

Staples-Motley schools teaching students to appreciate veterans

The education community made sure area veterans know they are appreciated. On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, programs were held at Staples-Motley Elementary School, Sacred Heart Area School, and Staples-Motley High School. At least 100 veterans were honored guests at the programs, although some of them were able to participate in more than one program. See more photos on page 12a.



Staples-Motley Elementary School students thank the veterans

During their Veterans Day program Nov. 11, Staples-Motley Elementary School students sang songs, read essays and offered a special tribute to veterans to show their appreciation for the veterans’

service to the United States. Prior to the program, the veterans were served breakfast in the school’s cafeteria. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Posting of colors

SHAS sixth grade students Avery Japke, Jamison Harvey and Eli Greenwaldt marched through the standing crowd to post the colors at the beginning

of their Veterans Day program, followed by all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and singing the National Anthem. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Giving back for veterans

At the Staples-Motley High School Veterans Day program, FFA members escorted veterans to their seats as the students in the stands gave them a standing ovation. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Walz hired as Communications & Marketing Director at SM Schools

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

to the local newspaper.

Loren Walz of Staples has been hired as the Communications & Marketing Director at Staples-Motley School District #2170.

“I’m looking forward to sharing the great things our schools are up to, as well as partnering with the community to best serve our students and families.”

Walz is a native of Washington State. She grew up in the town of Yelm, which is located in the shadow of Mt. Rainier, she said.

It was while she was in high school that Walz was first introduced to journalism, serving as chief editor of her school’s yearbook and contributing articles

She went on to attend Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature, with a minor in Printing and Publishing.

After college, Loren worked at Cascades Camp & Conference Center in Yelm, where she met Staples native Jordan Walz, who was also on staff there. The two eventually married and along the way they have traveled all over the country between their time in ministry and the Air Force. The Walzes are parents of three boys, Cygnus, Trygve and Ragnar. For the last two years they have made their home in Staples.



Advocate for ISD #2170

Loren Walz is excited to be working for the Staples-Motley School District as their new Communications & Marketing Director. She stopped by the Staples World recently to introduce herself and find out ways the school and the newspaper can most effectively work together. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Weather

This Week’s Forecast

High Low Cond.

Nov. 13 30° 16 Lt. Snow

Nov. 14 28 16 P. Cloudy

Nov. 15 37 25 Sunny

Nov. 16 38 24 P. Cloudy

Nov. 17 32 22 M. Cloudy

Nov. 18 33 25 M. Cloudy

Nov. 19 32 20 M. Cloudy

Last Year, 2018

High Low Cond.

Nov. 13 21° 1° P. Sunny

Nov. 14 34 15 Sunny

Nov. 15 38 27 Sunny

Nov. 16 28 20 Cloudy

Nov. 17 25 16 Cloudy

Nov. 18 22 9 Cloudy

Nov. 19 20 14 Snow

Average Temp.:
H = 37° Low = 23°

2019 Total Rain:
31.15”

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Youth in Staples: Iceland’s formula for giving kids opportunities

The sports world was gobsmacked when Iceland’s men’s soccer team qualified for the last World Cup soccer tournament. Their women’s team is also a rising power in European soccer. The question asked is “how does a tiny country, that only has daylight for half the year, become a power in a popular worldwide sport?”

Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

Especially a country that had one of the highest teen alcoholism rates just 20 years ago, when today’s players were growing up.

The answer is they changed the way their society was doing things.

A story by Emma Young on mosaicscience.com tells how and why Iceland turned everything around, and it has very little to do with soccer. It is more about giving kids the opportunity to pursue activities that are more interesting than alcohol.

The turnaround started with surveying students and finding that kids who participated in activities were much less likely to take up drinking, smoking and drugs. Other factors were time spent with parents and feeling cared

about at school.

Using the information from the survey, they started a program called Youth in Iceland. They increased funding for sports, music, art, dance and other clubs. If there was an expense to join, kids from low income families received help to take part.

Parental organizations were established at every school and parent talks taught how to communicate with kids about their lives.

Parents agreed not to allow unsupervised parties.

“Today, Iceland tops the European table for the cleanest-living teens,” wrote Young.

The national success isn’t limited to soccer. The story quotes an Icelandic official who points to “Of Monsters and Men,” an indie folk-pop group from Reykjavik that has become world famous.

Iceland’s method wasn’t designed with the purpose of creating amazing success like World Cup and popular musicians. Just living a fulfilling life as a community is motivation enough for Icelanders. “Life is fun, and they have plenty to do,” the official said. “They are supported by parents who will spend time with them.”

Such a method would be easy to implement with Staples-Motley youth. We already have dozens of programs in place and it would be easy to start more if we just ask the youth what they are interested in. If they have an inter-

est, we should form a club and make it easy for them to join.

Staples-Motley School District made a big step in this direction when they cancelled activity fees for all of the school activities.

The speed bumps include finding ways to get more participation, and to keep the activities going long term. People don’t have to follow the same activity their entire life, but if they decide to drop out of one, there should be plenty of choices so they can get involved in something else right away.

Poverty is a big issue that is hampering the programs here. It’s not just that parents can’t afford the musical instrument or athletic gear, it is also that they are not as well connected with the programs and the people leading the programs. That’s where the communication part of Youth in Iceland could help.

As kids get older they sometimes get a job or stay home to watch younger kids instead of continue with their activities. But if all the kids are involved in activities, those who need it could come and get a job with the program or help younger kids with their activities.

Iceland’s program worked for them because they are a small country made up of small communities. That gives them the ability to organize throughout the community, find out which projects people want to put their efforts into and carry it out themselves. Rural Minnesota has those

same advantages.

Youth in Iceland started because the nation got fed up with the drinking and drugs they were seeing. With the new trends in vaping, Minnesota is also seeing rising levels of youth drug use. In Staples, we have a group working on that issue, using some of the same concepts as Youth in Iceland. CAD (Creating A Difference, formerly Citizens Against Drugs) helps provide youth with alternative activities. They are working with some great ideas, but to achieve what Iceland has done there still has to be a community-wide buy in, where this becomes the system that we concentrate on, with parents, schools and community all deciding to be a part of the solution.

