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Halverson retires after 31 year DNR career

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

For more than 30 years, the wilderness around Staples was Jeff Halverson's office.

"I would wake up and decide what to do each day," said Halverson, who is retiring from the Minnesota DNR after 31 years of service. "I never felt like I was going to work, it never was a job, just a lifestyle."

That lifestyle meant that he could get calls at any time of the day, to investigate night time poachers or early morning fishing violations. But it also allowed him to volunteer as a coach for baseball, basketball and football.

He has no official plans for retirement yet, but Halverson said he would spend more time at home with his wife Karen and four kids still at home. "I'll be a better husband and a better father," he said.

When Halverson first started with the DNR in 1986, he was assigned to the Boat and Water Division, mostly patrolling in the Brainerd area. Later that year he was transferred to the Staples territory.

"I've been here ever since," said Halverson.

He started to learn the job from Orv Meyer, who had been the Staples DNR agent for many years.

"He was my mentor and he was a great role model," said Halverson.

Meyer retired in 1991, and Halverson took over as the only agent for the Staples station.

"Most of the job is working with the community," said Halverson.

He enjoyed the variety of an always changing job, checking on ice fishing and snowmobiling in the winter, and canoes, boaters and ATV's in the summer. "It's always changing," said Halverson.

Of course hunting season always brings a new set of challenges. Halverson said he started the deer decoy program early on, to discourage poachers.

He said a lot of people were fooled by the decoys early in the program, but he said it wasnt to trap them into paying a fine, it was more about teaching the rules of hunting.

"We would just charge them $100, we didn't want to punish them, we wanted to educate them," said Halverson. He said most of the area is pretty well educated by now, so the program has been successful.

Halverson took that same approach to most of his job. "I tried to treat people the way I would want to be treated in the same situation," he said.

Halverson said it was never personal,

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DNR appreciates community

Staples DNR Agent Jeff Halverson had a sign made up to thank the people of Staples and Motley for making his job enjoyable for the last 31 years. His last day in uniform was Jan. 9. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Hello, Readers,

Peculiar People Day was Jan. 10. It celebrates the leaders of the strange and unusual, those who refuse to succumb to the world's idea of what is normal and sane. They challenge the status quo and utterly rebuke the concept that that which is out of the ordinary is bad. Whether they simply dress in their own style, or have very clear ideas of what is right and normal, Peculiar People Day is their opportunity to shine. Contrary to what you might think, it has never been the normal people who have set the world in motion. Whenever there has come sweeping change, it has always been at the hands of someone who refuses to accept things as they are, they challenge established ideas and overturn conventions that are sometimes thousands of years old. They seek the horizon of every field to determine what's there, and bring joy to life by breaking out of the concepts that define 'a normal and healthy life'. The people Peculiar People Day was designed to celebrate are those who are just a little out of sync with everyone else. Celebrate those people in your life who are a little strange or unusual, those who add a little spice to your life!

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Opening new Lakewood Clinic addition

Lakewood Health System is ready to move into their new clinic expansion. They hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan. 5 to celebrate the end of major construction. Pictured from left are Teresa Fisher, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Nursing Officer; Loren Morey, System Board Chair; Mary Theurer, District Board Chair; and Dr. Christine Albrecht, representing Lakewood providers; cutting the ribbon to open the clinic.

The clinic expansion has added 23,335 additional square feet to the building and will increase the number of patient exam rooms from 52 to 89. The addition includes new offices for doctors, going from 18 to 27 double occupancy provider offices. The new space will be filled soon, but construction is not finished. Some of the old clinic will undergo updates after the new space is occupied. See more photos on page 10a. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



School board reducing facility options to two

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, at the high school media center to narrow the facility options to two.

The board chose the special meeting date during a discussion on the facility long range plan at their reorganizational meeting Jan. 8.

The school district has been engaged in developing a long range facility plan for nearly a year. Foster, Jacobs & Johnson, Inc., (FJJ) a consulting firm, was hired in February 2017 to conduct a facilities assessment to develop a long range plan. The process slowed down temporarily when the former superintendent resigned in April. Activities began again when Ron Bratlie was hired as interim superintendent for three days a week. He started July 1, 2017.

In a number of meetings and work sessions FJJ has researched and presented information to board about the physical condition and educational adequacy of the district's buildings as well as the estimated savings and costs associated with various options.

At present the school district operates three buildings: a kindergarten through grade 3 elementary in Staples, a middle school with grades 4-7 in Motley and a high school with grades 8-12 in Staples.

In November and December sessions the board narrowed the options to three. A one-building option would be a pre-K through grade 12 building.

The two-building options would have a pre-K to grade six either in Motley or Staples and a renovation of the existing high school for grades 7-12.

Community meetings were to be the next step, but Bratlie said in conversations with FJJ that it would be better for the board to narrow the options even further to two.

If it is to be one building, would it be new or an addition to the existing high school?

If it is to be two buildings, then which ones?

Bratlie gave the board a preliminary timeline that included tasks that need to be completed by specific dates, such as the review and comment by the Minnesota Department of Education - June 29, 2018 - and deadlines to be met to get a question or questions on the Nov. 6 general election ballot.

If those dates were met, and depending on the outcome of the vote, the first six months of 2019 would be spent on design and bidding with bids awarded July 1, 2019. Construction could be complete by August 2020.

"I'm putting you on the spot, I know, but I think that's where we have to go," Bratlie said.

Dave Hoemberg first suggested a discussion of the options at their regular Feb. 5 work session.

"Three weeks is too long," said Bryan Winkels. "We've got to get rolling."

Mary Freeman suggested a straw poll of the board members, giving three points to their top choice, two points for their second

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County plans to deal with Palmer Amaranth

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

Weed and Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp informed the Todd County Board of Commissioners at their Jan. 2 meeting that she is applying for a grant to help monitor the Palmer Amaranth found in Todd County and to help educate the public about its dangers.

Palmer Amaranth was found for the first time in the county in October. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture, the granting agency, has named the noxious weed as a priority.

Uhlenkamp is submitting a grant proposal that will ask for funding in the following areas:

- Purchase of a Trimble GPS unit to be used to collect data for monitoring and surveillance of Palmer Amaranth. Spreadsheets and maps will be generated with the data.
- Design and print 500 pamphlets on Palmer Amaranth to be distributed at various meetings and 100 flyers to be put up on business billboards to raise awareness of Palmer amaranth.
- Several meetings will be held to educate the public on Palmer Amaranth. A work group will be formed,o with the members being people who have expertise on the topics that will be presented at these meetings.
- Monitoring and surveillance will be done with the focus being on lands surrounding the infested sites and moving out from there. These lands will be put on a monitoring schedule.
- Funds are being requested for the purchase of Milestone herbicide to assist the township with treating the township road rights of way that border the Palmer sites if needed.



Palmer Amaranth

If the herbicide is not needed, Uhlenkamp will ask to use it to treat Wild Parsnip in county road rights of way instead.

Milestone can't be used on crops because it will kill them along with the Palmer Amaranth.

Uhlenkamp said they've worked hard to get this grant and will be having several talks on Palmer Amaranth before they're possibly awarded a grant.

The location of the identified Palmer Amaranth can't be released because it's still an active investigation by the MDA.

Uhlenkamp said she expects them to be awarded a grant because of the presence of the Palmer Amaranth.

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Staples-Motley School Board chair is Longbella

The Staples-Motley School Board is beginning the new year with a new chair.

Chad Longbella was elected chair of the board at the reorganizational meeting Jan. 8, narrowly winning over Bruce Lund. Lund will retain his position of vice chair.

Greg Frisk is the new clerk, replacing Dave Hoemberg. Mary Freeman is replacing Longbella as treasurer.

Bonnie Madson, district administrative assistant, was appointed assistant to the clerk and Jaime Boesen, district business manager, was appointed assistant to the treasurer.

Some discussion arose regarding committees. Last year the board chose to eliminate the committee structure in favor of handling necessary discussions in work sessions with the entire board.

However, halfway through the year the board reinstated the policy and finance committees.

So many of the policies reviewed needed only small revisions or maybe none at all. It was felt that reviewing them all at a work session was too time-consuming for the entire board and could be more efficiently handled by a committee. Bryan Winkels and Frisk were appointed to that committee.

Finance issues were not being brought to work sessions. In addition, the business office experienced a lot of turnover during the year and so the finance committee was reinstated to meet more frequently with new staff. Hoemberg and Freeman remained on that committee.

Lund and Freeman are remaining on the Meet and Confer committee and Longbella will join Lund on the superintendent's evaluation committee.

The regular board meetings were set for 7 p.m. the second to last Monday of each month. The exceptions are February's meeting, which was changed to the third Tuesday so as not to conflict with President's Day; and December's meeting, also changed to the third Tuesday so as not to conflict the the high school Christmas concert.

Work sessions were set for the first Monday of each month, also at 7 p.m. There will be no work session in September. Work sessions will be cancelled at least four days prior if it is deemed not necessary to meet.

All meetings will be in the building of the district office.

In other business the board:

- Accepted the resignation of Josh Mailhot, fifth grade teacher, contingent on the hiring of a new teacher.
- Set the board salary at $3,278.64, the same as last year.
- Designated the Staples World as the legal and official newspaper.
- Named Pemberton Law Office of Fergus Falls and Kennedy & Graven as the official school district attorneys. Authority was also granted to the administratio to employ any other attorney/law firm as deemed necessary.
- Named as official depositories First International Bank and Trust, Unity Bank, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank Min-Minnesota Federal Credit Union and other financial institutions which are in compliance with state statures governing school district depositories.



Community Foundation board

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation board held their reorganizational meeting Jan. 9, electing officers, welcoming new board members and assigning committees. Ron Denning, Jason Hoyt and John Regan were welcomed as new members. Chris Trout was elected chair, Regan is vice chair, Mike Gold is treasurer and Joe Roline is secretary.

Seated, from left, are Gold, John Wolak, Barb Markus and Mary Jo Hofer. Standing, from left, are Hoyt, Ray Gildow, Regan, Melissa Birkholtz, Denning, Trout and Roline. Deb Yoder and Ron Smith were unavailable for the photo.

Another topic was the foundation's "Big Idea" community project. The deadline is Jan. 15 for ideas to be submitted for a major community project, service or program that will positively impact the Staples Motley area. The foundation will research ideas and announce the project chosen for funding in April. Email ideas to smacfound@gmail.com or text Mike Gold at 218-296-2355.

(Staples World photo by Brenda Halvorson)

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County accepts AIS plan, handles reorganizational items

In other business the board:

- Accepted an AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) prevention plan that was developed by lake associations, county commissioners, county staff and others as part of a collaborative effort to reduce the AIS risk to Todd County waters.

The action also included accepting the funds and authorizing the division staff to implement the plan in 2018.

According to Soil and Water Conservation District Director Tim Stieber, AIS Prevention funds to implement this plan were obtained from the state legislature. Fiscal year 2018 funds of $153,563 plus the fiscal year 2017 carry forward funds of $51,306.78 total $204,869.78 for implementation.

- Approved a letter of support for Becker County which is requesting capital assistance grant funding from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for a material recovery facility (MRF) to recycle mattresses and other bulky problem materials.

Many MRF collection points are indicated on the map, but only a few locations process mattresses. Presently the only three that do are located in the Twin Cities, Duluth and McLeod County.

These materials cannot be incinerated due to size. They're expensive to move due to their light, bulky nature and they're a problem for landfills, as they do not compact well and mattress springs get coiled in landfill compacting equipment.

The Prairie Lakes Solid Waste Authority Board, which includes Becker, Clay, Ottertail, Todd and Wadena counties, considered this regional proposal and signed a letter of support for it, as it will create capacity in the region to deal with these problem materials.

- Approved licenses to sell tobacco products in 2018 to the following establishments who have applied and paid their $70 fee: Clarissa Municipal Liquor; Don and Dave's Store, Staples; Hub Supper Club, Burtrum; Jon's Family Foods, Clarissa; Eagle Valley Express-Lakes Area Coop, Clarissa; Oscar Jacobson American Legion, Little Sauk; Rohde's Midway Gas Bar and Grill, Long Prairie; Saukinac Bar and Grill, Sauk Centre; and Shady's Golden Eagle, Burtrum.



Todd County Commissioners

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met for their organizational session Jan. 2. From left are David Kircher, Gary Kneisl, Randy Neumann, Rod Erickson and Barb Becker. The commissioners have a system of rotating the duties of board chair and this year it will be Neumann. (Photo by Karin Nauber)

Reorganizational items

As their first matter of business for the new year, Commissioner Randy Neumann took the seat as board chair while Commissioner Gary Kneisl moved into the seat of board vice chair.

The Staples World, Independent News Herald and Long Prairie Leader were named as the official newspapers for the county. The rate of $10.15 per column inch - it was $9.95 last year - was discussed.

Commissioner David Kircher asked how that fit in the budget.

Commissioner Rod Erickson said that advertising was always an unknown because it depended on how much went in.

Staples World General Manager Brenda Halvorson said that it will be more this year since it is an election year.

Coordinator Joe Hatch said that the line item in the administration budget for advertising things like job openings, was well under spent for 2017.

Kircher thought it strange that each year they set their budgets and then have to approve the official newspaper with possible increases to the rate.

Halvorson said the timing was required by state statute.

Neumann suggested that this be discussed with the finance committee in the future.

The Long Prairie Leader was designated as the extra publication newspaper at a rate of $7.80 per column inch,the same as 2017.

Commissioners Barb Becker and David Kircher were appointed to the Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee and Advisory Board.

The 2018 Todd County Board of Commissioners Board Protocol was adopted. A change from the one discussed at an early work session was that the auditor/treasurer will be required to send the agenda to the board chair for approval prior to public release.

