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Vic Flansburg remembers Dec. 7, 1941

By Dawn Timbs, Staples World reporter

Victor (Vic) Flansburg was 13 years old when Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

The date was Dec. 7, 1941, and it's a date he will always remember.

He first heard about the surprise attack while listening to the radio with his family in Max, Minn., where his dad worked as a logger.

"It was a sneak attack," Vic recalled. "I remember telling my mother, 'I wish I was old enough, I'd go join the service right now,'" Vic reminisced.

Heck, he'd been working at the sawmill since he was nine, why wouldn't they want to enlist this strong, Northern Minnesota boy?

Alas, it would be a few years before Vic would be eligible to serve his country, but he remembers that infamous date as being the catalyst to his joining the military.

His parents, Dale and Inga Flansburg, later moved to the Oylen area where Vic attended country school through the eighth grade.

He never lost his zeal to serve his country and in 1945, joined the merchant marine. It was the tail end of WWII, Vic recalled. Two years later he joined the navy, ultimately serving two tours in Korea. During the six years he was in the service, Vic remembers having the opportunity to cruise the world. He was also in Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped.

Although he's never seen The USS Arizona Memorial, Vic shared that he was in Pearl Harbor in 1951, during his navy days. "We were on our way to Korea and stopped there to refuel."

It brought back memories of the day he had heard about the attack, the day he knew he would some day join the military.

"I served under three presidents," Vic said, going on to name Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

President Roosevelt, a Democrat, was the country's leader at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. "My dad was a dyed-in-the- wool Republican, so anything Roosevelt did was not right," Vic laughed.

He considers himself an Independent, Vic said, going on to say that over the years he has voted for both parties. "You've got to be flexible," he said.

No, he doesn't like to hear of blood being shed, but there have been times it's been necessary, Vic says. "I've got a sign on the back of my truck that says, 'Freedom is not Free.'"

Vic, who turns 90 in March, now lives in rural Motley and remains involved with the American Legion. He's proud to have a granite paver that bears his name at the All Veterans Park in Staples.

Dec. 7 is a date he will always remember, Vic says. He joined the Masons on that date 60 years ago; and 76 years ago, on Dec. 7, is when, as a young teen, he heard the radio broadcast about Pearl Harbor and decided that one day he would do his part to help protect his country.



Proud veteran

Vic Flansburg's truck is decorated with signs commemorating his years of service in the military. The 89-year-old rural Motley man served in the merchant marine and the navy during WWII and the Korean War, battles which consequently had an adverse affect on his health. He has no regrets for having served his country, something he was first inspired to do after hearing about the attack on Pearl Harbor 76 years ago. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Hello, Readers,

"Yesterday, December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."
President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Today is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day remembering the attack which took place on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack began at 7:48 a.m. Hawaiian time and ended just 90 minutes later. Seven of the eight battleships were sunk or severely hit. Out of 400 aircraft, 188 had been destroyed and 159 were seriously damaged. Altogether, 2,403 Americans died during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; another 1,178 were wounded. Japan lost just 55 men.

Pearl Harbor has been an important part of the American Naval placement in the Pacific Ocean since 1887. Little did anyone know at that time that an attack on this harbor would bring the entire might of the American Military into a war it was desperately seeking to avoid.

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Evergreen Hill Cemetery looks at new projects, new directions

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Evergreen Hill Cemetery is embarking on new projects that have long lasting implications, and technological possibilities that can bring the cemetery into the digital age.

The Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board will hold their year end meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. at the Staples Community Center. President Bob Reeck said they are looking for new members to join, preferably community-minded people with technical skills for upcoming projects.

"We want people with a desire to preserve the cemetery and an interest in perpetual care," said Reeck.

Eventually he would like to see the board act more like a service club, changing the president each year so everyone understands the role of the board and can provide checks and balances throughout the organization.

Reeck has been on the board since 2005. During that time, he said the biggest issue was straightening out the financial situation. "It has taken 12 years, but now it is turned around," said Reeck.

Solving the financial issue has allowed the board to focus on new projects, such as their plan to build an information center on to the maintenance building, listing all the names of the people buried there,

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Information center at cemetery

Besides listing cemetery policies, the maintenance building at Evergreen Hill could someday have a sign listing all the people buried there, plus a map of where to find their grave stones. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Council works on tobacco ordinance

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples City Council had their first look at a revised tobacco ordinance that includes vaping pens and other delivery devices not included in the old city ordinance. The council had some discussion on whether to prevent sampling as part of the ordinance.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said City Attorney Joe Krueger wrote the proposed ordinance based on ordinances in other cities.

Council member Mary Theurer said she would like to see the ordinance include a provision that would not permit smoking or sampling within a store. She said the Todd County tobacco ordinance does not allow sampling, so it would be helpful to have the city aligned with the county. She said no shops in Staples currently permit sampling, so now is the best time to put it in the ordinance.

Council member Doug Case questioned whether the city needed to get into that type of restriction, since smoking indoors in stores is already illegal. He also pointed out that other regulated businesses, like liquor stores, permit sampling.

Council member Rachel Johnson said a ban on sampling would be in alignment with the Lakewood Health System's healthy communities initiative, as it would be a step towards making healthier choices for the community.

Council member Brian Fisher agreed, saying this is an opportunity for the city to back up the healthy community initiative.

Mayor Chris Etzler was reluctant to commit to the sampling ban, saying part of the role of the council is to not step on people's rights. He also wondered if the state is going to regulate sampling any time soon.

Theurer said that the liquids

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Caring Tree at Lakewood Care Center

Walter Wiese and Florence Hallstrom grace the decorated Caring Tree in the dining room of Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples. Each bow on the tree has the name of a care center resident with gift ideas on the back. Care center employees and patrons can select a bow and return it with a gift by Monday, Dec. 18, to the activities department. The gifts will be distributed on Christmas Eve morning. (Submitted photo)

Fatal crash when semi hits horse, buggy

David Jacob Miller, 17, died after a semi truck hit the horse and buggy he was driving on Nov. 30.

Around 7:19 a.m., Miller was driving his horse and buggy along Highway 210, southwest of Staples. The semi truck, driven by Douglas Calkins, 60, of Deerwood, was traveling the same direction, westbound, and hit the rear end of the buggy near 211th Ave.

Miller was ejected from the buggy onto the roadway. He was transported by helicopter to North Memorial Hospital and later died. The horse pulling the buggy also suffered fatal injuries.

Miller is the son of Jacob and Mattie Miller. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Dec. 4.

SEDA considers proposal to build new apartments

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

A development company from St. Cloud has made a proposal to the City of Staples to build 38 apartments, with a second phase of 36 more apartments possible, along Airport Road between the Prairie View Apartments and the Lakewood Pines senior living apartments.

The company is asking for tax abatement assis-

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A visit from the governor

Debra Warner, District Governor for Rotary District 5580, visited the Staples Rotary Club Nov. 29 at Timbers Restaurant. In the top photo, from left, are Mary Vogel, wife of Jim Vogel; Staples Rotary Club President Jim Vogel; Warner; Ed Williams, Warner's husband; Rick Bricker, District Governor Nominee; and Donn Peterson, Assistant District Governor.

Above left, Warner shared the many reasons she is passionate about Rotary and what the organization does internationally as well as nationally and locally.

Ian Riseley, Rotary International President, challenged every Rotarian to plant a tree by Earth Day, April 22, 2018, to support one of his goals of environmental sustainability. To encourage that activity in her district Warner presented Vogel with a tree and challenged each member of the club to plant one, too. (Staples World photos by Brenda Halvorson)

Staples Police hearing about scam reports

On Nov. 28, Staples Police took a report of a scam, and are.reminding everyone that if someone calls you with any offer too good to be true, it probably is. If you're asked to deposit money into an account in order to receive the money you have supposedly won, it's a scam.

Other recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept. include:

Nov. 28; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a subject walking around in the reporting party's yard. The reporting party stated they didn't know the person, who was looking into their house windows. Police arrived and met with a male subject who stated he was at a person's residence that he knew. Police informed the subject that the residence he was looking for was next door. The subject had an active Todd County Warrant for domestic assault. The subject was transported to Staples where he provided bail money and was released.

Nov. 28; Staples Police received a report of a subject running west on Hwy 10 E., near mile marker 113 wearing a leather jacket and no pants. Police advised the MN State Patrol and assisted in looking for the subject. Motley Police also assisted in the search. All units were unable to locate the subject.

Nov. 28; Staples Police responded to a report of a suspicious person on the 200 block of 12th St. NE that was looking into vehicles. Police arrived and was unable to locate the subject.

Nov. 29; Staples Police received a report of a domestic assault that occurred on the 400 block of 9th St. NE. After investigation, Robert Doll, 36, was arrested for domestic assault and transported to Todd County Detention Center.

Nov. 29; Staples Police received a report of a fraudulent charge on a complainant's credit card. The complainant stated they advised their credit card company and the card was cancelled. Police told the complainant he'd done the correct thing and to continue communicating with the credit card company.

Dec. 1, Staples Police assisted a mother removing her adult child and his girlfriend from her residence. The mother was advised on the eviction process. While at the residence the father was having medical issues and was transported to Lakewood Health System emergency room by Staples Ambulance.

Todd County discusses taxes and budgets

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

Why did my taxes go up? What changed? Do I qualify for Homestead? How do I apply? What's going on with other properties around the county?

According to Todd County Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida, these types of questions account for about 80 percent of the calls her office receives when the annual Truth In Taxation (TNT) notices are sent out.

The annual county TNT hearing was held Nov. 28.

Gaida explained that the primary purpose of this meeting was to talk about the county budget. However, because of the frequently asked questions, she had Todd County Assessor Chris Odden answer some of the questions about why taxes may have gone up.

Odden said that the property tax values and classifications are done in January.

In September/October, the county board, school districts, cities, townships and other taxing authorities determine the monetary needs for their jurisdiction and submit those. At that time, the county auditor/treasurer calculates the tax for each parcel based on the previous two steps.

Odden said the most common question he gets is, "Why did my taxes increase?"

He said it's based on a variety of reasons and typically a combination of reasons, including:

- Your market value increased.
- Your property classification changed.
- You have new construction.
- The county increased its levy.
- The township/city increased its levy.
- The school district increased its levy.
- Your parcel is in a different school district.
- Your parcel has special assessments.
- Property tax laws changed.
- Voter approved referendums.

Odden gave the example of a fictitious county called "Hatch County" with a population of 10 residential parcels. This county has no cities/townships or school districts. They use Minnesota tax laws to determine taxes and the county levy is set at $10,000 for the next five years.

In year one, everything was exactly the same for values and classifications, so everyone's tax bill was $1,000.

But in year two, parcel nine met with a disaster and no longer had a home on the parcel. Their tax went down to $100. That meant that the other nine parcels had to pick up the difference to make the $10,000 levy amount, so everyone else paid $100 more in taxes.

In year three, the nine homes remained the same, but the owner on parcel nine built a much larger home with a great value. Their tax bill went up to $2,350. That mean the other parcels bills went down to $850 each.

In year four, one parcel had a military exemption and didn't have to pay any tax. This changed the other parcels to $944 with the exception of parcel nine which rose to $2,448.

In year five, parcel six became a rental property which again changed things. Their classification changed and the tax bill went up to $1,300. This in turn lowered all the other paying parcels.

"One change changes everything as a group," explained Odden.

Looking at Todd County versus the fictional Hatch County, things are significantly different with 24,800 parcels; 40 townships/cities; 12 school districts; a 4.13 percent levy increase at the county level and unlimited annual changes in values and classifications.

"We do changes daily. There are ups and downs all the time. Why did your taxes go up? It's a big combination of things," he said.

Odden also addressed some of the other frequently asked questions that he gets.

Q. My value was raised so the county would get more money.

A. No, the value is set months prior to the levy. The tax collected by the jurisdiction is independent of the property value.

"I don't tell the board the property values before they set the levy and they don't ask," said Odden.

Q. My house hasn't changed; why did the value of my parcel increase?

A. Assessed value is based on sales of real estate. If sale prices change, so will assessed value.

He said that next year the city of Long Prairie would be looking at a 10 percent increase because the values were off by 10 percent.

Q. If my neighbor builds a house will my taxes go up?

A. No. If nothing else changes your taxes will go down, because the neighbor will pay a larger portion of the total.

Q. My house is incomplete, so it cannot be valued/taxed.

A. It will be assessed and taxed as incomplete. Even as incomplete it adds value to the property.

Odden also addressed a couple of questions asked about Homestead, how it is determined and what it means for the valuation.

He gave the example of the $76,000 value and that $30,400 would be the excluded amount in the valuation for Homestead. If the amount is higher or lower, the homeowner gets less of an exclusion.

He said they use state guidelines to determine these amounts.

A lake home is typically assessed by the lake that it's on.

Gaida then talked about the county budget.

