

SEDA statistics show many layers of growth

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) reviewed an annual report at their April 23 meeting. Economic Development Director Melissa Radermacher prepared the report, showing advancements in several areas during the past year.

Under the category of “Thriving Economy,” the report highlighted the Business Retention and Expansion program, loan

programs, marketing efforts and the completion of the comprehensive plan. She also pointed to 31 commercial permits and a total business investment of \$4.39 million in the community, including new businesses such as Casey’s gas station and a Mexican restaurant to open soon. Other business improvements included the new Staples Eye Clinic and professional building and the STEP purchase of the building they were renting.

Under “Residential Growth,” the report showed 86 residential permits with an investment of \$5.99 million into local homes. It also looked at the completion of a 38 unit apartment building, and plans to build a 42 unit affordable housing town-home project and one Habitat for Humanity home.

Under the category of “Social Vibrancy,” the report highlighted the completion of the Parks, Trails and Open Space plan, a study for a regional trail, a daycare grant, marketing and tourism efforts, and the upcoming school referendum that is proposed to build new classrooms and activity space. Radermacher announced

the daycare grant at the meeting that will allow local daycare providers to access funds and programs through the Initiative Foundation.

The report also showed economic development statistics and long term trends.

Radermacher highlighted the city’s population staying steady at 3,004 people in Staples, households down by two to 1,232, the median age increasing from 39 to 40, commute time down by two minutes to 20, and an increase in the education level of employees, with high school, associate degrees and bachelor degrees up, but a slight decrease in graduate degrees.

Statistics on the number of work establishments were shown, with Todd County and Wadena County rising this year, and Staples following that trend. The number of employees in Todd County has risen considerably in the past two years, while Wadena County has fallen. Staples remains at about the same number of employees, 2,934, with a long term trend of a slight increase.

City of Staples offers \$75,000/year to help operate activity center

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At the April 23 Staples City Council meeting, the council approved committing \$75,000 of the city budget to help operate the school activity center, which is the subject of Question 2 on the school referendum.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said the amount is similar to what the school has been paying the city for use of the Staples Community Center in recent years.

Nelsen said the original community center was a partnership between the school and the city. “It was uncommon cooperation for the betterment of the community,” said Nelsen. In 1974, Nelsen said the school paid \$18,000 per year in bond payments to pay for the building. But the operational costs have shifted mainly to the city. “The city has afforded this operational subsidy for many years,” said Nelsen.

Council members asked if the parks and recreation department would still be operated out of the activity center. Nelsen said “until the referendum happens, it is difficult to talk about the nuts and bolts” of the project. He did say that there has been talk about Staples-Motley Community Education taking a bigger role in the operation of the activity center.

Mayor Chris Etzler said that without a new activity center, they may not have any facility to work out of. “Within even

a couple years it may not exist. We are not in a position to put a couple million dollars into it.”

Council member Roy Miles also thought it was a bad idea to try and prop up the old community center. “Putting it into an old building and we’re not getting any more out of it, taxes would be out of this world,” said Miles. “I don’t know if we want to go that route, taxation for recreation.”

Nelsen said if the city was to fix up the community center, it would be around an 18 percent tax increase for city residents.

Nelsen and other board members pointed out that the school district’s tax capacity is more than eight times bigger than the city’s tax base, and made the case that the facility is regional in scope and should be funded regionally. Community Center Director Tricia Jasmer told the board that 67 percent of members and 88 percent of lap and aquacize users are not city residents.

Council member Ron Murray said the \$75,000 “proposal and reasoning makes total sense to me.”

The council approved the plan unanimously.

In other news, the council

- Approved street closing for Lakewood fundraiser;
- Approved low bid for multi-aircraft hangar to be built by Everstrong Construction, for \$611,650, well below the project estimate of \$1 million. The project will

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Weather

This Week’s Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
May 1	48°	37°	Showers
May 2	49	36	Cloudy
May 3	61	41	Sunny
May 4	58	39	Cloudy
May 5	61	42	Cloudy
May 6	60	42	Showers
May 7	62	41	Cloudy

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
May 1	58°	46°	Rain
May 2	64	44	Sunny
May 3	71	39	Sunny
May 4	75	37	Sunny
May 5	72	38	Sunny
May 6	78	42	Sunny
May 7	83	42	Sunny

Average Temp.:
H = 62° Low = 39°

Total Rain (2019):
1.95”

Normal April rain: 2.4”

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Obituaries

Wayne Dryburgh
Norma Finn
Kyle Hauge
Carol Hoelz

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First International Bank commits \$50,000 to school building project

First International Bank & Trust announced a \$50,000 donation to the Staples-Motley ISD 2170, upon passage of question 2 on the upcoming school and activity center referendum. Question 2 provides the means to raise \$10.45 million for the construction of a Staples-Motley Activity Center.

The existing Staples Community Center opened in 1974. The facility has multiple accessibility and code issues and is nearing the end of its useful life. Question 2 provides a plan to build a new, nearly 30,000 square foot facility, walking track, fitness center, aerobic/cardio exercise room, catering kitchen, and a place for all

members of the community to gather.

“Recreational facilities like this are critical to drawing people to live in our communities,” said Peter Stenehjelm, President of First International Bank & Trust. “We believe in reinvesting in our neighborhoods because the bank’s health depends on the health and stability of the families and neighborhoods around us.”

Voting on the special referendum will take place Tuesday, May 14, from noon to 8 p.m. School District residents of Todd and Wadena Counties vote at the Staples Community Center, and residents of Morrison and Cass counties vote at Motley City Hall.

Questions arise at school information sessions

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The public had two opportunities recently to hear an overview about the

proposed referendum in the Staples-Motley School District and to participate in a question and answer session at the end of each. One session was held at the

high school and the other at the middle school.

‘Build 2170’ is the name of the project, estimated to cost \$58,670,000. The referendum includes two ballot questions, which residents in the Staples-Motley School District will vote on May 14.

Ballot Question #1, with an estimated cost of \$48,220,000, requests funding for the acquisition and betterment of school sites, for safety and security, learning spaces and maintenance.

Ballot Question #2, with an estimated cost of \$10,450,000, requests funding for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities, to include a new activities center for community use.

Question #2 is contingent on Question #1 being approved, so if the first question fails, the second one cannot be approved. However, the first ballot question could be approved on its own.

Members of the school board, principals at all three schools (elementary, middle and high school) and the interim superintendent were present at the recent sessions to discuss why the referendum is necessary. Architect Mike Angland, with Wideth Smith and Nolting was there to answer questions about the proposed building plans; and public finance specialist Greg Baufield, with Northland Securities, addressed the tax impact on residents should the referendum pass.

