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Judd family thankful daughter is cancer-free

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

"In everything give thanks," is inscribed over the sofa at Tim and Jessica Judd's house in Motley.

It's a verse in the Bible that the couple has taken to heart throughout the ups and downs of life...even in the midst of Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a disease that threatened the life of their youngest daughter, Catherine.

"We have so much to be thankful for," Jessica said at their home recently. "God has been so good to us."

This Thanksgiving, in particular, will be one of great rejoicing for the Judd family. Just this past week, they learned that 22-month old Catherine's bone marrow transplant had been successful...she was leukemia-free.

"What a blessing to hear such news!" Jessica shared on Catherine's Caring Bridge site, noting a call from their doctor stating that the bone marrow biopsy and spinal tap were both clear and that Catherine, who received a bone marrow transplant from her seven-year-old sister Clara Aug. 4, "is 100 percent Clara engrafted!"

The doctor went on to say that he would see them for a follow-up appointment in three months. "By three months we will have celebrated Thanksgiving, Christmas and Catherine's second birthday," Jessica continued. "What a year to be thankful for!"



Thankful family

Tim and Jessica Judd of Motley, along with their four children, said they will be expressing their gratitude for many things this Thanksgiving. At the top of the list is their thanks to God that their 22-month-old daughter, Catherine, will be celebrating the holiday season in her own home. Catherine, who was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia last February, underwent a series of treatments and spent nearly 150 days in the hospital. As of Nov. 15, she has been declared leukemia free and the Judds believe she has been completely healed. Pictured above at their home in Motley are, from left, Henry, nine; Thomas, six; Tim and Jessica; Catherine, who turns two on Jan. 22; and Clara, seven. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Granted, the Judds admit, there are days it isn't as easy to voice the words, 'Thank you." Such as the day you learn your baby girl must endure a fifth round of chemotherapy and all that goes with it. "It's a difficult place to see your baby screaming and shaking and writhing in pain," Jessica wrote on one of her Caring Bridge journal posts.

No, it hasn't been an easy journey. "But God has been with us through it all," Jessica said, watching as Catherine worked to find a place for baby Jesus in the family's nativity set. Success at last.

A few short months ago, they could only pray that Catherine would be with them for Thanksgiving. And pray they did. "I have had some doubts and fear at times, like when we would see other kids relapse, but I always had peace from the Lord," Jessica said, adding, "We believe God has healed her at this point."

Catherine became ill two weeks after her first birthday. One Sunday afternoon, Tim and Jessica brought her to the emergency room at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples because she had a fever and a strange swelling in her upper lip. "They

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School maintenance, space needs examined

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

"A normal person driving by our buildings would say they look fine," said LeRoy Peterson.

"We could spend a significant amount of money and they'd never notice," he continued, referring to needed repairs such as roof work and tuck pointing.

Peterson is the Buildings and Grounds Supervisor for Staples-Motley School District. His comments accompanied a PowerPoint presentation at the Nov. 15 school board work session which was called to discuss facility needs.

Peterson had over 150 photos showing damaged areas on the district's buildings that need repairs.

"We have a lot of places where the mortar is cracked," he said adding that water can get in and freeze, causing the mortar to push out and crumble, creating even longer, larger cracks.

Brick and mortar life expectancy is 50 years, Peterson explained, and many of the district's buildings are older. The mortar is aged.

He also pointed out that a lot of the lintels are beginning to rust so they continue to get thicker pushing out the mortar between bricks and caulking around windows.

The high school and elementary school in Staples and the middle school building in Motley all show similar problems.

Tuck pointing is very expensive, Peterson said. At one time he sought a preliminary estimate for three walls of the high school gym that came to over $200,000.

"Is there an alternative? I don't know," he said, adding that is why a facility evaluation is needed.

Peterson noted that some roof work needs to be done on parts of all three buildings. In some cases he thought a coating could be used rather that a full replacement. One exception to that was the elementary school which he thinks needs to be redone. Earlier in the year it was reported that staff had to put out buckets when it rained.

He said that any firm that does a facility study can help find alternatives and help write bids.

The board reviewed the ten-year re-roofing sched-

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Hello, Readers,

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill on Nov. 26, 1941, officially establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day. The tradition of celebrating the holiday on Thursday dates back to the early history of the Plymouth and Massachusetts Bay colonies, when post-harvest holidays were celebrated on the weekday regularly set aside as "Lecture Day," a midweek church meeting where topical sermons were presented. A famous Thanksgiving observance occurred in the autumn of 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local Indians to join the Pilgrims in a three-day festival held in gratitude for the bounty of the season.

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Lawrence Reisenauer

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Wadena courthouse annex bids okayed

By Rin Porter
Wadena County reporter

At the Nov. 16 county board meeting, Wadena commissioners approved the bids gathered by Vercon, Inc., the county's construction manager, for the new Courthouse Annex building.

Construction was scheduled to begin the next day, Nov. 17, according to County Engineer Ryan Odden and Vercon representative Justin Maaninga. Both men wanted to get the excavation underway before the ground freezes.

Construction could begin because the City of Wadena approved a variance that the county applied for, relating to the number of parking spaces provided for customers. With the new parking lot the county has planned, the county will have 60 parking spaces, instead of the 74 spaces required by City Code.

At present, the county has about $800,000 on hand for the new building. Another $800,000 will be needed. This money will come from reserve monies held by the county's General Fund and Social Services Fund. Other possible funding sources include the annual dividend from MCIT, which in 2016 will be $83,849, and reimbursement from FEMA for building replacement resulting from the 2010 tornado. (Not, all the reimbursements have not been received, even six years later.)

In any event, the county will not increase taxes or sell bonds to complete the Annex. It will be paid for out of current funds over the next 18 months.

The vote on the Annex was 3-0. Commissioners Jim Hofer, Bill Stearns, and Sheldon Monson voted "yea", Commissioner Dave Hillukka abstained, and Commissioner Rodney Bounds was absent.

Turnover

Also at the Nov. 16 meeting, commissioners learned of increased turnover in the Social Services Department. The resignations of four social workers were announced by department representative Amie Gendron.

Exit interviews of the four employees had not been completed by the time of the board meeting, but Gendron indicated that the resignations were mostly due to the low salaries paid by Wadena County.

These resignations are not the first this year. At least five other employees of the Social Services Department have resigned in recent months.

Stearns said that the county paid Social Services Department workers from $2 to $5 per hour less than adjacent counties like Otter Tail, Hubbard, Cass and Becker.

He also said, "Burnout among social workers is tremendous," referencing the high caseloads assigned to each social worker, the difficulties social workers face in carrying out their

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Winter wonderland

Griffin and Ella Judd of Staples didn't let a little snow keep them from playing outside Nov. 18, when blizzard conditions swept through Central Minnesota. Schools closed that day and snow plows were kept busy for hours, with reports of 10 - 12 inches of snow throughout the Staples area. Residents in the Motley area reported electricity outages which lasted up to 26 hours; and Leader reported a snowfall of 20 inches. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Old Glory

The American flag at Veterans Park in Staples added some color to the otherwise white landscape during the snowstorm Nov. 18.



Lakewood's ready for the addition to the structure

The groundwork for the Lakewood Health System's clinic addition in Staples has been done, with foundations/footings started before the heavy snow fell on Nov. 18. According to Nor-Son Construction, the final footings will be poured this week. Foundation walls and structural steel will be put in place in the coming weeks. Despite having to move snow from the site, the addition is right on schedule. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Shoveling, shoveling through the town

Brian Olds, owner of Lefty's Bar in Staples, tried to keep ahead of the snowfall Nov. 18, but shoveling was a never-ending job that day. Like most of the businesses in town, Lefty's reported having to close up shop a few hours early due to the storm. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)





Keeping the roads clear

A MnDOT snowplow helped to keep Hwy 10 in Staples clear Nov. 18, as the first snowstorm of the season blew through the area. At least 10 - 12 inches of snow fell in Staples that day; with reports of up to 20 inches hitting the Leader area. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Bail, conditions set for suspect in Wadena murder

Bail for Antonio St. Marie, 26, of Wadena has been set at $4 million with no conditions or $2 million with conditions.

St. Marie has been charged with 2nd degree murder in the Nov. 7 shooting death of his estranged wife, Margaret St. Marie, 27, in her Wadena home. Other charges include kidnapping to commit bodily harm, assault with a dangerous weapon and violating a no contact order, according to a complaint filed in the Wadena County District Court.

Judge Sally Robertson appointed Malcolm Whynott, a Wadena criminal defense attorney, as a public defender for St. Marie when he appeared in court for the arraignment Nov. 16.

St. Marie appeared for the arraignment showing injuries he sustained in an accident as he fled the scene of the shooting. His next hearing will be set dependng on his recovery from his injuries.

Bail conditions include no contact with the victim's family, direct or indirect; no comments of any kind including face to face, social media, telephone, etc.; electronic home monitoring; no contact with the defendant's own children, one of whom is a witness to the alleged crimes; notification to the court of where he will live; not allowed to leave the State of Minnesota; no access to firearms; abstain from the use of chemicals, including alcohol; cooperate with blood or urine testing for chemicals; no threatening, harassing, or violent behavior; at least four hours notice to family members if he is to be released.

According to the complaint, on Nov. 7 St. Marie shot his estranged wife, Margaret St. Marie, 27, in her home on Bryant Ave. SW in Wadena after holding her and her brother at gunpoint, along with a young child.