A new after school program at Staples-Motley High School allows students to come and just hang out, play games or do other activities. They have a lot of ideas, but it recently started and the students will be able to determine the course of the program.

Creating activities and communicating with the community is the fun stuff, this is what makes living in a small town worthwhile. It doesn’t have to take hard work or long meetings. It doesn’t have to be just activities for kids, either, there is nothing wrong with organizing better things to do for adults.

Youth in Iceland is an inspiration for being able to shape our community into a healthy place for everyone.

Letter to the Editor

Respect for veterans

As we celebrate this Armistice Day or Veterans Day, I would like to take this time to ask our community to recognize our veterans for their service to us all.

I am proud to say that I have a rich history of my

family serving our country. My father, as well as my uncles, all served in World War II. The sacrifices that our men and women have given us is undeniable and deserve our honor and pride.

Jody A. Johnson
Third grade teacher
Staples-Motley Elementary

Groups working to prevent veteran, farmer suicides

By Heather Chapman
The Rural Blog

Veterans Day is a time to remember that veterans are twice as likely as civilians to die by suicide, and nearly 17 veterans a day kill themselves. Greater awareness is leading to greater efforts to address it, and that’s important in rural areas, where most vets live, says the Department for Veterans Affairs.

Earlier this year, the Trump administration announced a new federal task force to address the issue of veteran suicide, especially in rural areas. The group met a few weeks ago for the first time to discuss how to tackle the problem. Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie said improving health care for rural veterans is one of the group’s top priorities. Brian Tabick reports for KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. That includes efforts to expand telehealth and mobile services, Wilkie said, noting that 51% of all veterans live in rural areas.

Veterans have long been able to get counseling from the VA, but Iraq War veteran and Kentucky resident Alex Randolph said he was told there was a six- to eight-week wait when he tried to get help there in 2017. WFPL-FM reporter Lisa Gillespie reports for Side Effects Public Health, a collaborative that works with Louisville’s WFPL and other Midwestern public radio stations.

Instead, Randolph was able to get some short-term relief by posting on Veterans’ Club, a Facebook group for Kentucky vets. The club’s executive director, fellow Iraq War veteran Jeremy Harrell, was able to use connections to get Randolph seen at the Robley Rex VA Medical Center in Louisville the next day. Gillespie reports.

“In the few years since Harrell started getting a small group of vets together, the group has grown to some 2,000 members across Kentucky,” Gillespie reports. “And in that time Harrell has fielded many calls from suicidal vets and their family members. Harrell said he draws from his own experiences with suicidal thoughts, and training he’s received on suicide prevention.” Harrell also helps connect vets with VA counseling, as he did with Randolph.

Robley Rex officials say they’ve implemented a triage system since then

that make it easier for vets in immediate danger to get counseling on the same day. The hospital’s suicide prevention coordinator, Kelly Marcum, said the hospital is doing other things to prevent veteran suicide, like distributing gun locks to vets and better educate their families on signs to watch for, Gillespie reports.

Farm crisis

The past few years have been bad for U.S. agriculture, and farmers have struggled with a trade war that has eroded markets, plus bad weather and flooding. As farm bankruptcies and loan delinquencies rise, farmer suicides apparently are, too, Annie Gowen reports for The Washington Post.

“A 2017 study found that farm owners and workers were three to five times as likely to kill themselves on the job compared with other occupations,” Gowen reports. “Researchers studying more recent data have not yet determined if farmer suicides are increasing, but leaders and social workers in rural America say that, anecdotally, they’re seeing more of these deaths.”

An increase in calls to suicide hotlines from farmers has prompted state and federal officials to put more funding into programs aimed at improving farmers’ mental health. “The Agriculture Department is setting up the first \$1.9 million phase of a farm and ranch stress-support network to expand emergency hotlines, training and support groups for farmers and ranchers,” Gowen reports. The Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network was authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill but was left unfunded for more than a decade.

USDA also started a \$450,000 pilot program training workers on how to help farmers in extreme emotional distress and make mental health referrals for them, Gowen reports.

Here are some suicide-prevention and mental-health resources for farmers and others:

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 (24 hours)
- Crisis Text Line: 741-741 (24 hours)
- Farm Aid farmer hotline: 1-800-327-6243 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern)
- National Farmers Union Farm Crisis Center

Two cities, one creative idea to help with child care

By Marnie Werner
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Over the last few years, I’ve been digging a lot into the child care shortage and the difficulties it’s causing for parents of young children around rural Minnesota. One problem in particular for working parents with children in both daycare and preschool is getting their kids from one place to the other. While child care is all day, preschool is often only a couple hours in the morning or in the afternoon. Even all-day preschool doesn’t necessarily line up with parents’ work schedules. If the parent works in another town, which happens a lot in rural areas, the situation gets even harder to manage.

So I wanted to highlight two cities in south central Minnesota that have figured out a solution. The cities of St. Peter and Le Sueur have been offering Preschool Express, a shuttle service between daycare and preschool, for several years now, and it’s been a huge success.

The logistics can get complicated, says St. Peter city administrator Todd Prafke, since there are four preschools and several daycares in town, but they make it work by using the two cities’ shared public transportation system, Minnesota River Valley Transit. The transit system uses buses and drivers dedicated only to Preschool Express, so safety

concerns and regulations are met. (Although the cities share the transit system, they don’t transport children between the two cities, only within their respective borders.)

The reaction from families has been great, Prafke says, evidenced by the full capacity. Parents sign contracts through their preschools. The cost is about \$1 to \$1.50 a day.

For the two cities dealing with the current workforce shortage, child care is crucial to helping parents stay in jobs.

“It’s something we can do to help young families in the area,” Prafke

said.