Checking the tax impact

Rod Enberg of Motley (left) watches as public finance specialist Greg Baufield, with Northland Securities, inputs his property information to find out how his taxes will be affected if the ‘Build 2170’ referendum passes. Baufield provided information and answered questions at community forums held recently at Staples-Motley High School and Motley-Staples Middle School. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Students share dreams for their community

Several Staples-Motley High School students met recently with Melissa Radermacher, Staples Economic Development Authority Director (far right), to share their dreams for the community. The meeting was held in conjunction to the recent Batcher Block Community Visioning Sessions that took place at Central Lakes College. Radermacher asked them to first list positive things they felt were already taking place in Staples. These included a strong arts program at school and in the community, Lakewood Health System, Sourcewell, Tower Pizza, bike trails, family-owned businesses and the possibility of a new school. “What’s missing?” Radermacher asked next. Some of their ideas included a movie theatre, more food varieties offered, bowling

alley, a cafe/coffee shop combination, an ice cream shop, mini-golf course, more youth-based activities, weight room and clothing store. The students also stressed the need to make downtown more attractive. They suggested adding more greenery and flowers, sculptures and murals, as well as cleaning up some eye-sores. When asked what they felt could be the town’s lasting legacy (outside of trains), students said they thought the Batcher Block Building and Opera House could be that. Pictured, from left, Cy Johnson, band director Jon Crust, Kiara Storry, Lili Schneider, Libby O’Neil, Ava Schneider, Kaila Erbe, Mackenna Bjerga, Payton Bjerga, Garrett Carlson. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

According to information available at the sessions, if passed, the May 14 referendum (Question #1), would provide the funding needed to address district-wide improvements and update the high school (grades 5 - 12), the elementary school (grades K-4) and Early Childhood Education.

A video presentation about Build 2170 was shown at the sessions. It is also available online at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us and at the SM School District’s Facebook page. Also available is a cost overview and a tax calculator.

At the session in Motley, middle school principal John Regan reiterated the

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Pillager Lions donate to trap shooters

The Pillager Lions recently donated \$750 to the Pillager High School Trap Shoot Team at one of their recent events held at Lakeshore Conservation Club. Pictured, head coach Chris Nagel (center) is presented the check by Pillager Lions Club President Ryan Veith, along with fellow Lions Nancy Hanssen, and John and Jean Driscoll. Pillager Trap Shooters pictured include (back row) Sadie Tryggeseth, Allie Tryggeseth, Dawson Sprau, Owen Pantzke, Ezra Notch and (front) Jayde Jordahl. (Submitted photo)



Top guns

The Pillager Huskies trap shooting team had a great day of shooting recently at Lakeshore Conservation Club, with 19 Huskies breaking over 40 targets out of 50. The Top Guns were Andy Grell (left) and Ethan Olson (right) who both broke 48 out of 50. Olson also had a 25 straight. The Top Female award went to Sadie Tryggeseth (center) who broke 44/50. (Submitted photo)

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‘Will a new school building result in community growth?’ one of the questions asked at District 2170 session

need for natural light in the district’s facilities (there are no windows in many areas); and although 25 percent of the district’s population is special education, many areas are not ADA compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act).
Regan stated that the cost for the proposed referendum is a lot, but that it would *do* a lot as well. He encouraged people to ‘vote yes’ on May 14.
Concerns raised at the Motley session by the public had to do with the tax impact of the referendum, mismanagement of the facilities by administration; and declining enrollment over the years.
The proposed tax impact for the first ballot question would be \$20.78 per month for a \$125,000 home; and for the second ballot question, a \$5.08 a month for a \$125,000 home.
Tom Good of Staples

said he did not feel the tax calculator (at the district’s website) was accurate because his proposed home valuation for 2020 went up over 20 percent. Interim Superintendent Ron Bratlie said that the amount levied stays the same, so if property values across the board go up, the tax impact from the school referendum should stay the same.
Rod Enberg of Motley said that he had been at the earlier session in Staples and received help from Baufield in figuring out his proposed taxes. Because he owns a lot of property, if the referendum passes he would see a significant tax increase. He is supportive of the school, Enberg said, and believes in the importance of education. However, he said he would like to see data that shows how spending this kind of money (on a new school) will result in community

growth. “That’s what I’m basing my (voting) decision on,” Enberg said.
Bratlie said that he has spoken with people at Lakewood Health System in Staples, who have told him that one of the first things prospective staff inquire about is the school. Many professionals decide where they live based on the school.
School board member Mary Freeman noted that a lot of work has been done in recent years by groups such as LEAP and the Staples Economic Development Authority to ensure there are desirable housing options available in the community. Curb appeal in town is something they are also working to develop. “I think it’s one big community working together,”

Freeman said, referencing the school district and the cities of Motley and Staples.
Others in attendance raised questions about the fate of the Motley building, should the middle school be moved to Staples. Why does the district need to build a new cafeteria when there is a perfectly good cafeteria in Motley, Kevin Swecker asked. Roy DiGiovanni of Motley pointed out that Sacred Heart Area School in Staples has taken care of its facilities for many years and is doing well. They don’t put an emphasis on fancy buildings, he said.
Regan said that buildings do matter. Another way to say, ‘If you build it they will come,’ is “If you don’t fix it, they won’t stay,” Regan said.



Addressing the needs of District 2170

Motley-Staples Middle School Principal John Regan was one of the presenters at a recent forum regarding the school district’s proposed referendum. Regan noted the many reasons why he believes the building project is necessary including safety issues, lack of natural light and inadequate space



Voicing concerns

Erv Bjerga (center) of Motley was one of several area residents who voiced concerns and/or questions about the Staples-Motley School District Referendum, following a building project overview April 25, at the middle school in Motley. Some of the concerns had to do with tax impact on the community, declining enrollment over the years; and the perceived lack of efficiency on the part of the school administration. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Law enforcement reports

Recent reports from the Motley Police Department (MPD) and Morrison County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) included the following:
April 23 - The MPD issued a citation to Jonathan Schwegel, 35, for driving with a revoked license and having an unregistered vehicle.
April 19 - 23 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Molly Vaishnav, 30; Julia Steward, 25; Laura Kasulker, 18; Michael Feela, 64; Cole Salewski, 25; Brian Traun, 50; Scott Gustafson, 44; Richard Loehlein, 51.
April 19 - The MPD issued a citation to Christopher Pesola, 35, for the use of an electronic device while driving.
April 22 - The MPD observed two male individuals enter Converse Park in Motley and manually adjust the placements of two of the cameras so as to create blind spots in the coverage area. Police Chief Jason Borash spoke with one of the men who admitted to adjusting the camera stating he didn’t like the direction they were pointing in. About three hours later, Chief Borash spoke with the other man who at first stated he had nothing to do with the incident.
He later admitted that he was there and had given his opinion as to where the cameras were pointing. He was advised that by being there and a party to the situation, he was an accomplice to it. Both parties were advised that they are not allowed to touch, move or adjust any city vehicles, equipment or property belonging to the City of Motley.
April 19 - The MPD received a report of a brush fire at the 700 block of Cedar Ln. in Motley. The surrounding grass had caught fire and was put out by the complainant and the Motley Fire Department. The complainant had a DNR burning permit.
April 18 - The MPD arrested Artie Cole on a warrant, at the 1000 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley.
April 24 - The MCSO responded to a report of a dispute at the 900 block of Hwy 10 S., Motley. The deputy spoke with both parties involved and it appeared the argument started over a crockpot.
April 22 - The MCSO received a report of a grass fire at the 3000 block of Azalea Rd. in Motley, about 50 ft. from a house. Motley Fire and DNR were paged.