Margaret St. Marie had obtained a court ordered domestic abuse no-contact order against her husband for a domestic assault that occured on Nov. 4. Antonio was charged in that case but was let out of jail on bail the morning of the murder.

The complaint also states that the couple's young child was present while Antoinio was holding Margaret and her brother, James Flath, at gunpoint. Flath was able to get the child out of the apartment and contacted his and Margaret's mother, who contacted authorities and picked up the child.

Antonio St. Marie's mother also called authorities after he called her while holding the three people at gunpoint.

When Wadena Police arrived, they saw Antonio run to a vehicle and drive away. Police chased the vehicle on Highway 29 at speeds of up to 80 miles per hour and reported that Antonio was driving recklessly before crashing into a truck that was traveling in the opposite direction. Following the crash, he was flown to a medical facility to treat his injuries.

Felony fleeing a peace officer is one of the charges against St. Marie.

After the chase, authorities found Margaret St. Marie dead due to a gunshot wound in her head.

The murder charge and kidnapping charge each carry a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison.

Antonio St. Marie has been convicted of three previous felonies involving domestic assault, terroristic threats and violating a no contact order.

The county is also pursuing a termination of parental rights regarding the defendant's children. A guardian ad litem has been appointed for them.



Weight of winter

The heavy snowfall on Nov. 18 became too much for some trees and bushes to bear, shown by these weighted arborvitaes at a house near 5th Street and Iowa Ave. NE in Staples. (Submitted photo)



Snowy delivery

The Nov. 18 snowstorm, with gusty winds and wet, heavy snow, didn't keep FedEx employee Dan Waytashek from making deliveries in the Staples area that day. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Options for Todd Solid Waste budget shortfall

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

Solid Waste Director Mike Hanan and Transfer Station Supervisor Jeremy Clasemann talked about some options they had for balancing the solid waste department's budget at the Nov. 15 meeting of the Todd County Commissioners.

The 2016 approved budget shows the department with a shortfall of $234,820 and the 2017 proposed budget with an estimated shortfall of $306,131.

Hanan said that he did not believe the department would actually be in the hole those amounts due to some cuts they have made internally to keep costs down including operational costs.

After some discussion, Commissioner Randy Neumann said, "We approved an increase in tipping fees and parcel fees. Commissioner Erickson asked you if this would cover it. Now you say you are cutting costs, but where? This has to be brought under control."

Neumann went on to say that he had called Wilkin County which is using Waste Management Services and they pay $24 a year.

"Period! We just keep paying more and more and more. The taxpayers have had enough. My job isn't to tell you what to cut," said Neumann.

"If you want to cut (costs) you have to tell me what programs to cut," said Hanan.

There was a discussion about the transfer station facility in Browerville.

Hanan said that to fix the facility he had told the board they would need to set money aside. He had suggested $50,000 a year because the county would be responsible for at least half of the costs in upgrading the facility.

Commissioner Gary Kneisl said, "Garbage is an expensive business. It costs us to keep burning it. We have to cut, but I don't know where."

Clasemann said that they are cutting where they can, including putting in different lights.

The board further discussed the fact that the county does not meet their commitment of tonnage of waste at the Perham Facility and has not since they have begun.

Hanan said that they would not likely be seeing a lowering of the fee.

Chair Barb Becker said that the county was paying double on waste disposal when they have had to take waste elsewhere.

Clasemann said that Todd County was usually the first county to have their waste diverted to another facility.

Commissioner Rod Erickson asked if the other counties with commitments at Perham met their waste commitment?

Hanan said that most other counties (Clay, Becker, Otter Tail and Wadena) did meet their commitments or were very close.

There was further discussion on the amounts that are paid which are not equal for each county.

Commissioner David Kircher said that he was concerned with the other counties that were coming into Todd County and taking garbage.

"We need to deal with it," he said.

Kircher recommended that the whole board would sit on a solid waste committee that would meet a couple of times a year similar to what public works does where they could meet and talk about goals.

Hanan went through the budget options for the short-term and for the long-term.

One of the long-term options was to implement a volume based solid waste service fee for all commercial/industrial parcels. The volume based service fee would include a flat rate for the first ton of waste generated (the first ton rate would be equal to the same as the rate established for residential parcels - currently $46). For each ton over the first ton, the rate for commercial/industrial would be $40 per ton.

Hanan estimated that based on 6,168 tons (less the first 803 tons) per year that $214,600 would be generated.

He said that 2017 would be an educational year with no increased fees so they could ascertain the accuracy of volume generated.

The increases would begin in 2018.

In other business the commissioners:

- Acknowledged two Public Works employees, Linus Koval and Aaron Gabler for placing second and tenth respectively in the Truck Roadeo at the 2016 Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo in St. Cloud.
- According to County Engineer Loren Fellbaum, it has been determined that maintenance operations conducted out of the Northern Shop would greatly benefit from the addition of a skid loader to the existing fleet of equipment. This purchase would be funded by a 2016 unspent gas, diesel and fuels budget line item.

The board approved the purchase price of $36,873.37 - state bid price - from Long Prairie Machinery. This will be an addition to the public works fleet, not a replacement.

- Approved the hire of Mike Becker as wetlands conservation coordinator. Refilling this position is necessary to provide service to landowners seeking to comply with Wetland Conservation Agency rules.
- Todd Soil and Water Conservation Director Tim Stieber presented the 2016 Land Stewardship award to the Todd County Park and Trails Board. Al Loken accepted the award on behalf of the board.
- Approved the hire of Kathleen Nauber for the full-time payroll specialist position with a hire date of Nov. 28. The position has been vacant for quite a while. Staff from other offices have helped in getting the payroll processed on time.
- Along with the above action, the board also approved Nauber's resignation from her role as an eligibility worker in the Health and Human Services department. The board further approved the recruitment of a new eligibility worker to fill the vacated position.
- The board also approved an additional eligibility worker position.

Background: The board action read, "Each time the State is unable to carry out required federal Affordable Care Act mandates, their solution is to pass the work down to the local county level to figure out. This has resulted in an increased work load in the Financial Support Services Unit. Todd County caseloads and applications have increased 50 percent and Periodic Data Matching will be passed down to the local level, with an anticipated workload increase of an additional 49 percent. Because of the increase in caseloads and applications there is a need to hire an additional eligibility worker."

- Approved sending a letter to Governor Mark Dayton among others requesting that a special session be held to address MnSure and the barriers that people are encountering with accessing needed medical care and services.
- Approved the hire of two social workers in the Family Services Unit, Mikayla Wolbeck and Taalyr Egeness.
- Accepted the resignation of Candace Tepfer a registered nurse effective Nov. 28. The board approved hiring a registered nurse or a social worker to fill the position in the service coordination area of HHS.
- Approved the hire of Registered Nurse Angela Schleicher in the Adult and Disabilities Unit.
- Approved the 2017-2018 Mental Health Contract for grants of $76,418 each year.
- The Rachel's Grove Final Plat was approved without conditions.



Let there be roofs.....

As of Nov. 21, roofers had covered one of the Staples Townhome buildings along 5th St. NE, allowing interior work to go ahead and be protected from the weather. Footings for the other townhouse units have been poured, but walls have yet to go up. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Students have different needs than in the past

ule and budget, noting the cost total was just over one million dollars.

Use of buildings

The building principals each gave a report on how their building was used and what needs they identified in the second part of the meeting.

"We're full," said Kathy Johnson, Staples-Motley Elementary School principal, noting that most rooms were used almost 100 percent of the time. One exception was the music rooms which were free in the afternoons.

Even then, however, those rooms saw a variety of uses when necessary, such as when a student with high mental health issues needed to be separated from the rest of the class.

The issue of a separate, dedicated cafeteria has been on the list for many years. At present, most students go through a lunch line, then take their trays back to their classrooms. That can be a challenge, especially for the very youngest students.

Chris Halverson, middle school principal, noted that the cafeteria in that building also presents some challenges. With the reconfiguration that puts grades 4-7 in that building, some students are seated at tables meant for much younger students. In addiiton, because he doesn't have enough supervisors for outside recesses, the cafeteria is used for indoor games.

Halverson also worried about the safety of the pull-out bleachers in the gym and noted that the locker rooms needed attention.

The diagram of usage that Halverson prepared showed that most of the building is used 100 percent of the day with just a few spaces used less than that.

Peterson addressed a question about the floor in the older gym in the Motley building. A sport court, which is a tartan floor without the mercury, would cost $50,000-$60,000 plus an additional $10,000 to remove the existing tile. A regular tile floor would cost about $20,000.

However, Peterson noted that the type of roof on the gym "is not a good choice" and could cost about $150,000 to replace. That does not include the tuck pointing needed.

He also said any cafeteria expansion would likely take place to the south, which would affect that gym.

Principal Mike Schmidt addressed the usage and needs of the high school. He said the third floor of the 1914 addition had some spaces near the wrestling room that were used for storage.

He named one teacher who does not have a space of his own, but uses four different rooms to teach six classes. Another teacher uses three different rooms.

Much of the usage is based on what is being taught and how it is being taught. For instance, those students taking online classes share the library computers because there is no other place for them to go.

Superintendent Mary Klamm said all of these needs should be examined comprehensively across all buildings, which is what a facility study will do.

"We need to ask about all of our buildings - Are we meeting the educational needs of our learners? For instance, does a single 20 ft. by 30 ft. classroom meet the needs anymore?" Klamm asked.