Kircher said he would also like to see on the board action forms that the personnel committee made the recommendation. After discussion, that was changed to reflect that the personnel committee had "reviewed" the action.

The commissioners will continue to hold their meetings on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Todd County Historic Courthouse. Work sessions will be held as designated by the board chair or three members of the board as deemed necessary.

Kircher questioned the idea of three board members calling a work session.

Hatch said that this would be when three members separately notify the auditor/treasurer that they want a work session called. He said they could not meet together to decide this or it could be a violation of the Open Meeting Law.

They also approved that the Nov. 6 meeting be rescheduled to Nov. 5 due to the General Election Day activities; the Dec. 4 meeting be rescheduled to Dec. 5 due to the Association of Minnesota Counties yearly conference; and the year-end board meeting be scheduled for Dec. 27.

Annual committee appointments were approved. This list can be accessed on the county website at: www.co.todd.mn.us.

After discussion, the board decided that they will rotate their service as Soil and Water Liaisons to be the chair and vice chair. This rotation schedule will begin with the 2019 committee assignments.

The Soil and Water Board has asked for more of the commissioners to become familiar with what they do.

Several of the Strategic Management committees were questioned because not much has been done with them, if anything.

Hatch said he will bring information to a work session in the first quarter.

Kircher mentioned that they used to meet with the mayors of the cities in the county, but that they no longer did. He had thought that was a good idea.

The Todd County Fee Schedule was adopted to be implemented for 2018. A public hearing was held on Nov. 7, 2017 to gather any public input on the proposed fees.

The fee schedules can also be found on the county website.

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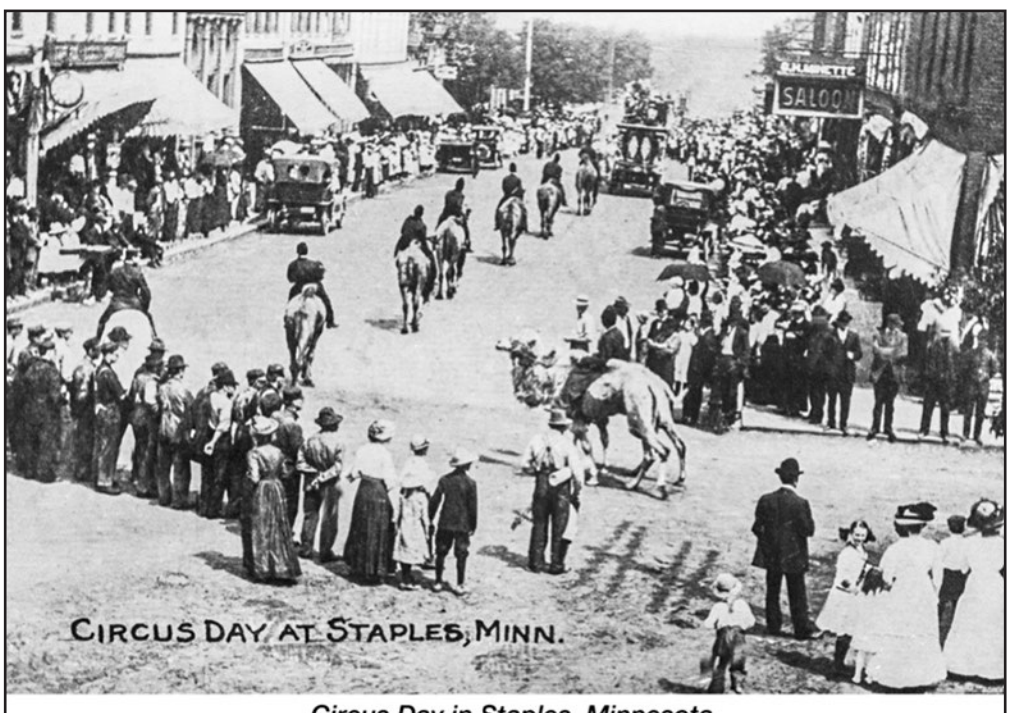
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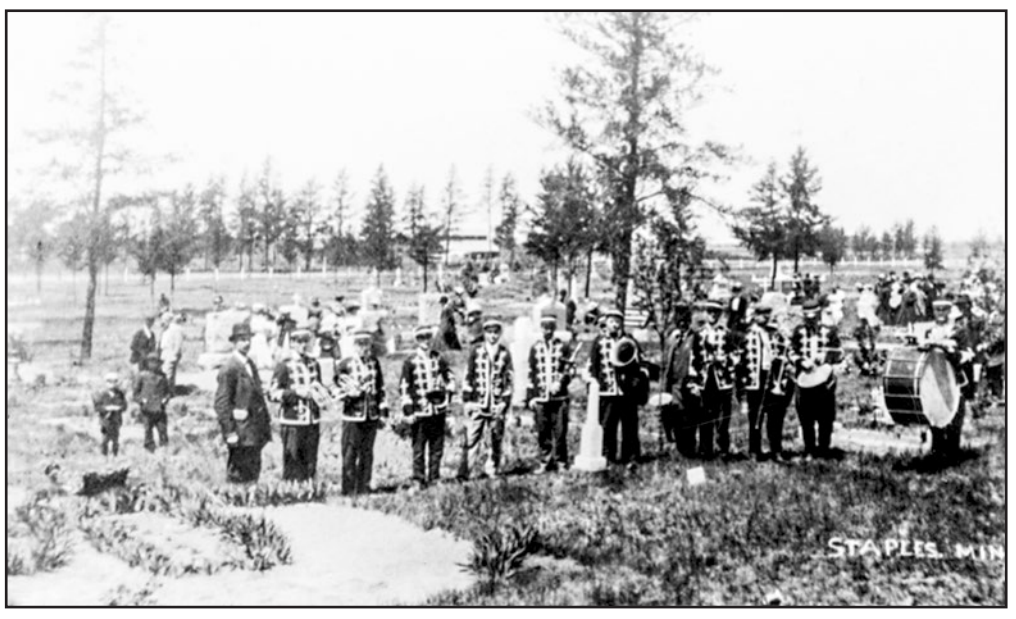
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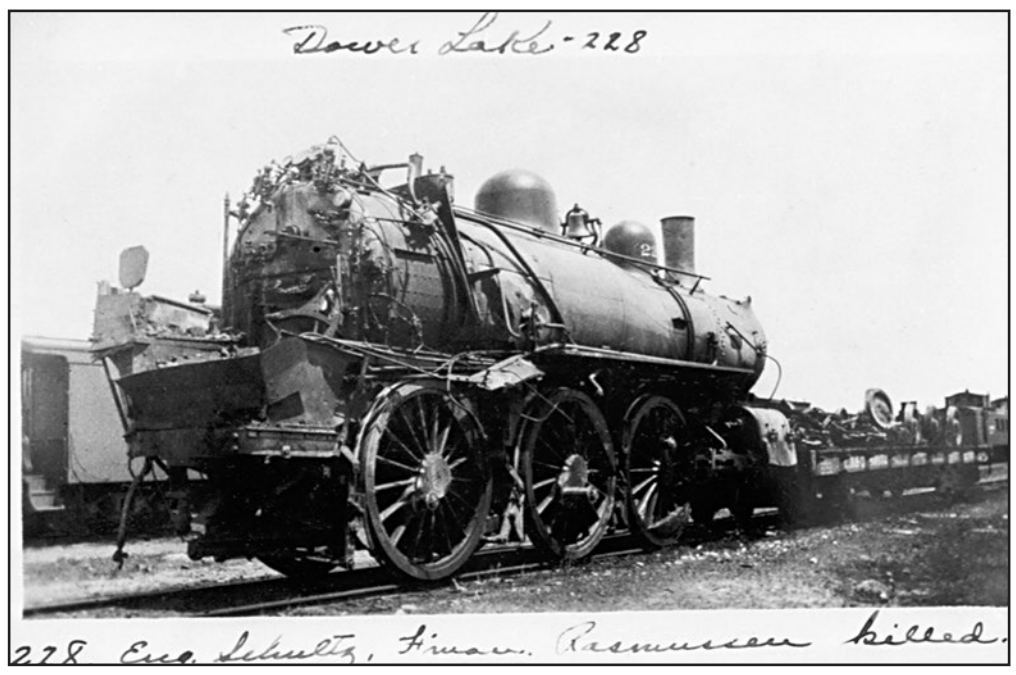
Camels were a part of Staples history

Peter Card Jr. of Staples has compiled three volumes, each on its own compact disc, of historical photos that he's donated to the Staples Library. The volumes concentrate on Staples history, railroad history and train wrecks. Above, a photo labled "Circus Day in Staples," shows a parade on 4th St NE and First Ave, looking north. Card noted that the photo was by "Linquist 1917."



Music on the meadow

One of the photos from the Peter Card Jr. collection on Staples history shows the city band playing at Evergreen Hill Cemetery. No date was given for the photo, but the cemetery association was formed in 1904. Card noted that C.A. Remillard sold 10 acres to the association for $400 dollars to start the cemetery.



Worst train wreck in Staples history

For the train wrecks historical collection of photos, Peter Card Jr. got permission from the Art Willis family to use the his collection Willis had given to Card. Above, the 1902 head-on crash, was said to have been the worst disaster in Staples history and at that time the most disastrous wreck in Northern Pacific Railroad's history.



Railroad industry workers in Staples

In 1924 a group of grain grabbers is shown at the Staples rail yard, another part of Peter Card Jr. collection on rairoad history. Not all of the names are known, but Card listed back row, from left, Lew Grant, Bob Roth, Baldy Long, Ernie Freeman, Bill Harmes, Ed Pattison, Mike Duhlerg and Sid Stillwell; front row, ?, ?, Rudy Ruthaford, Click Avery, Shogy Sjogern, ?.

Card said that the samplers worked for the Minneapolic Grain Exchange or the Duluth Board of Trade.

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Halverson is grateful to community that let him do his job

it was just doing his job. He even hired people to do work for him who he had previously arrested for violations. "I just wanted to move on with my life, move on to the next day," he said.

The other part of the DNR work that Halverson enjoyed was getting into schools and putting on training programs. He would often visit the Staples-Motley and Pillager school districts, which were in his territory, and he also helped with gun safety courses and snowmobile driving courses.

He said some of the best educational opportunities came from Kerry Lindgren's fish and wildlife classes at Staples-Motley High School. "It is such a great program, and they were nice to have me come in and help," he said.

Halverson likes educating so much, he also trained new DNR officers at the DNR Academy at Camp Ripley.

Since making the decision to retire, Halverson said he went through his boxes of newspaper clippings related to all the things he has done in Staples. "It has gone by so fast, 31 years," he said. "Staples was a great place to live and to raise six children."

Looking back at his career, Halverson feels gratitude towards the communities and people who he worked among.

"It was just me, and the area allowed me to do my job," he said. "They allowed me to be Jeff Halverson in the community and I give a lot of thanks to the people who put up with everything and helped me do my job."

Some of the specific people he mentions include the Staples Sportsman's Club, who opened their building to classes and helped with many training sessions. Halverson said all the safety programs had volunteers who were there just because they wanted to help.

He also mentioned local police departments who helped with calls and took calls for him when he was out. The local fire departments also volunteered for events such as Hooked on Fishing.

Halverson worked in Staples, Motley, Pillager, Leader, Nimrod and Lincoln as part of his territory. "It was great to work with all those communities," he said.

Halverson's last official day was Jan. 9. For a retirement party, Halverson said a bunch of people met at Wahoo Valley for burgers and a lot of memories. DNR officers who have impacted his career were there, including Orv Meyer.

"The guys I started with and the guys I worked with were all there," said Halverson, "it was really great of them to come for that."

With no official DNR officer in the Staples area, Halverson said neighboring agencies will help out until someone is transferred to the Staples station. He said in the meantime, the Minnesota State Patrol and county dispatchers will handle the calls.

The next DNR Academy training at Camp Ripley will have more than 20 officers getting trained this summer, so DNR officers will likely move to new locations once that group enters the workforce.

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Middle school students need adult connections

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Staples-Motley Schools



By John Regan
Motley-Staples Middle School Principal

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Isn't it crazy to think how fast the time goes? It seems like just yesterday our middle school students had their first visit to meet Santa Claus and now they have him all figured out.

As our students are getting closer to entering high school it's seemingly obvious that they are getting too busy for family life as they are more interested in friends, hobbies and extracurricular activities. The time together becomes increasingly more infrequent, but the need for those family interactions becomes even more important and impactful. It was shared recently that pre-teen and teens only spend on average 28 minutes per day with their caregiver face to face.

Middle school is the important time to build the relationships with your student to help support and guide them in their journey moving forward. With busy schedules it can seem challenging to find enough time to make the connections count.

Focusing on even windows of time can make a big difference. Things like turning off the radio when you are in the car when you are chauffeuring them to all their events, having a screen free night where everyone just unplugs, planning a game night or trying out your student's favorite activity like video games or snowboarding.

Time is sacred and even though it may seem your child is starting to grow up without a need for you during this time, it's more important now than ever to find creative ways to communicate and spend positive time with them. About 80 percent of students admit they enjoy spending time with their parents.

Listen to your students during this time. Let them know you are a safe person to talk to and you want them to come to you with problems. Try to minimize your reactions and judgement to provide a supportive environment for your student to work through their struggles. Sitting back and listening allows us as a caregiver to build stronger relationships and helps us as adults support them in this journey.

So as you reflect back on those first visits to Santa, embrace those memories as you create new memories and watch them grow into young adults who will do amazing things. You are such an important player in this journey. Embrace it!



The Case of the Mysterious Diner

By Norah Anderson

I have a new phone number for Dixie's Diner that no one has tried to call yet.