She said she put a clarification in the Independent News Herald Nov. 29 issue because the school districts did not properly certify their levies because they did not indicate divisions for the separate districts. This had to do with the dissolution of the Eagle Valley District and the parcels that went to the Bertha-Hewitt District and the Browerville District.

Taxpayers in that former district have to pay the outstanding debt. According to Gaida, that debt was not correctly divided.

She clarified that the TNT notices that went out are not correct.

"We are not experts on schools. You will need to call them," she said.

Property owners should also contact their township or city if they have questions about that part of their taxes.

She said that the tax statements that come out in the spring will be correct.

As background to the local levy, Gaida said that for several years prior to 2016, the county had chosen not to increase taxes.

"That was good for the taxpayers, but we got behind in a lot of things," she said.

In 2016, the county implemented an 8.37 percent increase.

In 2017, that amount decreased to a 4.62 percent increase and the proposed increase for 2018 is the 4.13 percent.

She said they are currently almost up to the five months of fund balance for expenditures that the state auditor recommends.

They're developing a more proactive budget which includes the establishment of a building and ground improvement fund so the county will have money to fix things instead of having to borrow from another fund. In 2018, $150,000 is budgeted for this.

The county has also established a funding plan for the future construction of a new Long Prairie public works shop.

Gaida said the 2018 budget summary report shows that they'll be budget neutral with expenditures of $34,650,527 equalling the anticipated revenue.

If taxpayers have questions, they're encouraged to call their commissioner or Gaida or a particular department head to get answers.

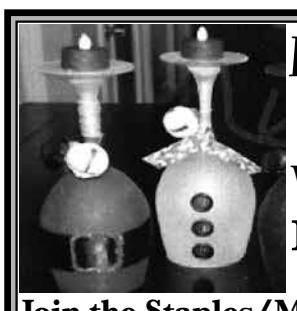
One citizen - Tara Prout - asked questions related to the tax increases and the lack of services to her year around lake home.

She said that especially in the winter, there is no way for police or fire trucks to get to their house because there is zero maintenance done on it. She said her husband plowed it.

Prout said she felt the valuation of their home was fine, but that the lack of services wasn't fair to be taxed on the same level when they don't have equal access to the services.

Commissioner David Kircher said that he would talk to some townboard members and let them know about this as he said "it boils down to being their (the township's) responsibility."





Holiday Candle Holders
Wed., Dec. 13 6:30 pm
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Wadena County farms Water Quality Certified

Two Wadena County forage-based farming operations are included in the ranks of Minnesota's Water Quality Certified farms, which include small farms as well as large farming operations and which represent a diversity of crop and livestock production - including corn, soybeans, wheat, potatoes, small grain, hay, pasture, timber, cattle, hogs, dairy cows and more.

Tom Schulz

Tom Schulz farms in central Wadena County near Sebeka. His operation involves forage production and pasture, and he uses rotational grazing practices to improve forage availability and prevent overgrazing. The operation also involves timber farming and agroforestry practices and he's enrolled some areas of his farms in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Tom is very proactive in addressing any potential concerns related to water quality and soil erosion; his farming practices protect lakes, streams, and groundwater. Along with his stewardship of protecting water and soil resources, he's involved in improving the energy efficiency of his farm. As a result, Tom has participated in the NRCS 'EQIP' program for an energy audit, as well as for other conservation practices, such as a managed grazing system and irrigation conversion. Tom has also done tree plantings through the EQIP and CRP programs.

Very involved in conservation efforts for many years on both the local and state levels, Schulz serves as a Supervisor on the Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board and he continues to serve on the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR).

Tom, as well as all others whose farming operations have achieved the status of 'Water Quality Certified', can take pride in their efforts to protect Minnesota's natural resources.

As Tom says, "Conservation is a proud tradition on our century farm. I'm pleased that as a conservationist, our farm is meeting the highest standards for water quality and for the wise use of our soil and water resources."

Chuck Horsager

Chuck Horsager's farm is also in central Wadena County near Sebeka. Chuck's farm is in continual hay production and he also has five acres of tree planting. Since the farm is in perennial vegetation, the water and/or wind erosion rates are extremely low. Water runoff and delivery of any soil or nutrients to streams or lakes is negligible and the landuse of the farm also prevents the leaching of nutrients into ground water resources. With this farm in either hay or timber, this vegetation serves as a filter or buffer, protecting any nearby streams or ponds.

Along with the hay production on his farm, Chuck has recently entered into a new venture on his family farm - honey production. In the last few years, his interest in bees and producing honey has grown - he now has 12 colonies of honey bees.

Chuck is also very involved in public service. He serves as a Wadena County Commissioner, and with that duty he serves as that board's liaison to the Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District, the Wadena Planning & Zoning Board and the Wadena County U of M Extension Committee.

Speaking of Minnesota's Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP), Chuck says, "I am very supportive of this Water Quality Certification Program and the efforts to protect our natural resources and water quality. I encourage all farm operators and owners to look into this Water Quality Program, to take steps to protect water quality, and to be good stewards of our natural resources."

Farm operators and owners throughout Minnesota are eligible to be involved in the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program.

"This program is an excellent way for farmers to tell the story of the good things they are doing to protect water quality, as well as explore use of new conservation practices", said Jim Lahn, the program's Area Certification Specialist, who works with the program in 11 counties in north central Minnesota.

Producers interested in learning more can contact their local Soil & Water Conservation District office or Jim Lahn at the Perham Conservation Office 218-346-4260 Ext. 122.



Water Quality Certified farms



Tom Schultz and Chuck Horsager recently received their Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program signs. Above, from left, are Brian Napstad, BWSR (Board of Water and Soil Resources) Board Chair; Matt Wohlman, Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Agriculture; Tom Schulz, Conservation Farmer, Sebeka; Kathryn Kelly, BWSR Board Member; Rebecca Flood, MPCA Assistant Commissioner; and John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director. At right are Jim Lahn, Area Certification Specialist, MAWQCP, North Central Area; Chuck Horsager, Conservation Farmer, Sebeka; and Anne Oldakowski, Assistant Manager, Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District. (Submitted photos)



Honorary FFA Degree

Keith Olander, left, received the Honorary American FFA Degree from 2016-17 National FFA President David Townsend on Oct. 27 at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. Each year the National FFA Organization recognizes outstanding individuals who have provided exceptional support of school-based agricultural education and FFA by making a contribution to growing leaders, building communities and strengthening agriculture.

"To receive the American Honorary Degree from a premier youth organization like the FFA makes me proud to represent AgCentric as its Director," Olander said. "The work we have been able to do as a team to support students in their agriculture career pathway is represented by this award that I am privileged to receive."

Olander is the dean of agricultural studies at Central Lakes College, the director of CLC Ag and Anergy Center and the director of AgCentric, the Minnesota State Center of Excellence in Agriculture.

(Submtted photo)

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Staples Library reports increased wifi use, more programming and attendance

that go into the vaping pens are not regulated, so "people don't know what's in there," she said. Theurer said the flavors are being developed like candy flavors for kids, except there's no way to know what's really in each one, or what could be added to it.

After the discussion, the board unanimously voted to include a sampling ban in the ordinance, which will be added and brought back to the council for approval.

Johnson also asked if the $60 tobacco license fee has been updated or if that's been the fee for many years.

Nelsen said license fees are designed to cover actual costs, such as administration and compliance checks. Police Chief Melissa Birkholtz said her department does compliance checks but doesn't separate the cost from the regular budget. Nelsen said he would determine what the city's actual costs are and see if the city's license fee schedule needs to be changed.

Library report

Staples Library Services Coordinator Cathy Perish gave her annual report to the council. She started with statistics showing circulation is down, but use of wifi is up.

The library had a three percent increase in the number of programs they put on, and a 14 percent increase in attendance. Perish gave the example of the solar eclipse program they put on, with 130 people out on the lawn looking at the eclipse through specialized glasses.

Perish said the self checkout is very popular in Staples, as 75 percent of people use it. She said the next highest branch in the Great River system is at 50 percent.

The next step for the library is to purchase a color copier, which has been requested by patrons.

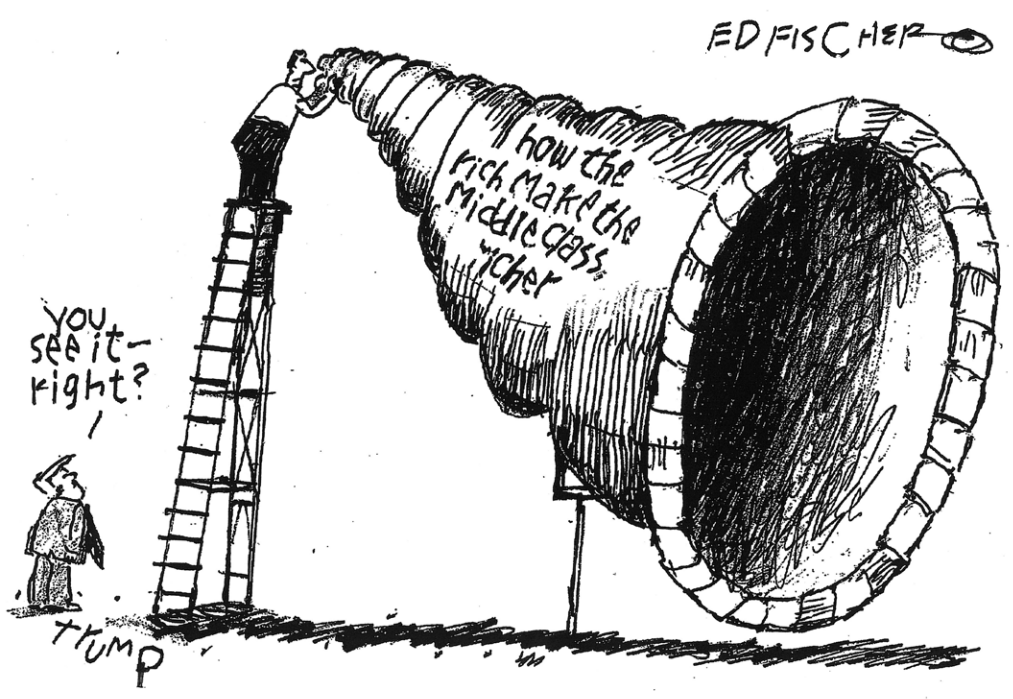
In other news, the council

- Approved submitting board member Mary Theurer's name for an NJPA Board position.
- Heard from acting Parks and Recreation Director Tricia Jasmer about ice skating rink equipment purchased with money from Lakewood Health System. They'll put the rink up on the south side near the overpass when the weather is cold enough.
- Heard Staples Planning and Zoning Board report, including setting a public hearing for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18, to consider a Conditional Use Permit for Casey's Retail Company for the bulk storage of fuel.
- Heard from citizen Bruce Drone, who questioned why water and wastewater costs went up when usage was down. Nelsen said it was due to fixed costs such as the building and infrastructure that needs upkeep regardless of use. The rate will only go up a tiny amount.

30TH ANNUAL
Farm Forum
Perspectives in Agriculture for 2018
Current Issues in Agriculture
Tuesday, December 12
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Central Lakes College -Staples Campus
1830 Airport Road, Staples, MN
Enter door #3 or 4 & follow signs.
2017 AGENDA
9:30 a.m..... Registration and Refreshments
Sponsored by First International Bank & Trust (FIBT) and Central Lakes College
10:00 a.m..... Introductions and Overview
Jef Cichos, President- FIBT, Staples|Motley
Bob Rick, Instructor- Farm Business Management (FBM), Central Lakes College
10:10 a.m..... 30th Annual Farm Forum Celebration
"A Look Back at our Beginning"
Del Lecy- FBM Special Projects Coordinator
Central Lakes College
10:25 a.m..... Cover Crops/Grazing, Beef Successes
Jim Wulf, President- Minnesota Cattlemen's Association
11:20 a.m....Update on FSA Programs
Jay Backowski, County Executive Director
Farm Service Agency- Todd and Morrison County
11:45 p.m....Edible Bean Research Findings
Hannah Barrett, Research Coordinator- CLC
12:00 p.m....Lunch
Catered by CLC Food Service - Sponsored by FIBT
12:45 p.m....Year-end Tax Planning Hints
What's New that Affects You
Keith Porter CPA- Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd.
1:25 p.m...Farm Transition Tax Credit
Keith Olander, Dean of Agriculture Studies- CLC
1:35 p.m...Break, Refreshments Served
Sponsored by: FIBT and CLC
1:45 p.m.....The Beef Industry: Global, National and State Level Trends
Greg Lardy, NDSU Animal Science
2:50 p.m.....Promotional Giveaways For All Conference Attendees
Jef Cichos, President- FIBT, Staples|Motley
Bob Rick, Instructor- FBM, CLC
3:00 p.m...Adjourn
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Staples Area Women's Chorus
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with Special Guest performances by
Central Minnesota Boys Choir
Colla Voce Girl's Choir
Saturday, December 9
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www.staplesmen.org
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325 2nd Ave. NE, Staples, 218-895-5046
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Our project is made possible with support from the Five Wings Arts Council and the McKnight Foundation supplemented by the Legacy, and support from Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.
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End of net neutrality? End of the Internet as we know it?