She also expressed the need for community engagement and help from experts on how to put all the pieces together, including the funding.

"We may not have to bond, or not bond for all of it," she said. "There are some opportunities out there for us, but we have to be prepared with a plan."

Klamm added later, after the board reviewed the long term facilities maintenance schedule, the health and safety project details and some revenue projections, that a bond was not equalized while some of the other opportunities she mentioned were equalized. That translates to less burden on local taxpayers.

"We have some important and huge price tag decisions ahead of us," said board chair Mary Freeman, adding they need to talk to the community and the teachers. "What do they want and need to help us grow good people."



Cracks, rust



This is just some of the damage found on the walls of school district buildings. Above is a crack in mortar. At right, is a lintel that is rusting and causing the mortar to crumble. (Submitted photos)



Home safe

Pam Eastman's dog, Zoe, seemed to think a run in the snowstorm would be more fun than staying inside Nov. 18. "She heard kids' voices up the street and took off," Eastman, Staples, said of her beagle. After catching up with Zoe, the two returned to their home on 7th St. NE. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)









'The family that plays together...'

Since 2010, the Hansen family of Staples has met together on a weekly basis to share a potluck meal, play games and enjoy each others' company. Pictured row one, from left: Jack Storry, Jade Storry, Meghan Pugsley, Joe Pugsley, Rebecca Pugsley, Brooke Hansen, Brent Hansen. Row two: Sawyer Storry, Wayne and Susan Storry, Delbert and Bonita Hansen, Jackie and Chris Goff, Melanie Altrichter, Todd Hansen, Wendy and Mark Hansen. Missing from the photo are Delbert and Bonita's grandchildren Ian Hansen and Scotlyn Storry; son-in-law Alex Altrichter; and their son Todd's fiance, Mel Anderson. (Submitted photo)

Thankful for family time

Submitted by
Dorothy Larson, Motley

Is the busyness of life crowding out your family "togetherness?" Here's how one local family, the family of Delbert and Bonita Hansen of Staples, is preserving it.

Beginning sometime in 2010, the Hansen family began having potluck suppers together on Sunday evenings at Delbert and Bonita's home. At that time, their son, Scott, was being treated for brain cancer and the family met together to support him.

Sadly, Scott passed away in 2011, but the family kept on meeting for their weekly potluck meal. They kept it simple...paper plates and all.

Initially, the meal was strictly a potluck. However, one week everyone brought potato salad, so now a little planning is involved. The meal is served at 5 p.m. and family members come as early as they can and leave when they must. There are usually at least 20 family members who attend these weekly gatherings; but, of course there are some weeks when not everyone can be there. These are busy people.

Delbert and Bonita have six grown children and several grandchildren, ranging in age from four month-old Scotlyn, to 21 year-old Ian.

Scott was Delbert and Bonita's oldest child. Their other children include Todd, Melanie Altrichter, Mark, Susan Storry and Jacquelyn (Jackie) Goff, all of the Staples area. The Hansen children have a variety of careers, including heavy equipment operator, physical therapist, machinist, registered nurse, contractor and salon owner.

What does a typical Sunday night look like? Everyone shows up in time for the meal at 5 p.m., some come earlier, some stay late...whatever works in that particular week. A colorful meal with a lot of variety is served along with animated conversation as they catch up on each other's lives.

Following the meal, the family plays games. Indoor favorites include Smear, Spoons and dice games. They also enjoy outdoor games; and since Delbert and Bonita live on the Long Prairie River, several family members enjoy fishing.

The family members share their skills with one another, including haircuts and backrubs. There is a lot of teasing and joking that goes on each week, as well as more serious times when the family prays together over a current need. At Thanksgiving time, family members gather around the table, each sharing something they are thankful for.

What makes this effort worth it? Jackie says, "Keeping in touch with each other's lives, with all of the kids, their well-being and activities. It gives us opportunity to give little expressions of love to one another and to celebrate birthdays. Our children have become close friends with their cousins and look forward to this weekly event."

'It would be impossible for us as a family to do this... for one thing we don't all live in the area,' you might say. May I suggest..."Don't look at the impossibilities, search for the possibilities, such as Skype, etc. Where there's a will there's a way."

Larson is a customer of Jackie Goff.

Winter's beauty, today and yesterday

By Mike Holst

Today, I sit here at my desk, hypnotized by the beauty of the winter scene unfolding before me. I am sitting on the warm side of the window and gazing across the lake we live on.

It is apparent that the coldest and darkest season of the year has snuck in once more and silenced the splashing waves, sending the crying loons and noisy geese south once more. The blue waters have been effectively caped under a shimmering coat of ice, and a fresh coat of snow has put a hush all over the land. The landscape as far as the eye can see, has been transformed from summer's rainbow of colors, to the stark black and white of winter.

It is as if we are looking at a photo negative, but yet the beauty of it all is still there, if you search for it and let it slowly develop and . . . Whoops, there goes a snowmobile and so enough of these whimsical thoughts and back to reality here.

I think back to the times as a kid when we used to drag our sleds up to the top of Allen's Hill in Staples in the winter. Now by sled, I mean a wooden sled with steel runners. By Allen's hill I mean a tarred city street in the middle of town that was closed off in the winter time, flooded with water, and set aside for the kids to slide down.

It was a skating rink, set on a thirty-degree angle for two city blocks. Once launched down the hill there was little you could do but ride it out at speeds that exceeded the posted speed limit for cars in town.

I had a new sheepskin coat my folks had bought me and one day I went hurdling off the track, through a couple of yards and wedged under an idling car in a driveway, burning a hole in my new coat on the muffler. I was uninjured until I got home and my dad saw my coat. Not good, my friends.

We also had an outdoor rink where we played hockey with two pieces of firewood for the goal posts. The only skates I had were speed skates, so when you took a puck on the toe it wasn't good. We played crack the whip and many a kid found out what it was like to be airborne on skates. We all carved our initials on the walls of the old boxcar that was our warming house and set our mittens on fire on the red hot barrel stove.

We rode on an old upside down car hood on Dower Lake pulled behind a pickup truck at fifty miles an hour. Foolhardy, yes, but we did what we could to enjoy winter.

What other state in this nation has a small city of fish houses sitting on their frozen lakes? What other major city in the U.S. has a holiday parade like St Paul does in the winter, and they build an ice castle just to show off, unless the wind-chill is twenty below or more? What other small town has a fish house parade like Aitkin's? What other state has as its official outdoor work uniform, Carhart's and Sorrel boots?

Yes winter is what you make of it. It can be cold and forbidding but still a virtual playground for us to enjoy, and it has been that way forever. There is a red neck joke that says, "If you have prayed for snow last night, you might be a Minnesotan."

Now go put on your three hundred dollar snowmobile suit and fire up that eight thousand dollar machine and make yourself some memories like I did. The only good way to beat winter is to enjoy it.

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Winter weather process explained

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Staples-Motley Schools



By Mary Klamm
Supt.
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Every year I write an article about the process I use to determine if school will be called late or called off because of inclement weather conditions. I usually get this article out before the first storm hits. With this year's nice fall, I thought I had more time. I guess I was wrong.

Technology has definitely had an impact on this decision-making process. There are several factors that come into play, and Mother Nature can be a very fickle partner! Please know that I always try to err on the side of caution.

Our two biggest concerns are that a bus may stall or quit running and students will have to wait for another bus to arrive and take them to school. Buses are designed better than they used to be and the chances of that happening are much less now than even a few years ago. In addition, communication is also better and we can get to a stranded bus quicker than in the past. On very cold or stormy days, Norby Klimek, our District Transportation Supervisor, has buses waiting to drive a bus to a stranded one if needed.

The other concern is that we will deliver a child where no one is home. In these situations, it is extremely important that parents establish a plan with each child to address the times when they may return home earlier than usual and communicate that plan with your child's school. Communication is critical, especially if we have substitute teachers and/or substitute drivers on that day. Please do not make last minute changes during this very busy time.

It is also important that you update your instant alert numbers if you have not already done so, otherwise you may not be contacted at your place of work or by your cell phone. If you aren't sure how to do this, please call the school.

I want to thank Norby and all the Staples-Motley bus drivers. Driving any vehicle in the winter is a challenge, but a bus full of children on our rural roads from November through March, and sometimes beyond, can be a white knuckle kind of job every day!

The decision-making process to either stay on schedule or close school really begins days before with listening to both the National Weather Service and state and local weather reports. Norby and I will call or text each other several times with updates. Occasionally there is a strong enough warning that I will call a two-hour late start the evening before. However, most of the time there isn't enough information to make the call that early.

The process on a weather alert day usually begins between 4-4:30 a.m. Both Norby and I will check the forecast and radar sites to determine the current and forecasted conditions for our area. Norby determines whether the buses will be able to maneuver the roads or can handle the bitterly cold weather efficiently. I also consult with area superintendents. By 4:45 a.m. we will review the updated information provided by the National Weather Service. If the weather is of concern, I almost always go two hours late first. That gives me time to do more consulting with Norby, area superintendents and the radar.

That scenario played out last week. The forecast had predicted three to five inches on Thursday evening, but we didn't get any snow until Norby and I were talking at 4:30 a.m. The radar still showed that we were going to continue to get rain, not snow. However, with the forecast predicting a blizzard, we wanted to be cautious to see what was going to happen. I called a two-hour delay; but, within an hour, the radar shifted the snow east and all I really had to do was look outside.