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Prom royalty

Brayden Christensen and Hannah Dolezal were named King and Queen at the Staples-Motley High School Prom April 27. (Submitted photo)



Bittersweet

A tour of the Staples-Motley High School following a recent community forum regarding the ‘Build 2170’ bond referendum included a stop at the current main gymnasium. Principal Mike Schmidt (fourth from left) noted that should ballot question #1 on the referendum pass, the gymnasium, built in 1936, would be torn down and a new one (with locker rooms) built in its place. “It’s bittersweet,” Schmidt said, noting the one-side stadium seating that is unique to the SM gymnasium, as well as the school history it represents. However, it does not meet federal accessibility standards and the acoustics are poor. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

DFS an oppportunity to appreciate mentors

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley Dollars For Scholars will host their annual awards ceremony on Wednesday, May 8, when they will give out scholarships to graduating seniors. The event will start at 7 p.m. at Centennial Auditorium. Last year, more than \$91,000 in scholarships were awarded. The scholarships are given by community groups, businesses, school groups, alumni and philanthropists. For an example, one scholarship was created by Jim Kurpius of Los Altos, Calif. Although he has lived in California for 50 years, Kurpius never forgot his roots when he started the Dwain and Noreen Johnson scholarship. “In my personal life, I feel it is important to give back, enhance the programs of one’s community,” said Kurpius. His memories of high school include contracting polio and writing sports stories in the Cardinal Chronicle and Staples World. After attending Sacred Heart Elementary, Kurpius said he was a “newbie” at the high school. “John Rengel had me playing football as a freshman, it was my only exposure to getting to know kids at the school,” he said. Rengel’s tutoring would also come into play later in life, with a connection to Dollars For Scholars. Dwain Johnson taught English, speech and theatre at the high school. “Dwain was determined to get me acclimated to getting up in front of the class when I didn’t want to,” said Kurpius. Eventually, Kurpius joined the speech team and competed at the district and regional level. The relationship developed as Johnson made him

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Airport hangar bid approved

be funded 90 percent by the FAA, City of Staples will pay around \$30,000 of the project cost. • Heard annual report from Tourism Marketing committee, from LEAP President Tim Rice. • Approved starting May 14 meeting at 8:01 p.m., to accommodate election hours. • Approved 3M putting a temporary fence around

equipment on Chicago Ave. NE, while the equipment is prepared to be installed in the building. • Heard Planning and Zoning Commission meeting summary, including conditional use permit to allow a duplex dwelling at 1301 4th Street NE, which is zoned commercial. A public hearing for the permit will be May 20 at 5 p.m.

75 Years Ago - 1944

• May 4, 1944 - Staples city was saddened late Wednesday afternoon when word spread that Lt. Norman Skinner, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Skinner of Staples, had been killed in an airplane crash over England, on, or about April 23. Word relative to his death came from the war department. Lt. Skinner was a grad-

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uate of the Staples high school with the class of 1939, and had attended the Moorhead State Teachers college for a year, prior to his enlisting in the army air corps. • May 4, 1944 - P. M. Atwood, superintendent of the Staples public schools, received 1,000 trees from the state forestry department at Akeley the first of this week. Five hundred of the trees are Norway pine, and five hundred are white spruce. The trees are to be planted on the east side of the old athletic field just south of the Emil Hoernberg home, and will be set in rows three feet apart, and each tree will be three feet from an other. The seedlings, as they are called, are a little better than one foot high. Work of planting the trees will be under the direction of L. R. Hoen, one of the assistant janitors at the school house. • May 5, 1994 - Five possible plans for Highway 10 improvements were aired Monday night at a meeting in Staples. Sentiment at the meeting favored keeping the highway route through the Staples business district, rather than the north bypass which has been the official MnDOT plan for many years. • May 5, 1994 - With help from city crews who dug the holes, volunteers turned out last Wednesday and Thursday to plant 250 maple trees along boulevards on Fourth Street, Eight Street, Ninth Street and other streets in the east part of Staples. The trees were purchased and planted through a grant received by the city’s Forestry and Beautification Board. Thursday’s volunteers included Glynn Kaste, Lowell Brenna, Dianna Smith, Phil Stone and Johnny Brenna. • May 5, 1994 - Staples golfer Brad Anderson earned medalist honors with a 36-hole score of 151 in leading the Gustavus Adolphus golf team to first place in the Gustie-Maverick Invitational April 23 and 24. Anderson shot an 80

50 Years Ago - 1969 • May 1, 1969 - A Pillager woman was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon, April 23, when her station-wagon was struck broad-side by a freight train at a crossing about two miles east of Pillager. She was Mrs. Melvin Hime, 47, who operated the Little Cafe in Pillager. According to reports made available here, Mrs. Hime was enroute to their farm home nearby when the accident happened about 2:30 p.m. It was further reported that following the impact of the automobile with the Northern Pacific freight train, the car burst into flames and set off a number of grass and brush fires along the tracks, necessitating the services of the Pillager firemen and conservation

department. • May 1, 1969 - Forty-seven students, grades 7 through 12, at the Motley school received honor roll ratings at the conclusion of the fifth six-week period. Heading the honor roll with a straight A in their subjects were Kirk Bettis, Kathy Harmon, Pat Sullivan and Dave Ehresman. • May 5, 1994 - Jenna Nypan has been named the valedictorian and Megan Weyer the salutatorian for the class of 2009 at Staples Motley High School. Both students have been consistently ranked in the top five of their class and this year are ranked one and two. Jenna, the daughter of Ron and Deana Nypan, plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead but is undecided what major she will pursue. Megan, daughter of Mike and Joy Weyer, is headed for North Dakota State University across the river in Fargo, where she will major in chemistry. Ten years down the road, Jenna said, she hopes to have both a career and a family. “I’ll have a master’s degree in something,” she said. Megan is a little more certain of her future. She will be working, ten years from now, in a research laboratory, she said, a job befitting someone who has two doctorate degrees in chemistry. • April 30, 2009 - Three people got dumped into the frigid waters of the Crow

25 Years Ago - 1994

Wing River Saturday evening when their canoe capsized in fast moving water. All three got out of the river, two of them saved by rescuers using the Nebulus rescue flotation devices that the Staples Fire and Rescue Department obtained in recent months. Fire Chief Scott Braith, after describing the incident, said, “It’s a good feeling to have those available and to put them to use.” Wadena County Sheriff Mike Carr said his office was called at 7:29 p.m. regarding a capsized canoe in the river near Bullard’s Bluff, about 13 miles north of Staples. The reporting party told sheriff’s dispatchers that all the parties were now out of the river but on the other side. The fire department was also notified and responded to the area. A Wadena County deputy, prior to arrival on the scene, picked up the first victim, Vickie Tester, 52, of Brainerd, about 1 - 1/2 miles from the scene where she had gone to make the call for help after getting out of the river. On the scene, rescuers found two men, one stranded on a hammock surrounded by water, the other on the opposite or east bank of the Crow Wing. Members of the fire department deployed their Nebulus devices and were able to retrieve the second victim, Patrick Tester, 45, of Brainerd, from a swampy area on the river. The third victim, Alvin Tester, 53, of Staples, was on the opposite side of the river. The Staples Fire Department used their boat to access this victim.