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

"Let me look that up on the Internet quick."

Phrases like that and more could become a thing of the past if the Federal Communication Commission has its way and does away with net neutrality.

It's a real issue and the vote that could change the Internet as we currently know it will happen nexxt week on Dec 12.

So, what is net neutrality?

According to battleforthenet.com, net neutrality is the basic principle that protects our free speech on the Internet. It is the principle that Internet providers like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T should not control what we see and do online.

In 2015, startups, Internet freedom groups, and 3.7 million commenters won strong net neutrality rules from the United States Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The rules prohibit Internet providers from blocking, throttling, and paid prioritization - 'fast lanes' for sites that pay, and slow lanes for everyone else.

Net neutrality also prevents those big companies from charging apps and sites extra fees to reach an audience, which in turn they would have to pass on to consumers.

"The Internet has thrived precisely because of net neutrality. It's what makes it so vibrant and innovative - a place for creativity, free expression and exchange of ideas. Without net neutrality, the Internet will become more like cable TV, where the content you see is what your provider puts in front of you," according to battleforthenet.com.

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai announced his intention of eliminating net neutrality rules on April 26, according to an article from ARS Technica.

According to the article, Comcast spokesperson Sena Fitzmaurice claims ARS Technica got the story wrong. However, Comcast, one of the big providers of cable and Internet services, "deleted their net neutrality pledge that same day the FCC announced its initial plan to repeal net neutrality rules."

Comcast insists that the company has "no plans" to enter into paid prioritization agreements.

In other words, they won't create "fast lanes" or "slow lanes."

However, cable companies have been known for high prices and for providing viewers with the content they want to show.

For example, cable users all know the cost of having to buy the "bigger" cable package filled with channels we don't want just so we can get a movie channel.

Browerville resident John Peters who is a department head in computer science at the Minneapolis Business College in Roseville and is the instructor for computer programming and computer networks, had a lot to say about this issue.

"Up until 2016 there were no rules regarding net neutrality," said Peters. "Everyone just assumed that without rules you would get the Internet speed you paid for."

Around that time a company called Level 3 accused certain services (Comcast, AT&T, Verizon) of slowing down Netflix, so they could charge their customers more to have adequate speed.

Peters said that countries like Portugal do not have net neutrality rules.

According to a website he shared: https://www.theverge.com/2014/5/6/5686780/major-isps-accused-of-deliberately-throttling-traffic, this is what happens:

"Really into messaging? Then pay €4.99 ($5.86 or £4.43) a month and get more data for apps like WhatsApp, Skype, and FaceTime. Prefer social networks like Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Messenger, and so on? That'll be another €4.99 a month."

Video apps like Netflix and YouTube are available as another add-on, while music (Spotify, SoundCloud, Google Play Music, etc.) is another, as is e-mail and cloud (Gmail, Yahoo Mail, iCloud, etc.).

"Net-neutrality advocates argue that this kind of model is dangerous because it risks creating a two-tier system that harms competition - people will just use the big-name apps included in the bundles they pay for, while upstart challengers will be left out in the cold," said Peters.

"And without net neutrality, big-name apps could theoretically even pay telecoms firms for preferential access, offering them money - and smaller companies just couldn't compete with that. An ISP could even refuse to grant access to an app at all unless they paid up," said Peters.

He added that it was not clear whether any of the companies named above have paid for preferential access.

Also, at that time the discussion started in earnest about the digital divide.

"There were no rules stating that rural communities had a right to high-speed internet communication. Since higher speed needs more expensive equipment, many companies only provided the bare minimum speeds. You need a lot of people to pay for higher speeds," added Peters.

The battle for higher speeds in our rural areas could be at risk with the end of net neutrality because the costs could, theoretically, go even higher.

"In 2015, with pressure from millions of people and companies like Google, Microsoft, Apple, and Facebook, the FCC created a rule that the practices mentioned above were not legal. As an add-on, they made the Internet much like phone service. It is required to provide minimum phone service to rural communities. Therefor the Internet providers must do the same.

"The new head of the FCC Ajit Pai, feels that since there were no rules before, we do not need them now. He also feels that abandoning net neutrality increases innovation and competition would keep the cost to the consumer in line," said Peters.

According to Peters, if net neutrality becomes a thing of the past, "most Internet providers have a near monopoly in the areas they cover. In Browerville, you have the choice of Century Link or Charter. While the speeds may seem fast to people that are used to dial up, to those of us that work in the Cities, it is slow. On top of that, in my house on Horseshoe Lake, I can only get wireless. That service is spotty and slow."

"In a nutshell, we would have to trust the companies to play fair, not gouge the customers and provide good service.

"Also small content providers like me would not be able to pay the rates to get equal access like Google, Netflix, CNN, etcetera," he said.

In rural areas, Peters projected that there would be no growth with "possible growth" in the Cities which would deepen the digital divide.

"And higher costs for all," he added.

"Most new ideas come from the people that create software and content. Not from the people that string the wires. What would your phone be without its apps?" asked Peters.

How does this affect us as rural Internet users?

"First, a little background. I already pay for Internet access for my web servers. The more I pay, the faster the connection to send information out. Netflix, Google, and the news stations already pay a lot of money for their connections.

"If net neutrality is ended, the phone companies (CenturyLink, Verizon, Charter, etc.) can slow down our access to anything they want. If they favor one news outlet over another, they could slow down Fox News over MSNBC or vice versa," explained Peters.

"Under current rules, the Internet companies must provide Internet access to rural communities. This is partially subsidized by people in the larger population centers. Ending net neutrality would end this provision to service rural communities. That means that Internet access would be limited or cost much more in rural communities," he said.

If you feel limited net neutrality in not in your best interest, call and/or contact your representatives and Senators. You can also contact this secure website https://www.battleforthenet.com, and sign up.

There are several ways you can get in on the fight to save the Internet as we know it.

You can write or call your legislators. Let them hear your voice and your concerns and tell them you want to keep net neutrality.

According to battleforthenet.com, "To win, we need to bring more members of Congress onto "Team Internet," especially Republicans. Republican members of Congress face massive pressure from party leadership to oppose net neutrality, partly because of lobbying by "Team Cable," and partly because they see it as "Obama era" policy.

"But net neutrality predates Obama, has always been a design principle of the Internet and does not need to be a partisan issue. Some Republicans are open to the need for rules, but they won't break ranks from party leaders unless they hear from constituents. Tweets are surprisingly effective, and you should still call, too."

You can also e-mail some of the FCC people making the decisions at the following e-mails:

Ajit Pai - Ajit.Pai@fcc.gov

Mike O'Rielly - Mike.ORielly@fcc.gov

Brendan Carr - Brendan.Carr@fcc.gov

Don't wait too long, though, remember, the issue is scheduled to go to a vote Dec. 12.

There are a lot of people who are angry about the potential loss of net neutrality and if you are not one of them, you should be.

Middle school students learn to be giving citizens

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Staples-Motley Schools



By John Regan
Motley-Staples Middle School Principal

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At Motley-Staples Middle School we pride ourselves on providing experiences that allow students to give back, while helping them grow as giving citizens.

Every year thousands of students in Minnesota attend a large event at the Xcel Energy that includes celebrities, inspirational speakers and musicians. Students can not purchase their tickets to this event, WE Day; they have to earn them. Students earn their tickets by choosing both a local and global cause to support.

On Nov. 8, Allison Vangsness and Sarah Dano took twenty-eight sixth and seventh grade students to the Xcel Energy Center for the WE Day kick-off. Following the event, We Day students selected their local and global causes.

This year's local cause is Fiona's Hope Totes, which provides totes containing simple comforts of home to families whose children have extended stays at hospitals in Minnesota.

Feed My Starving Children was selected as our global cause, which provides nourishing meals to poverty stricken areas. WE Day students fundraise and create awareness to support their two chosen organizations.

In the past five years, our We Day group has donated $1,500 to Fiona's Hope Totes, created 39 fleece blankets for Hands of Hope, shipped over 500 pairs of shoes overseas for Soles for Souls, raised over $2,000 for Feed My Starving Children, collected canned goods for the local food shelf and successfully raised money to purchase 35 goats for a mother sustainability organization in Rwanda.

Some of our fundraising includes organizing and hosting bake sales, hat days, candy/sucker sales and coin drives. These opportunities not only raise awareness of local and global concerns, it also gives our students an opportunity to get involved, give back and be a part of a movement to help change the world for the better.

Our students along with Mrs. Vangsness and Mrs. Dano do a great job giving back through WE Day. This concrete, hands-on experience, truly gives our students an opportunity to grow as giving, empathetic citizens.

Balancing out the lobbyists

By Lee H. Hamilton

One of the quirks of life in Washington, D.C., is that pretty much the only people who don't refer to lobbyists by that name are, well, lobbyists. They're "policy advisors," or "strategic counsel," or "public relations advisors," or lawyers, or even just "consultants." Whatever they're called, though, they play a huge role in making policy.

For the most part, they are able, well informed, and skillful at what they do. And policymakers rely on them: for information, research and writing, persuasive arguments and of course, for political support.

Though there are members of the influence industry who aren't especially well resourced, there are plenty who are. They write checks to politicians for speeches, dole out campaign contributions, pay for travel. They work hard to get their favored politicians elected and to rally their members at important moments. They're extremely sophisticated in the use of media, including social media. They pursue public education campaigns, grassroots organizing and other means of getting members of the public to back them.

There's a reason for all of this: the stakes are high. If they can get a few words added to or eliminated from regulations or legislation, their companies can benefit by millions and sometimes billions of dollars. It's that simple.

I should say that I've known a lot of lobbyists over the years and respected them as hard-working, well-informed participants in the process. I've been helped by many of them and misled by only a few. But I worry about the growth of the industry and its outsized weight compared to that of the ordinary American. As the impact of well resourced interests grows, I think the voice of ordinary citizens has been diminished.

So what do we do about this? Part of the answer lies with robust disclosure and transparency laws and enforcement. But as important, I believe that Congress ought to increase its capacity to do its own research, analysis, oversight and fact-finding. Lacking the independently provided information they need to make informed decisions, members of Congress have no choice but to rely on interest groups and lobbyists.

The problem is, members of Congress don't seem especially concerned about this; nor do they seem especially interested in building their own independent capacity to analyze issues and legislation. But if you care about representative democracy, you ought to be.

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Mark Your Calendar

December 9

Staples Area Community Christmas Concert Sat., Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Staples-Motley High School Gymnasium. Featuring Schubert's Mass in G, performed by the Staples Area Men's Chorus, Staples Area Women's Chorus and SMHS A Capella Choir, accompanied by the SM Chamber Orchestra. Tickets available at www.staplesmen.org, chorus members, Nelson Insurance Agency in Staples and also at the door, unless sold out.

December 13

Staples Sr. Citizens Annual Christmas Party Wed., Dec. 13, 11:45 a.m., Staples Community Center. Entertainment, prizes, a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, holiday meal. Everyone welcome. Membership dues and Sr. Echos subscriptions for 2018 may be paid that day. Reservations required by noon on Fri., Dec. 8. Call 218-894-2556.

December 14

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Club Mtg Thurs., Dec. 14, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Royce Nelson, caller. For info., 218-296-1641.

December 19-20

Immunization Clinic sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Dec. 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. Walk-in. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.

WIC Nutrition Program sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Dec. 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Dec. 20, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 209.



Improvements at Depot

Landmark Stucco of Avon were plastering walls and the ceiling at the Staples Historic Depot Dec. 5 in the room at the west end that was known as the Ladies Waiting Room. The white tile walls have been restored and Landmark Stucco was finishing the walls above the tile, getting them ready to paint. Dale Langner, right, owner of the company, was finishing a portion of wall in the depot's waiting room where a cabinet had been removed. Above on the scaffolding are Eric Wahnschaffe, left, and Steven Swenson. Tim Richardson and Robert Reis rounded out the five man crew. Langner said they'd been on the job a couple of weeks and expected to be done early next week. It is not certain whether the room will be open for the open house planned by the Staples Historical Society for Dec. 17. (Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)



Staples Historical Society to host depot open house

The Staples Historical Society (SHS) will host a holiday open house and bake sale Sunday, Dec. 17, from 1-3 p.m. at the historic Northern Pacific Depot in Staples.

'Join us for this festive event'

SHS president Tom Kajer.

"The newly refurbished depot is decorated for the holidays and the 30-member Colla Voce Girl's Choir will present holiday music."

Coffee, cider and cookies will be served.

Santa is planning a visit, the antique baggage cart will be laden with holiday bake sale items to purchase and SHS Board members will be available for tours to show the areas of the depot after the recent restoration projects.