Something like Preschool Express might not be a solution for the state’s smallest cities and towns, just because there may not be enough children going between daycares and preschools—or any children if one or both of those services doesn’t exist in those towns—to make it feasible. But for cities the size of St. Peter (pop. around 12,000) and Le Sueur (pop. around 4,000), a service like this can take a big load off parents’ minds and can be one more tool in that city’s population attraction toolkit.



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Tips to boost mental health

• Keep it cool for a good night’s sleep. The optimal temperature for sleep is between 60 degrees and 67 degrees fahrenheit.

• Experiment with a new recipe, write a poem, paint or try a creative project. Creative expression and overall well-being are linked.

• Show smoe love to someone in your life. Close,

quality relationships are key for a happy, healthy life.

• Think of something in your life you want to improve, andfigure out what you can do to take a step in the right direction.

- From the Southern Ohio Medical Center
(Suggested by the Staples Motley Beyond Poverty SOS Forum Committee)



Community meal well attended

Dozens of people stopped by the Congregational Church in Staples Oct. 29, for a scalloped potatoes and ham dinner, complete with an assortment of desserts. The free meal, hosted by both the Congregational Church and Thomastown Covenant Church, was part of the free monthly meals sponsored by Care Ministry. Pictured in lower left photo,

Larry Hahn (far right) dishes up some potatoes to Gayle Quinn of Motley. In lower right photo, Grey Klippenes of Staples enjoys her meal. Next month's community meal (Thanksgiving Dinner) will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples on Thursday, Nov. 28, at noon. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Dr. Alex Harsha joins Lakewood's medical staff



Dr. Alex Harsha

Dr. Alex Harsha is the newest family practice provider to join the Lakewood Health System medical staff. Originally from New Ulm, Dr. Harsha received her undergraduate degree from the Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., and her medical degree from the Harvard Medical School in Boston, Mass. She completed her residency at Contra Costa Family Medicine Residency in Martinez, Calif. Dr. Harsha is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

As a family medicine physician, Dr. Harsha provides full-spectrum care and has special interests in women's health and global healthcare. She has lived and worked in West Africa and Nepal, where she helped improve healthcare for pregnant women and children in extremely under-served settings.

"I am thrilled to be coming back to Minnesota to practice full-spectrum

family medicine with such an amazing group of providers," said Harsha. "I look forward to helping Lakewood expand services to underserved communities and to meet new patients and their families."

Dr. Harsha spends most of her free time with her husband, who is a musician, and their families. They enjoy the outdoors, travel and the arts. Dr. Harsha speaks conversational Spanish.

Dr. Harsha began seeing patients at Lakewood's Staples clinic on October 1. To schedule an appointment with her, call 218-894-1515 or visit lakewoodhealth-system.com to schedule online.

Mark Your Calendar

November 19

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: WALK IN sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM sponsored by Cass County Public Health, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Pillager Family Resource Center. For info., 218-547-1340.

November 20

STAPLES ALL VETERANS AND COMMUNITY PARK ASSOCIATION BOARD MTG Wed., Nov. 20, Timbers Restaurant and Event Center, Staples, 5:30 p.m. Public invited.

Cardinal Calendar

◦ **HS SADIE HAWKINS DANCE** Nov. 15, 7 - 11 p.m.
◦ **MSHS ORCHESTRA CONCERT** Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
◦ **CONNECTIONS SHOWCASE**

NIGHT Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
◦ **MS STUDENT OF THE MONTH AWARDS** Nov. 21, 8 a.m.

All Staples-Motley Schools'

Upcoming Events are subject to change. Go to www.isd2170.k12.mn.us for up to the minute information.



Weighing in at Wahoo Valley

Blair Erickson holds onto the 11-point buck he shot in Thomastown Township around 9 a.m. Nov. 9, day one of the deer hunting opener. It weighed in at 191 pounds. Also pictured is his dad, Jason Erickson, who shot an eight-point, 157.5 pound buck just after 7 a.m. that morning. Now of Brainerd, the Ericksons have ties to rural Staples and Wa-

hoo Valley, formerly owned by Maurice and the late Joyce Erickson, Jason's parents and Blair's grandparents. Jason Erickson, a 1992 graduate of Staples-Motley High School, grew up hunting in that area and now shares that tradition with his son, who is a junior at Brainerd High School. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Using Grandma's old scale

When the digital scale at Wahoo Valley was not working on day one of last weekend's deer hunting opener, the late Joyce Erickson's old scale saved the day. Joyce and her husband, Maurice Erickson, owned the rural Staples establishment for many years. At left: the Erickson's grandson, Blair Erickson of Brainerd, weighs his 11-point buck, with assistance from John Long (hidden), the current owner of Wahoo Valley and relative of the Ericksons. Blair's buck weighed in at 191 pounds.



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The 2019 Cemetery fundraiser is underway... Wreaths are \$25.

Wreaths will be placed Dec. 1 and removed around Jan. 12 as weather permits. This year we will be using wire easels. Wreaths may be purchased by calling 218-894-2457

Order by mail: Evergreen Hill Cemetery, PO Box 71, Staples, MN 56479 or stop by the Bob and Marlene Reeck home, 1105 5th St. NE, Staples, Mn.

Coffee and Cookies will be served.

Wreath sale dates:
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Dec. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14

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An offering will be received for C.A.R.E.
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Deer license numbers, youth interest are reasons for optimism

A melancholy refrain heard often in recent years describes a decline in Minnesota hunting participation. It's true. Our state—a state that has historically had one of the nation's strongest hunting traditions—is losing ground.

The decline is most notable among duck hunters, but the overall number of small game hunting licenses sold—licenses needed to hunt ruffed grouse, pheasants, squirrels and rabbits, ducks and geese—has been trending downward for the last 20 years. Results of a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hunter survey released in October of this year found participation in small game hunting to be the lowest since the DNR began tracking this statistic in 1969.

All of which makes the news of high deer hunting license sales a good-news exception to that downward trend. License sales prior to opening weekend of the general firearms deer season are a pretty good indicator of hunter interest, and a fair predictor of where total license sales will end up for a given season.