10 Years Ago - 2009

• April 30, 2009 - Jenna Nypan has been named the valedictorian and Megan Weyer the salutatorian for the class of 2009 at Staples Motley High School. Both students have been consistently ranked in the top five of their class and this year are ranked one and two. Jenna, the daughter of Ron and Deana Nypan, plans to attend Concordia College in Moorhead but is undecided what major she will pursue. Megan, daughter of Mike and Joy Weyer, is headed for North Dakota State University across the river in Fargo, where she will major in chemistry. Ten years down the road, Jenna said, she hopes to have both a career and a family. “I’ll have a master’s degree in something,” she said. Megan is a little more certain of her future. She will be working, ten years from now, in a research laboratory, she said, a job befitting someone who has two doctorate degrees in chemistry. • April 30, 2009 - Three people got dumped into the frigid waters of the Crow



Staples World mystery photo

Hello readers. The Staples World will be featuring an archive photo once a week and inviting you to tell us who is in the photo as well as any other information about what is pictured. The photo

above is from our May 19, 1977 edition. Email your answers to dtimbs@staples-world.com. We will publish the answers in next week’s paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

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The real Game of Thrones

Staples World Editorial
By Jim Smoger
Wheaton, Minn.

I am a fan of the HBO television series Game of Thrones, which started its final season a couple of weeks ago.

The conclusion will come when one of the characters leads a total military victory, or diplomatically manipulates his or her way onto the Iron Throne.

My feeling is the show has gone downhill from a few seasons back. There just isn't enough sword fighting and angry volves as there used to be.

But I wonder if the growth in the popularity of Game of Thrones is a reflection on our current political conditions? Is there something that we see in the sub-plots and intrigue that reminds us of watching CNN and Fox News on a daily basis?

Game of Thrones takes place in a Middle Ages setting, but it is possible to take the show's most popular characters and impose them on real characters in politics. There are currently more announced or potential Democratic candidates for President than there are regular characters on the TV show.

Here is a partial listing:

Cersi Lanister/Donald Trump. The current occupant of the Iron Throne is Cersi Lanister who is really nasty. She fires people left and right and put two sons on the throne, one of which was murdered and the other who jumped out the window to his death. Lanister was once forced to endure a "walk of shame" through the streets, and then blew up half of the city in revenge. However, even though she does bad things, she has a dedicated base who are willing to fight for her no matter what.

Jon Snow/Amy Klobuchar. Jon Snow is one of the leading contenders for the Iron Throne and called the "King of North." Snow, like Klobuchar, is well-known for building coalitions with trolls, people who wear heavy coats, iron miners, and so forth. She made her candidacy announcement in January outside as snow flakes were falling on her shoulders. Like Jon Snow, her leadership drawback is that she is a little too careful and will get chewed apart by the likes of Lanister/Trump.

Daenerys Targaryen/Bernie Sanders. Daenerys is the show's most popular

character and known as "The Mother of Dragons." She gained her power by freeing slaves and instituting socialist reforms in the kingdoms she took over. She had one of her dragons burn to death a group of capitalist businessmen after they asked her to surrender. But, much like Sanders, behind the scenes she became a millionaire while advocating for socialism. One way she is unlike Sanders is that Daenerys' hair always looks perfect even after flying around on a dragon.

The Night King/Joe Biden. I realize this is a controversial comparison because The Night King is a bad guy while everybody loves Joe Biden. The point is that they are both leading armies of the dead. The Night King has an actual army of zombies behind him. Biden is being followed by a lot of old baggage from the Obama and Clinton Administrations. You also get the feeling the Night King has a problem with hugging people too much.

Sansa Stark/Kamala Harris. Sansa and Jon Snow think they are sister and brother, although we found out late in the previous season that was not

exactly correct. Like Sansa and Jon Snow, Klobuchar and Harris agree on most things, except that Sansa doesn't want to make peace with her enemies. Viewers know her angst is going to catch up with her eventually.

Gendry/Pete Buttigieg. Gendry is a character who has only shown up in a couple of episodes, but everybody loves him. He is a humble blacksmith and sometimes warrior whose unknown background puts him in line to the throne if everyone else is killed. Incidentally, Buttigieg is the Mayor of South Bend, Ind. While that is an important job, it makes him about as qualified to be President as Gendry is to take Cersi's place.

There are many other Game of Thrones characters I could have drawn parallels to. Tyrion Lanister, for example, reminds me of New Jersey Senator Cory Booker. "The Hound" is like Senator Elizabeth Warren.

We'll find out in the next month how Games of Thrones will be settled. As far as the real political game, it will go on for months and months. I wish there was more sword fighting.

Letters to the Editor

School helps build community

We think the Staples Motley area is at an educational and economical crossroad right now. Which way we turn will affect our communities for years to come.

We cannot claim to be natives of this area but have lived here most of our adult lives. We have never second guessed our decision to stay. We love it here.

There has been an

employment revival in this area both in Staples and Motley. There was a lot of gloom and doom when the railroad shut down but we survived. New employment opportunities have sprung up and today a common question is, why are so many of those new employees living somewhere other than our communities? There are a lot of answers to that question, but certainly housing and education facilities are among the major reasons.

With all the housing construction the last two years, plus the planned rental housing expansion,

we think that issue has improved. Improvement to our educational facilities, however, still looms large. Our local school board is trying to deal with it. They should be commended for addressing the issue.

We want families to not only work here but live here in our school district. We want their kids to be in our school system. We want those families to attend church here. We want them to bank here and buy a home here. We also want them to shop here. A quality school facility plays a large role in making that happen.

We raised our family here, and have never regretted that decision. We hope others will come and stay as well. Only you can make a decision on how to vote on the school bond issue. Even though our kids have long since graduated, we have already voted yes and yes on questions 1 and 2. We feel we owe it to this school district to make this kind of investment that will benefit our young people and the towns of Staples and Motley.

Bruce and Bev Nelsen
Staples, Minn

Economic impact of school

The Staples Economic Development Authority (SEDA) is absolutely in favor of the ISD2170 referendum. A quality school is critical to a community's success as it affects all aspects of economic development from being competitive in business attraction and retention, in employee attraction and retention, and overall quality of life.

Current and potential businesses require a high quality workforce and rely on the school district to provide the best possible education to our youth. Children learn very differently today than how they learned 30+ years ago when our current facilities were built. The facilities are outdated and not equipped for training a high quality

workforce to lead us into the future. Updated facilities will enable our educators and students the best possible access to quality education using today's technology to train a quality workforce. To support current and future businesses our students need to learn the way their generation learns. Without updated school facilities to fulfill the need for quality education, the community will lose out on attracting new businesses and residents to the community.

According to Ben Winchester, Evaluation & Rural Sociology at the Extension Center for Community Vitality at the University of Minnesota newcomers typically look at 3-5 communities when making a decision on where to live. They are looking for a slower pace of life, safety and security and low housing costs... ultimately they are looking at quality of

life and that is the trump card over all other aspects. Data suggests that only 36% have lived in that community before, 68% have attained a bachelor degree, 67% have household incomes over \$50K and 51% have children! Having a safe, secure and strong school district with 21st century facilities and technology provides our region an edge to retain current families and attract new families.

SEDA also supports question 2 regarding the new activity center, in addition to high quality education, physical fitness and year round quality recreational opportunities are critical to our success of retaining and attracting a quality workforce and families. This type of facility serves as a hub of activity for people of all ages and abilities. It provides a safe and healthy space for all ages to gather and

be active or simply socialize with one another. The new Activity Center, in conjunction with the Elementary School gymnasiums and cafeteria provide tremendous opportunities for events such as tournaments and craft fairs, which will draw people into town, adding to the economic impact.