The main floor of the depot serves as an Amtrak station and is open to the public 24 hours a day. The Staples Amtrak depot serves northern and central Minnesota with daily east and west bound passenger service. The depot also serves as the location of the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Currently the SHS is working on refurbishing the former 'Ladies Waiting Room' at the west end of the depot. The room, last used by the railroad as a crew calling and clerical office, has had its white tile walls restored to their original look and currently work on re-plastering the walls and ceiling is being done.

Staples Host Lions set free Christmas meal

A free Christmas Community Appreciation Turkey Dinner will be served Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Staples-Motley High School cafeteria.

The Lions will serve and invite all the Staples residents to attend.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be available for photos with the children.

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. There is no charge.



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Community Christmas Concert Dec. 9

The Staples Area Men's Chorus, the Staples Area Women's Chorus and the Staples Motley High School A Cappella Choir practiced their major work selections for the upcoming Community Christmas Concert, to be held Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Staples-Motley High School Gym.

The groups, under the direction of Rob Freelove, will be joined by the Staples-Motley High School Chamber Orchestra and a select group of area musicians, performing "Shubert's Mass in G".

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.; with the concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door, from Nelson Insurance Agency, Staples, and online at staplesmen.org. (Submitted photo)

School board work session

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a work session Monday, Dec. 11, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school media center.

Foster, Jacobs & Johnson will present an update on the long range facilities plan followed by the financial audit report by Clifton-LarsonAllen accounting firm.

Farm bureaus hosting meeting with District 9 legislators

Local county farm bureaus are hosting a pre-session legislative input meeting for Minnesota Senate District 9 Saturday, Dec. 9, at Central Lakes College, Staples Campus.

The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and cookies followed by a listening session from 10 a.m.-noon.

The focus of the event is to bring agriculture and rural issues and concerns to the attention of the legislators prior to the start of the new session.

Confirmation has been received from the offices of Senator Paul Gazelka and Representative John Poston, with an invitation to Representative Ron Kresha.

For additional information contact Delvin Durheim, 320-732-6657 or Roger Zastrow; 320-732-2364.

The meeting is sponsored by the Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Wadena and Todd County Farm Bureaus.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

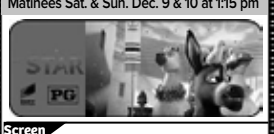
Preliminary agenda items include:

- Discuss, receive public input and adopt the 2018 final property tax levy.
- Consider resolution establishing utility rates.
- Discuss, receive public input and consider adoption of 2018 budget.
- Hold public hearing and consider first reading of ordinance for vacation of alley located between Lots 1-4 and Lots 9-12, Block 25, Staples Mill.
- Approval of tobacco licenses for 2018.
- Discuss updated tobacco ordinance and consider first reading.
- Consider approval of Community Center rental agreement with Lutheran Social Services.
- Committee reports including the Staples Economic Development Authority.
- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

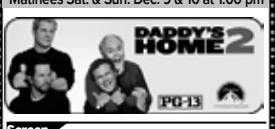
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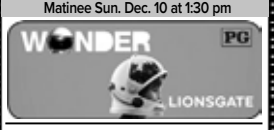
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"THE STAR" PG
Fri. thru Wed. Dec. 8 - 13
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:00 & 9:15
Sun. thru Wed. 1 Show at 7:00
Matinees Sat. & Sun. Dec. 9 & 10 at 1:15 pm



Screen 2
"DADDY'S HOME 2" PG-13
Fri. thru Thurs. Dec. 8 - 14
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:10 & 9:25
Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:10
Matinees Sat. & Sun. Dec. 9 & 10 at 1:00 pm



Screen 3
Held Over 3rd Week!
"WONDER" PG
Fri. thru Wed. Dec. 8 - 13
Fri. & Sat. 2 Shows at 7:15 & 9:30
Sun. thru Wed. 1 Show at 7:15
Matinee Sun. Dec. 10 at 1:30 pm



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The spirit of giving, to the Staples Food Shelf

Mid Central Federal Savings and Loan, Staples branch employees, along with customers filled a shopping cart with donated food items for the Staples Food Shelf. Above; Mid Central employees; from left, Marcia Kostrzewski, Missy Shriver, Sandy Peterson, Kay Mueller and Mary Kobliska. Kobliska also hands Staples Food Shelf manager, Fran Mertens an additional $250 check. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Veterans are urged to apply for energy assistance

As the state observed Veterans Day this year, the Minnesota Department of Commerce wanted all Minnesota veterans who may struggle paying their heating bills to know that help is available from the state's Energy Assistance Program.

"Minnesotans who served and sacrificed in uniform for our nation should not be left in the cold," said Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman, whose agency administers energy assistance in Minnesota. "Last year our state's Energy Assistance Program helped keep the heat on for more than 8,100 veteran households. The average grant per household was about $520, providing an essential safety net against losing heat during the coldest months of the year."

The Energy Assistance Program helps homeowners and renters earning at or below 50 percent of the state's median income ($48,077 for a family of four) pay their heating bills. The program served nearly 133,000 Minnesota households last year. Some of these households also received help to address no-heat crisis situations and repair broken heating systems.

The Minnesota Commerce Department administers the Energy Assistance Program in partnership with 30 local service providers throughout the state. It's funded through the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

How to apply for heating assistance

Applications were recently sent to Minnesotans who qualified for energy assistance last year. Others who may qualify are encouraged to apply by contacting their local service provider.

For information, contact the Commerce Dept's Energy Information Center at; 800-657-3710 or; email at energy.info@state.mn.us. Information is also available at the Commerce Dept's Energy Assistance Program webpage at https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/

Student Achievements

Minnesota State University Moorhead will hold its Fall Commencement Program Dec. 14. Local students expected to graduate include:

- Courtney Lisson, Staples
- Tressa Aspros, Tonya Ehlers, Sarah Martin, Rebecca Miller, Pillager.

Devon Roberts-Flanagan, Motley, recently performed at Bemidji State University's 49th Annual Madrigal Dinners. Roberts-Flanagan is a sophomore at BSU, majoring in social studies.

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

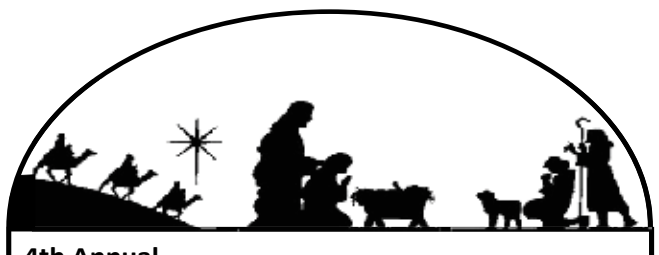
Born to Hope and Jeremy Middendorf of Browerville, a baby girl, Harper Grace weighing eight pounds on November 24, 2017.

Born to Chaslyn Line and Daniel Traynor of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Bohdi Fox weighing seven pounds, four ounces on November 29, 2017.

Born to Elana and Roger Seibert of Wadena, a baby girl, Ellise Jean weighing seven pounds, 7.6 ounces on November 29, 2017.

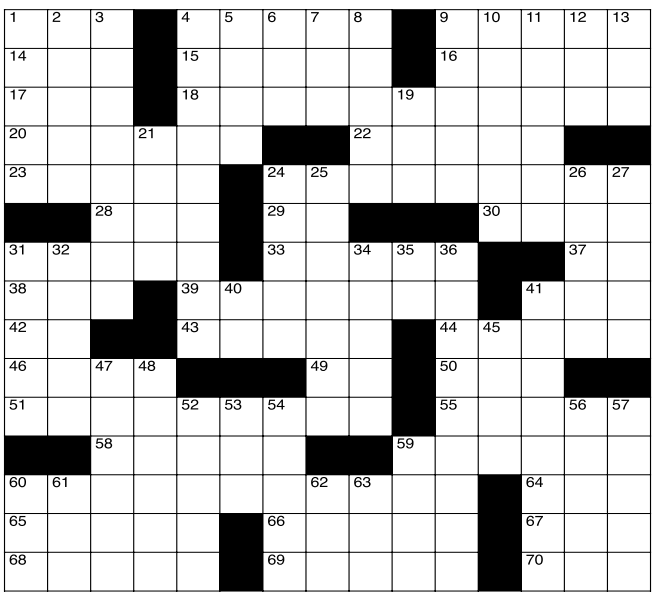
Born to Nicole Pearson and Darsean Woodson of Staples, a baby girl, Aaliyah Denise weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on November 29, 2017.





Crossword Puzzle

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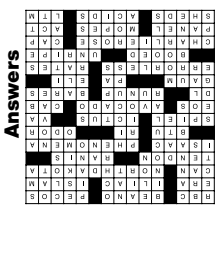


CLUES ACROSS
1. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
4. Longtime sports columnist Cook
9. Tributary of the Rio Grande
14. Geological time
15. About ilium
16. Religion
17. Beverage holder
18. Its largest city is Fargo
20. Attaches muscle to a bone
22. Hindu queens
23. Sir __ Newton
24. Developments
28. British thermal unit
29. The Ocean State
30. Smell
31. Line
33. Seizure
37. Where vets are tended to
38. Goddess of the dawn
39. Pear-shaped fruit
41. Taxi
42. Where injured ballplayers end up
43. Preceding period
44. Uncovers
46. Smudge
49. Dad
50. Peyton's little bro
51. Flawless
55. Judges
58. Expressed one's displeasure
59. Immature
60. PBS interviewer
64. Hat
65. Cover with wood
66. Acts dejectedly
67. Perform
68. Where people store their tools
69. Sulfuric and citric are two
70. Long-term memory

CLUES DOWN
1. Muscles that control eyeball movement
2. Hillsides
3. The dried leaves of the hemp plant
4. Used to see far away things
5. Inventor Musk
6. We all need it
7. __ King Cole
8. Earthy pigment
9. Stringed instrument
10. A language of the Inuit
11. Shuttered
12. Cereal plant
13. Senior officer
19. Sportscaster Patrick
21. What day it is
24. Petrels with saw-toothed bills
25. Bumps in the road
26. Stars
27. Riding horses
31. Swamp plant
32. Type of bear
34. Style of cuisine
35. Home of the Flyers
36. Serious-mindedness
40. Velvet Underground album
41. Highly important
45. Winged
47. Cultured
48. Fastened
52. ___ Royce
53. Wreath
54. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
56. Synchronizes solar and lunar time
57. Ninth month
59. Deployed
60. Cycles per second
61. Expresses surprise
62. Mythological bird
63. Open payment initiative

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Answers



Obituaries



Betty Smith

Betty A. Smith, 84, Staples, passed away December 3, 2017 at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held, Saturday, Dec. 9, at noon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples with Fr. Joe Korf officiating. Visitation will be held Friday, Dec. 8, from 4 to 6 p.m., with prayers at 4:30 p.m. and Rosary at 6 p.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church; and one hour prior to Mass on Saturday at the church.

Interment will be held at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements are with Brenny Funeral Chapel of Staples.

Betty was born June 2, 1933, in a log cabin in Wadena County to Anton and Hattie (Jaglo) Wonders. After graduating from high school, Betty married Clifford Smith in 1952. She worked as a baker for the hospital for 13 years and was a grandmother at the elementary school for 18 years. She was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Betty enjoyed playing bingo, feeding and watching the birds and her dog.

She is survived by three daughters, Dawn (Rick) Adamietz, Barb Smith, both of Staples, Becky (Al) Smith, of Tucson, AZ; four sons, Dan (Suzanne), of Becker, Steve (Sheila), of St. Paul, Greg (Ann) and Jim, both of Albuquerque, NM; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Tony (Pat) Wonders, of Yakima, WA; sister-in-law, Gayle Wonders, of Staples; family friend, Neil Koppes, of Staples; sister-in-law, Marge Wonders and nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four brothers, Bobby, Billy, Jimmy, Jerry; two sisters, Margie and Mallory.

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Ida Klappenbach

Ida M. Klappenbach, 95, of Lindstrom, and formerly of Staples, died December 2, 2017, at Greeley Estates in Stillwater.

Services were held Dec. 6 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Ida was born March 3, 1922 in Round Prairie to Walter and Emma (Bristlin) Schmidt. She married Edward Klappenbach on April 22, 1942 in Staples. Ida was a homemaker and a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples. She enjoyed gardening and sewing. She was a member of the Country Garden Club, TLC Ladies Guild and the quilting club. Ida was awarded ribbons for her hardanger, quilting, and gardening.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane John of Lindstrom and Karen Weber of St. Paul; one son, Dayle Klappenbach of Stillwater; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Cecelia Weber of Brooklyn Park.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Kathryn (Kaye); grandparents; three brothers, Paul, Ken and Lloyd; one sister, Ellen.

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Marilyn Paskewitz



Marilyn Paskewitz, 77, of Staples, passed away December 1, 2017 at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Friday, Dec. 8, 2017, at 11 a.m. at the Staples Church of Christ with Pastor Barry Klein officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

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

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Marilyn was born January 15, 1940 in Staples to Edward and Inez (Chilberg) Olson. She attended Country School District #136 and graduated from Staples High School. Marilyn continued her education at Brainerd Technical College. In 1959, she married Dean Paskewitz and they celebrated 58 years of marriage this past summer. Marilyn worked for a number of years as a nurse in the OB department. She enjoyed reading, antiques, ceramics and flowers.