This year's pre-season total was almost 16 percent higher than license sales at the same point last year, suggesting that 2019 will stack up well for deer hunt participation. These pre-season numbers include the many licenses sold for the four-day October statewide youth deer hunt; but license tallies indicate that regular pre-season license sales were slightly above last year's number, even

without the youth hunt.

Deer hunting participation seems so far not to have been dampened by the chronic wasting disease (CWD) revelations of the past year, or the expanded zones where all deer harvested must be checked for this fatal-to-deer disease.

These rules are in place to determine the extent to which CWD is making inroads into the state's wild deer population; all evidence points to the disease being introduced and spread within the state through captive deer and elk farms. The latest such discovery, far from the core CWD zone in Southeast Minnesota, was in Central Minnesota's Crow Wing County, where a herd of captive deer were recently "put down" in an effort to contain the disease's spread.

The youth deer hunt this year was expanded to four days, during which youth age 13 to 17 could hunt deer with a non-hunting adult. Roughly 21,000 youth deer licenses were sold, and more than 5,000 connected; for many, it was their first whitetail ever. The October hunt coincided with the Thursday-Friday school closure for Minnesota Education Association (MEA) meetings.

Some have criticized the youth hunt, branding it as unduly disruptive of normal deer-hunting behavior so close to the general firearms opener. Some say these youth should be introduced and indoctrinated into the deer hunting tradition through the normal deer hunt or deer camp experience. On the other hand, supporters cite the far less competitive environment during the early youth hunt, and the prospect of more intense mentoring when adults are focused on a youth's training and hunting experience. As with so many things, there are two sides to this story.

The positive license sales figures align with

anecdotal evidence I've been encountering, reinforcing the special appeal of deer hunting for many young people. I have the privilege of working with a number of twenty-somethings, both young men and young women. Their enthusiasm for the upcoming deer hunt was palpable as the final days leading up to the general firearms opener ticked by.

One showed me a smartphone photo of a bragging-worthy buck his dad had just harvested with bow and arrow. Another gave me a guided tour via aerial photos of his family's deer hunting land. A young woman let it be known that she not only has bagged deer, but field dresses and helps with the butchering. One young man was keeping an anxious eye on the weather, because Saturday morning would be the first on a deer stand for his wife, and he hoped it would be both tolerable and success-

ful.

So far—knock on wood—deer hunting in our state seems to be bucking the trend of reduced participation. The previously-described decline in small game hunting has led to a loss in license revenues needed for wildlife management efforts; by DNR estimate, nearly \$1 million less in annual revenues since the 1990's. There are losses experienced by private businesses, too, businesses that provide lodging, food, fuel, and the firearms and gear that are a part of any hunting pursuit. Not least, with declining participation comes a loss of political clout, loss of the muscle needed to make senators and representatives consider wildlife and other natural resource values when laws are made.

Fortunately, deer hunters still seem to have those economic and political muscles to flex.

Inside the Outdoors

Mike Rahn



Big buck first weekend

Bryan Motl came in with the largest deer in the first weekend of the Staples True Value Big Buck Contest. His 205 pound buck edged out Braden Tyrrell's 196 pounder, which was the leader after day one of the hunting season. Other hunters on the leaderboard include Mike Hajek, 189.8, Vern Johnson 187.2, Tom Brichacek 170.4, Alex Feldhege 166.2, Bob Andert 166.2, Gary Trout 155.4, and Alex Giza 155.0. Pictured below are some of the successful hunters with the deer they weighed in. (Submitted photos)



Braden Tyrrell with his 196 pound buck.

Youth contest leader

Aidan Winter had the biggest buck weighed for the youth hunters division, in the first weekend of the Staples True Value Big Buck Contest. Other youth hunters included Sam Opheim 129, Trevor Bricker 128.6, Danika Motl 128.5, Alex Tubbs 107.4, Eli Smith 104.8, Laken Hines 102.0, Abby Brichacek 101.8 and Jace Motl 75.0.



Vern Johnson



Crystal McGruder



Alyssa Gellette



Alex Giza



Amy Rutten



Sam Opheim



Section swim team

From left, Sabina Moe, Madi Snyder, Adriana Dickey, Evelyn Gonzalez, Mandy Carter and Destiny Dukowitz at the section swim meet.



Tennis award winners

Staples-Motley tennis awards announced at their banquet Nov. 4, from left, Allison Knosalla, Grit Award; Jenna Dvorak, Most Wins; Rose Han, The Cardinal Award; Lauren Rutten, Most Valuable. Most Improved award went to the entire team this year.



Next generation tennis

Three of the junior high girls tennis players who attended the team banquet, Heidi Zimmerman, Madison Perius and Ronnie Noska. Not pictured, Sarah Kroll, Kalee Winter, Lauren Dolezal, Alexa Dolezal, Carolyn Hoppe, Kiera Mevissen, Jaida Holst and Katelyn Schotzko.



VB All-Conference

Setter Mackenna Bjerga and middle hitter Tabettha Allen were voted to the Mid State All Conference volleyball team.

Swimmers have best races at section meet

The Staples-Motley girls swim team bettered their best times in every single event at the Section 6A meet on Nov. 7.

“That’s the first time that’s been done for at least the last three seasons,” said Coach Amanda Toft.

For a team that has been looking at improvement throughout the season, this was a statement justifying all the hard work the girls put in this season.

The 200 medley relay team of Destiny Dukowitz, Sabina Moe, Evelyn Gonzalez and Mandy Carter started out the team with a 4 second time drop for a time of 2:23.06.

Adriana Dickey topped that with an incredible 10 second time drop in her 200 freestyle for a 2:19.82.

“Carter, who has been battling shoulder injuries all season, has also been striving to break the 30 second mark in her 50 free-style,” said Toft. “Tonight she did just that, not just

once, but three times, and one of her races was even under 29 seconds.”

The 200 freestyle relay of Gonzalez, Dickey, Madi Snyder and Carter also had a best time of 2:03.32.