By providing 21st century facilities for our educators to train our future workforce as well as safe and healthy spaces for our community we will grow and we will attract jobs and families to our area. This is an opportunity to jump start our economy and this decision is critical to our success as a community. Please vote yes and yes for our youth, for our future and for our community's success.

SEDA Board of Directors
Melissa Radermacher,
Executive Director

Letters to the Editor

Taxes going to worthy cause

I will admit that I am one who hates taxes. Along with income taxes, I have county taxes, state taxes, township or city taxes, lake improvement taxes, special assessment taxes and of course something that we will have an opportunity to vote on soon - school district taxes. I understand them all. The problem is that the taxes keep going up, but my income does not.

In light of that, one would think that I would encourage voting "no" on the upcoming school referendum but the opposite is true. I am encouraging my neighbors to vote "yes". For 27 years I had children in

the Staples Motley School District. I no longer do but I'm still voting "yes" on the referendum. Of course it will have a positive effect on our most precious resource - our children. In addition, a "yes" vote will have a positive impact on our community. Communities with strong schools grow. They grow in numbers, which brings growth in businesses, which brings all sorts of community improvement for everyone.

Yes, I am voting for the kids. I am also voting "yes" on May 14 for my own benefit and I recommend that you vote "yes" as well.

Herb Bloomquist
Motley, Minn

Decision time

I believe we should take care of our school buildings. They should be safe. The HVAC should work. Roofs should not leak. Good lighting is important. Students need an environment that is conducive to learning. It is reasonable to expect to refurbish and update buildings when they get old, but some say our wish list is too big as compared to what needs to be done. Taxpayers will see this as unreasonable and reject it. This didn't have to happen. Question #2 is a big part of the problem.

The planning group that was hired to advise on the building project warned that the taxpayers would not support more than a \$20/month tax increase. We may see a backlash resulting in no votes for question #1. Much of the information out there is one sided. Some opinions are agenda driven and some will benefit if they get what they want. So talk to your friends and neighbors and get the facts.

Do your due diligence before you vote, but do vote.

Also, I recommend everyone check out the tax calculator online. The

school tax for my home went up 17 percent last year. According to the calculator they will go up \$23/month with question #1 and \$6/month with question #2. My hunting land will go up \$38/month with question #1 and \$9/month with question #2. So, my total tax increase for schools is \$76/month or \$912 a year.

Not sure we know the annual operating costs for the activity center, but typically they are high. I doubt that fees will cover it. Expect more taxes. I have heard that the City will kick in \$75K a year for operation. That would be just short of \$2 million for the term of the levy. So, you could say that if you live in Staples you will be hit with two different taxes for this project.

So, whichever way the vote goes, we will all find a way to live with it. I do think the school board would have been more successful selling their proposal had they been able to show us how it would result in better educational outcomes. Maybe better test scores, higher graduation rates and student accomplishments etc.

Kevin Jenkins
Staples, Minn

Vote against science

One of the votes held April 24 in the Minnesota House of Representatives was particularly telling. It wasn't to allocate money. It wasn't to advance policy, really. It was a simple resolution recognizing the role humans have played in climate change:

"The legislature finds and declares that greenhouse gas emissions resulting from human activities are a key cause of climate change."

The resolution passed with 79 votes - All 75 Democrats and four Republicans voted in favor. Five Republicans did not cast a vote.

Fifty Republicans voted against the resolution recognizing human contri-

bution to climate change. Among them was the representative of this district, John Poston. Considering the makeup of our district and the scientifically proven impact climate change has on farmers, you'd think he'd have enough concern about the environment to recognize humanity's role in global warming.

Also, if you're keeping track of such things, Poston has in this session voted against the Equal Rights Amendment referendum, against the hands-free driving bill and now against a resolution recognizing humanity's role in climate change.

Who does he think he's representing?

Kevin Klawitter
Staples, Minn

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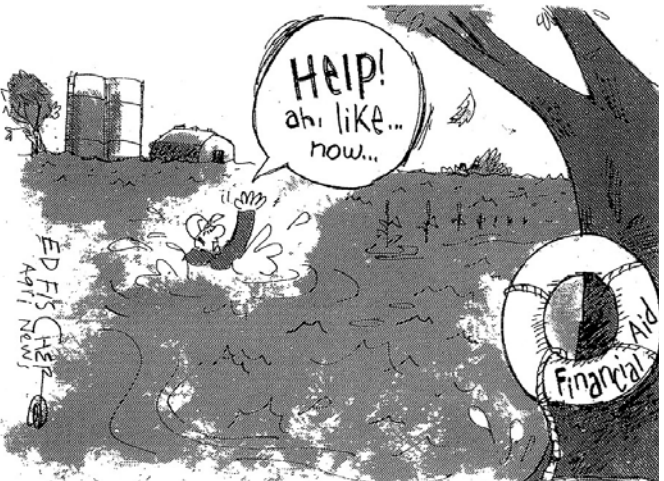
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Letters to the Editor

Referendum questions

Some thoughts for our voters to consider:

1. Where is our money best spent? There is an excess operating levy that is currently in place. It will end soon unless the voters approve it again. In this levy, there were two questions put before the voters, and both were approved. The second question that was approved was to provide programs and personnel to both the high school and the middle school. (Actually, since the board has changed the format of our high school and middle school, they do not have the authority to levy that second question, which is a yearly tax.)

As a resident and tax payer of this district, I would rather spend my tax dollars on good programs and more school personnel, than on new buildings.

Therefore, I'd rather support the excess levy that is already in place, than to support a new building bond request, which would be much more costly to taxpayers, without benefit of more programs and personnel.

2. Why would the school board choose to close our Motley School building (with its high ceilings, spacious hallways and large classrooms) and place all our students into two sites with insufficient space, unless they were trying to force the voters to approve their plan? Even now, some 8th grade students have classes with 12th graders. Is this in our students' best interests?

3. A look at what's happened to our student numbers. Before the board sent all of our K-3 elementary students to the Staples site, Motley Elementary had been growing significantly. Since the school format changed, student numbers have decreased. One exam-

ple shows in our summer school numbers. In previous years, both Staples and Motley Elementary offered summer school, with approximately 40 students attending Motley summer school and 60-plus attending the Staples school. Since Motley Elementary was closed down, the summer school elementary program numbers are approximately 40 total.

4. All farmland will see an increase in taxes. Farmland that is not home-steaded is taxed at a much higher rate (maximum acreage that can be home-steaded is 320 acres). Any farmers renting land that is not homesteaded will probably see high rent increases from the land-owners. Regardless, all homeowners/landowners will see significant tax increases.

Roy DiGiovanni
Motley, Minn

Greater Minnesota opposes gas and business tax raises

Results of a statewide survey found startling opposition to current legislative proposals to raise business taxes and the gas tax, and impose mandates on employers and employees.

"These results reflect that Minnesotans want our state to be affordable for families and businesses to grow and flourish," said Doug Loon, president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce. "High tax rates negatively impact investment, wages, entrepreneurship, and talent retention and recruitment – the very items needed for a strong and growing economy."