She is survived by her husband, Dean; one son, Neil (Reeva), of Rathdrum, ID; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and one sister, Joann Current.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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Myrtle Wendt



Myrtle Elaine Wendt, 75, of Staples, passed away unexpectedly November 30, 2017.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples with Pastor Robin Collins officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the church prior to services.

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

Arrangements are with the Taylor Funeral Home, Staples.

Myrtle was born June 6, 1942 in Aliceton Township, North Dakota to Charles and Adelaide (Williams) Rourke.

Throughout her life, Myrtle worked in retail, at the lunch counter for Woolworths, Northtown Hallmark; provided administrative support for many of her husband, Gary's entrepreneurial endeavours, in an administrative role for many years with Kate-Lo Tile & Stone. One of her biggest adventures was traveling aboard the USS General William Mitchell to live in Chitose, Japan. She enjoyed cooking, baking and making gifts.

She is survived by three daughters, Shelli (Michael) Martin of Scott, AR, Dina (Chad) Wuornos of Big Lake and Rhonda (Russ) Ekholm of Staples; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Joanne Erbstoesser of West Fargo, ND; one brother, Jack (Marie) Rourke of Verona, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband and three brothers Donald, Charles and Patrick.

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Loretta Windschitl

Loretta A. Windschitl, 89, of Pillager, passed away December 4, 2017 at Riverside Assisted Living in Pillager.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, Dec. 11, at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Motley with Father Joe Korf officiating. Visitation will be held Sunday, Dec. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. with Parish Prayers at 6 p.m. at Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to Mass on Monday at the church.

Interment will be at the Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples.

Loretta was born January 24, 1928, in New Ulm, to Isidore and Mary (Preisinger) Faerber. Following her high school graduation, she married Arnold Windschitl on April 27, 1948 in St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Ulm, where Loretta also taught Sunday school. After moving from Stewart to Motley in 1975, she began sharing her cooking skills working at a number of local restaurants. Loretta liked gardening, canning, baking, sewing, playing bingo (she was Queen) and cards. She enjoyed watching soaps, game shows, the birds and Christmas movies.

She is survived by eight sons, Gary Windschitl, of Motley, Ralph Windschitl, of Motley, Tony Windschitl, of Menahga, Bob Windschitl, of Marble, Leo (Cyndi) Windschitl, of Motley, Paul (Beth) Windschitl, of Sioux Falls, SD, Tom Windschitl, of Fridley and Roger (Rebecca) Windschitl, of Columbia, MD; two daughters, Joan (Tim) Arango, of TN, Rita Miller, of Baxter; three brothers, Isidore Faerber, George Faerber, Marcus Faerber; three sisters, Gretchen Faerber, Pauline "Polly" Hoeffner, and Florence Apple; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; one daughter, Carol; two sons, Jim and Joseph; two brothers, Joseph and Stanley and one sister, Marie. w49c A00006B2017DEC07

Care Center

December Special activities at the Lakewood Health System Care Center:

Thurs., Dec. 7, 10 a.m. Bible Study/Pastor Brown; 2 p.m. Birthday Party

Fri., Dec. 8, 9:30 a.m. Church - Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday with Faith Lutheran

Sat., Dec. 9, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Dec. 10, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., Dec. 11, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., Dec. 12, 10 a.m. Sing-along with Bruce; 2 p.m. Music General Dancers; 2:15 p.m. Church - Paul Koehler; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Dec. 13, Library delivery and pick-up; 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Dec. 14, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Activity meeting

Fri., Dec. 15, 10 a.m. Homemakers crafts; 2-3 p.m. Christmas Open House

Sat., Dec. 16, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Dec. 17, 2 p.m. Assembly of God singers

Tues., Dec. 19, 10 a.m. Accapella Choir; 2:15 Church - Staples Assembly of God; 3:45 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Dec. 20, 12:45 p.m. Choir; 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Dec. 21, 10 a.m. Bible Study - Pastor Collins; 4 p.m. Cheers

Mon., Dec. 25 - Merry Christmas

Tues., Dec. 26, 2:15 p.m. Church - Motley Free Methodist

Weds., Dec. 27 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Dec. 28, 1:45 p.m. Communion Service with Daryl



Donation for Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars

The Staples Host Lions Club recently donated $3,000 to the Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars organization. Pictured above are representatives from both the Lions Club and Dollars for Scholars, as well as the Dollars for Scholars class representatives from grades 9 - 12 at Staples-Motley High School. Kneeling, from left, are Autumn Nelsen, 12th; Max Strickland, ninth; Cole Winkels, 9th; Claire Wolhowe, 12th. Standing, from left, are Michelle Wolhowe and Becky Fuhrman, Dollars for Scholars; Cade Schmidt, 10th; Scout Strickland, 11th; Karina Kobliska, Dollars for Scholars; Lion Mike Gedde; Mike Schmidt, Staples-Motley High School principal; Kiera Dumpprope, 11th, Emmitt Winkels, 10th; Mary Kobliska, Dollars for Scholars. The student representatives are selected by board members of the Staples-Motley Dollars for Scholars and help out where needed during the school year. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



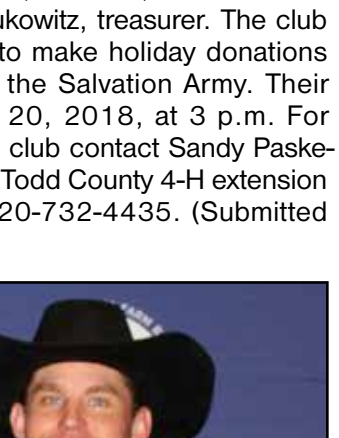
A-1 4-H officers

Officers of the A-1 4-H club of Todd County gathered for a photo at their Nov. 19 meeting. Front, from left, Alexis Tweeter, vice president and Torii Nienow, secretary and reporter. Back, from left, Rachel Paskewitz, president and Ellie Dukowitz, treasurer. The club decided at their meeting, to make holiday donations and to be bell ringers for the Salvation Army. Their next meeting will be Jan. 20, 2018, at 3 p.m. For more information about the club contact Sandy Paskewitz; 218-296-2965 or the Todd County 4-H extension office; Nathan Braaten; 320-732-4435. (Submitted photo)



Honored at Farm Bureau

Seth and Rachel Connell of Staples in Cass County Farm Bureau were recently appointed to serve on the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) Committee. The YF&R Committee focuses on leadership development for young farmers and ranchers between the ages of 18-35 years old. Seth and Rachel were appointed to a one-year term.



Debra Durheim of Long Prairie in Todd County was recognized as a retiring Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) board member representing the Promotion & Education Committee during the 99th Annual Meeting in Bloomington on Nov. 17. The P & E Committee focuses on agricultural education and safety education program development. She served a one-year term. Debra and her husband, Delvin, raise beef, sheep, chickens and swine as well as grow corn and alfalfa. In addition to farming, she works off the farm at Todd County Public Health.

(Submitted photos)

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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
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

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

Seventh Day Adventist
421 Dakota Ave. SE, Staples
218-894-0033
Saturday Worship .....10:45 am.
Sabbath School.....9:30 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 Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

Aldrich

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

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

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Pastor David Stevens
Sunday Worship.....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
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

Oylen Alliance
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 Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

Hewitt

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

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

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Childrens' Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer.....8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.
Worship..... 9:10 and 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m. ..... Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m ..... Ministry Groups/Bible study

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

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

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

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

The two dogs within us

Pastor Nathan Hillman, Thomastown Covenant Church, Staples

An Eskimo fisherman came to town every Saturday afternoon. He always brought his two dogs with him. One was white and the other was black. He had taught them to fight on command. Every Saturday afternoon in the town square the people would gather and the two dogs would fight and the fisherman would take bets. One Saturday the black dog would win; another Saturday, the white dog would win, but the fisherman always won.

His friend began to ask him how he did it.

He said, "I starve one and feed the other. The one I feed always wins because he is stronger." (Billy Graham. The Holy Spirit. Dallas: Word Publishing, 1988, pp. 92-93).

Like the fighting dogs, we have two natures within us and they are always at war with each other. We have a selfish, sinful nature that the Bible calls 'flesh.' We also have a noble, godly nature that the Bible calls the Spirit. Which one will dominate us? It depends on which one we feed. Which one are you feeding?

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:7-9.)

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2nd Ave., Staples • 218-894-2242
Motley and Pillager

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

Staples World
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218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #6
Monday, Oct 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Staples-Motley High School Media Center
MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Freeman, Hoemberg, Lund, Longbella, Winkels and Frisk present. Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Business Manager, Boesen; Principals Schmidt and Regan; Curriculum Coordinator, Deb Ferdon; SMEA Rep., Brand; Buildings & Grounds, Peterson; IT, Waldvogel; PE teacher, Kappler; several students and community members; Staples World Manager, Halvorson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to approve the agenda as presented.

School/Community Forum

Agricultural Education and FFA Update by Scout Strickland and Abbie DiGiovanni

Student Achievement Data

Ms. Ferdon presented the 2017 Student Achievement Data Report.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of minutes from the Sept. 18 Regular Board Meeting

Approval of minutes from Oct. 9 Board Work Session

Acceptance of Cash Donations and In-Kind Contributions $ 967.78

Approve the 2017-2019 Transportation Contracts with Johnson Bus Service and Greig's Bus Service.

Hoemberg asked to have item #6 acted upon separately.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve Consent Agenda items #3 - #5. Motion Carried

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to approve the 2017-2019 Transportation Contracts with Johnsons Bus Service and Greig's Bus Service. Motion Carried

Finance Items:

The Financial Report was available.

Ms. Boesen indicated that Scott Nelson has been working with her on UFARSS, the Levy and Payroll. The Board had asked to be updated monthly on the services/ training he is providing our business office.

Approval of Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Financial Report and Authorization to Pay Vouchers.

Hoemberg questioned the act of approving the authorization of vouchers, as payment has already been made and indicated he would like a procedure to view invoices before paying. Purchasing goes through a process of approvals prior to orders being placed. Orders are based on Purchase Orders which have been approved by Principals and the Business Manager, and invoices are matched to purchase orders which are not processed for payment until they go through the chain of approval.

At this point, Winkels called the question. Voting in favor: Freeman, Frisk, Winkels, Lund and Longbella; Opposed: Hoemberg

Curriculum and Policy (Policy Committee Minutes 10-10-17)

Presentation of the 2017-18 Staples Motley Curriculum Council Plan of Action (no action needed)

Presentation of the PE/Health Curriculum document

Ms. Ferdon presented the PE and Health Curriculum documents. Board members will review the documents and take action at the Nov. 20 meeting.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to accept the second Reading of Policy #413, Harassment & Violence as required, with no revisions. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to accept the second Reading and Adoption of Policy #903 Visitors to School District buildings and Sites. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels to accept the review of policies #515, #516, #514, #502, #427 and #419 with no changes. Motion Carried

Policy #412 Expense Reimbursements will be reviewed by the Finance Committee to look at the meal reimbursement amount.

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk to approve the 12 week maternity request from Elizabeth Wright. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Winter Extra - Curricular Coaches/ Advisors. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve Jamie Johnson; Head Softball coach

Frisk asked to have the item tabled until next month and expressed concern regarding the hiring procedures of head coaches. The motion and seconded were rescinded.

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Hoemberg, to table the hiring of Johnson. Voting in favor: Frisk and Hoemberg; Opposed: Lund, Winkels, Freeman and Longbella. Motion Failed

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the hire of Jamie Johnson, Head Softball Coach.

Voting in favor: Freeman, Lund, Winkels, Longbella and Hoemberg. Opposed: Frisk Motion Carried

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the contract for Troy Erickson; HS Custodial; GR 5P MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the contract for Shelli Rau; HS Paraprofessional; GR 7P. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Freeman, to approve the hire of Morgan Swank; LCA Classroom Aid; billed payroll. MC Ms. Boesen will check with the EC Director to clarify why this is a billed payroll position rather than a contract.

Superintendent Search Discussion

Mr. Bratlie left the room during the discussion. The consensus of the Board is to conduct a Superintendent search beginning early in January and follow a timeline which includes conducting interviews and site visits in March; offering the position in April; with the position beginning on June 15 or July 1.

If a suitable candidate is not found, a one year extension could be offered to Mr. Bratlie if he is willing.

Lund will be the lead person for the search and will contact MSBA and other search firms asking them to present a proposal to us in Nov. or early Dec.

Frisk asked to have a policy looked at regarding Food Allergies. A meeting with Business Manager, Food Service Director and School Nurse will be held.