When considering severe cold weather, it really depends whether it's going to warm up throughout the day, when the sun will rise and how long the cold snap has lasted. We do adjust to severe cold and are more accustomed to it in February than in December.

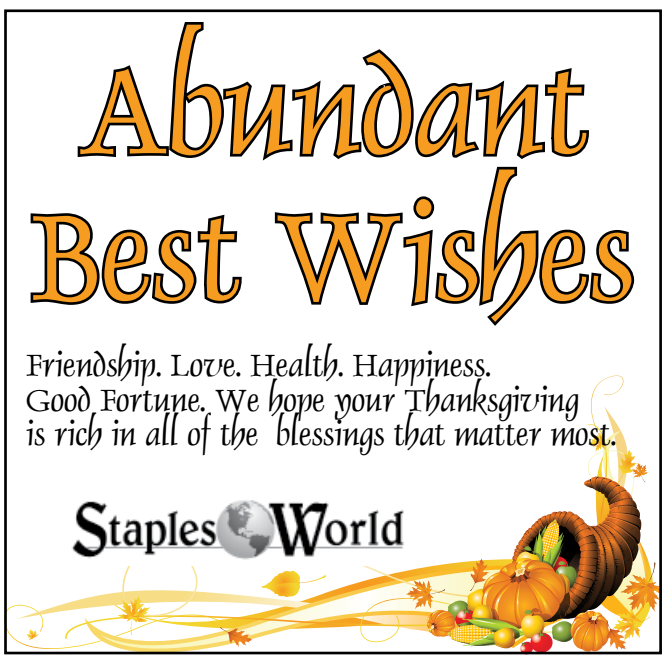
If a decision is made to go two hours late or close, I will immediately send a message to Bonnie Madson, Staples Motley District secretary, and she will send the message via our instant alert system and the media outlets. These include television stations: KMSP, KARE, KSTP and WCCO and their websites. We also post it on our website and Facebook pages.

There are times when weather conditions deteriorate on a day when students are in school. On this type of day, I carefully monitor conditions with the National Weather Service and consult closely with Norby and area superintendents. If the decision is made to close school early, that message will be broadcast through our instant alert system and on the previously mentioned media outlets. When school is let out early, all after schools activities are automatically canceled.

We depend on our parents as partners in keeping students safe. We need driveways to be clear. A bus driver will not go into a driveway if he/she determines they will get stuck. We depend on parents to make sure that students are dressed properly for winter weather. If you are struggling with being able to provide adequate winter gear, please contact either your respective school office or your county social services office. We also need parents to make decisions about whether their teenager should drive their own vehicle to school. If the car they are driving is not dependable or the roads are icy, it will be safer to have the teenager ride the bus. It may mean that you will have to pick up your child after a school activity, but at least your child will be safe.

There may be times when school remains open and you have concerns about your child attending school on that day. It's important for you to remember that as a parent/guardian you have the right to make the decision about whether or not your child attends school. All we ask is that you notify your child's school if you choose to keep them home on a day when school is in session. Through that notification, our staff will know that your child is safe.

As superintendent, I make the final decision as to whether school will be on time, delayed or canceled. As you can see, I do not do it alone and I am very grateful for the partnerships I have with those who help me make each decision. Every situation walks a fine line between making sure our students are safe, but also that students attend school with the least amount of disruption.



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AgCentric to host Food Access Summit

AgCentric will host the 2016 Central Minnesota Food Access Summit, Dec. 15, at Central Lakes College Staples campus from 8:30 a.m. -3 p.m.

Community members from across the region are invited to:

- Discuss and learn about food access issues facing area residents.
- Share and learn about available resources to help address these issues.
- Make connections to help find solutions.

Breakout session topics may include: Senior Fruit and Veggie; Minnesota Food Charter and Minnesota Good Food Access Fund; CSA Rx Projects-Access to Health through Food; SHIP 101; Public Health Law Center; SPROUT Food Hub and Marketplace; Extension SNAP-Ed; Central Lakes College Research and Demonstration Projects - featuring gleaning; Rural Grocery Research and Projects in Central MN; Grant Research and Writing; Regulations and Food Safety Best Practices.

To register or learn more, go to agcentric.org

CLC Holiday Festival is Dec. 6

The public is invited to a free Holiday Festival at Central Lakes College in Staples on Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 5-8 p.m.

There will be photos with Santa, cookie decorating, face painting, caricatures, ornament making, crafts, and more.

The event is held by The Right Brain Media Club, CLC's Graphic Design club.

A similar Brainerd campus event will be Dec. 12, 5-8 p.m.

For more information call 218-855-8157.

Camp Shamineau Christmas event

Camp Shamineau will host their annual "Community Christmas Celebration" Saturday, Dec. 10, from 1 - 4 p.m.

The free family event is open to the public and will feature hay rides, wreath making, pony rides, zip line, skate park, pictures with Santa, open gym, climbing wall, trail rides, snacks in the dining hall, specials at the gift shop, campfire donuts, riflery and a build-your-own live nativity photo opportunity.

Camp Shamineau is located four miles south of Motley on Highway 10, then 1½ miles east at 2345 Ridge Road. For info, call 218-575-2240 or email shamineau@shamineau.org.



Storytime

In November storytime at the Staples Public Library celebrated Curious George's 75th Anniversary with fun stories and pumpkins on the flannel board. The children each colored a monkey mask to take home and had a snack. Pictured are Emma Gerads, Grace Nelson and Mathew Jewison listening to Heidi Deuel read a story about Curious George. Storytime is the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. The next storytime is Dec. 14 with a special Gingerbread House theme. Ages 0-8 are welcome. Call 218-894-1401 to register. (Submitted photo)

Cattle Feeder Day

The University of Minnesota Extension Beef Team will hold Cattle Feeder Day Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 5:30 p.m. at The Hub Supper Club, 30905 County Road 13, Burtrum.

The program is intended to educate beef and dairy beef producers who feed cattle and those in the beef industry who work with these farms about current hot topics and issues facing the industry.

Registration includes an evening meal and handouts. Pre-registration is open until Dec. 12. The registration fee increases at the event. Online registration link: https://learning.umn.edu/portal/events/reg Featured topics include:

- Beef Quality Assurance Feedlot Assessments - Ashley Kohls, BQA Coordinator.
- Impact of Feedlot Environment on Cattle Performance: What can management do to alleviate it? - Dr. Sheri Bundy, Corn Belt Livestock Services.
- Strategies to Feed and Manage Cattle in Open Feedlots - Dr. Sean Montgomery, Corn Belt Livestock Services.
- Market Update and Volatility - Speaker TBD

For more information contact Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office at nels4220@umn.edu or 320-732-4435 or Nicole Kenney Rambo at the Willmar Regional Office at nmkenney@umn.edu or 320-235-0726 ext 2009.



Staples Area Men's Chorus to host The Big Sing

The Big Sing returns to Staples April 22, 2017. It's not too early to be thinking about concert tickets as floor seating tickets are limited and tickets will sell fast. The Big Sing concert, which features approximately 250 male singers, is general reserve seating (floor tickets) sold on a first come, first served basis. Stadium seating will also be available but is limited as well. This year the Central Minnesota Boys Choir and the Land O'Lakes Choirboys will join the numerous mens' choirs to perform at the Staples-Motley High School Gymnasium Saturday, at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at Kevin Nelson Insurance Agency in Staples, 218-895-5046, and online at www.staplesmen.org. (Submitted photo)

Mark Your Calendar

Weekly events

Ongoing Events Posted Last Thursday of the Month:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Peer Support Group meets Thursdays, 7 - 7 p.m., at An Open Book, Jefferson Square Mall, 209 Jefferson St. S., Wadena. For info., call NAMI at 651-645-2948.

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

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

Monthly events

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

November 28

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group Mtg Mon., Nov. 28, 5 p.m., Lakewood Health Ctr. Care Center, Staples, activities rm. Speaker, planning for next year. All breast cancer survivors welcome. For info., 218-894-2627.

December 20, 21

Immunization Clinic sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Dec. 20, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

WIC Nutrition Program sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tues., Dec. 20, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

Educational Opportunities

Dec. 5

Paintworks Class Mon., Dec. 5, 6 p.m., Staples Community Center. Sponsored by Staples-Motley Community Ed. For info., to register, 218-894-2497.









