals, five assists; Jack Fietek had four steals. Trey Skeesick pulled in 10 rebounds and Brayden Losh had seven rebounds.

It was a similar story against Park Rapids as Smith had 20 points and 11 rebounds. It was a good passing game, as the Cardinals had 19 team assists, led by Smith with five and Derek Kennedy, four.

Team results

Staples-Motley 72, Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 54

Scoring: Smith 26, Fietek 11, Skeesick 9, Josh Lombard 9, Kennedy 5, Reid Busker 4, Losh 4, Hunter Carlson 4

Staples-Motley 64, Park Rapids 30

Scoring: Smith 20, Skeesick 11, Kennedy 7, Lombard 6, Bentley Christensen 5, Isaiah Ross-Bahn 4, Fietek 4, Zach Carlson 2, Ben Bartczak 2, Max Giza 2, Busker 1.

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How natural should nature be?

There's a tempest simmering in a Minnesota teapot these days, the heat generated by a well-known wildlife photographer criticizing those who "bait" owls in winter to improve their chances of capturing great images with a camera. The photographer's anger over the practice was aired in a recent column by a well-known outdoor writer. He made the point that this practice endangers owls, which by their nature are already too accepting of humans for their own good. Though it's not currently illegal here to bait owls, this critic is reportedly "naming names" of other photographers on his Facebook page when he sees them using this tactic.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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At popular winter owl sites, some individual birds get so used to photographers and birders feeding them pet shop mice that they fly in and perch while photographers set up their gear, as if waiting for the command "Action" to start the docu-drama. Can such a creature become so dependent on handouts from humans that it loses the keen predatory edge it needs to survive when the handouts end? Will frequenting an environment of access roads and traffic lead to the owl becoming roadkill? Their harshest critic thinks so.

As an amateur photographer, and someone who appreciates the accurate portrayal of wild creatures, I am philosophically on about the same footing as the critic of owl baiters. I remember decades ago being greatly impressed by a photo of an Eastern gray wolf, or timber wolf as it was then called, on the cover of the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer, the bi-monthly publication of our state's Department of Natural Resources.

Not long after this I became acquainted with the photographer who took the photo. As it turned out, and as I learned to my great disappointment, the star of the photo was a captive wolf he kept in an enclosure on his rural Northern Minnesota property. I could never look at that photo and feel the same emotions again. For a long time afterward I found myself looking at amazing shots of whitetail deer, moose, elk, and other creatures, and wondering whether they might have been actors, too.

Not long ago, in an antique store, I purchased an old out-of-print fishing book written by an author that many serious fishermen would recognize. The cover photo was of a fish jumping out of the water, one of the more difficult things for any photographer to capture. It's a good thing I'm not, as the saying goes, one who judges a book by its cover. The fish is pictured tail-walking on the surface, with droplets of spray flying in all directions. Unfortunately, its arched body looks very much like it was styled by a taxidermist. I can overlook the silly attempt at realism because the book's content is good. The cover? Good only for a laugh.

There's a difference, to me at least, between the cover of this fishing book and a magazine or film that presents itself as offering a window into the world of Nature. Whether the stage is National Wildlife, Ranger Rick Magazine, National Geographic or Outdoor Life, I'm pretty sure most viewers would like to believe that a creature depicted there is one that is wild in its everyday life, not just in its DNA.

An obvious double standard for those who prefer "real Nature" is the feeding we do in our backyards in winter. Millions of us feed the birds and squirrels suet, sunflower seeds, thistle, cracked corn and other varieties of seeds and fruits. If I were a betting man, I'd willingly wager that many, many of the songbirds appearing in Nature media were not far from artificially placed food of some kind when they were "snapped" and immortalized.

Apart from the standard backyard chickadees, cardinals and woodpeckers, some of us actively feed such "big game" as deer, pheasants or wild turkeys; not only because we like to see them, but – I'm sure – because some feel they're making it easier to get through a harsh winter. A biologist would almost certainly argue that, just as owls can lose their survival edge by being fed, so too can deer, pheasants and turkeys. Perhaps just as important, concentrating them unnaturally can enhance the spread of disease.