Adjournment

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

Complete minutes can be viewed at: ***www.isd2170.k12.mn.us***

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ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION MEETING #7
Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
Staples-Motley High School Media Center
MINUTES

Call to Order

The Work Session was called to order with Freeman, Lund, Winkels, Frisk, Hoemberg and Longbella present. Also attending were Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan, Business Manager, Boesen; FJJ presenters; several department heads; Staples World Manager, Halverson; and Recording Secretary Madson.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Long Term Facility Information

The process so far was reviewed and preliminary long range planning options were presented.

- 1 - building option: new K-12; $75 - 80 million
- 2 - buildings option: K-6 and 7-12; approx. 40 - 50 million
- 2 - building option: HS remodel; approx. $14 million
- 3 - building options: Status Quo or fix and repair
- The option of a new PK - 2 was disregarded

The Board will be asked to narrow this list down and have open discussion on the remaining options. Further analysis on funding options and potential tax impacts will be addressed.

FJJ will present again at the Dec. 4 Work Session.

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NOTICE
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NOTICE
SECTION 00020 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Water Treatment Plant
Clarifier Rehabilitation
Staples, MN

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Sealed proposals for the work described below will be received by the Administrator at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479-2900 until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The work includes the following:

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B. Patching of existing clarifier cone.

C. Sandblasting and recoating of the clarifier structure and clarifier room.

D. Removal and replacement of sample lines and carrier pipes through clarifier wall.

COMPLETION OF WORK: All work under the Contract must be complete within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after receipt of the Notice to Proceed.

MINIMUM CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS: The Bidder shall have experience as a General Contractor in the successful completion of at least three municipal water plant projects within the last five (5) years.

OBTAINING CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND BIDDING REQUIREMENTS: Plans and specifications and all contract documents may be obtained at the office of Bolton & Menk, Inc., 7533 Sunwood Drive, Suite 206, Ramsey, MN 55303, upon payment of $50, **(includes sales tax)**; non-refundable for each full set of specifications and accompanying drawings. Additional shipping charges will apply for delivery to any address not within the lower 48 states. Complete digital project bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. You may view the digital plan documents for free by entering Quest project #5411189 on the website's Project Search page. Documents may be downloaded for $20. Please contact QuestCDN.com at (952) 2331632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

A copy of the plans and specifications may be inspected at the following locations:

- Office of Bolton & Menk Inc., 7533 Sunwood Drive - Suite 206, Ramsey, MN 55303.
- Office of Bolton & Menk, Inc., 1960 Premier Drive, Mankato, MN 56001.
- City of Staples, 122 6th St NE, Staples, MN 56479-2900.

PLANHOLDERS LIST, ADDENDA AND BID TABULATION: The planholders list, addenda and bid tabulation will be available on-line at www.bolton-menk.com.

Bids will be received on a lump sum basis.

BID SECURITY: A certified check or a Bid Bond satisfactory to the City of Staples, Minnesota, in the amount of not less than 5 percent of the total Bid price submitted must accompany each Bid.

LABOR RATES - MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENTS:

This project is being funded by the City of Staples, Minnesota. The project is not subject to the provisions of Little Davis-Bacon Act.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS: The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond each in the amount of the Contract.

The Bid, Agreement, and Bonds shall be conditioned upon compliance with all provisions of the Bid Documents.

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Date: December 3, 2017
Owner: City of Staples, Minnesota

/S/ Jerel Nelsen
Administrator

Published:
Staples World: December 7, 2017 and December 14, 2017
Finance and Commerce: December 5, 2017 and December 12, 2017

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PUBLIC NOTICE
AERATION WARNING

NOTICE - Lake Shore AERATION WARNING LAEK SHAMINEAU: Open water along the shore with thin ice around the edge on the southwest shore of Lake Shamineau. Starting December 16, 2017 into the early months of 2018.
For inquiries call 952-975-9078. 48-49pnc

NOTICE
TO OPERATE AERATION SYSTEM

An aeration system will be in operation on the SE shoreline of Lake Shamineau, Lots 10 and 11 of Deering Bay beginning December 1, 2017 through ay 1, 2018 the purpose is to protect the shoreline from carnage due to ice epansion with the current high water levels.

PLEASE BEWARE OF OPEN WATER OR THIN ICE. 48-49pnp

PUBLIC NOTICE
NEW FM TRANSLATOR STATION
Channel 253
at Staples, MN

Notice is hereby given that on December 1, 2017, HBI Radio Brainerd/Wadena, LLC filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for a new FM translator station to serve Staples, Minnesota. The application seeks authority to operate the new FM translator station on Channel 253 with a maximum effective radiated power of 0.25 kW from a transmitter site located at 46-21-32 North Latitude, 94-46-56 West Longitude. The new FM translator station proposes to rebroadcast KNSP(AM), which serves Staples, Minnesota on 1430 kHz.

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Favorite Holiday Memories and Traditions

We all have favorite memories of holidays past, stories of traditions we want to pass on and traditions that are changing with the times.
We invite you to share them with our readers in our Dec. 21 issue.

They can be as short as one sentence or even a couple of paragraphs. Drop them at our office at 224 4th St. NE, Staples; mail them to PO Box 100, Staples, MN 56479 or email them to Dawn at dtimbs@staplesworld.com
by Dec. 11.

Please include your name, city of residence and a phone number. The phone number will be used for verification or follow up questions and will not be published.

Staples World

Todd County settles with three unions

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd County Board of Commissioners approved adopting three of the six union contracts for 2018-2020 at their Nov. 21 meeting.

They were the Teamsters Courthouse Collective Bargaining Agreement, the Teamsters Jailer Dispatcher Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Teamsters Sheriff's Supervisory Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement.

According to County Coordinator Joe Hatch, the negotiation team worked on making the contracts between all the units more consistent.

One of the areas was reducing comp hours from 180 to 100 hours.

Hatch said he feels the agreements are very fair for all involved.

They continue to work with the three remaining bargaining units to complete the contracts.

Commissioner Randy Neumann who serves on the negotiations committee thanked Hatch for his hard work.

Human Resources

Hatch gave a detailed description of some reorganization things he would like to see done in the administration department including granting the request by current Human Resources Manager Karla Nalezny to be moved to the position of HR specialist and then opening posting for the HR manager position.

Hatch said, "There are a number of human resource functions Todd County is currently unable to effectively deliver. This inability is primarily due to a lack of capacity, we simply do not have enough staff to adequately cover the needs of the county. It is considered a best practice to have one full-time HR staff person for every 100 employees and we currently have nearly 200 full time employees."

The HR specialist position focus would be to improve the benefits, employee orientation, ergonomics assessments, safety and development areas. This change would allow the HR manager to focus on employee evaluation, probation, team building and culture, labor relations, investigations and risk management training and development.

"Adding the HR Specialist position would allow for a greater investment in Todd County's greatest asset - the employees," said Hatch.

Increased capacity in the administration department would allow more time to focus on:

- Increased focus on the development of staff and leaders
- An improved and more thorough evaluation process for employees
- Better tracking of probation periods
- Increased focus on labor relations
- Improved safety program

"The administration department in many instances could focus on solving problems before they arise. Mitigating risks and creating a stronger work culture will pay large dividends going forward," said Hatch.

The county will spend approximately $15 million on employee costs in 2018. If a strong administration department can improve culture and increase employee productivity by five percent per year then the total valuation would be approximately $750,000 per year.

"With a larger capacity to focus on our needs we can also reduce risks and become more proactive," said Hatch.

The new position would be $57,000 in salary with approximately $20,000 in savings towards 2018 budget.

In other business:

- Approved the application for repurchase of tax forfeited parcel #08-0141100 from Vicque Amos.
- Approved the resignation of Patricia Pechan as a property tax specialist effective Nov. 25. This position is shared between the assessor's and auditor/treasurer's offices.
- According to County Engineer Loren Fellbaum, "in order to provide for consistent long term management and direction in the Public Works Maintenance Division, it's being recommended to appoint a permanent public works maintenance foreman."

The board approved the appointment of Paul Siegle who's been the interim maintenance foreman position since August and has been meeting or exceeding all expectations of this position.

- Approved a Hold Harmless Agreement for ditch maintenance of approximately 2,900 feet of County Ditch 33 on Glen Middendorf's property in Reynolds Township. The work will be done at his own expense.
- Approved the hire of Patricia Pechan to fill the open position of deputy assessor effective Nov. 26.
- A request from Dan Raber to re-zone a portion of his land in Section 24 of Wykeham Township from R-10 to AF-1 zoning was approved without conditions. The purpose of the rezone is to allow development of an animal barn (new feedlot) which is not allowed in the R-10 Zoning District.
- Approved the final platting of Johnson BBL Legacy. This subdivision is a one lot plat of an existing outlot to make the lot buildable by county standards.
- The Planning and Zoning and Soil and Water Conservation District departments administer several programs funded primarily through Natural Resources Block Grants which are made available through the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

The grant recently received for the county includes allocations to be made to cover shoreland, septic, local water management, and the wetland program. The total grant award over two years will total $128,747.

- The board approved the annual purchase agreement for a one-half bed at the West Central Regional Juvenile Center.

Health and Human Services Director Jackie Och said that the contract will likely change at some point because the facility is expanding. She said the county would probably be required to contract for one bed. She said they've had to turn youth away because of the lack of bed space.

- Todd County has partnered with Ottertail County to provide department head leadership for solid waste. The contract requires a 30-day notice to leave the partnership. Providing the proper notice to Ottertail County will allow Todd County to decide how to proceed with the leadership of this service area.
- Approved a gambling permit for the Browerville Sportsman Club to hold gambling activities at the Clarissa Ballroom on March 4, 2018.



Keeping cemetery looking nice

One of the goals of the Evergreen Hill Cemetery Board is to keep uniform rules for grave decorations, yet still allow people to honor their loved ones. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Improvements will help in locating graves, improving stability

With a map of where their graves can be found. They already have some donations for that project, but need another $4,500.

There are also plans to digitize the cemetery roster and make it availabe online. Related to that, they could add GPS coordinates to the list so people can follow their smart phones to find a grave.

The board will continue to raise funds for their projects. They held a successful fundraiser dinner this fall and are planning new types of fundraisers for 2018. Evergreen Hill is a private corporation and is not part of the City of Staples. It is non-denominational and is open to anyone interested in the perpetual care model.

People come from all over the United States to visit the cemetery, to find the graves of relatives and loved ones. Former Staples residents often come back to purchase a cemetery plot when it comes time to decide their resting place.

To solve the financial issues, Reeck said they had to readjust the rates, but they are still much cheaper than a metro-area cemetery. That is one of the reasons many people come back to Staples for their cemetery plots.

The cemetery has helpful, dedicated workers and is supported by a volunteer mowing program and donations from community groups such as the Lions Club.

Board members are asked to attend five meetings per year, with the year-end meeting in December and the annual meeting in February.

One of the continuing issues for the board is keeping uniform rules for the grave stones, especially with what types of decorations to allow. Currently the rules state two flower pots are allowed, but there are many new devices, such as solar lights and other decorations, that people want to use. The board would like all graves to conform with the policies, because sometimes those who follow the policies are offended by those who don't.

Reeck said other cemeteries have much stricter rules, but at Evergreen Hill they want to keep the cemetery respectful and looking nice, but still give people ways to honor their loved ones.

Evergreen Hill currently holds more than twice the population of Staples. To keep up that level of care, it takes community involvement, starting with the board.

"It is coming in the direction we want it," said Reeck. They just need more people to get involved to keep the momentum going.

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Apartments would be market rate with many amenities as study recommends

tance from the city.

Tax abatement is a different process from the tax increment finance (TIF) district that was created for the new townhomes in Staples. TIF requires some of the units be rented under low income guidelines. Tax abatement is simply a deal between the builders and the government to lower taxes for the first few years, before putting the full amount on the tax rolls. Wadena County and the Staples-Motley School District would also have to decide whether their portions of the property tax would be included in the abatement.

Under this proposal, the SEDA would become the owner of the land until the abatement is paid back to the city. Nelsen said the plan is to have it for "a couple" of years before the city is paid back.

Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher said the apartments would be "market rate," meaning full priced with no income guidelines. She said it will have many amenities, including a community room, playground, garages, a dog park and open spaces. "It's everything we talked about," she said, referring to the housing study that indentified a need for higher income housing in Staples.

SEDA board member Chris Etzler predicted there is a need for market rate apartments. He said he knows of many people who come to Staples to work, but can't find this kind of housing and move to a different town. "They become part of that community and then they stay there," he said.

If the first 38 units fill up sufficiently, the company can decide to implement phase two, which would be 36 more units attached to the same building. The projected cost of the apartments is $3.5 million.

The 7.5 acres of land is owned by Lakewood Health System, and Lakewood CEO Tim Rice is a SEDA board member. Rice said the hospital board was concerned about selling the land, in case they had a future need, but decided there is other land if that need arises. "There is no specific demand right now, it shouldn't be a barrier," said Rice.

The general consensus of the SEDA board was to continue exploring the proposal, with the tax abatement part of the plan.