Right after swimming in the 200 free relay, Gonzalez won her heat of the 100 backstroke with a new personal best of 1:18.27.

Moe was the last indi-

vidual competitor, in the 100 breaststroke, where she also swam a best time of 1:28.79.

The 400 freestyle relay of Dickey, Gonzalez, Dukowitz and Carter finished the meet with another season best, 4:40.78.

“We could not have asked for a better final meet,” said Toft.

Relay poses

Left, Destiny Dukowitz, Sabina Moe, Evelyn Gonzalez and Mandy Carter demonstrate their strokes in the medley relay: backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and free-style. Below, Gonzalez, Dickey, Madi Snyder and Carter, the 200 freestyle team.



Ready to swim fast

Staples-Motley swimmers warm up before swimming their fastest races of the year at the Section 6A meet. Front to back, Adriana Dickey, Evelyn Gonzelez, Mandy Carter, Destiny Dukowitz, Madi Snyder and Sabina Moe.



Tennis banquet

Staples-Motley tennis team, the Section 5A runners-up, celebrated at their team banquet Nov. 4. Front row from left, Corrine Olson, Allison Knosalla, Nicki Carter and Tasha Achermann; back row, Katherine Michel, Amy Rollins, Jenna Dvorak, Kenzie Erickson, Katie Smith, Georgia Kruchten, Haley Cichos, Rose Han and Lauren Rutten.

This season Rutten was on the all conference team. Honorable mention all conference went to Han, Cichos, Achermann, and Dvorak, these four also played in the state doubles tournament this year.

The team achieved Academic All State Gold status for a higher than 3.75 team GPA. Academic All State were Smith and Achermann.



Volleyball awards

Staples-Motley volleyball players at their awards banquet, front row from left, Ava Schneider, Alix Peterson, Aubrey Brandt, Heidi Lombard, Libby O’Neil, Frankie Hansen; back row, Leah Bestland, Bo Erholtz, Bella Martin, Tabettha Allen, Leah Danilyuk, Klaire Storry, Brooke Heldman, Mackenna Bjerga and Morgan Becker.

Awards presented at the program included:
Most kills & blocks: Tabettha Allen
Most ace serves: Bella Martin

Most set assists: Mackenna Bjerga
Most digs: Heidi Lombard
Highest serving percentage: Leah Bestland
Coaches Award: Alix Peterson
Most Improved: Ava Schneider
MVP: Mackenna Bjerga
The Staples-Motley team received the Gold Academic Award
All-State Academic Award: Alix Peterson



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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:
Born to Stephanie Kern and Charlton Nienaber, a baby girl, Enzlie Elizabeth weighing six pounds, eight ounces on November 1, 2019.

Born to Celina and Zach Knackmuhs of Brainerd, a baby boy, Augustine Marcellus weighing seven pounds, five ounces on November 2, 2019.

Born to Brittnee and Trevor Jares of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Jonathan Alfred Frank weighing nine pounds, three ounces on November 3, 2019.

Born to Kaitlin and Josh Sweere of Wadena, a

baby girl, Emmaline Rose weighing seven pounds, two ounces on November 5, 2019.

Born to Nicole Delahunt and Scott Deegan of Pequot Lakes, a baby boy, Jackson Everett weighing seven pounds, 2.5 ounces on November 6, 2019.

Born to Kimberly and Rick Thompson of Vernadale, a baby boy, Dawson Richard weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on November 6, 2019.

Born to Misty and Ian Theisen of Brainerd, a baby boy, Jean Thomas weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on November 7, 2019.

Care Center

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER ARE:

John Felts, November 19; Ross Spencer, November 20; Doris Anderson, November 23.

NOVEMBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Weds., Nov. 13, 1:30 p.m. Resident's Auction
Thurs., Nov. 14, 4 p.m. Cheers

Tues., Nov. 19, 2:15 p.m. Church - Church of Christ; 3:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Nov. 20, 2 p.m., Bingo

Thurs., Nov. 21, 10 a.m. Bible Study - Pastor Brown; 4 p.m. Cheers

Fri., Nov. 22, 11 a.m. Resident Recognition
Sat., Nov. 23, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., Nov. 25, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church
Tues., Nov. 26, 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Assembly of God; 3:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

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

Obituaries

Dave Hasselberg

Dave J. Hasselberg, 72, of Lakeville, passed away peacefully on November 8, 2019.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thurs., Nov. 14 at the Hosanna Church, 9600 163rd St., Lakeville (Door 5) with a gathering of family and friends starting at 10 a.m.

Private interment will be at Evergreen Hill Cemetery, Staples.

Dave was born in St. Cloud on November 29, 1946 to Rueben and Phyllis Hasselberg. He grew up and attended Staples High School where he graduated in 1965. He then attended Staples Area Vocational Institute where he studied drafting and tool design. Dave proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He was a partner in Performance Tool and Die Inc., in Lakeville for 21 years.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Sandy; two brothers, Glen



(Rebecca) and Joe (Barbara) Hasselberg, all of Staples; nephew and nieces, Derek (Marianne) Hasselberg, Heather Erholtz, Dana (Greg) Kaiser, Mary (Tuff) Harris and Cydney (Bryce) Knaust and other relatives and friends.

Dave is preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are by White Funeral Home, Lakeville C.

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Ardis Ryle

Ardis Authier Ryle, 101, of Staples, died November 6, 2019 at Sun City Center Florida.

Services will be held at a later date.

Ardis was born June 24, 1918 at Jefferson, SD to Ray and Stella Authier. She graduated from Central High School in Sioux City, Iowa in 1936. On August 31, 1940 she married Gerald M. Ryle at Sioux City. Together they owned several businesses including a movie theater in Iowa, a locker plant and a fishing resort in Minnesota. She enjoyed traveling, bowling, sewing, cooking, arts and crafts, and fishing in Canada with

family and friends.

She began her career as a secretary in Sioux City and worked many places including Tampa Shipping Company, Tampa and the Brainerd State Hospital, Brainerd.