There are other reasons we manipulate the behavior of wildlife, beyond doing so to get a great photograph. The MnDNR recently reported that the most frequent game law violation during the 2016 deer hunting season was illegal deer baiting. This is the illegal practice of putting out turnips, apples, or other foods attractive to deer to condition them to follow a path that will give the hunter (so-called) a chance to shoot the animal. We want an edge, and too many feel that baiting is the way to get it. How natural is a hunt like that?

There're even more ways to misrepresent and manipulate wildlife. In this age of digital imaging, it's possible to edit one or more images in a computer program to change composition, change colors, light effects, background and create an image that is radically different from what was seen through the camera viewfinder. Is that fair to a photographer who shoots only "the real thing?" Is it honest? Ethical? Is some manipulation okay? If so, how much?

Unfortunately – in our behavior, as in photography – though we might prefer black and white, we're often faced with many shades of gray.



Spinning layup

Gavin Smith moves out from under the backboard to score against Walker-Hackensack-Akeley. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Military Museum announces new Featured Veteran Exhibit

Army Dentist Col. John Harvey Lien, Willmar

The Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley is featuring Army Dentist Col. John Harvey Lien of Willmar in their Featured Veteran Exhibit through March 31.

John Harvey Lien was born June 24, 1911, to Amos and Winifred Lien in Willmar. As a youngster growing up he developed what was to become a life-long interest in dentistry. He earned his diploma from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1937. After briefly interning in Rochester, New York and Minneapolis, he moved back to his hometown of Willmar to set up a practice which he was to operate for 42 years.

In 1942, Dr. Lien was called into the army as a 1st Lt., and served four years in the South Pacific, from the island of Guadalcanal through to the Philippines. While serving in the Philippines, he was part of a medical team that was among the first to enter the



Col. John Harvey Lien

newly liberated prisoner of war camps that held some of the many Americans captured in the early battles in the Philippines. He ended up enduring six trips across the Pacific accompanying casualties back to the U.S.

Following active service he remained in the reserves and was a member of the 5th Army Pistol Team. He retired at the rank of Colonel on June 24, 1970. John was a life-long member of the American Legion and VFW. John had two daughters, Patricia and Joyce; and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren. He passed away on Oct. 29, 2005 and is interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

The public is invited to view the entire exhibit on Col. Lien along with all the exhibits in the Minnesota Military Museum. The museum exhibits artifacts and stories from all branches of the military from frontier days to the present. Winter hours at the museum are: Thursdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and by appointment. Current featured exhibits include "Minnesota Voices from Vietnam" and "In the Fight: Minnesota and the First World War."

The Minnesota Military Museum is located at Camp Ripley, 15000 Hwy 115, Little Falls. For more information, call 320-616-6050, or online at www.mnmilitarymuseum.org.

Chamber busy planning for Motley June Fest 2017

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Plans are underway for the 'Motley June Fest 2017 - Celebrating Motley's 130th Anniversary and Morey's Seafood's 80th Anniversary."

This is the second year for the Motley June Fest, which will be held Saturday, June 17, in conjunction with the Motley Fair, which will take place June 15 - 18.

The event is being coordinated by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce; and will feature a variety of events for all ages. Potential activities include a parade, live music, pig races, a wings fest and fireworks.

Chamber Executive Director Barb Cline facilitated a planning session at Motley City Hall Feb. 23, with approximately 16 people in attendance.

The group discussed the various activities they felt would work well at the community celebration, as well as the best location for each.

Last year, some of the activities took place on the east side of Hwy 10; but going forward, the committee felt it would work best to have everything take place on the west side of Hwy 10.

The committee noted that the car show last year did not go as well as they had hoped; but that was probably due to the fact that a large car show at the state fairgrounds took place at the same time. Since that is not the case this year, the committee said they would like to try it again. A letter will be sent out to area car clubs inviting them to participate at the Motley June Fest.

A 'Motley Sings' contest is planned again for this summer (for ages 16 - 25); but the committee suggested adding a karaoke contest to the agenda, which would be open to all ages. They also hope to increase the number of vendors participating at the festival.

Another topic of discussion was the possibility of securing a better stage for the music acts, as well as figuring out the best location for this.

The committee is hoping to add more teams to its wings fest competition this year; and efforts will be made to secure sponsors for the pig races. Since the festival takes place during Father's Day weekend, there was discussion as to whether a catered meal would be offered at some point.