I lived in the small town of Staples for five years and I never knew this place existed, until the summer before I was moving away for college. I only had a short time and I wanted to find out the story about the cute, tiny restaurant that was now closed.

Over the summer I worked for the Staples World newspaper. I was walking to Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank to drop off a check when I passed a little building I had never really paid attention to before. It is a white brick building touching another building on one side with a small alley on the other side.

On the door of the building it said "Dixie's closed." I thought that was strange and kept on walking. When I passed it again on my way back I decided to peek into the window and see if anything was in there to show me what Dixie's was.

When I looked in the window I was shocked. It was a restaurant and I could tell because everything was still there. It looked like the owners just walked out yesterday. There were mustard bottles and salt and peppers shakers at every table. Photos still hung on the wall. It scared me a little bit. I thought "what happened here?"

I automatically was fascinated with the building. It didn't seem real. Would someone really just leave a building like that? This was the most exciting thing I have ever seen. Why had I never noticed the building before? Nothing exciting happens in small towns and now I stumbled upon the mystery that this building holds.

I was determined to find out what happened to that restaurant and why it still had everything in it. I started by asking some coworkers what they knew about it. I asked Kathy, who has lived in the town for over 30 years and knows every piece of gossip in town.

"Kathy, do you remember Dixie's Diner?" I asked.

"Oh yeah, I used to bring my granddaughters there to get old fashioned milkshakes," said Kathy.

Milkshakes, those are not in every diner. It must have been an old fashioned diner with kids lining the counter sipping milkshakes and getting a brain freeze. I can imagine stainless steel cups on the counter ready to get filled to the brim with ice cream and chocolate.

"Do you know why it closed, and when?" I asked.

"No I don't know, it just closed. That could be something to look into," said Kathy.

"Did you know it still has all the furniture still in the building?" I asked.

"Yeah, isn't that strange. I'm not sure why they just left it all there," said Kathy.

Kathy and I talked about the diner for a bit but she was not sure why it closed.



What happened here?

On a recent visit home from college Norah checked out Dixie's Diner one more time looking for clues.



She said for a while she and her friends found it interesting how all the furniture was still in the building, but they never looked into it. She said I should keep looking and ask around to see if others knew what happened. She asked a few of her friends but didn't have any answers.

I moved on to Gary who has lived in Staples for most of his life. Gary is a person who loves to go out to eat with his wife, and I thought this might be right up his alley. He also has worked for the local newspaper for over 40 years, so he might be the one to know why Dixie's closed.

"Hey Gary, do you know why Dixie's Diner closed?" I asked.

"Um, I believe it was closed because they couldn't afford it," said Gary.

"Okay, do you know when it closed?" I asked.

"Oh god, let's see. Well, there was a bar there for a while then Dixie's came so maybe around the late '90s." said Gary.

Gary had a reasonable explanation of why they closed, but why would they have left it with everything still there? I was not done searching. I then asked Dawn, but she had only lived in Staples since 2006 and she said she didn't remember it being open since she's been in town. I now knew it closed before 2006 so I was getting closer.

I decided to ask other pedestrians in the town. Lions Club members were downtown one day wearing their bright yellow vests. They have been in the community for a long time so I asked some older members about the restaurant, thinking they would have an answer. They didn't have a lot of information for me, just that they thought the restaurant closed in the early 2000s. Diners must not be the Lions Club place to eat. They are more interested in steak than shakes and greasy food. Dixie's does not look like a fancy steak and salad diner, more of an onion rings basket place.

It seemed like Dixie's was not a frequent spot for people to go. The diner was there but no one in the town really knew. It didn't have an important role in the town or really any role at all. Once it closed nothing changed. The town just continued moving.

I then went to the Internet to see if I could find any more clues. Dixie's Diner showed up on some restaurant rating websites. One website was created in 2005 so Dixie's had to have been still open then. I roughly had a time frame of when it closed around 2005 or early 2006.

My coworker Jan saw how interested I was in finding out what happened to Dixie's Diner so she emailed the realtors who were selling the building. They emailed back with the names of the owner of the building and the owner of Dixie's Diner. The names of the people were not familiar to any of my coworkers who have lived here a long time and knew about everyone. They must not have lived in town very long. Otherwise Kathy would have known them for sure.

The building itself really fascinated me and I wanted to see the inside better. I brought my friend Taylor to inspect the building and we spent a long time looking through the front window. It looks like a diner you would see in a movie about small town teenagers, minus the dust covering everything and the rust on the front door and tiny mailbox by the door.

The diner is in the shape of a rectangle with tables in the front and a counter going farther back. The tables are all set up with chairs pushed in, booths line the walls in the front of the dinner. Every table has a little paper tent with ads and their menu. There is an L-shaped counter lined with stools with red leather tops. There is a glass or plastic container sitting on top of the counter to put food under. The container would be perfect to put different kinds of fresh pie in everyday.

Farther back in the diner there are a few other things but it's too dark back there to see what they are. We noticed that there was still a plate on one table and there was bird poop on the inside of the window sill. Those were things I had not noticed at first.

What could the last meal served have been? Did they get the daily special or a hamburger with fries and mustard? A beef commercial that may have been popular with the regulars? Did they know that would be their last meal there? I can imagine all the regular customers sitting at booths sipping coffee with a plate of hash browns and fried eggs, reading the weekly newspaper.

We looked around to see if there was any way to get in. In the alley by the side of the building there was a door. We decided to see if it was open. We walked through the alley and there were several dead birds, which frightened me. We got to the door and I was just about to turn the handle but we spotted a sign above the door that said "alarms activated," so we decided not to and ran back to the car.

That was not the last time we wondered about the restaurant. We went back several times just to peer through the window and see the mystery inside, too scared to try the door again.

I was stuck and was not sure what to do next. No one knew about the people who owned it and I couldn't get any closer to the inside. I decided to look through the archives of the Staples World to see if there was anything on Dixie's Diner. I was expecting to find an article of when it opened or closed but all I found were three ads. Two of the ads were for a cook wanted, the third ad was for an office assistant wanted. The last ad was published in April of 2005.

The ad for the office assistant wanted had a cell phone number in it. Could this number be to the owner of the restaurant? If I called the number would they be mad at me for wasting their time? Would they tell me the story of the tiny building?

I had this number but what should I do with it? Summer was coming to an end and I was going to be moving on to college.

"Once I leave Staples there is no point in solving the Dixie Diner mystery," I thought. College would be my new focus I would not have time to think about what could happen to that little white brick building in Staples, Minnesota.

I decided not to call the number, It was clear to me that Dixie's Diner was low on workers and not a lot of people in the community even remembered it so it must not have been too popular. If I called, it might answer the question of why the diner closed, but even then it was not going to help me get any closer to getting into the building. It was clear the diner didn't have a lot of business and was having trouble with keeping staff. I had to drop the idea of this mystery and the idea of ever getting inside Dixie's Diner.

Restaurants come and restaurants go in every community. We just had a new one open up in town, so I doubt anyone would try to open Dixie's again, but it still sits there as a snapshot of what once was.

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Mentalist to headline chamber annual dinner



Christopher Carter

Mentalist Christopher Carter is the featured entertainer and speaker for the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting Jan. 25 at Ted & Gen's, Aldrich.

Now recognized as one of the world's greatest mind-readers, Carter is the first to admit he's not psychic. He's simply an incredibly skilled observer of human behavior. Starting at the age of eight, when an uncle allowed him to sit in on a poker game, Carter began to realize that people broadcast their thoughts in ways beyond words. This led to a lifelong interest in non-verbal communication and "people reading."

Besides freaking you out, you can expect Carter to:

- Have coins placed upon his eyes, which are then duct-taped shut. He will then describe objects that are held up by audience members, even duplicating signatures and correctly identifying the serial number on currency that is safely hidden in an audience member's pocket or purse.
- Cause light bulbs to light up in an audience member's hands without ever touching them.
- Astound audience members with personal facts that they have never before revealed - to anyone.
- Make audience members believe that they are experiencing touches and taps from invisible hands.

Although he pursued dual interests in psychology and theater in college, it wasn't until he was doing graduate work that Carter finally put it all together: he blended his fast-paced, humorous theatrical style with stunning displays of psychological ability. The ovations and accolades have been coming ever since.

As a corporate entertainer, he has earned feature appearances on The Martin Short Show and the Donny and Marie Show.

Long one of the most popular performers on college campuses, he has been awarded the highest honor in the Campus Activities industry: Entertainer of the Year in 2005.

As a business speaker and corporate entertainer, he has created custom motivational presentations for some of the nation's top corporate groups, including Sprint PCS, Harley-Davidson, Bristol Myers Squibb, Phillips Electric, Wells Fargo, The Million Dollar Round Table, and many more.

The social for the chamber's annual meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the program at 6:30 p.m. The dinner ticket includes a four-meat buffet, tax, gratuity, program and door prizes.

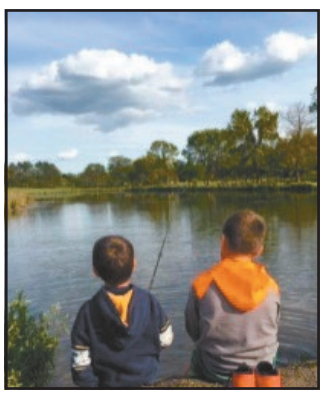
Tickets are available from any chamber board member and at the chamber office in the Staples Historic Depot. Call 218-894-3974 or email smchamber@arvig.net.



Iverson concert rescheduled

The Iverson Family will perform at the United Methodist Church in Motley on Sunday, Jan. 21, at p.m., as part of the Staples Motley Area Arts Council's regular season. Originally scheduled for New Year's Eve, the concert was rescheduled due to weather. Pictured, from left, are Lynnea, Kathy and Jenessa Iverson of Staples. Tickets for the concert are available online at the arts council's website at www.staplesmotleyarts.org; or purchase them by cash or check at the Staples World.

'Picturing The Good Life' photo contest winner



A photo submitted by Leslie Rudrud of Wadena was selected as the most effective and appealing of this past month's public submissions to the Picturing the Good Life Wadena photo contest.

The cash award of $25 recognizes winners for going beyond the mere content of the photo and emphasizing a pleasing aesthetic and use of technical skill.

Over the next several months the Wadena Area Chamber of Commerce will be collecting a pool of photographs to help publicize the Wadena area. Up to two prizes of $25 each will be awarded each month. Three grand prizes of $100 will be awarded at the end of the project. Additional images may be chosen as honorable mentions.

A people's choice award will be chosen at the "Picturing the Good Life" exhibition to be held during the Wadena County Fair. This project is funded by a grant from the Region Five Branding Project funded by the National Joint Powers Alliance.

To enter the contest visit: www.TheGoodLifeWadenaMinnesota.com

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U of M Beef Team tour in Staples on Jan. 23

The University of Minnesota Beef Team will host the annual Cow/Calf Days Seminar Tour and Trade Show at 10 locations across the state in January and February. This event has been held for over 40 years and is advertised as the leading information, technology and research outlet for cow/calf producers in the state of Minnesota.

The 2018 event will feature information on marketing calf value, genetic selection for commercial cow-calf operators, and backgrounding the calf crop on the ranch. The program also will feature a panel discussion on genetics and management. Updates from the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association will also highlight the event. The corresponding tradeshow will feature vendors with new information, technology, and products with a wide-array of practical uses for the operators in the cow-calf sector.

The program is directed at cow/calf producers, allied industry representatives, and is open to the public. There is a registration fee which includes; a meal, program, proceedings book and program materials.

More information can be found at the Cow/Calf Days Seminar Tour and Trade Show website: extension.umn.edu/beef or contact Eric Mousel at 218-398-1916, email emmousel@umn.edu.

Northern tour

Jan. 23 – Staples, 9:30 a.m., Central Lakes College, 1830 Airport Road

Jan. 23 – Bagley, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 24 – Lancaster, 5:30 p.m.

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Jan 26 – Iron, 5:30 p.m.

Southern tour

Feb. 5 - Mora, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 6 - Starbuck, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 7 - Pipestone, 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 8 – Oronoco, 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 9 – Caledonia, 12 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar

January 17

Staples All Veterans and Community Park Association Mtg Wed., Jan. 17, 5:30 p.m., Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples. Public invited.

January 24

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Support Group Mtg sponsored by Lakewood Health System's Respiratory Therapy Dept., Wed., Jan. 24, 1:30 p.m., at Lakewood's main campus, 49725 Cty. 83, Staples. For info., 218-894-8806. To register, 218-894-8623.

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Visit http://z.umn.edu/transitionmodule to learn more

Doris Stengel is Book Ends guest

Doris Stengel, Brainerd award-winning poet, is guest author for Book Ends, the monthly meet-the-author event at The Uptown in Wadena on Saturday, Jan. 13.

Doris was first published by The Dakota Farmer when she was nine. Later in life, she joined Heartland Poets in Brainerd and was published in many anthologies. She is a member and past-president of the League of Minnesota Poets.

"If you've shied away from poetry because you find it obscure, Doris will change your mind," says Book Ends moderator Jerry Mevissen. "She writes of common things, and you get it on the first reading."

Doris has two books of poetry, "Small Town Lines" and "Arrival and Departure," from which she will read. Her poems reflect our day-to-day world and occasionally a fantasy world that only Doris inhabits. They span the life experience from birth to death and everything in between.

"If you made a New Year's resolution to expand your reading horizon, consider poetry," says Mevissen. "It's accessible, it's relevant, and it's brief."

Book Ends begins at 11 a.m. and concludes with book sales/autographs and lunch. There is no charge for the event.

For information, call Mevissen at 218 472-3400.