"Minnesota employers support smart investments that preserve Minnesota's quality of life. However, the sheer magnitude of these proposed tax increases and mandates would discourage companies from creating jobs and investing in Minnesota," said Charlie Weaver, executive director of the Minnesota Business Partnership.

Survey findings include: Voters statewide oppose Governor Walz's proposed business tax increases by a nearly 2:1 margin.

- 34 percent support
- 60 percent oppose (47 percent strongly)

Voters in Greater Minnesota oppose these increases by more than a 3:1 margin.

- 45 percent in Twin Cities support, 48 percent oppose (36 percent strongly)
- 21 percent of Greater Minnesota voters support, 74 percent oppose (60 percent strongly)

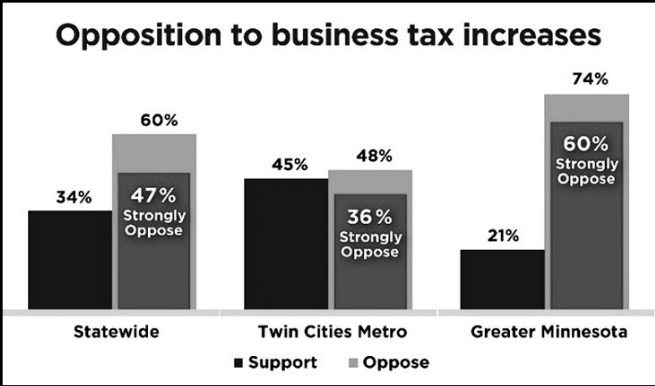
Minnesotans who strongly oppose a new payroll tax to fund a state-run paid leave program outnumber all those who support it.

- 37 percent support
- 55 percent oppose (42 percent strongly)

Voters in Greater Minnesota oppose these measures more strongly than voters in the metro.

- 44 percent in Twin Cities support, 48 percent oppose (34 percent strongly)

billion over the next four years. Much of that burden will fall on the business community directly with cost increases estimated at \$5 billion to \$6 billion. These proposals would set roadblocks to investment, slow economic growth and threaten Minnesota's affordability.



- 29 percent in Greater Minnesota support, 65 percent oppose (52 percent strongly)

Nearly two-thirds of voters statewide oppose Governor Walz's 20 cents-per-gallon gas tax increase, and more than half (54 percent) strongly oppose it.

- 31 percent support
- 65 percent oppose (54 percent strongly)

Nearly four times as many voters in Greater Minnesota oppose the gas tax increase as those who support it.

- 40 percent in Twin Cities support, 57 percent oppose (47 percent strongly)

- 19 percent in Greater Minnesota support, 75 percent oppose (63 percent strongly)

By contrast, nearly two-thirds of Minnesotans – 64 percent – support dedicating the auto parts sales tax to transportation.

The legislature is debating proposals to increase taxes and fees by nearly 12

These questions were included in a statewide survey of registered voters in Minnesota, conducted by Meeting Street Research and supported by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Minnesota Business Partnership and Housing First Minnesota. Interviews were completed April 3–4 and 7, 2019, among 500 registered voters with a mix of cell phone and landline interviewing. The margin of error for a sample size of N=500 is ±4.38 percent.

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Investing in the future

I have lived in Staples for 17 years now, and it is home. I almost feel like a native. I can give directions based on who owns the property down the road, and if you buy a house I may ask you, "Oh is that the old Anderson place?" These are things that took a while to get used to when I moved here years ago, and now they encompass why I never want to leave. We know each other. My hairdresser is my close friend, my coworkers and I attend the same athletic events, my accountant really cares about my financial future and the barista knows my name and favorite drink. People here are friendly, and generous, and we all want our small town, or home, our school, to thrive.

This is why I will vote yes for the upcoming school referendum. I want my kids to have a classroom full of sunlight, and a lunchroom that is a fun

place to relax with their friends. I want our district to have consistency in classroom size, and be able to continue offering innovative opportunities for our students from AP classes to ag classes to shop classes to adaptive phy-ed and music opportunities galore. I want their buildings to be safe, and technologically adequate for our current society. I want to attract the best teachers, and administrators here. I want our school to be the heart of our community. A place where parents greet each other while dropping off kids in the morning, volunteer together for fun events, and utilize our building for athletic opportunities outside of the school day. A place where people can work together to make it the best place it can be for kids.

Do many of these things already happen in our district? Yes. We already have a great school filled with hardworking, caring adults and students. An updated school, one that utilizes the resources we

already have, is an opportunity for a fresh start. A rejuvenation of positive things happening in Staples and Motley. A symbol of moving forward, and working together to create the best we can for our neighbors, kids, and future residents. Something that will update and upgrade what needs to be improved, help us to be more fiscally responsible in the future and work toward solving our problems rather than kicking them down the road for future generations. Now is the time to get the job done.

I'm so proud of the thoughtful work that has gone into making this plan, and promoting it. Now it's time to educate ourselves on the facts, ignore the negativity that some people feed on, and possibly buckle down our spending a little so we can invest in our kids and future. See you at the polls on May 14, hopefully with a yes vote

Alina Robinson
Staples, Minn

On farms and ranches, every day is Earth Day

By Joe Martin
State Executive Director, Minnesota Farm Service Agency
And Troy Daniell
State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service

At USDA, we celebrated Earth Day 2019 by offering a big thank you to farmers and ranchers here in Minnesota for all they do. Every day we see their efforts to conserve natural resources while producing food, fiber and fuel for people in their communities and around the world. They are doing what needs to be done to make sure we all enjoy the benefits of clean and plentiful water and healthy soils, ecosystems and wildlife habitat.

This year's Earth Day theme, "Protect Our Species," highlights the responsibility we share in supporting wildlife. Two-

thirds of the land in the continental United States is privately owned, and the decisions that farmers and ranchers make for their land can impact wildlife.

We at USDA believe people and wildlife can thrive together. USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service assist agricultural producers with adopting conservation practices that benefit not only farms, ranches and forest lands but wildlife species.

Producers across the nation have played and continue to play important roles in helping wildlife species flourish, rebound or recover.

USDA offers a wide array of Farm Bill programs to help Minnesota producers make wildlife-friendly improvements to croplands, grazing lands and working forests, as well as benefit agricultural

operations. Programs include the Conservation Reserve Program, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. USDA also offers free conservation advice as well and financial assistance to help implement conservation practices.

If you farm or ranch, we encourage you to reach out to your local FSA and NRCS representatives at your nearest USDA service center to see if there is a program right for your operation. Find your nearest office at farmers.gov/service-locator.

If you're not a farmer or rancher, on this Earth Day please thank one for the work he or she does to put food on our tables and to conserve our natural resources and support our nation's wildlife.

By Karen Seal Stewart, PhD

One year on from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the majority of Americans are seeing paltry benefits from Trump's tax cuts, if any at all, while the wealthiest among us are living like kings. That's because our tax code is so skewed in favor of the rich that there may as well be two different tax rates entirely: one for the top 1 percent, and another for everyone else. The fact is, that's not far from the truth.

As a wealthy investor, I pay a far lower rate on what I earn than most working Americans. If you make your money off investments, as most rich people do, our laws tax that kind of income at about half the average American's earned income from salary and wages. What's worse, the tax code also lets an investor keep their first \$78,750 in income completely tax-free, while someone who works a 9 to 5 job for a living is taxed on their very first dollar. But wait - it gets even worse! Investment income, unlike regular income, also isn't subject to Social Security or Medicare taxes.