She is survived by one daughter, Pat of Sun City Center, FL; loving nieces and nephews and long-time friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Leighton and Foster and husband, Gerald.

Arrangements by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel.

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Rena Underhill

A Celebration of Life memorial service for Rena Underhill, of Motley, will be held Saturday, November 16, at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Rena, 86, passed away September 30, 2019, at Good Shepherd Care Center in Sauk Rapids.

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Marie Schmidt

Marie Schmidt, 95, of Staples, died November 8, 2019, at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples, with her loving family at her side.

Visitation for Marie will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., Weds., Nov. 13 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Motley, with the service to follow at 11 a.m. with Reverend Paul E. Koehler officiating.

Burial will be at the Motley Public Cemetery, Motley.

Margaret Marie Seely, "Marie", was born Sept. 14, 1924 at Staples to Jess Eugene and Ethel Margaret (Nichols) Seely. She was raised and educated in Staples, graduating from Staples High School in 1942. Marie was united in marriage with Eugene Schmidt on November 3, 1943 in the Congregational Church in Staples. They made their home in Philbrook for a few years and moved to Crosby-Ironton in 1947, where Eugene worked in the mines. Marie worked as a Physical Therapy Aide from 1967 until 1975 at the Cuyuna Range District Hospital. They returned to Philbrook in 1975. Eugene died in 1998.

Marie loved her family dearly. She also loved cooking, baking, sewing and embroidery. She was a member of St. John's



Lutheran Church in Motley and also the Philbrook Friendly Hour Club.

Marie is survived by her special friend and companion: Harvey Marohn; five children: Vicki Schmidt of Ocean Shores, WA, Dennis (Stella) Schmidt of Philbrook, Kathy Willson of Fort Myers, FL, Terri (Randy) Carlson of Pillager and Randy (Terri Jean) Schmidt of Fairbanks, AK; seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; one sister, Joan Hagberg of Crosby; one brother, Russ Seely of Casselton, ND.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband and four siblings, Doug Seely, Phyllis Wendelschafer, Lewis Seely and Richard Seely.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel of Staples, MN. www.brenny.com

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

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

Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sunlight (Kids Program).... 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 4:00 - 5:30 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.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firstcongregationalstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

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

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

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples..... 218-894-3923
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 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..... 10:30 a.m.

United Methodist

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

Aldrich

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
Pastor Carl Larson
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and
Coffee Fellowship..... 9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast..... 11:45 a.m.
2nd Sunday, each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th St., Cushing..... 218-575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Donald Reigstad
Pastor: Jim Brown
Youth Coordinator: Joe Reigstad
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
Pastor Dan Holmes..... 320-749-2583
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study 7:30 p.m.

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader 218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister
of Word and Sacrament
Leader 218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

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The Old Country Church**
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
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Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering 10:00 a.m.
Connection Point..... 9:30 a.m.
(serving coffee and donuts)

"Lighten Up"

Pastor Don Reigstad, Lincoln Evangelical Free Church

Why does darkness feel heavy? We've all had the experience. Those of us in the northern lands feel the "weight" of long winter nights. It can be oppressive, negatively affecting spirits and bodies. Many take extra Vitamin D to make up for the loss of light. SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) plagues some; we all feel the "weight" of the darkness.

Is it possible that darkness feels heavy because it simply is not light? I'm not just "playing with words" here. There's a reason that light is called "light". It is not heavy; it

is light. Darkness is heavy because it is not light.

"God is light", the Apostle John tells us. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." He also said to his followers, "You are the light of the world." Paul says, "You are all children of light, children of day." This suggests to me that we are indeed "light", and not "heavy". Forgiveness has "lightened our load". The heaviness of sin flees in the Light. So keep it "light" in your world. There's enough heaviness and darkness. "Lighten up."

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Staples, MN 218-894-1072

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

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Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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When do I apply? You must apply on or before December 15, 2019.

Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.

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Staples-Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #5 AUGUST 19, 2019 6:00 p.m. District Office MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Freeman, Winkels, Frisk, Anderson and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

School/Community Forum (Individuals or groups wishing to address the Board must contact the Board Chair or the Superintendent by 4:00 p.m. of the Friday preceding the Board meeting.)

a. Bruce Drone - Athletic Eligibility

b. Blake Boran - Why We Play Video (MSHSL)

c. Troy: LHB - Facility Update. Troy Miller will present the HVAC project in depth at the Sept. 9 Work Session.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Consent Agenda, items 3 - 6c. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to accept the retirement of Joe Zetah; eff. 8-31-19. MC

Thank you Joe for 14 years of service to the district and students.

Approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Donations in the amount of: \$5,649

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Donations in the amount of \$5,649. MC

Finance Items

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Resolution

Awarding the Sale, Determining the Form and Details, Authorizing the Execution, Delivery and Registration and Providing for the Payment of General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds, Series 2019A. Matthew Hammer of Ehlers, reviewed the sale day report with the Board (\$1,305,000 General Obligation Facilities Maintenance Bonds at 1.24 percent (%) interest).

Upon Roll Call vote Lund, Longbella, Frisk, Winkels, Freeman and Anderson voted in favor.

Opposed: None. MC

Curriculum and Other

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2019-2020 MSHSL Resolution for Membership and affirmation of viewing the "Why We Play" video.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the 2019-2020 Student Handbook revisions as presented. MC

Reports:

FED and Sourcewell meeting updates. FED is now located in their new facility in Wadena.

Superintendent Tappe informed the Board he will be moving forward with a job description and posting for a Communications/Marketing position; we are also actively seeking a nurse and a Food Service director. A Thank You was extended to Shelly Miller for her time with the district. Orientation meetings for new staff have begun.

Community Ed - Summer programs are wrapping up and the Fall/Winter Brochure is in the works.