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Obituaries

John Peterson



John Philip Peterson, 89, of Motley and formerly of Staples, passed away January 2, 2018 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Motley with Pastor Greg Leslie officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

John was born January 15, 1928 to Harry and Mary (Bacon) Peterson in Staples. He attended Staples High School and was a three year letterman in football, basketball and baseball. After graduation, he entered the U.S. Army and was honorably discharged after serving with the 583rd Graves Registration on Okinawa. He married LaDonna Peterson in rural Staples on May 23, 1953. John began his career with the Northern Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1990 after 40 years of service. He was a past Commander of the American Legion Post in Staples and a member of the VFW in Apache Junction, Arizona.

He was active in the Masonic fraternity serving as a past Master of Crescent Lodge, Staples, past Worthy Patron of the Order of The Eastern Star and past Grand Lodge Custodian of the Work. He was appointed into the Grand Lodge Line in 1972 and held several offices until being elected Grand Master of Minnesota in 1981. He was also Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge in 1992 and was the recipient of the DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was a member of the York Rite Bodiesin Brainerd and AAD Temple Shrine in Duluth.

John is survived by his wife; two daughters, Pam (Dave) Carlson of Eagan and Jan (Leigh) Mayer of Champlin; one brother, Robert (Darla) Peterson, of Staples and one sister, Joni (Ralph) Hvidsten, Mesa, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Jim Peterson; two sisters, Lorraine Gilman and Donna Nash.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Minnesota Masonic Charities.

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Andrew Fultz



Andrew Fultz, 21, of Perham, formerly of Wadena, passed away unexpectedly January 4, 2018, at his home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Family Life Church in Verndale with Pastor Amos Self officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Thursday.

Burial will be in the Wadena Cemetery.

Arrangements are with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes in Wadena.

Andrew DuWan Fultz was born March 7, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada to Cristopher Scott and Pearl Johanne (Hargis) Fultz. They moved to Minnesota when Andrew was just over two-years-old. He attended school in Wadena and graduated from Menahga High School in 2014. He studied at Central Lakes College in Brainerd and was a cashier at College Square. Andrew was currently employed as a caramel cook at Shears Snacks in Perham. He enjoyed his family and was a Minnesota Viking's fan..

He is survived by one sister, Laura Fultz of Verndale; grandmother, Jalene Stewart and great-grandmother, Jennie Stewart, both of Las Vegas; grandfather, Lloyd A. Hargis of NV; aunt, Heather Anderson of Portland, OR; uncle, Lloyd C. Hargis of Cheyenne, WY; and his second family, parents James and Shannon Schey of Verndale; brother, Jack Honer of Wadena and sisters, Skyler, Lily and Rylee of Verndale and by a host of co-workers and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandmother, Carolyn Fultz.

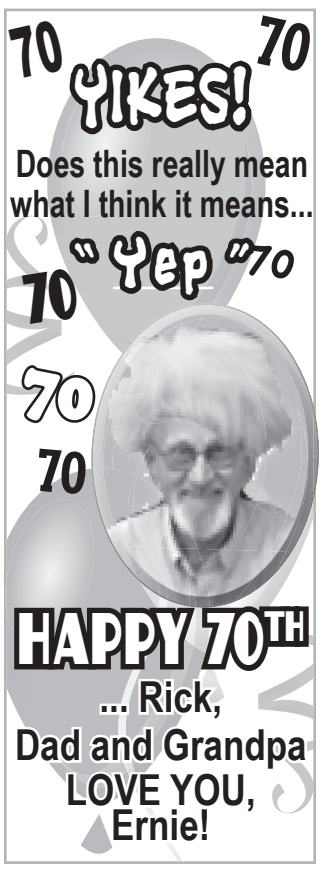
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CLC Fall Honors List

Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has announced its 2017 Fall Semester Honors List. The President's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.75 or higher while enrolled in at least 12 credits. The Dean's List includes students who earned a grade point average of 3.25 - 3.74.

The released honors list does not include students who have requested no release of information. Local students named includes:

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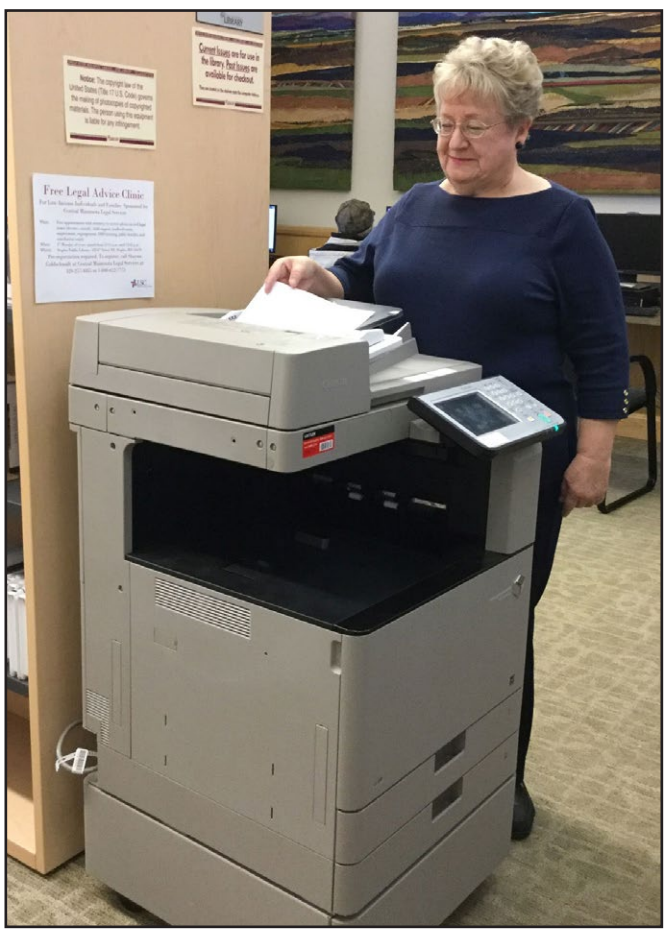
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New service available

Judy Young demonstrates that the Staples Public Library can now offer color copies as well as black and white, thanks to a new printer. They can make copies up to 11 in. by 17 in. The library can now also scan and email, although users need to supply the email addresses on a flash drive. For more information call 218-894-1401. (Submitted photo)

Wanted: Americans with Swedish ancestry

A reality show produced by Swedish television is seeking Americans with Swedish ancestry to apply to be on the show entitled "Great Swedish Adventure."

Participants will travel to Sweden to compete in extreme cultural challenges to discover their roots. The grand prize is meeting their Swedish relatives.

The award winning television show is now casting for their eighth season. Film will be shot the end of May-June. It will be broadcast in Sweden and potentially other countries.

Applicants are to be between 19 and 70 years old. Applications close Feb. 7. Apply at www.greatswedishadventure.com.

VA family benefits you should know about

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County
Veteran Service Officer

If your family has transitioned from military to civilian life, you may be navigating the whole new benefits world of the Department of Veterans Affairs. While it's likely most of the VA benefits are specifically for your veteran, some might be for you, too. If your veteran is receiving any amount of disability pay, the benefits likely impact the whole family because they change what cash comes into your family bank account each month.

Whether or not you're new to the VA, it's likely that there are benefits that you just don't know you or your veteran has. Take a look at the following to ensure you're taking advantage of everything you can.

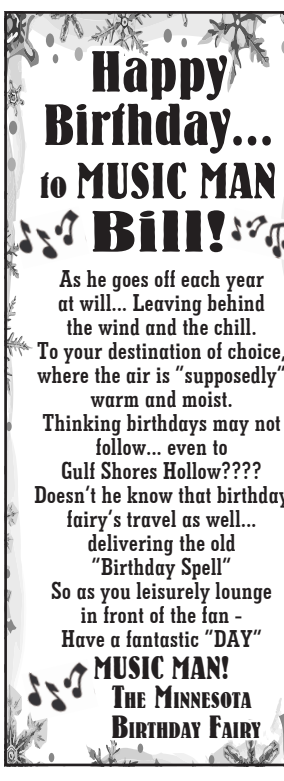
- **Free counseling**: You knew about the free counseling offered through Military OneSource while your service member was active duty, but did you know the VA has a similar program?

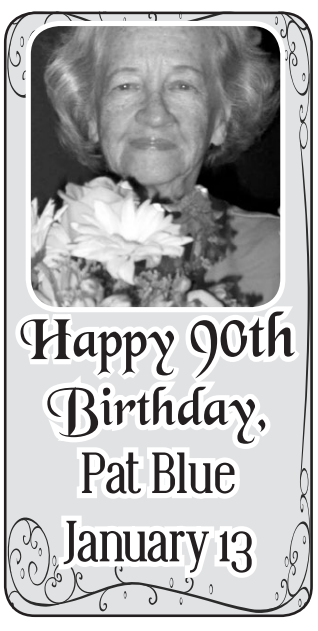
Unlike the Military OneSource service, which works with local therapists, the VA readjustment counseling service is operated out of the VA's veteran centers. For veterans or their family members to use the service, the veteran must qualify under a set of guidelines. But they're broad and most post-9/11 troops meet the basic requirements.

There are plenty of emotional or life-change battles to face as you move from military to civilian life. And as long as your family qualifies, you may be able to sit down with a counselor to tackle working through PTSD, military-to-civilian transition issues and more.

- **Appointment travel reimbursements**: Unless you happen to live right down the street from the VA hospital or clinic or are using VA Choice, your veteran is likely traveling for any medical appointments he has through the VA. That means he or she qualifies for a travel reimbursement for each and every trip to and from those appointments. Filing for reimbursement is easy -- simply fill out the form at https://www.va.gov/vaforms/medical/pdf/vha-10-3542-fill.pdf and hand it in at the VA or mail it to the address provided.
- **Shopping and MWR on base**: If your service member has been ruled 100 percent service-connected disabled, your family still has access to Commissary Exchange shopping and MWR activities on base. If your veteran is not 100 percent disabled, he or she can have access to the Exchanges online. Although you won't be able to have your own login, you can shop under your veteran's account.
- **Caregiver support**: Depending on your veteran's injury and how involved you are in his everyday care, you may qualify for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. That program gives qualifying users a cash stipend for taking care of their veteran. But even if you don't qualify for the payments, the VA offers other caregiver support resources and information that you might find helpful.
- **Free health care**: If your veteran has been ruled permanently and totally disabled, you could qualify for free healthcare through the CHAMPVA program.
- **State benefits**: Did you know all states have their own benefits for disabled veterans? Minnesota offers veterans state employment hiring preference, and gives major breaks on property taxes. Benefits vary widely by state, so check out the guide at http://www.military.com/benefits/veteran-state-benefits/state-veterans-benefits-directory.html. [Source: Military.com | http://www.military.com/benefits/spouse-family | August 25, 2017 ++]

See your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. Contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.





Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Darcy and Ted Mindermann of Wadena, a baby girl, Emma Louise weighing six pounds, six ounces on December 29, 2017.

Born to Jenna and Steven Tschirgi of Sartell, a baby girl, Claire Noel, weighing eight pounds, 10 ounces on December 29, 2017.

Born to Brianna Sandy and Zachary Martin of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Charlotte Noreen weighing nine pounds, four ounces on December 31, 2017.

Born to Molly and Daniel Erickson of Clarissa, a baby boy, Walker Allen weighing nine pounds, one ounce on January 1, 2018.

Born to Ranae and Luke Shough of Pierz, a baby boy, Gabriel Luke weighing nine pounds, 2.9 ounces on January 3, 2018.

Born to Terra and Grant Butcher of Breezy Point, a baby girl, Hadleigh Ember Fae weighing seven pounds, two ounces on January 4, 2018.

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Patrick and Inga (Storbakken) Conway of Austin, Texas, announce the birth of their son, Fin Lanham Conway, born on January 3, 2018. He weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 19.5" long. Sisters, Ciara and Liv welcomed him home.

Grandparents are Ron and Sue Storbakken of Staples; Daz Conway of St. Louis, Mo. and Jan Fragala of Osage Beach, Mo.

Student Achievements

Minnesota State Community and Technical College has announced its President's List for Fall 2017. To qualify, students must have completed 12 or more college-level credits for the semester and earned a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Local students named include:

- Chadron Beebe, Motley
- Amber Jurisch, Pillager
- Robert King, Pillager
- Andrew Barrett, Staples
- William Gedde, Staples
- Alexander Jensen, Staples
- Sydney Martin, Staples.

Sarah Howard, Staples, graduated from Troy University in Troy, Ala., during the Fall Semester/ Term 2 of the 2017/2018 academic year. Howard received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

University of Minnesota Duluth has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2017. To qualify, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Local students named include:

- Tiana Eng, Pillager
- Benjamin Thoele, Pillager
- Jalen Busker, Staples
- Jenessa Iverson, Staples.

Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls has announced its Fall Semester Graduates. Local students named include:

- Jennifer Michalson, Motley
- Andrew Knosalla, Staples
- Sydney Martin, Staples.



Public Notices

NOTICE BYRON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF AUDIT AND RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Audit and Re-Organizational meetings will be held Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall, Leader MN. The purpose of the Board of Audit is to examine and audit the Town Accounts.

Karen Roubal, Clerk
Byron Township
1-2pnc

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

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

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

Todd County is soliciting Local Government Units (LGU) and/or private businesses for proposals for the Todd County AIS Program in 2018. The details of this RFP can be found on the Todd County website. Contact the Todd County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) with questions at 320-732-2644. Applications are due February 5, 2018.

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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 19, 2017

Public Comment

Bob Floerke, Doug Pesta, Janna Floerke, Ron Hengemuhle, Betty Martin, Alan Bruder and Gene Gerlach addressed their concerns to the County Board in regards to traffic safety concerns and regulations regarding a proposed greenhouse.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 19th day of December, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented with the removal of 11.10 Health and Human Services Director Market Grade Override Adjustment and 11.11 Public Works Director Market Grade Override Adjustment.