Let's take an example. Imagine a married couple who happen to be living off a couple different kinds of investment income, either qualified dividends or long term capital gains, which basically means they turned a profit on some investments, like real estate or stocks. Together, they make \$103,150 a year.

This couple can already keep \$78,750 of that money tax-free under our capital gains exemptions, leaving them with \$24,400. But wait! Because they're filing jointly, \$24,400 is the standard deduction for a married couple, and that money is exempt from taxes too. So this couple pays absolutely ZERO in income tax. And, since they don't have to pay in to Social Security or Medicare on their investment income, they keep even more of their money. That's \$8,600 they bring home each month, completely tax-free.

Then there's a second married couple, who each work regular, salaried jobs for a living. Together, they also make \$103,150 a year, but they don't get that first \$78,750 exempted from their taxes like the investor couple does. So while they deduct the standard \$24,400 for married couples, they pay around \$9,000 in federal income taxes, and another \$8,000 in Social Security and Medicare taxes. That doesn't even take into account state income taxes.

The investor couple, who are almost certainly already rich if they're living off investments alone instead of working for a living, gets a \$17,000 discount just for being rich. That's it. The working couple, meanwhile, work a combined 80 hours a week and take home only about \$83,000 compared to the investors, who keep every cent they "earn."

This is only one example,

but as the numbers go up in investment income, the inequality only gets worse. Even a person making hundreds of millions of dollars a year through capital gains will pay a maximum rate of just 20% on their income - that's less than the top tax rate for someone making \$40,000 a year.

When wealthy people are able to receive \$78,750 of income tax-free while working people and most retirees pay income taxes on their very first dollar – and at rates approximately double what investors pay – something's got to give. The US taxes the rich entirely differently than it does the middle and working class, and that injustice is so obvious and egregious that even a rich person like myself feels compelled to speak out against it.

Tax policy may seem intimidating, but this isn't complicated. Rich people should not get special treatment just for being rich. We need a tax code that acknowledges this simple, if inconvenient for some, truth: income is income, no matter where it comes from, and it should all be taxed the same.

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Staying out of the woods

Adam Oberlander chips onto the green during the Cardinal Invite on April 27. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Golfers see action in early meets

Staples-Motley golfers got their first competitive rounds in, as the girls team hosted a meet at Dutch's Legacy in Brainerd on April 22 and played again at the Bemidji Invitational on April 26.

The boys team hosted the Cardinal Invitational at The Vintage in Staples on April 27.

Team results
Girls results
Cardinal Invitational



Rock solid

Finn Erholtz hits a long iron shot on the 18th hole at The Vintage. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Long tee shot

Alex Giza tees off on the fourth hole.

at Dutch's Legacy

Bo Erholtz 46, 56 - 102; Ava Schneider 48, 57 - 105; Libby O'Neil 65, 65 - 130

Bemidji Invitational, Bemidji Town and Country Club

SM 7th of 16 teams
 7. Adrianna Dickey 45, 42 - 87, 10. Erholtz 44, 45 - 89, 36. Schneider 48, 50 - 98, 74. O'Neil 58, 56 - 114

Boys results
Cardinal Invitational
The Vintage at Staples
 SM 5th of 10 teams
 2. Beck Erholtz 33, 39 - 72, 23. Finn Erholtz 44, 42 - 86, 23. Adam Oberlander 41, 45 - 86, 32. Alex Rosenthal 43, 46 - 89, 37. Alex Giza 42, 51 - 93, 45. Jack Adamietz 51, 54 - 105



Getting the out

Pictured, Amber Longworth makes a throw after scooping up a ground ball at third base for the Staples-Motley softball team while the pitcher ducks to give

her a lane to throw. The Cardinals lost to Aitkin 12-1 and 7-6 on April 25. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

It's about getting there, too

I'm a firm believer in road trips, even to cover long distances. It's a luxury that time does not always permit. But when it does, I would choose driving to a far-off destination over more rapid means, like air travel. Having just returned from a 3,500 mile driving expedition to the American Southwest, I'm as convinced as ever that trips are as much about the journey as they are about the destination.

I've flown to Canada, the East Coast, the South-east, and within the Midwest. In the brief time it would take to watch a couple of episodes of Game of Thrones, a steward or stewardess will have announced that "You are now free to move about the cabin," followed not long after by "Please secure your luggage and fasten your seat belt" as the pilot prepares to land. All you've seen of the Earth's landscape and life in those few hours are miniature, diorama-sized features at low altitude during take-off and landing.

For a business traveler, for whom time is money, the magic carpet of flight is sensible and efficient. But what is sacrificed is an appreciation of how our vast and beauty-filled land changes from one latitude or longitude to another, and along with it the vegetation and the animal inhabitants that occupy the many niches in the wild world.

To a flatlander like me traveling west, anticipation builds as the horizon-to-horizon expanse of farmland and wooded groves gradually changes to more steeply rolling hills. Larger humps far

in the distance become foothills, with ocean-like crests and troughs. At last, through the smoky haze of distance, a saw-toothed line of sharp-angled peaks, some reflecting brilliant white from snow-capped tops: mountains!

It's an hours-long, wearying, rest stop-punctuated transition from here to there, with plenty of time to muse over the effort, time, and hardship of such journeys before motorized vehicles and superhighways. But doing so delivers an appreciation for the great diversity our land offers. To a Rocky Mountain resident it may be old hat. But to a Minnesotan like me it's always fresh evidence of the power of those forces that shaped our world and its creatures over thousands and millions of years.

You may have seen—at least heard of—the sandhill crane, an enormous, prehistoric-looking and sounding bird that is not abundant here, but is gradually becoming more common in our state. But to see and hear them as they soar and spiral in massed flight high above their namesake Nebraska sandhills near the Platte River, is a sight to inspire any lover of wildlife, bird-watcher or not.

There's more evidence of diversity even in the arid, sparsely-vegetated, desert-like foothills at the eastern edge of Colorado's Front Range and Sangre de Christo mountains. A puff of dust marks a pronghorn antelope springing up from idle rest to attain its legendary high gear and top speed in milliseconds. Antelope have horns, not antlers like our whitetail deer. Horns are more like solidified hair cells than the true bone of antlers. But unlike other horned mammals—like bighorn sheep and mountain goats—whose headgear is permanent, antelope are unique in shedding their horns each year, just as deer, moose, and caribou

shed their true antlers.

Along twisting canyon roads that rise to oxygen-diminished altitude, slopes just freed of snow are greening with new-sprouted grass. Munching that welcome fodder, a quintet of mule deer alertly turn and twitch their comically large ears, the feature that has given them their name. This, and the typically higher, wider antler rack of a "mulie" buck distinguish them from their whitetail counterparts so familiar to us in Minnesota.

The trek across the plains to our destinations in Colorado and New Mexico was an emphatic reminder of how blessed Minnesotans are to have abundant—and too often taken for granted—water. There were exceptions that proved the rule, of course. But along much of our route the lakes where we saw anglers in boats were barely above the pond category. Few would make the cut and be counted for our license plate legend (of which there are actually more than 10,000). There were river impoundments, of course, but not the widely distributed and sizeable lakes we consider suitable for fishing and other water recreations; those so generously spread across Minnesota.