Adjourn

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting. MC

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

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #6 AUGUST 26, 2019 6:00 p.m. District Office MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Lund, Freeman, Winkels, Frisk and Anderson present (comprising a quorum);

Longbella arrived minutes later. Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; Principal Regan and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

Personnel

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to accept the resignation of Tammy Steffen; eff. immediately. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to approve the 2019-20 contract for Kristy Brownell; School District Nurse; BA Step 6. MC

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. MC

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION #7 SEPT. 9, 2019 6:00 p.m. District Office MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Freeman, with Frisk, Winkels, Freeman, Anderson and Longbella present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen, Bldgs & Grounds, Peterson; Principals Johnson, Regan and Schmidt. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Facilities

Troy Miller and Ryan Thorson of LHB presented information pertinent to the upcoming HVAC projects at the elementary and HS/MS sites. This included the general project scope, timeline, goals and discussion on next steps as well as a detail of probable costs.

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. MC

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION #8 SEPT. 23, 2019 6:00 p.m. District Office

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Lund, Freeman and Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Superintendent Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson, Regan and Schmidt; several staff, students and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. (Longbella arrived several minutes into the Closed Session).

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the agenda as presented. MC

Chair Lund welcomed everyone.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to move into Closed Session, pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03, for negotiations strategy. MC

Reconvene in Closed Session for Certified Negotiations

Update on details of the proposed Certified Staff settlement

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to reconvene in Open Session. MC

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution for Acceptance of Donations in the amount of \$4,000. MC

Finance

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Lund, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Proposed Levy; Payable 2020; for the maximum amount. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Freeman; to approve the credit reimbursement requests from: Cathy Evans \$600; Jenny Pantzke \$375 and Skyla Rewitzer \$3,209.50 (CIS courses).

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Stanton Committee recommendation to increase Activities and Community Education Admin. Assistant from Grade 8 to Grade 11 on the Professional Contract; 220 day contract; eff. 7-1-19. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Freeman, to approve the Stanton Committee recommendation to place Bus Mechanic on the Professional Contract; Grade 11; 230 day contract; eff. 10-1-19. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Anderson, to approve the recommendation to increase hours for part time District Office Clerical; UP TO 30 hours per week, which will include Early Programming clerical support.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to grant permission to post for an LPN; four (4) hours per day; M-TH; GR 9. MC

Policy and Other

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2019-2021 Certified Staff Master Contract. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Lund, to approve the revision to Bidding & Quoting Policy #730 as set by legislation. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Longbella, to approve the Fundraiser Application for an ECFE Fundraiser. MC

Adjourn

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. MC

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING -#9 Oct. 9, 2019 7:30 a.m. District Office MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Longbella, Winkels, Frisk, Freeman, Anderson and Lund pres-

ent (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Superintendent Tappe and Recording Secretary Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Personnel

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to accept the resignation of Jon Crust; eff. 10-2-19 MC

Adjournment

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

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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION - MEETING #9 Oct. 14, 2019 6:00 p.m. District Office MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Anderson, Lund, Freeman and Frisk present (comprising a quorum). Longbella arrived shortly after roll call. Also attending for all or part of the meeting: Supt. Tappe; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Johnson, Regan and Schmidt; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary Madson.

Facilities

Troy Miller and Ryan Thorson of LHB information and costs for the HVAC upgrades; covered the scope of the project including original proposals as well as additional work needed at the elementary and HS. The project, with additional work, totals \$1,132,233.19. The Board will be asked to make a recommendation at the Oct. 21 meeting for moving forward.

Strategic Planning

The district's Mission and vSion were put into place approximately four years ago. Supt. Tappe asked for direction: does the mission and vision need to be changed or what would the Board like to see the district focus on?

Recommendation:

- No need to change the current Mission and Vision
- Establish a committee to create a continuous improvement plan
- This is something the district can do without bringing in a facilitator
- Define the pillars and review annually

Community Center

The district currently pays approximately \$80,000 for Community Center use. Supt. Tappe is asking the Board to determine if the district should continue as is, or if they want to change to a different model, for example, a buffet style paying only for the hours of actual usage, and determine what is actually needed - pool, gym, etc.

For budgeting purposes, the city needs to know the intent of the district. Approximately one-third of the Community Center revenue comes from the district. Both parties need time to plan.

The recommendation to negotiate a billing system based on actual pool and gym usage beginning June 30, 2020, will be added to the Oct. 21 Board agenda.

School Resource Officer

The amount of time and needs of an SRO were discussed. Much has been behavior or situational support; presence at evening events and some behind the scenes or investigative work. Administration feels they need a consistent presence, not just a reactionary presence. Under the current model an officer is shared by the city, CLC, and the district (30 percent (%) or about 2.5 hours per day.)

Supt. Tappe will meet with building Principals and bring a recommendation to the Board.

Adjourn the meeting

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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Veteran's News

David A Anderson
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A significant legislative victory for The American Legion, when President Trump signed a bill July 30, 2019 that declares the United States has been in a state of war since Dec. 7, 1941.

The American Legion sought the declaration as a way to honor approximately 1,600 U.S. service-members who were killed or wounded during previously undeclared periods of war.

The LEGION Act (Let Everyone Get Involved In Opportunities for National Service Act) also opens the door for approximately six million veterans to access American Legion programs and benefits for which they previously had not been eligible.

"Recognizing the service of these wartime veterans is the right thing to do and it is long overdue," National Commander Brett Reistad said. "The families of those who were killed or wounded during these wartime acts should take pride in knowing that we recognize their sacrifice and service. Moreover, we are proud to welcome any of the six million living veterans from the previously unrecognized periods into

our organization and call them 'Legionnaires.'"

Now that the legislation has been signed, The American Legion's eligibility criteria immediately changes from seven war eras to two: April 6, 1917, to Nov. 11, 1918 and Dec. 7, 1941 to a time later determined by the federal government. No other restrictions to American Legion membership are changed.

The law's journey began on Feb. 14, 2019 when Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., introduced S. 504, along with Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C. A companion measure, H.R. 1641, was introduced in the House by Reps. Lou Correa, D-Calif., and Ben Cline, R-Va.

Reistad expressed gratitude to the bipartisan members of Congress for passing the legislation.