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion and resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2017 as presented.

To approve a One-Year On & Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for Don & Dave's Store at the address of 26762 County 26, Browerville, MN in Moran Township effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 47718 through 47843 in the amount of $220,625.83.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 513294 through 513380 in the amount of $138,548.23.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the contract with Peters Law Office for Public Defender services in Todd County for 2018.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

REPURCHASE OF TAX-FORFEITED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Marsha Pexsa has submitted an application for repurchase of the following described tax-forfeited lands: Parcel 19-0010800 Sec 11 TWP 132 RNG 33 SW4 NW4 & N2 NW4 EX N 400 FT OF W 1320 FT 107.88 ACRES

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approves the application for repurchase of tax-forfeited lands submitted by Marsha E Pexsa.

Community Corrections

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Minnesota Department of Corrections Grant Application and authorize Kathy Langer to sign the Agreement.

Public Works

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

AGENCY DELEGATED CONTRACTING PROCESS AGREEMENT MnDOT AGENCY AGREEMENT #1030077

WHEREAS, Todd County periodically applies for and receives various federal aid transportation grant funds designated for improvement and enhancement related projects on Todd County highways, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County must partner with the State of Minnesota by agreement to administer those funds and must manage those funds according to the federal and state laws governing those funds.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 161.36, the Commissioner of Transportation be appointed as Agent of Todd County to accept as its agent, federal aid funds which may be made available for eligible transportation related projects, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Board Chairman and the County Auditor/Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the County to execute and enter into an agreement with the Commissioner of Transportation prescribing the terms and conditions of said federal aid participation as set forth and contained in "Minnesota Department of Transportation Agency Agreement #1030077", a copy of which said agreement was before the County Board and which is made a part hereof by reference.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Erickson voting against: To deny the CUP request for parcel #17-0001101.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To grant the CUP request for parcel #14-0058500 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To direct the Planning and Zoning Department to take the proposed changes to Planning Commission for consideration and development of recommendations at January and February 2018 meetings.

Todd County Ag Society

Deb Nelson, out-going Todd County Ag Society President provided the County Board a summary of 2017 activities and financial standing of the Ag Society.

Health & Human Services

Laura Vaughn provided an update to the County Board regarding the Northern Pines Mental Health Center services provided within Todd County in 2017.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Northern Pines Purchase of Service Contract effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the STEP Purchase of Service and Host County Contract effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018 as attached.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following resolution as introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

RESOLUTION APPROVING ENTRY INTO NEW COOPERATIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP ALLOWING PLACEMENT OF JUVENILES AT THE WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL JUVENILE CENTER

WHEREAS Todd County and various other Minnesota counties have been utilizing the West Central Regional Juvenile Center in Clay County, Minnesota for placement of juveniles in a secure detention setting, and have been functioning under a cooperative agreement for the use and operation of that Facility for approximately 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Todd County wishes to terminate the prior agreement and wishes to adopt a new structure to ensure the economic viability and longevity of the relationship; and

WHEREAS, Todd County has determined that it remains mutually beneficial to cooperatively address its long-term needs for secure juvenile detention and treatment facility capacity through a new Cooperative Service Agreement with Clay County and other Member Counties; and

WHEREAS, Todd County has reviewed the Cooperative Services Agreement for the West Central Regional Juvenile Center and finds its terms to be satisfactory;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and benefits that each party shall derive here from, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners wishes to execute the Cooperative Services Agreement for the West Central Regional Juvenile Center and continue membership in the West Central Regional Juvenile Center cooperative services arrangement.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the formal commitment as outlined in attached agreement with the West Central Regional Juvenile Center.

Administration

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2018 NON-UNION EMPLOYEE/ APPOINTED OFFICIALS SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners desire to follow the same pattern bargained with unions for the non-union county employees and appointed officials, and;

WHEREAS, the agreements include a 2.5% general increase effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2018, pay date January 31, 2018 and step increase effective the first full pay period worked in July, 2018, pay date August 1, 2018 for eligible staff. Staff currently over the maximum of the salary grid shall receive a 1.25% (one-half general increase) effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2018 pay date January 31, 2018 in accordance with county policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorize a 2.5% general increase effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2018, pay date January 31, 2018 and step increase effective the first full pay period worked in July, 2018, pay date August 1, 2018 for eligible staff. Staff currently over the maximum of the salary grid shall receive a 1.25% (one-half general increase) effective the first full pay period worked in January, 2018 pay date January 31, 2018 in accordance with county policy.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the AFSCME Public Works Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2018 - 2020.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2018 COUNTY ATTORNEY SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

WHEREAS, the County Attorney is not on the County Comp worth Springsted pay scale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Attorney salary with an increase of 2.5% at $105,575 for 2018.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2018 COUNTY AUDITOR TREASURER SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor/Treasurer is not on the County Comp worth Springsted pay scale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Auditor Treasurer salary with an increase of 2.5% at $80,975.00 for 2018.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2018 COUNTY COMMISSIONER SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Commissioners salary at $29,276 plus $2,000 supplemental pay for Board Chair and $1,000 supplemental pay for the Board Vice-Chair in 2018.

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl the following resolution was introduced and adopted by majority vote with Neumann voting against:

2018 COUNTY RECORDER SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

WHEREAS, the County Recorder is not on the County Comp worth Springsted pay scale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Recorder salary with an increase of 2.5% at $80,815 for 2018.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2018 COUNTY SHERIFF SALARY

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners is responsible for

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LEGAL NOTICE
TODD COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY STATEMENT FOR BUDGET YEAR 2018

The Todd County Budget Summary Statement is Published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.169. The complete budget is available for public inspection at the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office during normal business hours.

REVENUES	2017	2018
Property tax	15,001,965	15,534,913
State General Purpose Aid	1,383,210	1,510,565
Other taxes	757,200	834,700
Licenses & Permits	143,065	167,915
Federal Grants	3,065,034	3,404,617
State Aids	7,759,877	9,045,024
Local Grants	0	0
Charges for Service	2,514,020	2,563,667
Misc Revenue	1,957,344	1,454,212
Interest on Investments	48,400	58,000
Other Financing Sources	0	0
Transfers	0	0
Total Revenue & Other Source	**32,630,115**	**34,573,613**
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	5,124,228	5,432,468
Public safety	4,040,547	4,090,618
Highway/Construction	5,944,480	7,191,675
Streets & Highways (excluding Constr.)	3,171,948	3,244,234
Human Services	7,997,395	8,052,701
Health	2,788,294	2,896,212
Culture and Recreation	439,134	446,146
Conservation of Nat Resourses	980,133	1,033,352
Economic Development	72,400	69,000
Gen Debt Service	594,069	570,265
Capital Outlay	1,424,614	1,158,782
Transfers	352,873	388,160
Other Fiscal Charges	0	0
Total Expenditures & other uses:	**32,930,115**	**34,573,613**
Budget Balance	**300,000**	**0**

Todd County Auditor/Treasurer
Denise Gaida
2pnc

Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 6, 2017

Call to Order

Delmer Smieja addressed his concerns to the County Board in regards to easements, ditch concerns, drain tiling and noise from grain bins.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 6th day of December, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Erickson. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion and resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for November 21, 2017 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - SAUK VALLEY GOBBLERS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Valley Gobblers through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Sauk Valley Gobblers to hold gambling activities at Diamond Point in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on February 24, 2018.

GAMBLING PERMIT - STRUTTIN BLACK BEARDS

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Struttin Black Beards NWTF through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Struttin Black Beards NWTF to hold gambling activities at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN on February 3, 2018.

Auditor-Treasurer

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the November 2017 Auditor Warrants number 230712 through 230918 in the amount of $2,162,149.87.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 47613 through 47717 in the amount of $224,161.88.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 701624 through 701780 in the amount of $418,063.56 and warrants number 513270 through 513293 in the amount of $23,271.58.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Budget Request form to carryover $22,000 from 2017 to 2018 within the Elections department budget.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

ADOPTING THE 2017 REVISION OF THE LOCAL ELECTION EQUIPMENT PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION IN TODD COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Federal Government passed the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) to provide for equality and uniformity in the elective process, and;

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Federal Government provided funding for the purchase of electronic voting equipment to each State to assist its Cities and Townships in compliance with the Help America Vote Act requirements, and;

WHEREAS, in 2006, Todd County drafted a Local Election Equipment Plan alongside its Cities and Townships which was approved by the Secretary of State's Office and adopted by the Todd County Board of Commissioners, which depicted the relationships and responsibilities between the Cities/Townships and Todd County for the electronic voting equipment and its associated costs and;

WHEREAS, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State is currently soliciting applications from jurisdictions for grants to purchase upgrades to the existing voting equipment technologies utilized statewide, and;

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Treasurer has presented information to its Cities and Townships on November 1, 2017 of the upgrade possibility and the County Auditor-Treasurer's proposal of purchase timeline, and;

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Treasurer has presented equipment options and equipment plan update details to the Board of Commissioners and Municipalities during County Work sessions on November 7 and 21, 2017, and;

WHEREAS, the County's committed goal is to prepare its election system for future advancements in technology, and;

WHEREAS, in order for any changes in voting equipment technology to be implemented within Todd County, the Local Election Equipment Plan must be updated to reflect the equipment needs being utilized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby adopt the attached Local Election Equipment Plan which outlines the implementation and procedures regarding the use of Assistive Voting Devices, Precinct Count Tabulators and Electronic Roster Devices within Todd County Election Precincts and will be effective upon plan adoption.

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

AUTHORIZING THE TODD COUNTY AUDITOR-TREASURER TO SUBMIT THE 2017 VOTING EQUIPMENT GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State is currently soliciting applications from jurisdictions for grants to purchase upgrades to the existing voting equipment technologies, and;

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Treasurer has presented information to the Todd County Cities and Townships and the Todd County Board of Commissioners regarding this upgrade possibility and the proposal of equipment purchasing timeline, and;

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Treasurer has called on its Cities and Townships to provide a letter of intent to participate and intent to match funds in order to apply for this grant opportunity, and;

WHEREAS, the County Auditor-Treasurer and County Board of Commissioners are striving to maintain the 2006 vision of precinct uniformity and provide a 3-year phase-in process for the new voting equipment technology to remain budget conscious, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board realizes that our voting equipment technology is aging and grant opportunities to assist in replacement/upgrade equipment purchases are improbable in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners to hereby authorize the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer to submit the 2017 Voting Equipment Grant Application as attached for and on behalf of Todd County and its Municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Auditor-Treasurer will be responsible to maintain financial records of expenditures for audit requirements and facilitate the voting equipment technology purchases as funds are provided or the Local Election Equipment Plan timeline depicts.

Public Works

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2022 AREA TRANSPORATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN TODD COUNTY PROJECT NOMINATION - CSAH 26

WHEREAS, the Central Minnesota Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) annually solicits projects for State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding which provides for improvements to the transportation systems, with money requests being project specific, and;

WHEREAS, project nominations must meet eligibility guidelines and qualifying criteria as established by the Central Area Transportation Partnership, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Public Works Department recommends that the following project be submitted and nominated for inclusion in the 2022 Area Transportation Improvement Plan, which is a prioritized list of transportation projects that the Central Minnesota Partnership recommends for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP),

County State Aid Highway 26 - from County State Aid Highway 21 to County State Aid Highway 7

SP 077-626-01X: Bituminous Mill and Overlay Project with Aggregate Shouldering, and;

WHEREAS, this project is currently listed on the Todd County Public Works Department Proposed Five Year Construction Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the recommendation of the Public Works Department for submittal and nomination of the above noted project and requests said project be included in the State Fiscal Year 2022 Area Transportation Improvement Plan.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

2018 MASTER BRIDGE PRIORITY REPLACEMENT LIST

WHEREAS, Todd County has determined that the attached list of bridges on County State Aid Highways, County Roads, Township Roads, and Municipal Streets are either listed as structurally deficient or are a high priority for removal and replacement within the immediate future, and;

WHEREAS, local roads play an essential role in the overall state transportation network and local bridges are a critical component of the local road system, and;

WHEREAS, State support for the replacement of bridges continues to be crucial to maintaining the integrity of the local road system and is necessary funding source for the County, Townships, and Municipalities to proceed with replacements of the bridges on the attached list, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County intends to proceed with the replacement of theses bridges as soon as either State Transportation Bond Funds or State Townbridge Funds become available.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Todd County commits that it will proceed with the replacement of these listed bridges immediately after being notified of the availability of State Transportation Bond Funds or State Townbridge Funds.

County Attorney

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the 2018 Contracts for City Prosecution with the Cities of Grey Eagle, Eagle Bend, Clarissa, Bertha, and Hewitt.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve Board Ratification for Professional Services Agreement MCCC & Strategic.

Sheriff's Office

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To hire Roger Strack as a part-time Jailor/Dispatcher effective December 10, 2017 at a Grade 6, Step A.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To allow Sheriff Asmus to purchase the jail security system from Accurate Controls Incorporated.

On motion by Becker and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the Snowmobile Safety Enforcement Grant.

MIS

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve purchase of Nexsan Assureon Storage Appliance from Information Systems Corporation.

Planning & Zoning

On motion by Neumann

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setting compensation of county employees, elected officials, appointed officials and board members, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the duties and responsibilities of each individual position; and

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the salaries of elected officials in other comparable counties; and

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff is not on the County Comp worth Springsted pay scale; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve setting the County Sheriff salary with an increase of 2.5% at $86,807 for 2018.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the County Assessor grade adjustment from a grade 15 to grade 16 in accordance with Todd County Personnel Policy Article 6 effective January 7, 2018.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the adoption of the MIS Director grade adjustment from a grade 14 to grade 16 in accordance with Todd County Personnel Policy Article 6 effective January 7, 2018.