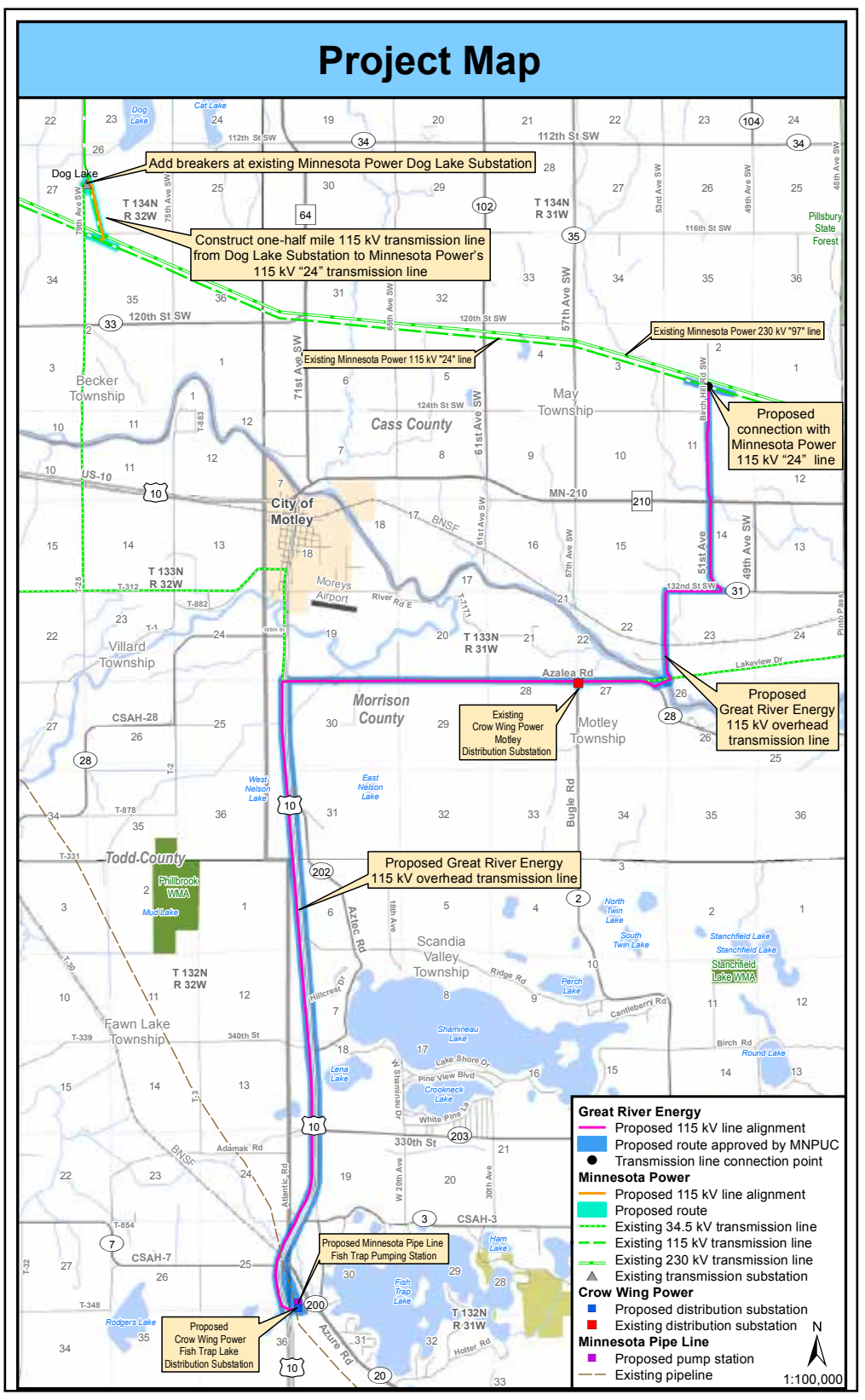
Although most of June Fest will be held on Saturday, the committee wondered if it might be possible to hold a children's event on Friday night, perhaps a kiddie tractor pull.

Details of the event will be worked out in the coming months, including the location and times of the various activities.