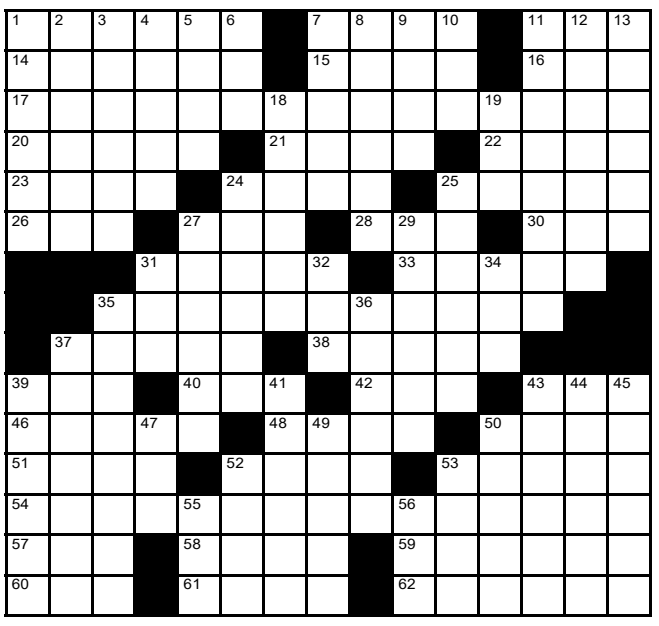




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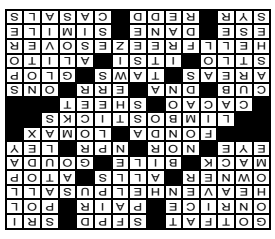
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"Oh The Places You'll Go"

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1 Packed on the pounds
7 Bay Area cops: Abbr.
11 Mr. abroad
14 Served like stir-fry
15 Au ___
16 Neighbor of Ger.
17 "We're in trouble!"
20 Title holder
21 Free-for-___ (fights)
22 On the peak of
23 Kind of truck
24 Nastiness
25 Mild Dutch cheese
26 Watch
27 Not either
28 "Morning Edition" airer
30 Bob of "Sports Center"
31 Actress Jane
33 Folklorist Alan
35 People dance under them
37 Tree with pods
38 Sleep on it
39 Pack animal
40 Genetic stuff
42 Blunder
43 Switch ups?
46 Bailiwicks
48 Shooters
50 Icky stuff
51 French WWII battle site
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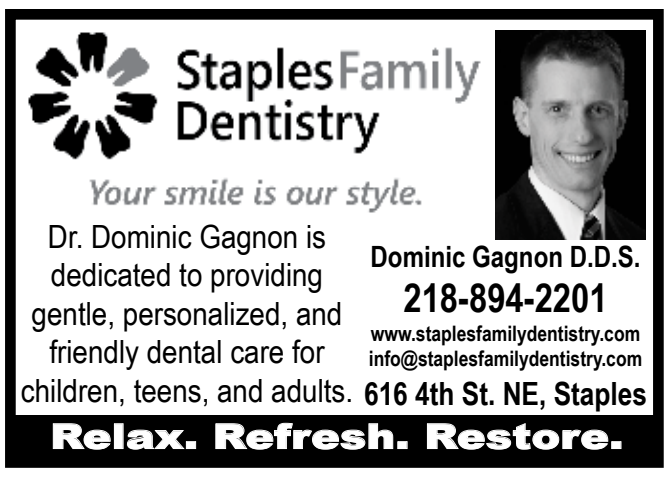
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2 Traffic sign
3 Under state?
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5 Super server
6 Ring count
7 Period of time
8 Disgraced
9 Dice spots
10 Actress Joanne
11 Short-order tools
12 Spinning office file
13 "My treat"
18 Bob, e.g.
19 ___ Paulo, Brazil
24 Sweet treat
25 Fruit seller
27 Wanderers
29 Toolbox staple
31 Fan ___ (literary genre)
32 Long-eared beast
34 NYSE or AMEX
35 One putting a tag on
36 "Ease on Down the Road" show
37 Husband's common law right
39 Redeems
41 Don't cut
43 Piglet of kiddie lit
44 Kind of motel, slangily
45 Seeds
47 Big screen letters
49 Plant ___ of doubt
50 Latches onto
52 Dies ___
53 The East
55 Yalta monogram
56 Key abbr.



Answers











Pastor Steve and Toni's farewell Sunday

The program and farewell for Pastor Steve and Toni Sveom, righ, held Nov. 20 included a ballet performance by Jayce Kobliska and Jamie Hahn. Frank Odell, left, served as the emcee for the program which followed Pastor Sveom's last service at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. A dixieland jazz band and trivia of past sermons by Pastor Steve were also shared. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

489 Minnesota kids need you now

By Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner Emily Piper

Think of your kids, nieces or nephews or other young people in your life and then think of what they need each day to grow into great adults: Care, guidance, stability and unconditional love. Hundreds of children in Minnesota are waiting for families to give them just that.

They are waiting for parents to tuck them in at night, help them with their homework and guide them through the college application process. They are waiting for parents to encourage their artistic skills, nudge them into trying out for the swim team and clap loudly for them at the end of their school play. They are waiting for siblings to play catch with, listen to music with and walk with to the bus stop each morning. They are waiting for parents to call "Mom" and "Dad" and siblings to call "my brother" and "my sister."

In Minnesota, 489 children are waiting in foster homes, group homes, emergency shelters and residential treatment facilities. These are not the kinds of places kids are meant to grow up in. These special kids deserve a safe home and a loving family.

At the Minnesota Department of Human Services we partner with county, nonprofit and private adoption agencies to create opportunities and find forever homes for kids currently in foster care. Of the kids in need, 60 percent are siblings who need to be adopted together; 59 percent are children of color; 53 percent have documented physical, mental, emotional or behavioral disabilities; and 42 percent are 12 to 18 years old. But those statistics tell only a small piece of their stories.

The kids currently in our care share a lot of the same dreams, interests, wants and needs of other young people in your life. We hear: "I want a dog," "I want to get my driver's license," "I want to play with my brothers and sisters" and "I want to be accepted for who I am."

But they also have a large need that many kids may take for granted: a family who loves them and supports them. You could be one of those families.

We're looking for adoptive parents who can provide love, guidance and structure to children. We especially need parents for older children and sibling groups who need to remain together when adopted. We need adoptive parents who are willing to take on the challenges of parenting, seek the community resources and services children need, and commit to a lifetime of love, nurturing and support.

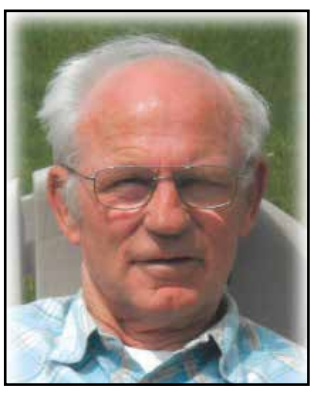
If you are interested in adoption, you can learn more about the kids waiting via the State Adoption Exchange, where their unique photos and stories are listed. You can read the Star Tribune's monthly feature about waiting children and watch KSTP's Twin Cities Live "Kid Connection" for heartwarming stories of children waiting for families.

Or you can simply start with a phone call. Contact your county social services agency, MN ADOPT or one of these five - Ampersand Families, Children's Home Society of Minnesota, Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, Kindred Family Focus and North Homes, Inc. - agencies working with DHS to find families for foster children.

Last year, families adopted 662 children from the foster care system. We need more families to make this lifelong commitment to love, nurture and support children who are waiting. Help us positively change these young people's lives forever.

Obituary

Lawrence Reisenauer



Lawrence Reisenauer, 79, of Wadena passed away November 13, 2016 at Perham Living-Burlington, in Perham.

A funeral mass was held Nov. 18 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Aaron Kuhn celebrant. Military Honors were provided by Elmer Goche Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3922 of Wadena.

Burial was at the Wadena City Cemetery, Wadena.

Arrangements were with the Karvonen Funeral Home, Wadena.

Lawrence was born December 5, 1936 in Gaylord, North Dakota to Alex and Mary (Scheetz) Reisenauer. He served in the U.S. Army from March 10, 1955 to December 15, 1956. He returned to North Dakota where he worked as a cook. On October 7, 1959 Lawrence married Mary Ann Dukart in New England, North Dakota. They made their home in New Mexico where Lawrence worked in the uranium mines. They later returned to North Dakota and Minnesota, to dairy farm. They moved to Bowman, North Dakota where they owned and operated Flag Stone Terrace.

Lawrence married Drucilla Koljonen on July 10, 1981. They resided in Dorset, where they farmed, retiring in 2000 and then made their home inWadena.

He is survived by four daughters, Sarah (Blane) Wasylewski of Elmira, MI, Suzette Free of Park Rapids, Violet (Greg) Stensland of Black Hawk, SD and Isabel (Theodore) Rutherford of Frazee; five sons, Gregory (Anita) Reisenauer of Elbow Lake, Bernard (Lori) Reisenauer of Bowman, Tracy Barker of MN, Matthew (Alphia) Reisenauer of Alamogordo, NM and Dwayne (Angie) Reisenauer of Staples; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Pauline (Don) Galster, Bernice Rettinger and Carrie (Gerald) Praus all of Dickinson, ND; one brother, Edward (Barb) Reisenauer of New England; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents; wife Drucilla; two granchildren; two sisters, Elizabeth (John) Billman and Philomina Reisenauer.

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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Patrick and Brittany Trettel of Staples, a baby girl, Symantha Kiara weighing six pounds, five ounces on November 13, 2016.

Born to Phillip and Brittany Ramsdell of Baxter, a baby boy, Gabriel Leonard weighing nine pounds on November 17, 2016.

Born to Jeremy and Joni Schwartz of Verndale, a baby girl, Veronica Helen weighing eight pounds, one ounce on November 17, 2016.

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Born to Micheal and Tara Thompson of Dent, a baby girl, Elianore Judy weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on November 17, 2016 at Perham Health Sanford Hospital. Welcoming her home is big brother Joshua.

Grandparents are Daniel and Jody McLaren, Sr. of Fairmount, ND; Mary McLaren, Nashua and Roger and Kevette Thompson of Ottertail. Great-grandparents are Raymond and Almeda McLaren of Foxhome.

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Care Center

December Birthdays

Leota Stark, December 2; Dorothy Lang, December 6; Vyolett Sears, December 10; William Shippee, December 15; Audrey Cyrus, December 18; Roberta Busker, December 19; James Arrigoni, December 19; Alma Imdieke, December 20; Jeanette Etzler, December 24.