Finance Committee

On motion by Becker and seconded by Neumann, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE 2018 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to adopt an annual budget and certify it to the County Auditor, and;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners have had an opportunity to discuss the operations costs and revenues of the County for fiscal year 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the following as the 2018 Budget for the County of Todd, Minnesota and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor.

(See #1 - chart below)

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2018 FINAL LEVY

WHEREAS, the Laws of the State of Minnesota direct that the Todd County Board of Commissioners are required to approve by resolution a final levy no later than December 30 annually, and;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners have considered the financial situation of the County and had an opportunity to deliberate the levying of property taxes upon property owners within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following as the 2018 final levy for the County of Todd, Minnesota for property taxes payable in 2018 and directs that it be forwarded to the County Auditor.

(See #2 - chart below)

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer had no activities to report.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including current recruitment statuses.

Recess

Commissioner Erickson recessed the meeting until December 28, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ALEX PRO FIREARMS, LLC	$3,260.00
AMERICAN SOLUTIONS FOR BUSINESS	4,519.89
BROWERVILLE TRUCK WASH/BIG BOYZ	2,903.07
CARGILL SALT DIV	17,744.39
CORBIN PICKAR EXC INC	30,800.00
COUNTRY SIDE PLUMBING & HTG LLC	18,347.00
H & L MESABI	4,432.15
IMPACT TECHNOLOGY	2,729.00
LONG PRAIRIE MACH. CO INC	2,278.05
MENCH/JAMES	2,535.00
MN ELEVATOR INC	2,476.54
MORRIS ELEC	2,210.52
NAPA CENTRAL MN	4,699.03
ROYAL TIRE	3,262.54
STAPLES WORLD	4,006.04
TODD CO AUDITOR-TREASURER	2,162.48
TRUENORTH STEEL	17,425.41
WATCHGUARD VIDEO	43,075.00
WIDSETH SMITH NOLTING INC	10,124.00
ZUERCHER TECH. LLC	11,476.00
106 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	30,159.72
Total	**$220,625.83**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
#14524	$2,826.90
ANU FAMILY SERVICES INC	5,667.40
GERARD TREATMENT PROGRAMS	5,182.20
#2818	2,022.30
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	6,713.10
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	11,637.13
#1911	2,690.40
#12512	3,093.00
#14655	2,801.40
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS	4,007.10
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN -ST PAUL	2,025.00
#10746	2,525.40
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	10,258.50
NORTHWOOD CHILD. SERVICES	3,946.30
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME	6,568.20
STEP	7,025.92
VILLAGE RANCH INC	11,475.60
WEST CENTRAL REG JUVENILE CTR	7,448.17
PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	40,634.21
Total	**138,548.23**

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 19, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 28, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
Todd County Board
Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County
Auditor-Treasurer

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#2 - Todd Levy Chart

	Certified Levy	Program Aid	Local Levy
General Revenue	9,313,825.00	1,441,269.00	7,872,556.00
Road & Bridge	2,491,928.00		2,491,928.00
Human Services	3,726,331.00		3,726,331.00
Public Health	492,068.00		492,068.00
Comp Water	5,360.00		5,360.00
Regional Library	344,405.00		344,405.00
Bonded Indebtedness	570,265.00		570,265.00
County Fair	20,000.00		20,000.00
Parks & Trails	12,000.00		12,000.00
Total	16,976,182.00	1,441,269.00	15,534,913.00

1 - Todd County Budget Chart

REVENUES	**2017**	**2018**
Property tax	15,001,965	15,534,913
State General Purpose Aid	1,383,210	1,510,565
Other taxes	757,200	834,700
Licenses & Permits	143,065	167,915
Federal Grants	3,065,034	3,404,617
State Aids	7,759,877	9,045,024
Local Grants	0	0
Charges for Service	2,514,020	2,563,667
Misc Revenue	1,957,344	1,454,212
Interest on Investments	48,400	58,000
Other Financing Sources	0	0
Transfers	0	0
Total Revenue & Other Source	**32,630,115**	**34,573,613**
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	5,124,228	5,432,468
Public safety	4,040,547	4,090,618
Highway/Construction	5,944,480	7,191,675
Streets & Highways (excluding Constr.)	3,171,948	3,244,234
Human Services	7,997,395	8,052,701
Health	2,788,294	2,896,212
Culture and Recreation	439,134	446,146
Conservation of Nat Resources	980,133	1,033,352
Economic Development	72,400	69,000
Gen Debt Service	594,069	570,265
Capital Outlay	1,424,614	1,158,782
Transfers	352,873	388,160
Other Fiscal Charges	0	0
Total Expenditures & other uses:	**32,930,115**	**34,573,613**
Budget Balance	**300,000**	**0**

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and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To authorize the signing of the 2018-2019 MPCA County Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement.

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL - "PINE ISLAND COVE FIRST ADDITION" SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicant Rod Borg and owner Pamela Borg applied to subdivide a property that is described as Part of Lot 2 of Block 1 of Pine Island Cove, Section 34, in Turtle Creek Township with the plat to be known as Pine Island Cove First Addition,

WHEREAS, Pine Island Cove First Addition Plat consists of one residential lot, 1.3 ± acres located in the Recreational Development Shoreland zoning district of Turtle Creek Township,

WHEREAS, On August 6, 2015 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

PINE ISLAND COVE (34-131-32) PART OF LOT 2 BLK 1 LYING E'ERLY OF DESC LINE: COMM AT NE COR OF LOT 2, NW 194.47 FT, W'ERLY 107.24 FT TO PT OF BEG, THENCE SE 253.95 FT, SE 3 FT TO SHORELINE & TERMINATING

WHEREAS, On October 29, 2015 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved the Pine Island Cove First Addition preliminary plat with conditions,

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Pine Island Cove First Addition" subdivision be approved as presented.

Health & Human Services

An update was provided by Cory Lawrence from STEP who provides Day Training and Habilitation and Supportive Employment Services for clients with mental health and developmental disabilities which services the residents of Todd County.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE HOME HEALTH AGENCY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Todd County Health & Human Services operates a Class A Medicare Certified Home Health Agency, and;

WHEREAS, The Center for Medicaid Services has issued revised Home Health Agency (HHA) Conditions of Participation requiring written formalization of the Home Health Agency Governance Structure;

WHEREAS, The Todd County Board of Commissioners is the official governing body of Todd County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners is the designated Governing Body for the Home Health Agency, the TCHHS Division Director is the Administrator, the Adult & Disability Unit Manger is the Administrator's Designee, and the Nursing Supervisor is the Clinical Manager;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Todd County Public Health Advisory Committee to receive updates annually, that ensure the program reflects the complexity of its organization and services; involves all HHA services, focuses on indicators related to improved outcomes, including hospital admissions and readmissions; and takes actions that address the HHA's performance across the spectrum of care, including the prevention and reduction of medical errors.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer reported on current activities including current preparation for the County 2017 Financial Pre-Audit.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings that they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on the meetings attended and projects in-progress including current recruitment statuses and union negotiations statuses.

Recess

Commissioner Erickson recessed the meeting until December 19, 2017.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	$3,616.00
COMPUTER PROS	4,587.00
DETECTOR ELECTRONICS CORP	4,395.00
FORD OF HIBBING	28,358.00
GUSTAFSON/JEAN M	5,019.10
LP SANITATION INC	4,355.61
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH	74,141.67
23 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	7,002.91
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	56,801.00
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	2,456.71
CITY OF SWANVILLE	10,283.50
FLEET SERVICES/ WEX BANK	5,114.98
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	2,400.00
LP OIL COMPANY	26,993.38
MADDEN GALANTER HANSEN, LLP	2,806.41
MARCYES EXC INC	5,625.78
MASWCD	2,390.00
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	14,319.22
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	7,429.00
PETERS LAW OFF., P.A.	3,842.00
PHEASANTS FOREVER	14,852.64
TODD CO AG. SOC.	7,631.60
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	2,080.23
33 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	12,282.27
AMERICAN HERITAGE	9,157.10
CLARK EQUIP. CO. DBA BOBCAT CO	20,758.40
GENE-O'S COUNTRY-SIDE REST LLC	5,125.30
HOFFMAN LAW, PLLC	7,065.66
KATTERHAGEN/ STEVE AND STELLA	11,073.75
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	5,207.71
MORRISON COUNTY	33,852.25
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS	233,086.00
SHIRLEY'S GAS & GROCERIES	2,638.64
STEP	4,416.75
STRUCTURAL SPECIAL. INC	123,184.69
TODD CO AUD-TRE	5,852.00
VOYANT COMMS., LLC	3,543.96
WONDERLICH/SCOTT A	4,909.00
40 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	13,262.58
CENTERPOINT ENERGY	2,077.07
CLARK P.A./G MARLENE	3,307.50
FIELD/DAN & JANE	7,204.00
FORD OF HIBBING	57,128.00
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC	2,400.00
TRIMIN SYSTEMS INC	13,230.00
11 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	6,949.69
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	55,726.84
CITY OF BERTHA	7,629.10
CITY OF BROWERVILLE	14,696.68
CITY OF CLARISSA	10,877.38
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	17,009.29
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	4,854.16
CITY OF HEWITT	4,712.39
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	23,756.05
CITY OF OSAKIS	3,472.60
CITY OF STAPLES	50,500.91
REGION V DEV. COMMISSION	3,039.93
SAUK RIVER WATER SHED DISTRICT	9,710.19
SCHOOL DISTRICT 213	97,080.23
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2170	52,717.42
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2753	171,706.40
SCHOOL DISTRICT 2759	20,397.08
SCHOOL DISTRICT 486	29,135.53
SCHOOL DISTRICT 740	4,690.83
SCHOOL DISTRICT 743	58,533.24
SCHOOL DISTRICT 786	75,825.75
SCHOOL DISTRICT 787	54,186.78
SCHOOL DISTRICT 818	6,973.96
TOWN OF BARTLETT	12,267.64
TOWN OF BERTHA	22,567.58
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE	15,971.97
TOWN OF BRUCE	11,852.39
TOWN OF BURLEENE	16,723.77
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE	13,751.37
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY	20,650.66
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	7,543.36
TOWN OF GERMANIA	11,978.05
TOWN OF GORDON	33,320.49
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	13,331.51
TOWN OF HARTFORD	30,797.99
TOWN OF IONA	21,672.92
TOWN OF KANDOTA	8,099.07
TOWN OF LESLIE	22,166.38
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK	9,155.84
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	19,214.36
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE	17,019.56
TOWN OF MORAN	12,741.46
TOWN OF REYNOLDS	16,752.97
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE	41,375.27
TOWN OF STAPLES	15,066.61
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE	21,536.29
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK	8,057.69
TOWN OF VILLARD	12,757.79
TOWN OF WARD	20,472.38
TOWN OF WEST UNION	18,257.93
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	19,941.24
8 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	5,658.53
Total	**$2,162,149.87**

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ALEX PRO FIREARMS, LLC	$3,260.00
CARGILL SALT DIV	43,801.99
CDW GOV'T INC	2,288.88
CENTRACARE HEALTH LONG PRAIRIE	2,081.82
CENTRAL TODD CO. CARE CENTER	2,699.63
COUNTRY ROADS CONSTRUCTION	6,436.48
MBC DRAINAGE LLC	2,400.00
MORRISON CO PUBLIC HEALTH SERV	3,315.65
NORTHERN STAR COOP.	2,646.07
NOW MICRO INC	4,574.00
PERHAM TRUCK SERVICE INC.	3,184.33
ROYAL TIRE	6,394.02
SPECTRUM DESIGN AND MARKETING	10,000.00
TODD COUNTY MIS DEPT	7,223.55
TOWMASTER	91,488.00
TURNKEY/THREE SQUARE MARKET	3,211.72
ULINE	2,790.59
88 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	26,365.15
Total	**$224,161.88**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
DHS - MSOP-MN SEX OFFENDER P	11,346.00
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472	7,661.60
DHS - SWIFT	303,261.82
FRESHWATER ED. DISTRICT	11,169.00
V #15254 - COST EFFECTIVE HEALTH INS.	4,558.22
OLSON FUNERAL CHAPEL - RUSH CITY	3,500.00
V #4517 - COST EFF. HEALTH INSURANCE	2,251.20
RURAL MN CEP INC	12,263.01
TODD COUNTY MIS DEPT	19,262.80
148 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	42,789.91
Total	**$418,063.56**

Vendor Name	$ Amount
MERIDIAN SERVICES INC	2,138.93
MID MN DRUG TESTING INC	5,250.00
NORTH HOMES CHILD. & FAMILY SRVS	8,246.00
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	2,174.00
PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	5,462.65
Total	**$23,271.58**

On a motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held December 6, 2017 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 19, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal:

Rodney Erickson,
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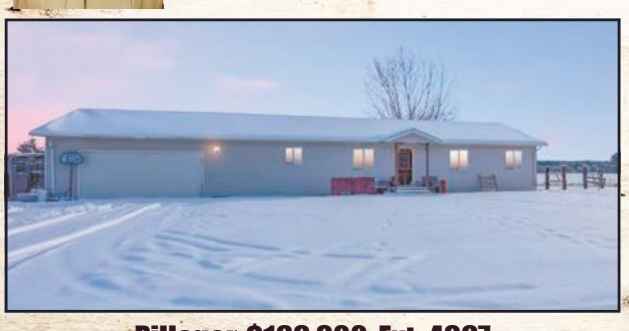
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New Lakewood Clinic addition opens its doors

Visitors at the open house for the new Lakewood Health System Clinic addition Jan. 5 check out the new south entrance. The expansion added offices for doctors and other providers to consult with their care teams which coordinates care for each patient, even if they can't see their regular doctor on a particular visit.