Three arrested in Wadena County for meth possession

Three people were arrested and jailed in Wadena County Nov. 28 for possession of methamphetamine.

Craig LaFlamme, 47, Perham, and Jesse Stockwell, 37, Deer Creek, were both charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance and fifth degree possession of a controlled substance.

In addition, Stockwell was charged with giving a false name and date of birth of another person. He also had an active arrest warrant out of Todd County.

Devon Aberle, 24, Dent, was charged with first degree possession of a controlled substance.

On Nov. 28 the Wadena County Sheriff's Office, Agents from the West Central Drug and Violent Offender Task Force (WCDVOTF) and the Wadena Police Dept. conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 10 and 125th Ave. on a vehicle that was suspected to be involved in methamphetamine trafficking and sales.



Devon Aberle



Craig LaFamme



Jesse Stockwell

Agents on scene were assisted by Perham Police Dept's K-9, which indicated on the presence of drugs inside the vehicle.

Agents and officers conducted a search of the vehicle and located 86 grams of methamphetamine, schedule II prescription pills, numerous drug paraphernalia items and $3,100 in cash.

The methamphetamine had a street value of over $8,500.

The Wadena County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the WCDVOTF, Wadena Police, Perham Police and the Verndale Police Departments.

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‘In the eleventh month of ‘17...’

...Paul Bunyan gave to me, eleven veterans saluting.’ Pictured above at Veterans Memorial Park in Motley are members of the Motley American Legion Post #124. From left: Ron Unger, Floyd Griffith, Duane Brayton, Paul Schlichting, Charlie Poulton, Dick Neider, Eldon Morey, Huck Holst, Ron Hanson, Frank Vasecka, Neal Dvorak, Ron Starke, Maury Peterson, Bob Larson. To see a video performance of their 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 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 next month. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Online community calendar launches for area events

Staples LEAP reports the creation of a new community calendar website - discoverstaplesmn.org. Local organizations and event planners are invited to register an account and submit public events to the calendar up to two years in advance of the event date.

The Discover Staples website has been designed to make finding and adding local events easy and quick. It offers many search and filter options for narrowing event choices. LEAP chose to sponsor this project in response to input from community planning sessions held last year. A mobile app is also being created and will launch early 2018.

The Discover Staples website is one piece of a larger umbrella project for LEAP. LEAP’s marketing committee is dedicated to promoting the community of Staples to residents and visitors.

Social media channels - Facebook (@discoverstaplesmn) and Twitter (@visitstaplesmn) - were created earlier this year. Starting in 2018, LEAP will also begin marketing the City of Staples to tourists.

This website project was funded in part by a grant from the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation.

LEAP (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, Positiveness) is a nonprofit organization that pursues collaborative projects to enhance the quality of life in the Staples area. For more information or to join LEAP, contact Tim Rice at 218-894-1515.

High performance school building option reviewed

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

Schools built to high performance standards lead to higher performing students and lower operating costs.

That is the documented conclusion of Staples-Motley interim superintendent Ron Bratlie given to the school board in a work session Nov. 20.

The U. S. Department of Education defines a high performance school as :

- Facilities that improve the learning environment while saving energy, resources and money in the design, construction, operation and maintenance.
- Process requires an integrated design where building systems are considered together based on their impact to the learning environment.

Bratlie was instrumental in several building projects in the Elk River Area School District, the ninth largest in Minnesota. He has given presentations and written extensively on the topic of high performance school buildings.

The studies he shared showed the effects of poor indoor air quality and how making changes to improve air quality resulted in better health for students and teachers as well as higher standardized test scores.

He recognized that the costs to operate buildings can play havoc with budgets. Building high performance buildings, as opposed to code based buildings, led to lower operating costs over the life cycle of a building.

The Elk River district adopted the beliefs that:

- Students come first - education and learning outcomes are the central focus of school design.
- Life cycle costs matter most - financial performance measures are made based on life cycle costs, not only first costs.
- Design, build, measure results - the school board must voice expectations for building performance goals to the professionals they hire to design, build and operate schools and then measure the results achieved.

Bratlie also advocated for LEED certification. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design and is a green building rating system. He reviewed the elements of sustainable design and the areas within a learning environment where those could be incorporated.

He gave some specifics from the Elk River buildings, such as designing for maximum natural lighting and fresh air circulation. He followed that with study results that showed increased attendance and productivity as well as annual financial savings.

Key considerations for Staples-Motley Schools include:

- district advocate/team selection
- flexibility/changes in education
- life cycle costs/total real costs
- right sizing/cost containment
- sustainability/quality and healthy
- turn key budgets/total cost-all needs
- LEED/green design

The last slide in Bratlie’s presentation was challenge to the board: “Now it’s your turn. Make it happen.”


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Running and passing

Haley Cichos starts a fast break with a pass. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Pressure in the paint

After an offensive rebound, Kaila Erbe gets fouled while shooting over the WDC defense.

Wrestlers see good signs, room for improvement

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team got off to an uneven start with three dual matches and a tournament in their first two days of action.

On Dec. 1, the Cardinals wrestled in a quad meet at New York Mills, where they beat United Clay Becker 52-16 and lost to NYM 48-30 and to Long Prairie-Grey Eagle/Browerville 51-18.

At the Wadena-Deer Creek Invitational on Dec. 2, the Cardinals finished eighth out of nine teams, but they did not have a full team entered. Seven of their eight wrestlers earned a place in the top six.

"We have a lot to work on, it's early and we are not in shape yet," said Owen Bjerga, who was undefeated in six weekend matches. "We had some new guys in their first varsity matches, and we were hesitant and not aggressive."

Spencer Miller said he also saw a lot of good things happening with the team. "Several people wrestled better this year than they did last year," he said.

See **WRESTLING** on page 3b



Taking control

Spencer Miller dumps his opponent on his way to a second place finish at the WDC tournament. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals start out with a win

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team won their season opener 57-49 against Wadena-Deer Creek on Nov. 28.

Both teams struggled offensively, but the Cardinals forged a 30-24 lead at halftime.

The Cardinals still shot poorly in the second half, but made up for it with offensive rebounding. Kiera Dumpprope pulled down 12 offensive rebounds and Claire Wolhowe had seven, as second chance points and free throws making the difference.

The game got close late in the second half. With four minutes left, Wolhowe blocked a shot and created a fast break, getting an assist with a pass to Haley Cichos for a 50-43 lead. Wolhowe made six free throws after that to keep the team in the lead.

Wolhowe led the team with 19 total rebounds and 28 points. "It was pretty raw, we had a lot of nerves, especially those playing varsity for the first time," she said. Wolhowe is the only player with a lot of varsity experience.

"We are still learning how to play varsity basketball, we are working on passes and turnovers, just taking care of the ball," said Wolhowe.

"Now that we played the first game, we can have a lot more confidence, a lot of girls want to step up," she said. "Our team's goal is getting better each week."

Team results

Staples-Motley 57, Wadena-Deer Creek 49

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 28, Tabatha Allen 11, Kiera Dumpprope 7, Haley Cichos 5, Kaila Erbe 3, Kaitlyn Smith 3



Claire Wolhowe has been named by Minnesota Basketball News to the Top 50 Class AA Players list for the 2017-2018 season.



Hustle plays

Kiara Storry tracks down a loose ball in the opening day win. Below, Claire Wolhowe absorbs contact on a fast break.



Thursday Twilight League Bowling
Wadena Lanes

Nov. 30, 2017

1. Mason Bros.	11-1
2. Ted and Gen's	8-4
3. Spectrum Marketing	6-6
4. Lefty's	6-6
5. Staples Vet Clinic	5-7
6. Ghost Team	0-12

High Team Series-

Lefty's	1,663

High Team Game-

Mason Bros.	585

High Ind. Series/ high games

Ruth Lugert	510	187
Lacena Brown	503	168-168-167
		132 average
Marge Harrison	488	172
Deb Pundt	456	170
Amber Block	448	189
Jackie Perius		164
Rhonda Cichos		152
Lori Murdock		151

First ice is a timeless temptation

Recently my wife and I and our Labrador retriever took a walk to enjoy what was predicted to be the warmer and sunnier of the weekend days, that being Saturday. We left the car in a boat launch parking lot at the end of a lake that's the site of the family cabin. Here the road is close to the lake, and you can walk its perimeter without trespassing. It's a lot quieter at this time of year, though there's a certain amount of traffic to and from a restaurant and pub just across from the boat landing.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Surprising for a lake this large and deep, ice could be seen from shore to shore, save for a small opening about 250 to 300 yards from the landing. In the parking lot was a pickup, behind which was a trailer ample enough for a large fishing boat. Bella and I walked down to the ramp, just because we're in the habit of it and as we approached the ice-rimmed shore I spotted a boat bobbing in a pond-sized circle of open water in the distance. Sometimes it takes a few moments for evidence to tell a story. My first thought was that this boat belonged to a tardy lake property owner who had waited too long to take his boat out for winter storage. "Bet he's regretting that," was my fleeting thought.

Then my eyes focused more clearly on the winding trail of shattered ice leading away from the ramp to that small patch of open water. I heard voices that carried over the ice sheet. At that distance I couldn't discern their angling technique, but I knew that was why they were out there. Conventional wisdom decrees that "the bite" for walleye is often best just after ice forms over a lake. These indomitable guys were on a frontier between open water angling and ice fishing.

Evening was approaching, and I've little doubt they believed that when the light level fell, there would be a movement to fish to shallower water. Whether that movement happened to align with the small disk of open water where their boat floated might be another matter. Regardless, I'm sure they were fortified with the optimism that buoys and inspires all fishermen who really mean it and I was with them mentally even after our trio of two- and four-legged trekkers took the road leading south along the lake.

Over most of the lake the mirror-like surface was flat as a billiard table. But along the near shore, a stone's throw from the road we walked, the shoreline was a jumble of broken ice sheets two or more inches thick, evidence that early-forming ice had been driven aground be westerly winds. The process of a lake icing over is not always a continuous one. Ice begins to form, but may recede or break up with warming temperatures, a strong wind or both.

Open water in a lake's center should in theory should be the last to freeze and waters closer to shore should be the first to freezeand the strongest. But subtle currents, underwater springs, a trickle of stream in-flow, even a beaver's underwater highway from its lodge to the shore, can affect ice thickness. "When is it thick enough?" is a question that will be asked at this time of the year as long as there are outdoors people who find our frozen lakes a playground for ice fishing, snowmobiling or riding their all-terrain-vehicle (ATV).

Every Minnesota winter sees through-the-ice accidents. Most involve vehicles breaking through ice that's not thick enough to support them. Most of those vehicles are the highway kind, heavy enough to break through where a person could stand safely, or the ice could support a snowmobile or ATV. Most such accidents do not result in fatalities, but in badly scared anglers, and a major expense to recover a submerged vehicle.

But with time and an exponential number of angling and trail-riding visits, the law of averages leads inevitably to fatalities, though typically few in number. The first lake ice-related fatality of the 2017 winter season in Minnesota happened recently on Upper Red Lake, northwest of Bemidji in Beltrami County. A young man and woman on an ATV are believed to have unsuspectingly driven the ATV into a patch of open water about a mile from shore.

No one saw the accident, nor was anyone there to come to their rescue. Their bodies were recovered in 12 feet of water. Evidence suggests that one or both of them tried unsuccessfully to pull themselves back onto the ice that rimmed the opening where they and their ATV entered the water.

Apart from the fact that great early winter walleye fishing on Upper Red Lake is attracting more and more anglers, thereby increasing the mishaps and rescues at that particular place, the attraction of getting out to fish or ride on the first good ice of the season is a constant. What is not a constant is the period of safe winter ice. The average dates when ice forms on Minnesota lakes and melts in spring are changing. It's imperceptible to most of us, but noticeable to those whose scientific discipline records such things.

Records of ice-on and ice-off dates on nine Minnesota, Wisconsin and New York lakes dating back as far as 1850 show this change, tracked by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Each decade has seen the average ice-on date arrive later on all these lakes, changing by one-half to one-and-one-half days each decade. A half-day here and a half-day there may seem like no big deal. But small changes add up. Over 50 years the ice could be arriving up to a week later. Over a century the ice-on date could be two weeks later. All of these nine lakes are thawing earlier in spring. One extreme example from EPA record-keeping showed spring ice leaving an average of 24 days sooner than it did 110 years ago. If ice is leaving sooner in spring, it's probably forming later in fall.

What's the point to be made here? Don't assume that forming ice will be solid and safe by a certain date on the calendar, or remain safe until a certain date in spring. Resist the temptation to be the first one on the ice on your favorite lake. If you drive on the ice, roll down windows and unlock doors beforehand. Windows and locks may not work if your vehicle is submerged and pressure may keep a door from opening. If you insist on walking or driving your ATV on marginally thick ice, don't be too proud to wear a personal flotation device and carry a pair of spike-studded "ice picks" to help pull yourself onto the ice if you fall through. Hypothermia can kill just as surely as drowning.