•Thurs., Dec. 1, 10 a.m. Bible study, Pastor Floistad; 2 p.m. Birthday party hosted by '93 Lions ; 6 p.m. Game night

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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PROBATE DIVISION
Court File No. 77PR-16-830

In Re: Estate of GERALD L. ECKEL, Deceased

AMENDED ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND FOR FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

Notice by publication is hereby given that on the 19th day of December, 2016, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., a hearing will be held in the above named Court at Long Prairie, Minnesota, for the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above named decedent dated March 17, 2015, and for the appointment of DIANNE C. ECKEL, whose address is 32372 - 203rd Avenue, Clarissa, Minnesota 56440, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised administration. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, said personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate. Upon completion of the administration, the representative shall file a final account for the allowance and shall distribute the estate to the persons thereunto entitled as ordered by the Court and close the estate.

Notice is further given that **ALL CREDITORS** having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: November 8, 2016

/s/ Douglas Anderson
Judge of the District Court

Patti Johnson
Deputy Court Administrator

Sue Ann Lind, #0270179
PEMBERTON, SORLIE, RUFER & KERSHNER, P.L.L.P.
Attorneys for Petitioner
7 Colfax Avenue Southwest
Wadena, Minnesota 56482
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THE RIGHT TO VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That default has occurred in the conditions of the following described mortgage:

MORTGAGOR(S): Andrew M. Froehle, Trustee of the Andrew M. Froehle Living Trust Dated June 28, 2001

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Summit Mortgage Corporation, a Minnesota corporation

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment recorded on December 29, 2014 as Document Number A492526 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota; thereafter assigned to Federal National Mortgage Association by assignment recorded on October 11, 2016 as Document Number 501165 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $212,500.00

DATE OF MORTGAGE: May 7, 2009

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on July 9, 2009 as Document Number 463550 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $202,227.66

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: Lots 23 and 24, Block 8, Sylvan Shores South, Todd County, Minnesota

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 28453 OTTAWA DR, BROWERVILLE, MN 56438

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Summit Mortgage Corporation, a Minnesota corporation

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Seterus, Inc.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 26-0043100

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100061907000094672

THAT no action or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt then remaining secured by such mortgage, or any part thereof, or, if the action or proceeding has been instituted, that the same has been discontinued, or that an execution upon the judgment rendered therein has been returned unsatisfied, in whole or in part.

PURSUANT, to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: January 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Todd County Sheriff's Office, County Detention Center, 115 Third Street South, Long Prairie, Minnesota

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is six (6) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on July 5, 2017.

THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

Dated: November 4, 2016

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION
Mortgagee

THE ACADEMY LAW GROUP, P.A.
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The Academy Professional Building
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(16-0983-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

TODD COUNTY DITCH NO. 18 REPAIRS
TODD COUNTY DRAINAGE AUTHORITY
IONA & REYNOLDS TOWNSHIPS, MINNESOTA
ENGINEER PROJECT NO. 16-19782

Sealed Bids for the construction of the Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repairs project will be received by Todd County Drainage Authority, at 44 Riverside Drive, Long Prairie, MN 56347, in person only until 2:00 p.m. local time on December 2, 2016 at which time the Bids received will be read aloud. The Project consists of constructing the following major quantities of Work:

Todd County Ditch No. 18 Repairs

Item No.	Item	Unit	Estimated Quantity
2021.501	MOBILIZATION	LS	1
2105.603	DITCH CLEANING	LF	76,592
2105.603	HEAVILY VEGETATED CLEARING (NUMEROUS LARGER TREES)	LF	14,175
2575.601	LIGHT VEGETATED CLEARING (SMALLER BRUSH)	LF	36,235

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bidding Documents are available for download online at Quest Construction Data Network, www.questcdn.com for a fee of $20.00 or in person for the same fee. The QuestCDN eBidDoc number is 4728378. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

By: Nancy Uhlenkamp
Title: Todd County Ditch and Ag Inspector
Owner: Todd County Drainage Authority
45-47c

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Staples World

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OR
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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Sveom
Sunday Worship
First Service .....8:30 a.m.
Second Service .....10:45 a.m.
Sunday School .....9:35 a.m.
Coffee fellowship.....9:35 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

Congregational, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton 218-445-5831
Sunday Worship,..... 9:30 a.m.
Communion .....1st Sunday of Month

Balsamlund Lutheran
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Eric Clapp.....701-261-2394 (cell)
Sunday Worship.....8:15 a.m.
Sunday School .....8:30 a.m.

Cushing

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

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing.....218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Friday Office Closed
Visitation Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Kelly Gelle
SUNDAY
Sunday School for all ages .....9:00 a.m.
Worship Gathering .....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Praise & Prayer .....4:30 p.m.
Kids' Club.....6:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. Forge Youth Group .....6:00 p.m.

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Motley 56466.....218-352-6888
Pastor Jim Johnson
Assistant Pastor Richard Broberg
Sunday Worship.....9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School .....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Kids Club.....4:00-5:30 p.m.
Youth Group .....5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Skip Hansen
218-746-3768
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Children's Church.....9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Adrenaline Youth Group.....5:45 p.m.

Hewitt

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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"Turkey Day or Thanksgiving Day?"

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

Dr. Ravi Zacharias quotes someone else when he says, "before you move a fence, make sure you know why it was put there in the first place." We have a lot of fences being moved around in our culture with little or no due diligence in discovering the original reason for their existence.

In a "politically correct" cultural atmosphere, the measuring line is too often human whim. Historically, making decisions based on the lowest human common denominator of self-centered demands (entitlement), has never borne life-giving fruit. Read the last two verses of the Gospel of John, chapter 2 and be humbled and sobered by what the perfect Jesus knows about the human heart.

The taking of "God" out of society used to be covert through books and educational institutions. Now, that has borne consequences in overt cultural expression. (By the way, that is not a unique historical trend limited to the last two hundred years).

Jesus says, in two related ways, a life principle that we would do well to spend some unhurried time on. In Matthew 11:19b He ways, "Wisdom is proved right by her actions." In Luke 7:35 He says, "Wisdom is proved right by all her children." What does that mean? It is not enough to simply throw out a belief statement with no consequences in making the statement. All belief statements (which are not equally "wisdom") must be submitted to the measure of what comes from living out that statement. If the belief statement (knowledge) bears the fruit of God-centered living, it will be truly life-giving. If it has some contrary source to God, it will bear the rotting fruit of consequential destruction.

Think of the application just in marriage and family. When men and women have a committed life-heart relationship with God, that will include drawing from His eternity-tested design for marriage and family. When we insist on our own ways, well… just look around you. Need another example? How about money? When we lose a "steward's mind-set" where everything belongs to God, money becomes a consuming weapon rather than an instrument of vitality to God's glory. Apply any of this to one's view of time, the church, religion, sex, etc.

So, if you are now asking "what does this have to do with Thanksgiving?" I'm glad you asked. Thinking about what has just been said, what is this Thanksgiving season about for you? Calling it "Turkey day" to replace "Thanksgiving Day" is a relatively recent shift. (Thank you NFL?). Think about it. There's nothing technically wrong with the NFL and certainly not with turkeys. I Corinthians 4:7 reminds us that everything we have has been given by God. We just need to figure out whether the way we use it all is about God and His wisdom or our own.

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Bob Reeck, Manager
Hwy. 10 West, Staples, MN

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

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

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

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN
218-894-1112

Tower Pizza
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Staples, MN 218-894-3299

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Staples, MN 218-894-3263

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Support from family, church, friends was key



With her sister and donor

Catherine Judd (left) is pictured with her sister, Clara, in the recovery room following her bone marrow transplant Aug. 4, of which Clara was the donor. On Nov. 15th, the doctors reported that Catherine's bone marrow biopsy and spinal tap were both clear and that, "she is 100 percent Clara engrafted." (Submitted photo)

took a lot of tests and checked her labs, which was such a blessing," Jessica said, noting that Dr. Christine Albrecht was on call that day. "We are so grateful for her help."

The lab tests showed that Catherine had a low white blood count and "they immediately sent us by ambulance to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis," Jessica said, adding that they never expected to *not* be returning home that day. Later in the week, following extensive tests and antibiotics treatments, the Judds learned their baby had Acute Myeloid Leukemia. "We lived at Children's for the next 33 days getting (Catherine) treatment with chemotherapy and waiting for her blood counts to drop and recover."

They were able to go home for a few days after that initial stay at Children's, but were back for Catherine to have a bone marrow aspiration and spinal tap with Intrathecal (IT) chemotherapy. Those tests came back clear and the Judds were told their daughter was in remission and that since she was low risk, her treatment plan would require that she just go through four rounds of chemotherapy.

"We lived at Children's Hospital for 22 days during round two of chemo and 28 days for round three," Jessica shared on Caring Bridge. "When we came back for our fourth and final round of chemo...we were told they had found more leukemia cells in her spinal fluid. Catherine was no longer in remission... she had relapsed and would now need a bone marrow transplant at the University of Minnesota."

After testing Catherine's family members, doctors determined that her sister Clara was a bone marrow match. "Clara was really scared at first, but Tim told her that 'somebody gets to be the hero for Catherine and that someone is you,'" Jessica said, adding, "That really calmed her down."