The south entrance will mainly be used for women's health and behavioral health patients. Lakewood currently delivers around 450 babies each year as part of their women's health program, and the behavioral health department is continually in need of space to provide services. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Space for behavioral health department

Visitors mingle in the lower level of the Lakewood Health System Clinic addition where the behavioral health department has their new offices. Dr. Shawna Nymeyer, the head of the behavioral health department, said they are excited to move into the new offices because of the new opportunities it will bring. The addition includes meeting rooms, which will allow them to hold group therapy sessions and increase their programming options for patients. Dr. Nymeyer said they are now able to hire new psychologists and therapists because they have room for them.

The expansion will have 10 individual treatment rooms in the lower level. Mental health was also addressed in the new emergency department expansion and with the Pillager Clinic expansion.

Staples Police check incidents in community

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police Dept.

Jan. 1; Staples Police responded to a report of a violation of a restraining order. Police spoke with the petitioner and respondent and upon investigation established probable cause of a violation. Police arrested John Pierce, 42, for violation of a Harassment Restraining Order.

Jan. 2; Staples Police received a welfare concern on an individual who was last seen the previous night and didn't show up for work that day. The individual was later located at a friend's house.

Jan. 2; Staples Police responded to the Family Dollar store and spoke with an employee regarding a customer they didn't want returning to the store.

Jan. 3; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with attempting to locate and do a welfare check on a subject who'd been involved in a domestic dispute earlier in the day. It was reported that the subject was possibly at a gas station in Staples. Police checked businesses throughout the city, but did not locate the subject. The individual was later located and was fine.

Jan. 4; Staples Police received a report of damage to property incident on the 900 block of Park Ave. NE, where a mailbox had been hit.

Jan. 6; Staples Police responded to Lakewood Health System emergency room for a report of an uncooperative individual. When police arrived they found the subject to be cooperating and learned she had been assaulted. The incident took place in Todd County and the Staples Police notified the sheriff's office of the incident.

Durheim appointed to national office

Debra Durheim of Todd County was recently appointed to serve a two-year term on the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) Promotion & Education (P&E) Committee.



Debra Durheim

Durheim will be involved in planning P&E activities/programs, communicating with state leaders, contributing collaborative ideas and taking part in committee meetings.

"I'm excited to continue to serve on this committee as it combines my passion for Farm Bureau and for sharing agriculture's story," said Durheim. "Serving on the American Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee is a great opportunity to help make recommendations in forming programs and activities that assist county Farm Bureaus across the U.S."

Durheim currently serves on the Minnesota P&E Committee and as the Todd County Farm Bureau secretary/treasurer.

She and her husband, Delvin, raise sheep, beef, swine, chickens and grow hay and corn on their farm in Todd County. Durheim also works off the farm for Todd County Public Health as well as being a 4-H leader and serving on the Todd County Fair Board.

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Board members settle on Jan. 18 for special meeting

choice and one point for their third choice.

It wouldn't rule out whichever option came in third, she suggested, but would allow them to focus on just two options.

"One facility doesn't necessarily mean something new built out someplace," Winkels said. "That's one option. Another option could be adding or building on land we already own."

Bratlie said going to one building didn't mean closing the other buildings. He suggested they could be repurposed, for instance for day care, preschool, mental health or office space.

He mentioned that he was attending a meeting with representatives of other entities in the community on Jan. 16, including Central Lakes College, Lakewood Health System, Region Five, City of Staples and Staples Economic Development Authority. Collaborating with those entities may present other options.

Four board members appeared ready to conduct the straw poll that night, Jan. 8. However, Hoemberg said he wasn't ready, that he didn't feel he had all the information he needed.

Both Freeman and Winkels asked what information Hoemberg felt he needed, adding that they felt ready to vote because they had studied all the reports presented at work sessions. Bruce Lund and Greg Frisk also indicated they were ready to make the decision.

Chad Longbella said he also didn't think the discussion would get to this point at this meeting.

Educationally, what do we need for this district?" was the question Freeman said needed answering. "It's all going to be painful taxwise."

"We have to make the decision based on what we feel is best educationally for our kids and teachers," Winkels said. "Don't rule anything out because we think it's too expensive."

The motion to have a special meeting Jan. 18 was approved.

Bratlie said he would get some firm figures from the financial consultants as to the effect of an $80 million bond, a $50 million bond and a $30 million bond. That would be available to the board members prior to the meeting.

Winkels asked that his fellow board members contact Bratlie for any other information they needed, "so you have it before that night."

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Lakewood HEALTH SYSTEM

Wrestlers take on ranked big schools

The Staples-Motley wrestling team looked good against two ranked teams but came home with two losses, 44-28 to Class AAA Cambridge-Isanti and 45-19 against Class AA Delano on Jan. 5.

"We wrestled well against Cambridge-Isanti, I thought we could have done better against Delano," said coach Dave Anglin.

Against Delano, Dalton Holmberg was impressive with seven takedowns in a big victory. Other big wins were Shaine Guggenberger and Kyle Serich, who won with a pin.

Against Cambridge-Isanti, Brayden Christensen had a good match in a 7-3 win, according to Anglin.

Despite losing his match, James Ehersman is a valuable wrestler, said Anglin. "He's our go-to guy, he will wrestle wherever we need him and he will give it his all," said Anglin.

The coach said the score might have been closer but a couple of wrestlers got caught and pinned in close matches.

Team results

Cambridge-Isanti 44 Staples-Motley 28

106 Payton Bjerga L 11-3; 113 Sam Jennissen L fall; 120 Kristian Thompson L fall, 126 Brayden Christensen W 7-3; 132 Spencer Miller W 18-4; 138 Jasiah Paskewitz W fall; 145 Owen Bjerga W 9-5; 152 Dalton Holmberg L fall; 160 Jonathan Lisson L fall; 170 James Ehresman L fall; 182 Isaac Swendsrud W fall; 195 Braden Tyrrell W fall; 220 Shaine Guggenberer L fall; 285 Kyle Serich L 14-3



Sweet shot

Reid Busker shoots a three pointer against Royalton. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Traffic in the lane

Josh Lombard drives into the lane while Zach DeMars gets tangled up with a Royalton player. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Cardinal hoops kids

A group photo of Staples-Motley elementary basketball participants. (Submitted photo)

Loss on road trip

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team struggled to score in a game at Bemidji on Jan. 4, falling 78-24.

The Cardinals fell to 1-9 on the season but they have been competitive in conference games and will have more opportunities for wins as the season progresses.

Team results

Staples-Motley 24, Bemidji 78

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 12, Emma Gerard 2, Kaitlyn Smith 2, Mackenna Bjerga 2, Addison Lorber 2, Kearra Mikel 2, Larken Hirschey 2, Kiera Dumpprope 1, Tabatha Allen 1

Thursday Twilight League Bowling Wadena Lanes

JAN. 4, 2018

1. Staples Vet Clinic	20-12
2. Mason Bros.	20-12
3. Ted and Gen's	17.5-14.5
4. Lefty's	15.5-16.5
5. Spectrum Marketing	14-18
6. Ghost Team	9-23

HIGH TEAM SERIES-
Staples Vet Clinic 1,630

HIGH TEAM GAME-
Staples Vet Clinic 573

HIGH IND. SERIES/ HIGH GAMES

Ruth Lugert	502	190
Betty Klingaman	473	177
Marge Harrison	472	182
Lacena Brown	468	170
Deb Pundt	450	177
Jackie Perius		177



Loose ball

Brayden Losh runs down an offensive rebound, one of the strengths that helped give the Cardinals a first half lead. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinal boys lose early lead

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team lost a halftime lead, and cold shooting led to a 63-59 loss to Royalton on Jan. 4.

The Cardinals jumped out to an early lead and ended up ahead by three at halftime. But in the second half, they couldn't crack the Royalton zone defense as well and allowed Royalton to get hot.

Team results

Staples-Motley 59, Royalton 63

Scoring: Griffin Webster 21, Josh Lombard 17, Brayden Losh 9, Derek Kennedy 6, Reid Busker 3, Tristin Etzler 3



First grade girls

The first grade elementary basketball program participants included Aleea Holst, Adriane Dokken, Aubrey Lang, Chloe Badger, Eva Weber, Evah Noska, Jessica Dukowitz and Rose Mevissen. (Submitted photo)



First grade boys

The first grade elementary basketball program participants included Alex Leach, Austin McMillan, Cameron Martin, Cody Meacham, Eli Bounds, Emitt Hageman, Henry Zimmerman, Jackson Alexander, Jackson Odden, Jacob Reeck, John Schotzko, Levi Larsen, Owen Roline, Ryder Thompson and Sawyer Storry. (Submitted photo)



Kindergarten girls

The kindergarten elementary basketball program participants included Anna Hurtig, Aubree Hove, Belle Mevissen, Katelyn Erickson, Lucille Maros, Naudia Djuren and Nyah Noska. (Submitted photo)



Kindergarten boys

The kindergarten elementary basketball program participants included Joshua Winter, Jr., Ethan Bounds, Joseph Faulkner, Leiten Rychner, Ben Rutten, Odin Davis and Patrick Eckert. (Submitted photo)

Winter offers both indoor and outdoor opportunities

People sometimes pick the oddest subjects when trying to "one-up" another person. Odd things like Minnesota's winter weather, for instance. I recently overheard a co-worker talking to someone from the East Coast, where they had just had a major snowstorm. "Yeah," I heard him say at one point, "but last night we had 27 degrees below zero here!" He stopped short of saying "Top that!" But I'll bet he was thinking it.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn
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More Minnesotans than you might guess are oddly proud of the extremes of our weather; especially winter weather. And yet, I'm quite confident that when the weather was at its coldest following the Christmas and New Year's holidays, few of us were spending much time outside sheltering walls, albeit they may have been fish house walls, if not the walls of our homes.

The fact is, though we may be perversely proud that battery companies and car makers come here to torture-test their products in winter – and International Falls often makes the national news as the coldest spot in the "lower 48" – we do what we can to shield ourselves from the season's most bitter effects. Snowmobile suits, electric socks, chemical hand and foot warmers, full-face ski masks, and such inventions were created with Minnesota-like weather in mind, if not actually developed here.

Getting outdoors to snowshoe or ski, to snowmobile, or to spend time on the ice in pursuit of a fish meal, is important to ward off cabin fever, and that depressive state we've come to call seasonal-affective-disorder, or SAD. But there are also a lot of constructive and enjoyable things to do indoors to balance the outdoor time, especially when we're facing those inevitable plunges into subarctic temperature territory.

Unless you happen to be a rabbit or squirrel hunter, your hunting seasons have come to an end. One of the tasks I find pleasant when it's all over is giving the firearms I've used during the season a thorough cleaning and going-over, to make sure they suffer no damage while in storage. One year my duck hunting partner failed to do this, and when he uncased his favorite valuable, heirloom shotgun the following spring for clay bird shooting, the barrel and receiver were speckled with rust "freckles." He's now a lot more diligent about cleaning and lubricating his guns before mothballing them for the winter months.

The next hunting season may be eight to nine months away, but it's only a few months before some of the open water fishing seasons are upon us. With that in mind, when a change of pace from traditional winter pursuits is needed, it's time well-spent to give your fishing tackle a once-over. That means replacing lines on reels, unless you spooled line on them late in 2017. It means cleaning and lubricating your reels, and using a hone to sharpen hooks, especially on your most-used lures. If 2017 ice-out dates are any indication, in less than three months you'll be able to back your fishing boat down a launch ramp and pursue crappies and bluegills on open water. For example, ice-out was April 9th on Lake Bemidji, April 10th for Mille lacs, and April 14th for Leech and Winnibigoshish. It's nice to be ready long before that time comes.

If you're an angler who pursues Lake Superior's migratory steelhead trout, April will also probably be your first month on the water, though there can be opportunities even in late March. Many who pursue these beautiful, tackle-busting fish make their own lures, something that is a practical use of winter time indoors, and a lot of fun, too. (And if you're really impatient for open water fishing, and have mastered the art of staying warm under wintry conditions, a number of trout streams in the Southeast are already open for 2018.)

One of the laments of many hunters at season's end, myself included, is not taking advantage of opportunities we're presented with. This is more a lament of the shotgunner and bird hunter than the deer hunter. The biggest reason for missed opportunity, for me at least, is not shooting enough – or at all – during the months outside the actual hunting months. Most clay target ranges close for the most inclement winter months; certainly January and February. But some open in March. Their days and hours may be more limited, but they're open nonetheless. Some March weekend when the cross-country ski trails are icy and in poor condition, or you're getting a bit jaded staring down an open hole in the ice, it might be a good "attitude adjustment" to take a favorite shotgun and shoot a round or two of trap, skeet, or sporting clays.

Those who get into the habit of shooting clay targets during the months when they can't hunt often get into reloading their own shotgun shells. There may be some savings, depending on what you pay for shells, and how much you shoot. But as often as not, reloading is done because a shooter can create loads they can't obtain off-the-shelf, or just enjoy doing something so intimately tied to their hunting passion. Many of us have an acquaintance – or "have a friend, who has a friend" – who reloads, someone who might let us give it a try before making the investment in equipment and supplies.

There are also some planning and dreaming opportunities at a handful of sports shows during the winter months, the most high-profile of which begin in January. These events are generally sited in larger venues like the Twin Cities or St. Cloud, and feature fishing and pleasure boats, fishing, hunting and camping gear, even far-flung destinations where we might indulge our outdoor addictions. The most established are the Northwest Sportshow, in March, and the Minneapolis Boat Show in January, which actually is being held this week and coming weekend. There are others, too, which a little online searching will reveal.