"We are grateful that President Trump fully acknowledges the importance of The American Legion by signing the LEGION Act in the White House just one week after it passed the House of Representatives," Reistad said. "In an era of partisan gridlock, Republicans and Democrats in Congress overwhelmingly recognized the importance of allowing thousands of honorable but previously ineligible veterans the right to join the largest and most

influential veterans organization in the country."

Reistad pointed out that existing American Legion membership applications are in the process of being updated but can still be used. "In the meantime, I recommend that prospective Legionnaires and recruiters write 'LEGION Act' in the eligibility date section of American Legion membership applications if they fall outside the previous war eras," Reistad said. "The larger pool of veter-

ans now eligible for The American Legion will also open their family members to eligibility in the Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary as well." (Source The American Legion website July 30 2019)

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



Veterans receiving line

Following the Veterans Day program in Motley Nov. 11, those in attendance had the opportunity to shake hands with members of the Motley American Legion Post #124. The event was hosted by the Motley-Staples Middle School and organized by staff member Deb Ferdon. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Career officer speaks to students

Retired Senior Chief Warrant Officer (CW4) John Ulrick was the speaker at the Staples-Motley High School Veterans Day program. Ulrick served in the Army for 32 years, completing four overseas combat tours, two in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. He retired in 2015 to operate his farm near Hillman in Morrison County. He has attended college for several years and is currently enrolled at the University of South Dakota with a double major in Criminal Justice and Political Science. He told the students this is just



the second time he has worn his uniform since he retired. "It feels good, it makes me feel like running," said Ulrick. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Leading the Pledge of Allegiance

Preschool students at Little Cardinals Academy Family Center in Motley helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the Veterans Day program in Motley Nov. 11. Pictured behind them, from right, are Susan Estabrooks-Anderson, Director of Early Learning Services at Staples-Motley School District #2170; Vietnam War Veteran Jim Vollegraaf; and Iraq War Veteran Ashley Trout, who is currently serving in the Minnesota National Guard. Vollegraaf and Trout were both guest speakers at the event. Deb Ferdon (not pictured) also spoke about "Life in a Military Family." The program, hosted by Staples-Motley Middle School students, also included songs, a skit, readings and a slide show. The Motley American Legion Post #124 provided the Color Guard; and middle school student Mason Nielson played 'Taps.' (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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TWCC requests funding increase for vehicle

for the counties, TWCC relies heavily on using its fund balance to cover general operating expenses," explained Langer in her report.

Because of a lack of funding, the fund balance is now dangerously low. TWCC has not had the ability to properly fund a vehicle replacement schedule, which has some of the vehicles having extremely high mileage, becoming unreliable and netting little to no return upon their disposal.

In 2019, the TWCC Executive Committee adopted a seven year vehicle replacement schedule. Due to the deteriorating condition of the Community Concern for Youth (CCY) vans in both Todd and Wadena counties, the committee approved replacing the two vans in 2019.

The additional fund requests will allow TWCC to maintain its fund balance, otherwise it's projected to fall under two months of operating expenditures by the end of 2019.

"We've worked hard to keep the costs down, but I'm concerned that we'll have less than 1.9 months of operating expenses," she said.

Langer was going to Wadena County later in the day to request \$19,000 in additional funds to have a \$50,000 total.

Kircher said that he and Commissioner Becker sit on the TWCC Executive Committee and had agreed that she should bring this

request forward.

Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Jolene Sabrowsky said this was not in the budget and would be an additional cash expense.

Kircher said that more money has been put toward things like state prisons leaving more for the counties to pay for.

"The caseloads are not getting smaller and they're driving vehicles that shouldn't be on the road. This is a legitimate request," he added.

Acting as Ditch Authority, the board approved a minor maintenance project on County Ditch #15 to clean approximately 2,450 feet of ditch. Corbin Pickar Excavating, Inc. will do the project at a cost not to exceed \$4,900.

Approved the 2020-2021 Feedlot Program Delegation Agreement and Work Plan.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requires that delegated counties develop a work plan for how the county will complete the work of the feedlot program over a two year period. The document also serves as the agreement between MPCA and the county as the agreement to operate the feedlot program at the county level.

The county will receive a total of \$89,016 each year for 2020 and 2021 from the MPCA to operate the program.

The county has 797 feedlots (and probably closer to

840) which is second only to Stearns County that has 1,447 feedlots of the 50 Minnesota counties that have eligible feedlots.

Authorized acceptance and use of Riparian Aid Funding (RAF) in the amount of \$112,471.

Planning and Zoning has received \$56,235.50 in RAF and will receive the that same amount again in December. The projected budget has \$42,000 for supporting staff wages and \$70,471 for cost share projects, including buffer enforcement, enhanced shoreland permitting and several riparian related projects.

Some potential 2020 projects include:

-Offset costs for a roof over structure along the Long Prairie River, reducing open lots for cattle in Moran Township.

-Erosion control on an outlet to Swan Lake.

-Ditch erosion and sediment contribution to Long Lake and projects associated with Fairy Lake.

-Improvements for the Hewitt Dam.

-Livestock exclusion fencing in parts of the county not under grant.

-Erosion control projects along Osakis and Maple lakes.

-Hoping to do education with lakeshore owners.

Set the 2019 Solid Waste Fall/Winter Board Meeting for November 26 at 9 a.m. at the Todd County Transfer Station.



Handmade quilts for veterans

Thanks to a Thrivent grant, Jody Johnson, 3rd grade teacher at Staples-Motley Elementary School, along with her sisters, made 16 quilts that were given out to veterans at the school's veterans program Nov. 11. Pictured above, back row from left are sisters Celeste Mohler, Big Lake; Jody Johnson ('Mrs.

J' to her students), Clitherall; Elaine Kenyon, Henning; Jean Balfanz, Henning. Front row: Veteran Ron Starke (with his new quilt) and wife, Betty, both of Motley. Pictured below: Veteran Frank Vasecka gets a hug from 'Mrs. J' while being presented with a quilt from a third-grader. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



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