Prior to her transplant, Catherine underwent a fifth round of chemo. Then, on Aug. 4, both she and Clara went through the procedure everyone prayed would work a miracle. A few hours later, Dr. Wes Miller informed Tim and Jessica that "the procedure went very well."

Although this prognosis was good, Catherine would remain at the hospital another 16 days for post-transplant care. Later, the family stayed at the Ronald McDonald House on Oak St. in Minneapolis from Aug. 21 - Oct. 7, as Catherine continued to receive regular treatments.

"Catherine did amazingly well throughout this whole ordeal," Jessica said, adding that her daughter wanted to be active and play whenever possible.

Being away from home for five months took its toll on all of the family. "Luckily, I homeschool, so the other kids were able to stay in Minneapolis with me," Jessica said. "The homeschooling actually provided some normalcy and a routine for us, which was a blessing."

It was also a challenging time for Tim, who worked during the week and would come back to the hospital on the weekends. "My boss was so supportive," Tim said, adding that he works as a mechanical designer at Dane Engineering in Brainerd. "I was able to buy a laptop so I could do some of my work at the hospital."

Tim and Jessica mentioned that both sets of grandparents (Alan and Shirley Judd of Staples and Pastor Jim and Sheri Johnson of Motley) were God-sends during this time. "They would spend time with Catherine at the hospital when they could and take care of the other three kids as well," Jessica said.

The support they received from their church family (Motley Free Methodist, where Jessica's dad is the pastor) as well as from cards and messages on Caring Bridge, were much appreciated. "There was an outpouring of cards and prayers for Catherine and our family, as well as financial gifts...we are so blessed."

Recently, when her dad asked the church congregation to share what they are thankful for, Jessica said she spoke up to say that she is thankful for this journey they've been on. "I really look at it all as a blessing. Life has trials. We entrusted Catherine to God's care and we had to trust Him, no matter what His plan was for her."

Tim agreed. "We saw the hand of God daily during this process. I look around at people that have gone through much worse than we have and I know that we have been blessed."

The Judds believe that at this point God has healed Catherine, who remains in remission. "We are thankful," Jessica said.

Catherine's siblings said they have a lot to be thankful for, too. "I'm thankful for mommy being home," Clara said. "And I'm thankful daddy can be home, too," Henry said.

And it goes without saying that everyone is happy little Catherine will be able to sit at the table with her family this Thanksgiving, enjoying the turkey dinner with all the trimmings and grandma's raspberry pie, her favorite. "Thanks be to God."



Bentley's Christmas wish list . . .

Bentley Jansson tells Santa Claus just exactly what he wants for Christmas. Photos with Santa were part of the Arts and Craft Show held Nov. 19 at the Staples Community Center. At right, Kaitlyn Carlson had her turn with Santa. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)





After the storm

Ed Emilson of Staples spent a few hours shoveling the walk outside of his home on Dakota Ave. SE in Staples Nov. 19, the day after a severe snowstorm hit the area. "We had to have gotten at least eight or nine inches," Emilson said. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Turnover in Social Services attributed to burnout, heavy caseloads

jobs; assisting people who are poor, disabled, mentally and physically ill, addicted to drugs, violent, elderly, unemployed, victimized by other people and/or under the protection of the state, as children or vulnerable adults.

Monson said, "This high turnover greatly concerns me. We need to understand the overall theme of why."

The board accepted the four resignations with regret, and called upon the Human Resources Department staff to carry out the exit interviews as soon as possible.

Also at the Nov. 16 board meeting, County Attorney Kyra Ladd told the board that the continuing issues with telephones not working at the Courthouse could lead to liability issues for the county. She said that several department heads were upset about the problems.

In other business, the board

- Approved paying $75 per tree to move the trees on the Courthouse grounds that are in the construction zone for the Annex project. Odden told the board that the trees may not survive being moved.
- Learned that county-owned land in the city of Wadena will be assessed more than $67,000 for utility, sidewalk and road work being done by the city.

Arrests for domestic assaults made

Recent reports into the Staples Police Dept. include:

Nov. 19; Staples Police responded to the 800 block of 7th St. NE for a report of damage to property. After speaking with the complainant, police determined a domestic incident had taken place. Zachary Smith, 23, was later located and arrested for domestic assault, damage to property and disorderly conduct.

Nov. 20; Staples Police assisted the Todd County Sheriff's Dept. with a domestic in progress. Upon investigation, Kraig Goligowski, 39, was arrested and charged with two counts of domestic assault, 5th degree assault, disorderly conduct and obstructing legal process.

Nov. 14; Staples Police received a report of property damage to a vehicle parked at Dollar General. The reporting party stated their vehicle had been keyed while parked at the business, while they were inside shopping. The vehicle was reported to have received extensive damage.

Nov. 14; Staples Police responded to Central Lakes College for an alarm. When police arrived they located a subject on school property, who attends CLC and also works in the fitness center. The subject said that he fell asleep and was just leaving the building, setting off the alarms. Police watched security video with a key holder and confirmed the subject was being truthful.

21ST ANNUAL LIGHTING CEREMONY

Season of Lights

Please join us as we honor loved ones in a ceremony of remembrance.

Tuesday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Lakewood Health System Main Campus,
49725 County 83, Staples
Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

SPONSOR A TREE LIGHT

Recognize a special individual or remember a loved one by sponsoring a tree light:

White Light	$50 Donation
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Blue Light	$20 Donation
Amber Light	$15 Donation
Green Light	$10 Donation

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All donations this year will be dedicated to our Hospice/Respite Care Suite.

Foundation Lakewood HEALTH SYSTEM
218-894-8503
49725 COUNTY 83 • STAPLES, MN
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Eight seniors to lead Cardinal hoops

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team has eight seniors leading them into the team's first game on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Wadena-Deer Creek. Pictured, front row from left, Amber Robben, Chelsea Nanik, Ashley Smith and Jenna Trantina. Back row, Lexi Johnson, Sam Schimpp, Kaitlin Longworth and Kelsie Weite. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)





Wrestlers take to the mat

The Staples-Motley wrestling team held their first official practice on Nov. 21, with an intense session in the wrestling room. The Cardinals open their season at New York Mills on Friday, Dec. 2, then wrestle again Saturday, Dec. 3 at Wadena-Deer Creek. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Volleyball all-conference

Mackenzie Zetah, center was awarded Mid State All Conference for the 2016 volleyball season, while teammates Chelsea Nanik, left, and Camryn Banaka, right, were named honorable mention. Zetah also earned an All-State Academic award. (Submitted photo)

Thursday Twilight League Bowling

Wadena Lanes

November 17, 2016

1. Mason Bros.	7-1
2. Spectrum Marketing	7-1
3. Lefty's	4.5-3.5
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Riewer finds new team in Czech Republic

Jordan Riewer is playing for a new team, but also found an old teammate.

Riewer signed with the BK NH Ostrava professional basketball team in the Czech Republic. Last year Riewer played professionally in Germany.

At Ostrava, Riewer joins former Minnesota State University Moorhead teammate Isaac Sevlie.

In his first game with Ostrava, Riewer scored 17 points, hitting three of five three point shots and four of seven inside the line.

"It's a very good league," Riewer said in a press release from MSUM. "It has 12 teams, and right now they have played 10 games, so I'll be joining them in the heart of their season. I think I'll fit in well. It's a good opportunity."

Riewer played for the Oettinger Rockets in Germany in 2015-16. He has been back in the Midwest since May.

"It's been quite an experience," Riewer said of playing overseas. "I'm excited to get back to playing again."

He is also looking forward to playing with Sevlie in Europe.

"I get to play with Isaac again which I am excited about," Riewer said. "They run a lot of pick and roll, and Isaac and I have done that for 3-4 years."

Cougars spotted locally

By Ray Gildow

I've had a long interest in cougars, or as they are often called, mountain lion or puma. These animals can reach a total length of five to nine feet, including two to three feet of tail and can weigh from 100 to 200 pounds. They've been found to live as long as 12 years. They can jump up to 20 feet in a single bound and prefer to live in mountains, hilly woodlands and southern swamps. Deer make up 80 to 90 percent of their diet. They feed mostly at night, attacking their prey from trees and normally have a range of 25 to 35 miles.

The DNR has long believed that cougars sighted in Minnesota are usually young males being forced out of other male's hunting grounds from North and South Dakota. Cougar sightings in Minnesota are becoming more common but often cougar reports turn out to be bobcats. It is just very difficult for some to identify cats in low light conditions.

The cougar is making a comeback in the west. Cougars once roamed large portions of North America but with the arrival of people they were hunted and forced out of their habitat to the point where one would rarely see them. There is evidence that they are really doing well with cougar sightings in the Dakotas becoming very common and they are even being seen as far southeast as Iowa.

I've heard of cougar sighting in Central Minnesota by various deer hunters on trail cameras, but I've not witnessed cougars myself until the past two years. Two years ago, I was traveling south of Pillager on Highway 1 when a young cougar ran in front of my truck across from Camp Ripley. It was not very large, but its tail was long and it was flying. It was about 30 feet in front of me and I thought I was going to hit it, but it got out of the way just in time.

My second sighting was on Highway 64 north of Motley last year. This cat was bigger and it too was very close to getting hit by my truck. The part of the cougar that stands out when it is running is the tail length. It is really long!

This summer the police chief in Motley showed me a photo someone had sent him of a cougar walking, in the daylight, across a lawn in downtown Motley. It was a distant shot but the long tail was very distinctive.