Winter is a time when we can combine the outdoors and the indoors, the partaking and the planning, the doing and the dreaming. It's up to us to find the balance that gets us through the darkest, coldest months of the year!

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Pillager students nominated for awards


Julia Johnson


Noah Jacobson


Tanner Swenson


Becky Swartz

Four Pillager High School students were recently nominated for the ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) Award and the AAA (Arts, Athletics and Academics) Award, both of which are sponsored by the MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League).

ExCEL Award

Julia Johnson and Noah Jacobson, PHS juniors, were nominated for the ExCEL Award. This is a recognition program designed for Minnesota high school juniors. To be eligible, students must be active in fine arts and/or athletics, show leadership qualities and are model citizens in their community.

- Johnson, the daughter of Dan and Karin Johnson, participates in band, volleyball, track, high school musical, student council, yearbook and National Honor Society.
- Jacobson, the son of Dan and Wendy Jacobson, participates in band, track and peer tutoring.

AAA Award

Tanner Swenson and Rebecca (Becky) Swartz, PHS seniors, were nominated for the AAA Award. This recognition program is designed for Minnesota high school seniors. To be eligible, students must be active in fine arts, athletics, show leadership qualities, are model citizens in their community and excel with their academics.

- Swartz, the daughter of Richard and Cara Swartz, participates in band, track and field, and National Honor Society.
- Swenson, the son of Brad and Britta Swenson, participates in band, football, basketball, baseball and National Honor Society.

Vietnam War era artifacts needed for exhibit

The Morrison County Historical Society (MCHS), in partnership with the Lindbergh House & Museum and Minnesota Military Museum, is taking part in a project to gather stories and present the history of the Vietnam War. Called Central Minnesota Remembers Vietnam, the project, which is being funded by a Legacy Grant from the Minnesota Humanities Center, involves several components, including workshops to assist veterans in sharing their stories, screenings of The Vietnam War, a documentary by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, traveling trunks for school students, and an exhibit on the war and the home front.

MCHS will be in charge of the home front exhibit at The Charles A. Weyerhaeuser Memorial Museum in Little Falls. The Vietnam War ran from 1954 to 1975. Because the museum's collection is short on items from this era, MCHS is inviting Central Minnesotans to loan artifacts and photos illustrating both the war and everyday life for the exhibit.

Mary Warner, executive director of the Morrison County Historical Society, stressed that this is an exhibit meant to showcase a variety of experiences related to the war. She said, "It's not uncommon for us to hear from veterans who served but did not see combat that their service was not that important. Those on the battlefield depend on a lot of support from military personnel in a variety of roles. We are just as interested in those stories and artifacts as we are in the stories and artifacts of combat veterans."

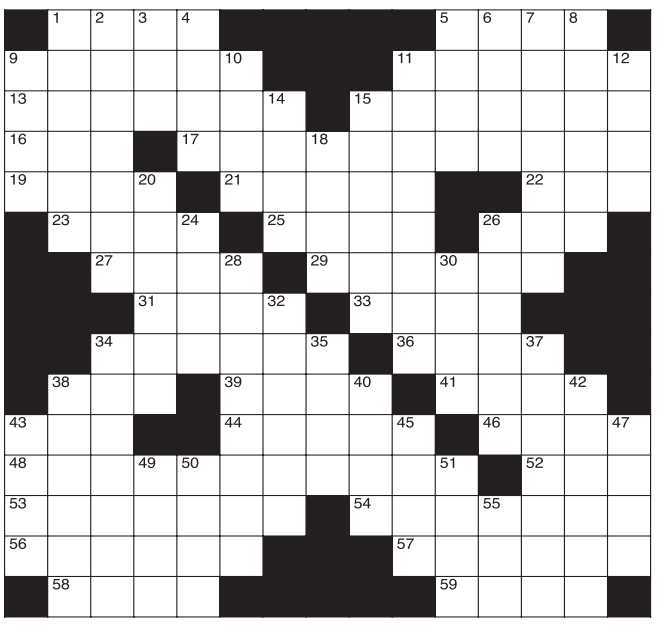
Because the exhibit is also meant to cover the home front experience of the Vietnam War, Warner said that loaned items illustrating local reactions to the war, whether from family members of soldiers or war protestors, are needed to create a well-rounded exhibit. Household items and toys from the era will also be accepted for the exhibit.

Items need to be available for exhibit through 2018 and will be returned in early 2019. For more info, call the MCHS at 320-632-4007.

Minnesota Remembers Vietnam is an initiative led by Twin Cities PBS aimed at inspiring Minnesotans to remember, share stories, recognize bravery, express their reasons for dissent, and foster understanding around the lasting impact of war. TPT is partnering with the Minnesota Humanities Center to bring public conversations around these topics to communities across the state, thanks to support from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund that was created with a vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

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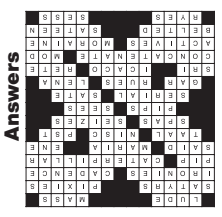


CLUES ACROSS
1. Methaqualone pill (slang)
5. Religious service
9. Woodland gods (Greek myth.)
11. "Where Is My Mind?" rockers
13. Deliberately contrary states of affairs
15. Inflection of the voice
16. "Great Expectations" character
17. Becomes a butterfly
19. Spoke
21. Tennis player Sharapova
22. Midway between northeast and east
23. Afrikaans
25. No instruction set computing
26. Pacific Standard Time
27. Relaxing places
29. Confiscates
31. Gladys Knight's fellow performers
33. Witnesses
34. Taking place in a series
36. Satisfy
38. Freshwater fish of N. America
39. Laments
41. "Girls" creator Dunham
43. Indian title of respect
44. Cocoa plum
46. Network of nerve cells
48. Link together in a chain
52. Cool 70s crew "The __ Squad"
53. Persons engaging in energetic pursuits
54. Accumulation of glacial debris
56. Fastened
57. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
58. Whiskey and bread are two
59. Scottish tax

CLUES DOWN
1. Rope used to lasso
2. Idyllic places
3. Field force unit
4. Guitar great Clapton
5. Slang for type of skirt
6. Figure skating jump
7. Innocent
8. Mathematical ratio
9. Slowly drinks
10. Line where edges meet
11. Offices of the pope
12. Dry or withered
14. "__ the Man" Musical
15. Difficult situations
18 Greek goddess of discord
20. Marked by smartness in dress and manners
24. Habitat
26. Annoy constantly
28. Full of life
30. Great energy
32. BBQ and soy are two
34. Virtuous
35. Not fatty
37. Foes
38. Merchandiser
40. Dishonest scheme
42. Repents
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Brotherton recognized

Motley City Council member Jace Carlson, left, congratulated Bruce Brotherton at the council's regular meeting Jan. 8, for his 10 years of working for the city's maintenance department. Brotherton's current title is Public Works Supervisor. Carlson is the liaison to the maintenance department. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Staples World!

City of Motley will begin the search for a new city attorney

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

At their regular meeting Jan. 8, the Motley City Council learned National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) in Staples will no longer be able to provide legal services to the city.

City Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja noted that NJPA will still be able to help with minor legal issues, but as of Jan. 31, the city will need to find another company to help with the major issues.

In April of 2017, Motley approved hiring NJPA to act as the city's legal team for day to day needs; and for all other items, to continue working with Rinke Noonan out of St. Cloud.

The city still has a working relationship with Rinke Noonan, but council member Steve Johnson said he felt a committee should be set up to look into other options. Johnson pointed out that there has been a lot of negativity associated with Rinke Noonan in the past.

Smieja said that the city still has proposals from four different law firms that they received last year. The committee could start by reviewing those.

A committee was set up at the council meeting. Members include Smieja, Johnson and Mayor Al Yoder.

Johnson expressed disappointment that NJPA would no longer be able to provide these legal services, noting that their work has been excellent and they are a local company. Smieja also noted that they have saved the city a lot of money.

In other matters the council:

- APPROVED a motion declining Bob Jenkins' request to have the city donate $3,000 toward Music in the Park. Jenkins made the same request the previous month, which was also denied.
- NAMED all local banking institutions as the city's official depository for 2018.
- APPROVED a motion to continue holding council meetings on the second Monday of each month. The council had considered changing these to the second Tuesday of each month.
- NAMED the Morrison County Record the city's official newspaper for 2018. Prior to their vote, the council discussed proposals from both the Record and the Staples World. It was noted that the Record's rates per column inch were cheaper than the World's. Council member Pat O'Regan asked Smieja if she had an opinion as to which paper she preferred to work with. Smieja indicated that although she did not have a problem working with either paper, she appreciated that the Morrison County Record did not charge the city for a subscription, unlike the Staples World. In addition, all residents in Morrison County receive the Record for free.
- APPROVED the following council appointments for 2018: Steve Johnson, Acting Mayor; Al Yoder, Emergency Management Director; Johnson, Assistant Weed Inspector.
- APPROVED the following council liaisons for 2018: Police Dept., Pat O'Regan; Administrative Dept., Amy Hutchison; Maintenance Dept., Jace Carlson; Fire Dept., Steve Johnson.
- APPROVED a resolution authorizing the following signers for banking transactions in 2018: Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja; Mayor Al Yoder; Acting Mayor Steve Johnson; and council member Amy Hutchison.
- APPROVED having Clerk/Treasurer Lacey Smieja as the responsible authority; and having EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) authorization from the Clerk/Treasurer.
- APPROVED a resolution establishing precinct boundaries and designating the polling place for the 2018 elections.
- APPROVED all appointed committees and authorized them to schedule meetings.
- APPROVED the renewal of existing tobacco licenses at the following establishments, pending their background checks: Orton's Motley BP, Motley Express, Bremer's Bar, Northwind Grocery, Motley Discount Liquor, BRICKS Travel Center, Y Knot Package Liquor, Dollar General.
- APPROVED a Shared Services Agreement with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) for planning and zoning services.
- APPROVED a motion allowing Smieja and Administrative Accounting Assistant Darci McGillivray, as well as any interested council members, to attend a training at NJPA regarding the 2020 Census.
- LEARNED that the Motley Fire Department had a total of 193 calls during December.
- LEARNED that the Motley Police Department had a total of 84 calls during December.
- LEARNED that the city received a dividend amount of $2,071 from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust.
- Thanked McGillivray for her work in painting the interior of city hall and the fire hall meeting room. She received some help from Police Officer Jason Borash and Maintenance Asst. Bryan Stevens.
- HEARD from Jace Carlson, liaison to the maintenance dept., that Public Works Supervisor Bruce Brotherton has worked for the city for 10 years.
- HEARD positive comments from both Mayor Yoder and council member Hutchison regarding the past year. Hutchison said it was a very enjoyable year and that it is an honor to serve on the council. Yoder said that he is proud to serve as mayor and that his first year holding that title was made easier because of the help he received from the council. Motley resident Holly Cuffe added that it's been great to see the council united.
- SET next regular council meeting for Monday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.

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.

What a beautiful and sacred name

Fr. Joseph E. Korf, pastor, Sacred Heart Church, Staples and St. Michael Church, Motley

"Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

The above passage from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians comes to mind as we in the Catholic Church celebrate the memorial of The Most Holy Name of Jesus. This memorial invites us to recall how sacred the name of Jesus is and not only His name but the name of God as well. Yet as one listens to how the names of Jesus and God are used by so many people today it does not speak in terms of reverence but in terms of condemnation, as words used as a curse rather than words used as part of a blessing.

I wonder how many of us use our best friend's name, our spouse's name, our parents' name, and the list can go on as a word of condemnation or as a curse word. I doubt whether many of us would do so. So I wonder why we use God's and Jesus' name in this manner. I invite all of us to reflect upon how we use Jesus' and God's name in our daily speech and if it is not in reverence might we adjust our speech to better reflect the sacredness of these names.

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Motley and Pillager

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

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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

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

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

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Jan. 3 - The MPD issued a citation to Dylan Staege, 27, for driving with expired tabs.

Jan. 3 - The MPD assisted the MN State Patrol with traffic control for a one vehicle accident on Mosquito Creek Bridge on Hwy 210.

Jan. 2 - The MPD assisted the MCSO with a house fire just south of Motley. All parties were out of the residence. According to the MCSO, the owner eventually came home and was notified that the fire was started by a wood stove in the basement. The electric company was contacted to turn off power.

Jan. 2 - The MPD was contacted by the owner of an apartment in Motley regarding a resident who had not paid rent. Subject was told by the owner that he had to be out by midnight of that day and that he could store his things in the storage shed. Owner also mentioned that his property is a motel and he can evict by telling a resident he is no longer welcome. The MPD gave the subject a pamphlet to New Pathways, a homeless program in Brainerd and told him to call them for help.

Dec. 31 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Russell Forsberg, 25.

Jan. 1 - The MPD responded to a report of theft at Orton's BP in Motley.

Jan. 2 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle parked in the roadway at 330th St. and Hwy 10 in Motley. The deputy responded and met with the person in the vehicle who had a slight odor of alcohol coming from her breath and a PBT of .077. The woman stated she had worked a double shift and was exhausted. She was transported to her residence by the deputy. Her vehicle was towed from the scene by Always Available Towing.

Dec. 31 - The MCSO responded to a report of a domestic situation at an apartment in Motley.

Dec. 30 - The MCSO responded to a complaint from a resident at Atlas Rd. in Cushing that his neighbor put his dock out on the ice and it was crossing over the property line. Complainant stated he has a permanent injunction against the neighbor from an incident that occurred over the summer. The deputy proceeded to speak with the neighbor who stated he put his dock out after receiving the injunction. He stated he did it to spite the neighbor. The deputy advised him that he needed to move his dock. He became argumentative but later stated that he would move his dock the following Saturday.