Planning for June Fest

Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Barb Cline, far right, facilitated a planning meeting held Feb. 23, for the upcoming Motley June Fest. Others pictured include Shawn Jordahl (back to camera) and back row from left, Bruce Brotherton, Floyd Griffith, Ron Smith, Chuck Gerads, Paula Johnson, Dawn Hagenson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Transmission line project map

Great River Energy's (GRE) new 115 Kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line project is underway in the Motley area. The entire project encompasses 16.5 miles in northern Morrison County, southern Cass County and eastern Todd County. In addition to GRE, utilities involved in this project include Crow Wing Power of Baxter; and Minnesota Power of Duluth.



Outdoor dining in February?

With temperatures reaching into the 50's Feb. 18, the outdoor patio at The Castaway Bar & Grill on Lake Alexander was a popular destination for lunch. The Castaway was also the location for the 11th Annual Snow Golf Tournament that day, sponsored by the Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club. The following weekend, Old Man Winter was back and temperatures had dropped significantly. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Correction

Trees are being cleared on the *west* side of Hwy 10 south of Motley, not the east side as was reported in last week's Staples World.

The Staples World regrets the error.

The tree clearing is one of the project phases in Great River Energy's (GRE) 115-kV transmission line project, which includes the Motley area.



Mountain of prizes

Lions Ardis Sandstrom (left) and Barb Fore, members of the Lincoln Scandia Valley Lions Club, stand near a table filled with prizes given away during the 11th Annual Snow Golf Tournament on Lake Alexander, sponsored by the club. Over $9,000 worth of prizes were donated by area businesses. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Traffic stop arrest

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on Feb. 16, at approximately 10:49 p.m., a Morrison County Deputy conducted a traffic stop on a green Ford Escape north of Little Falls, near the Hwy 10/Hwy 371 split.

The driver was identified as Roger Patrick Hegarty, 18, of Baxter. The passenger was a 17-year-old female from Brainerd.

While speaking to the occupants, the deputy could smell an odor of marijuana and proceeded to conduct a search of the vehicle. During the course of the search, approximately three pounds of suspected marijuana was located and seized. During the investigation, Hegarty admitted to purchasing the suspected marijuana for $6,000. He is being held in the Morrison County Jail pending charges for 5th degree possession of a controlled substance.

Motley Police, Morrison Cty Sheriff's reports

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

Feb. 22 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Michael Brastad, 39; and a citation to Kyler Jackson, 21, for driving after suspension.

Feb. 21 - The MPD issued citations to Tiffany Murphy, 24, for speeding; and for not having proof of insurance.

Feb. 21 - The MPD received a call regarding suspicious activity on the 200 block of 3rd Ave. S. in Motley.

Feb. 18 - the MPD issued a citation to Taylor Butticci, 18, for careless driving.

Feb. 18 - The MPD issued a citation to Austin Schendel, 23, for driving with expired registration.

Feb. 16 - 18 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Valerie Schoepf, 36; Brian Gunderson, 44; Erin McCarty, 31; Charles Sargent, 28; Tasha Keltgen, 38.

Feb. 16 - The MCSO issued a citation to Keith Nelson, 60, for failing to stop at a stop sign at Hwy 10 and Bison Rd. in Cushing.

Feb. 15 - The MPD responded to a call from state patrol regarding a male traveling east on Hwy 10, just east of Staples. Driver said people were following him after he snitched on them in a drug bust. Caller then reported that he was on Hwy 210, traveling east. The MPD located the vehicle as it entered the parking lot of the Victory Gas Station in Pillager and remained with the subject until state patrol arrived.

Feb. 15 - The MPD received a report of damage to an apartment unit located at 948 Hwy 10 So. in Motley. The apartment manager reported that the tenant of this unit had moved out and left significant damage. Subject appears to have left about two weeks ago. A U-Haul truck had arrived in the middle of the night and the subject removed all of their belongings.

Garden plots available by Motley Food Shelf

There is a community garden near the Motley Food Shelf that has plots available for those who have a desire to grow their own vegetables.

Water is available and the plots will be prepped. "You just bring the seeds and the desire to care for your plot," says food shelf director Sherry Miller Frisk.

Frisk went on to note that this is an excellent opportunity to grow some food, be a good neighbor and have fun gardening. "Enjoy being in our great outdoors. And especially, enjoy all of fresh, healthy food you grow," Frisk said. Gardening with your family is also a wonderful way to exercise and is easy on your food budget.

If you want to garden to support the food shelf, that is another option.

For more information, contact Sherry Miller Frisk at 218-352-6137 or stop by the Motley Area Food Shelf on a Thursday morning to sign up.