The first known female cougar discovered in Minnesota was hit by a car in 2009 on a road near Bemidji. According to the DNR, that animal weighed 110 pounds. But even with the discovery of a female roaming the state, there still has never been evidence of cougars breeding in Minnesota.

Nevertheless, it would seem that Minnesota is becoming a state with a population of cougars. It's probably just a matter of time before we see breeding cougars in Minnesota. Better start looking up when walking in the woods.

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

'Optional' carry rule leaves state conservation stamps in limbo

I'm not the most organized guy, as some who know me will readily confirm. Occasionally this leads to risky habits, like failing to open mail in a timely manner. I was reminded of this recently when a piece of mail that had gone missing was found as I sorted through my "examine and throw" pile. This pile contains mostly publications, advertising, and so-called "junk mail."

The above-described item, certainly not junk mail, bore the return address of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. It had the familiar tear-off ends of the self-mailers in which both U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Minnesota conservation stamps arrive. Inside, unopened for weeks, was the Minnesota migratory waterfowl stamp, or duck stamp.

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Ironic that I would find it after the first major winter storm of the season arrived. The storm dumped many inches of snow over a wide area of Northern Minnesota, and its sub-freezing aftermath froze many smaller wetlands, hastening the departure of many ducks and geese in a migratory evacuation.

Though a required purchase, the Minnesota stamp is no longer required to be carried by hunters. In fact, the $7.50 payment gets you one line of text on your small game license, which reads "state waterfowl stamp validation." The physical pictorial stamp is a 75 cent option. If you pay for it, you'll receive it by mail within a few weeks. What you do with it then is your business, for a game warden will only care that you have the printed validation on your license.

The image on the 2016 Minnesota waterfowl stamp is an American widgeon, a beautiful but not-so-common species for state hunters. The original painting for the stamp was done by Duluth artist Ed DuRose. I remember Ed submitting artwork to a regional publication I worked for in the 1970s, Fins & Feathers magazine. His work showed potential, but understandably bore the stamp of inexperience. Ed's winning entry in this year's Minnesota migratory waterfowl stamp contest captures the uniqueness of this bird perfectly, and demonstrates what perseverance and a no-quit attitude can accomplish for an artist.

The best-known of these conservation stamps, however, is the federal "duck stamp," a licensing requirement for migratory bird hunters, the vast majority of which are duck and goose hunters. The federal stamp has been around since 1934, the proceeds from its sale used to acquire, improve, and secure public access to wildlife-producing wetlands. Both game and nongame wildlife have benefitted tremendously. The federal duck stamp also doubles as a pass for free entry into any national wildlife refuge that charges an entrance fee.

The various states got on the conservation stamp bandwagon much later, including Minnesota, which now has five: waterfowl, trout & salmon, pheasant, wild turkey and walleye. The waterfowl, pheasant and trout & salmon stamp must be purchased to hunt or fish for these species. Wild turkey and walleye stamp purchases provide funding for these species' management, but are not required of turkey hunters or those who fish for walleye.

The first Minnesota conservation stamp arrived in 1977, the result of an effective lobbying effort at the Minnesota Legislature by the Minnesota Waterfowl Association. MWA is a very active state conservation group dedicated to raising funds for waterfowl management projects within Minnesota's borders. Back then you had to have both the federal and state stamps "on your person." In those days you could buy a federal duck stamp at a U.S Postal Service branch. Hunting licenses could be obtained at most sport shops, and many hardware stores.

Today you wouldn't dream of stopping at a local hardware store for your license and stamps. Many sporting goods and bait-and-tackle shops have since ditched the license business, too, leaving it to the "big box" retailers who sell sporting goods, and some high-traffic gas-and-convenience chains. Online purchase of hunting and fishing licenses is becoming as everyday as buying books or clothes or housewares from Amazon. Even the retailers who sell licenses no longer have those conservation stamps in a book under their counter. If purchased, you'll get them in the mail several weeks after your in-store purchase.

The only stamp still required on the person of a Minnesota sportsman or woman is the federal duck stamp. To accommodate the elapsed time between purchase and delivery by mail, there is a 45-day grace period between the purchase date on your state small game license, and the date when you have to have the stamp in your possession, your signature prominently written across its face.

Perhaps it's the nostalgia of upper middle age, but I think something was lost when Minnesota stopped requiring hunters and anglers to possess and carry these conservation stamps. The stamp was a ticket that entitled you to pursue those ducks, or pheasants, or trout. Without it, the extra fee on your license seems more like a use tax than a rallying cry and a conservation contribution.

There is also amazing beauty in the artwork that graces these conservation stamps. But many never see these images because they decline the 75 cent charge to have the pictorial stamp mailed to them. What's the purpose of holding an annual conservation stamp artwork competition if possessing the stamp is only an option?

The answer offered will probably be that it costs money to print and mail conservation stamps. Money may be saved every time a hunter or angler declines the physical stamp. But if receiving them is an option, quantities must still be printed; there is little difference in the cost of small printing runs and large ones. Would license outlets balk at dispensing conservation stamps? Perhaps, but many of those retailers that still offer licenses reap big profits from the gear they sell when customers come in to buy a license.

Alternatively, Minnesota could adopt the federal duck stamp approach, and require that your conservation stamp be in your possession after a reasonable mailing grace period. Of course, that would be bucking a growing trend toward simplifying license purchase, including doing it entirely online.

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Hoops season

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team started practice Nov. 21, getting ready for their first game on Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Verndale. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

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Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

Nov. 15 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Michael Scherschligt, 74.

Nov. 15 - The MPD received a report from the City of Motley's public works supervisor that the passenger side of the city's maintenance pickup truck was struck by a deer on Hwy 10.

Nov. 11 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Alonzo Fricke, 22.

Nov. 10 - The MPD responded to a report of a man at the Ten-Hi bar in Motley who was acting strangely. Caller stated he thought the man might be armed with a gun. The officer located the subject and after speaking with him, was given consent to do a search, upon which he located a large hunting knife in the man's jacket pocket. The knife was kept for safe keeping for the night and the man was ordered to leave and go home.

Nov. 10 - The MCSO received a request for assistance at a vehicle accident in Cass County. Motley Fire and Rescue was paged.

Nov. 10 - The MCSO reports that Mary Brichacek was transported from Clay County to Morrison County on an A and D (Arrest and Detain) order.

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Honors program goes online at CLC

The first ever online course for Central Lakes College's Honors Program is now being offered to students. The course, Intercultural Communication, will be followed next school year with another online honors course called Interpersonal Communication.

"Online courses work best for a lot of students, including some in our technical programs, so we wanted to make sure these students had access to our Honors Program," said Adam Marcotte, English instructor and Honors Program coordinator.

Previously, honors courses were only offered in face-to-face class settings.

Kari Frisch, Intercultural Communication instructor, added, "We have many students who take classes online each semester. There are many reasons why. Some do it for flexibility with their schedules and others do it because it is the only option for them as a working parent or student who lives too far from campus to make it on a regular basis. So being able to have students access honors courses online offers them the same privileges we do our traditional face to face students."

Intercultural Communication is designed to help students learn about their own cultural identities, recognize cultural differences, identify barriers, adjust their communication, and build successful relationships to help them better succeed in their professional and personal lives. The students in the honors section of this class delve a little more deeply into the concepts with more discussions, additional readings and more personal assessments.

Frisch is not new to online teaching. She has been honing her craft for over a decade and has spent the last several years teaching completely online. This step to online honors courses is a natural one. Frisch has won several state and national awards for her work in online instruction, and continues to develop the best practices of online classes even further at CLC.

Why Honors Intercultural Communication online? Students weigh in:

"Because I want to continue my education, I have chosen to finish my AA through the honors program, as it looks better on a transcript. I chose Honors Intercultural Communication Class because culture is a big topic of interest of mine. I also believed that a class like this would benefit more in my role as a nurse in comparison to the other classes offered." - CLC student Diana Espana.

"I signed up for Honors Intercultural Communication for several reasons, but most importantly is that I believe deeply that the more knowledge and respect we as a society begin to cultivate for one another--as individuals and across various groups--the more we will grow in a positive direction. I saw this class is an opportunity for me to learn about this phenomenon in an academic setting, where I will hopefully grow as a scholar and as a participant in the world community." - CLC student Devon Charlier.

Student Recognition



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students receiving the student recognition award at Motley-Staples Middle School for October were:

Ben Tyrrell, Morgan Converse, Grace Koskiniemi, Grant Bestland, Brayden Salcido, Eli Carlson, Molly Broberg, Genevieve Groetsch, Mason Nielson, Levi Page, Tahlia Craft, Brandon Hove, Isaiah Schultz, Jazmyn Hall, Jayma Lawson, Adriana Dickey, Cassidy Radueg, Amber Sullivan, Joshua Schimpp, Chandler Braith, Lukes Bates



Sacred Heart Area School

Students receiving Student of the Month awards for October were:

Front row left to right: Avery Japke, Taylee Reese, Stella Daniels Back: Jade Storry, Lauren Rutten, Joey Opelia



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Students receiving the Bucket List award included:

Front row left to right: Cheyanne Taylor, Sylus Simon, Abby Miller Lydia Roelofs. Back row: Kiya Pope, Joci Lenk, Jackson Odden, Ethan Honeymann, Reid Judd, Ryan Heifort, Vincent Ludovissie

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by these students.

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