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Wrestlers expect improvement

Coach Dave Anglin agreed with that assessment, saying "The team will be in good shape when we get all the right kids in all the right places."

Anglin pointed out Payton Bjerga, Isaac Swendsrud and Charles Woodwick for producing good matches over the weekend. "We are seeing positive things going on, these kids are willing to work hard and it will pay off," said Anglin.

Captains and co-captains Miller, Kyle Serich and Owen Bjerga said they are looking to get up to the level of West Centeral Area and Ottertail Central, two of the top teams in their section.

"The way we are practicing, we can get there," said Bjerga.

"We will push them as hard as we can, we should be up there by the end of the year," said Miller.

Serich said they are looking for fan support to help them reach their goals. "The louder the fans, the better we will wrestle," said Serich.

Team results

NYM Quad
106 - Payton Bjerga 2-1
113 - Sam Jennissen 1-1
120 - Conner Dobson 0-2
126 - Kristian Thompson 0-2
132 - Brayden Christensen 0-2
138/132 - Spencer Miller 3-0
145/152 - Blayne Dumpprope 2-1
160 - James Ehresman 1-1
160/170 - Owen Bjerga 3-0
170/182 - Jonathan Lisson 1-2
182/195 - Isaac Swendsrud 2-1
220 - Braden Tyrell 2-1
285 - Kyle Serich 2-1

WDC Invitational
106: Payton Bjerga 5th
132: Spencer Miller 2nd
152: Owen Bjerga 1st
170: Jonathan Lisson 4th
182: Isaac Swendsrud 4th
220: Braden Tyrrell 4th
285: Kyle Serich 5th



Cardinal captains want to push the pace

Staples-Motley boys basketball co-captains, from left, Reid Busker, Bentley Christensen, Josh Lombard, Derek Kennedy and Griffin Webster. The Cardinals played their first game on Dec. 5, more details in next week's newspaper.

Christensen said the team is going to play with a fast tempo this year, both on offense and defense.

"We will put up a lot of shots," said Busker.

Kennedy said "We want to make them play as fast as we are."

Webster said they have enough athletes to keep it up throughout the game. "We are the deepest team we know of in the area," he said. Busker added that every player can play multiple positions, so they will be all over the court on both offense and defense.

Lombard said the team chemistry has been positive. "We are friends on and off the court," he said.

The Cardinals said they are only focused on winning one game at a time, and will take use that team goal throughout the season, so they can focus on the first playoff game. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

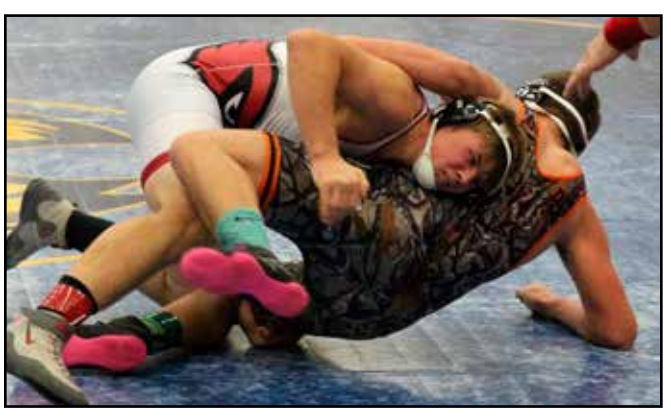


Keeping on top

Isaac Swendsrud controls his match at the WDC tournament. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Wrestling captains and co-captains, from left Spencer Miller, Kyle Serich and Owen Bjerga.



Braden Tyrrell topples his opponent for a takedown.



Payton Bjerga takes a peek before recording a pin.

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Sparks fly at MS Middle School





Electricity!

Motley-Staples Middle School students had the opportunity to learn about electricity during a presentation by Sue Meyer with the Science Museum of Minnesota. The event was funded by the Friends of the Staples Public Library. During the interactive presentation, students learned about electrically charged objects that may exert a force on other objects by pushing or pulling (similar to magnets); saw the effects of static electricity; and created a human circuit to demonstrate the movement of charges. Pictured top photo left, from left, are Devon Johnson and Josiah Critten. At top right photo, students experience a shock during the human circuit. From left, are Dannica Rahn, Melissa Anderson, Ramiro Gallardo, Devon Johnson and the presenter, Sue Meyer. Pictured in lower photos, Lilliana Dubois demonstrates the effects of static electricity. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Motley works to balance proposed budget

Truth in Taxation public hearing Dec. 11, 6 p.m.

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At a work session and special meeting Nov. 28, the Motley City Council and city employees discussed the city's fee schedule and proposed budget for 2018; and worked to balance the proposed budget as well.

Fee schedule

This was a preliminary discussion of the city's fee schedule for 2018. As noted by City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja, formal adoption of and final rates for the fee schedule will occur at a future council meeting.

Some of the proposed changes for 2018 included a decrease in the Comprehensive Plan copy (full color) of $15; an increase of $5 for a standard Assessment Search; an increase of $100 for special meeting fee; and a $15 increase for a returned check fee. The council agreed with Smieja that it is important for people using specific services to pay for those services rather than using all of the general tax revenue for particular expenses.

Budget

At the council's regular meeting in September, the preliminary levy was adopted and the proposed budget approved. Since that time, as noted by Smieja at the work session Sept. 28, there has been a decrease in expected revenue and an increase in anticipated expenditures, resulting in a difference of $8,405. Changes needed to be made in order to balance the budget and time was spent going over line items.

Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton proposed an expenditure reduction of $2,500, by lowering the amount allocated to skid steer and machinery repairs. Brotherton explained that the skid steer will be repaired this year rather than next.

There was also discussion regarding the reduction of anticipated revenue from the school resource officer contract with the Staples-Motley School District for 2018. The expected revenue was raised to $7,986, which represents the full amount of available revenue from the school district. Police Chief Ron Smith indicated that when working on the weekly schedule, he will make sure that he or Officer Jason Borash are at the school enough hours to meet the expected revenue.

Smieja noted that the proposed changes resulted in a balanced budget.

A Truth in Taxation public hearing is set for Monday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m. prior to the regular council meeting, at which time the council may adopt the final levy and budget for 2018.

MS Middle School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

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Grant Bestland, Estella Bock, Jack Carlson, Andrea DiGiovanni, Sawyer Ferdon, Ellen Lange, Oliviah Lorber, Jessica Lundquist, Corinne Olson, Olivia Opheim, Steven Petrich, Jaden Radermacher, Logan Robben, Benet Robinson, Hayden Rutherford, Benjamin Tyrrell, Heidi Zimmerman.

Grade 4

Melissa Anderson, Summer Anderson, Brynn Bestland, Owen Carlson, Emmalee Dobson, Josie Jennissen, Jorja Kobliska, Pamela Lawrence, Raina Mikhaeil, Natalie Miller, Annie Schlosser.

B Honor Roll

Grade 7

Evan Allen, Veronica Barnes, Michael Becker, Briana Bendson, Grace Bendson, Keegan Bestland, Lacole Borders, Arissa Brandt, Isaac Calix, Rafael Caudillo, Andrew Daniels, Bronte Enyart-Martinez, Mariah Fisk, Megan Franzen, Isabelle Halvorson, Keegan Harvey, Dakota Hennagir, Spring Hofstedt, Sarina Huepenbecker, Corrine Japke, Breanna Jasmer, Caitliin Jasmer, Caleb Jasmer, Wyatt Jasmer, Grace Jennissen, Grant Johnson, Blake Knudson, Emma Knutson, Ilyse Koenig, Micah Larson, Jayma Lawson, Hunter Miller, Christopher Moench, Justin Mollner, Tyler Plattner, Madden Roberts, Taylor Runge, Adriana Russell, Taylor Serich, Jason Trantina, Meghan VanAlst, Austin Weite.

Grade 6

Keller Anderson, Conner Anglin, Ladaynian Bartle, Riley Belmore, Kyanna Burton, Gabrielle Case, Caden Dobson, Destiny Dukowitz, Kailer Ecker, Kenzie Erickson, Devon Fishman, Tiana Gonzalez, Genevieve Groetsch, Brooke Hansen, Carson Johnson, Macy Knudson, Ahnnaka Kovach, Emery Lorber, Brendan Macheel, Kadin Ottomoeller, Joshua Picconatto, Brayden Salcido, Kyra Stangle, Steffany Sullivan, Cole Tetlie, Ashlyn Vogel, Olivia Vogt, Ariana Williams.

Grade 5

Payton Allen, Katerra Barnhart, Ashlin Birkholtz, Avaya Brandt, Morgan Capistrant, Gavin Chenoweth, Natalie Coffman, Aliza Farhan, Natalie Fisher, Nicholas Fisher, Bailey Frisk, Alexander Helstrom, Grace Koskiniemi, Donald Kray, Emma Lamke, Dylan Lawrence, Katie Ledoux, Naila Mikhaeil, Peyton Mithun, Madison Opatz, Izaak Ostrowski, Dannica Rahn, Sadie Richter, Ashlynn Rieck, Dillan Robben, Nathaniel Rubink, Alexander Schultz, Skyler Self, Kristofer Taylor, Kora Wells, Kierra Zivkovic.

Grade 4

Mason Albertson, Elliot Allen, Sadye Anderson, Maddison Bartle, Turner Beachy, Mason Birkholtz, Luke Bjerga, Avandre Brandt, Annabella Cory-Wolfe, Charles Dabbs, Isabelle Dobson, Eli Dumpprope, McKenzie Fletcher, Addison Fonteyn, Adrian Gomez, Alissa Hageman, Alexander Holmberg, Ariana Imgrund, Isaac Jares, Reid Judd, Hunter Knudson, Gabriel Kroll, Autumn Kubichek, Conner Kuhns, Wyatt Lahr, Naima Lang, Matthew Larsen, Mason Michael, Cecily Moe, Xander Moench, Rylee Nielson, Zofia Ostrowski, Kiya Pope, Nathaniel Seamann, Mariah Sullivan, Britta Sweeney, Skyla Tepley, Alaina White, Annika Wolff.

Live Drive-Thru Nativity in Pillager

The fourth annual 'Live Drive-Thru Nativity' is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 13 and 14, 6-8:30 p.m., at the Pillager Fairgrounds. Watch for traffic signs.

Sponsored by the churches of Pillager, the event features a live drama of the Christmas story...complete with live animals (including camels, sheep and donkeys) and a number of actors.

Dozens of actors, playing the parts of travelers, shepherds, angels, wisemen; and Mary and Joseph, will be involved in telling the Christmas story. The event is coordinated by Casino Assembly of God Church of Pillager.

It takes approximately 10 - 15 minutes to drive through the nativity, depending on traffic and attendees never have to leave their car.

There is no charge to attend the live nativity, but a donation bucket will be available at the end. For more information, 218-821-2276.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Nov. 29 - The MPD received a call from Motley-Staples Middle School to assist with a juvenile that was having behavioral issues. The student's mother was contacted and came to get the student.

Nov. 25 - 29 - the MPD issued speeding citations to Sambath Ku, 41; James Kamowski, 30; Julia Dietel, 23; Kiyoaki, Umezawa, 53; Sanjil Sethi, 49.

Nov. 28 - The MPD overheard Staples Police Dept. had received a report of a male subject running in the westbound lanes of Hwy 10 between Motley and Staples wearing a black leather jacket and no pants. The SPD and MPD checked both sides of the highway between Staples and Motley and were unable to locate the subject.

Nov. 25 - The MPD issued a citation to Tyler Meech, 24, for driving after suspension and driving an uninsured vehicle.

Nov. 26 - The MCSO received a report of theft from a resident at the 2000 block of Pine View Blvd. in Motley.

Nov. 24 - The MCSO received a report of a mailbox that had been damaged at a residence near the 28000 block of Hwy 10 in Cushing.



Chief Smith to the rescue

While on his way to help conduct an ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training at Trident Seafoods in Motley Dec. 1, Motley Police Chief Ron Smith took time to unlock a vehicle for a woman who had locked her keys inside. Smith conducted the training along with Morrison County Deputy Al Yoder, who said that they plan to hold more ALICE trainings in the future. The training provides individuals and organizations with information on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



DEED awards funds to help emerging businesses

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) awarded two-year grants totaling $2.71 million to 16 nonprofit groups that provide services and technical assistance to emerging businesses and entrepreneurs in Minnesota.

The Central Lakes College Small Business Development Center, Brainerd, received a $72,000 grant to provide programs and services for small businesses and entrepreneurs in the North Central region of Minnesota.

The Business Development Competitive Grant Awards, which were approved during the 2017 legislative session, go to groups that provide business assistance to targeted groups, including women, minorities, rural residents, technology-based companies and entrepreneurs. The funding is for state fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

"These groups help small businesses, entrepreneurs and disadvantaged populations get the tools they need to succeed in the business marketplace," said DEED Commissioner Shawntera Hardy. "That support will result in new jobs, new businesses and a healthier economy."