In the Colorado and New Mexico mountains beyond those plains a big share of the fishing is in rivers and "creeks" large and small, most of which are fed by snow-melt at high elevations, rainfall, and to a lesser degree by springs. There are familiar warm water species, like bass and panfish in ponds or impoundments. But the big emphasis is on trout of several varieties, fish that have evolved in flowing water environments.

But no matter the distance, some things remain all too familiar. One of these is fishermen's luck. The day before our departure it was planned that I would drive deep into a

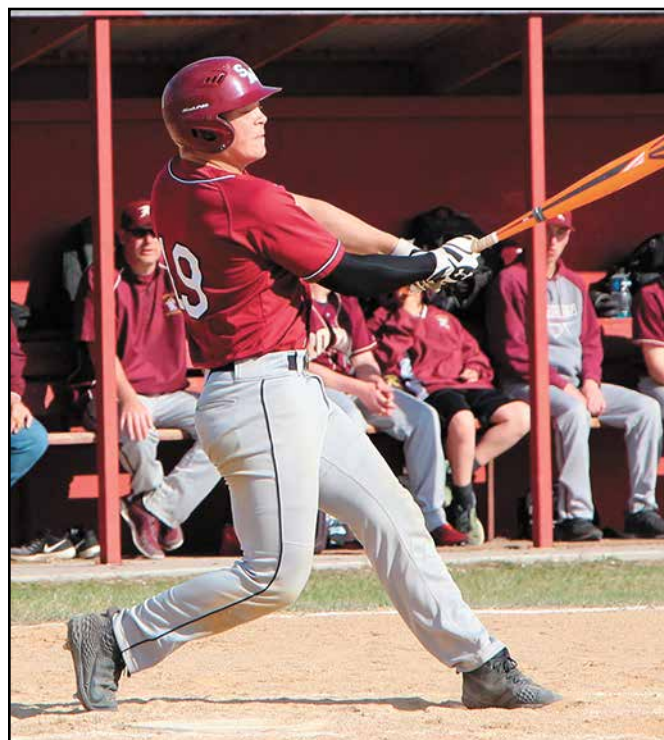
canyon within the Santa Fe National Forest, and there pull on my waders and wading boots and fish a picturesque trout stream that winds its way out of those mountains to eventually meet and empty its waters into the Rio Grande.

The day before, however—the only day it rained during our two-week journey—the skies opened up and poured a deluge on these mountains. Runoff from that rain contained enough soil to turn the river the color of heavily-creamed coffee. The top of a wading boot six inches below the surface was invisible, so you can imagine how readily a trout would be able to see a lure. And of course, most fish would be seeking shelter from the racing current, with feeding a very secondary priority.

Fishing the main river was next to impossible, if not dangerous, so I sought out a smaller tributary miles upstream from where I had planned to fish. Water clarity was only slightly better, and the river's velocity just as strong. But I had to make the effort, despite anxiety that a misstep might launch me on a tumbling ride downstream.

I survived, as you might have guessed. So did the fish, though they would have been released unharmed anyway, if they had abandoned their shelter and braved the downstream torrent to make a pass at my lures. I comforted myself with a quote from a book whose author escapes me at the moment: "Catching a fish is only incidental to fishing."

The prospect of catching a fish motivates us to make the effort, and to spend our time and treasure doing so. But—like the Peanuts comic strip character Charlie Brown, who never quite kicks the football before Lucy jerks it away—a lack of tangible success never keeps us from believing we will be more successful next time.



Baseball action

The Staples-Motley baseball team lost 14-1 to Royalton on April 24. Above, Ryan Wick takes a throw from home as the runner tries to advance. Left, Spencer Miller throws a pitch. Below, Cade Schmidt watches a deep fly ball take off from his bat. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Track teams earn wins at Long Prairie meet

The Staples-Motley boys and girls track and field teams both had multiple winners as the teams placed first in the Long Prairie Invitational on April 23.

The girls had two winning relays, while Kyanna Burton won both long distance races with Ashley Robben second in the 3,200, Tabetha Allen won both throwing events and Aften Robinson won the 400.

The boys also had two winning relay teams, Sivert Klefsaas won the 200 and Emmet Anderson and Hunter Klimek were 1-2 in the 3,200. Jeff Sundstrom was second in the 400.

Long Prairie Invitational

Girls results

100 - 10. Brooke Ferdon 14.32, 17. Aubrey Brandt 15.01, 18. Heidi Lombard 15.10

200 - 9. Ferdon 30.81, 10. Abby Dukowitz 30.88, 19. Grace Jennissen 35.82

400 - 1. Aften Robinson 1:02, 4. Kira Sweeney 1:07, 8.

Dukowitz 1:10

800 - 4. Addison Lorber 2:39, 5. Kiera Dumpprope 2:41, 7. Addisyn Cichos 2:53

1,600 - 1. Kyanna Burton 5:42, 7. Alli Olander 6:13, 8. Cichos 6:15

3,200 - 1. Burton 12:01, 2. Ashley Robben 12:42

100 hurdles - 12. Jayce Kobliska 22.44, 13. Abby Brown 22.51

4x100 - 5. SM 58.89

4x200 - 5. SM 2:07

4x400 - 1. SM 4:33

4x800 - 1. SM 10:25

High jump - 9. Brandt 3'11, 13. Lorber 3'11

Long jump - 14. Ferdon 12'1", 15. Lombard 12'0"

Triple jump - 5. Kobliska 29'3"

Discus - 1. Tabetha Allen 86'9", 8. Madysen Hull 73'10", 17. Jennissen 60'1"

Shot put - 1. Allen 29'6", 13. Hull 23'11", 24. Ari Brings 16'1"

Boys results

100 - 5. Cael Sams 12.34, 6. Jordan Carlson 12.34, 9. Scout Strickland 12.70

200 - 1. Sivert Klefsaas 25.02, 16. Griffin Judd 29.28

400 - 2. Jeff Sundstrom 57.42, 9. Alex Suliga 1:03, 13. Judd 1:06

800 - 3. Matthew Fisher 2:17, 4. Jack Tyrrell 2:17, 5. Isaac Christoffersen 2:26

1,600 - 5. Tyrrell 5:04, 6. Tanner Robben 5:07, 14. Ben Bartczak 5:27

3,200 - 1. Emmet Anderson 9:57, 2. Hunter Klimek 10:05, 7. Christoffersen 11:22

300 hurdles - 11. Gilberto Terrones 53.34, 14. Boston Smith 57.25

4x100 - 1. SM 46.65

4x200 - 5. SM 1:45

4x400 - 3. SM 3:49

4x800 - 1. SM 8:46

High jump - 15. Robben 4'8", 16. Jacob Schmitz 4'8"

Long jump - 12. Robben 16'5", 15. Terrones 16'2", 21. Schmitz 13'10"

Triple jump - 6. Sundstrom 33'6", 13. Suliga 24'5"

Pole vault - 4. Sam Jennissen 9'0"

Discus - 19. Isaac Kronenberg 80'0", 25. Evan Nanik 65'2"

Shot put - 11. Kronenberg 33'4", 19. Nanik 29'6"

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

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

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Wednesday times are for Sept. - May
Sonlight (Kids Program) 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples 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 a.m.
Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples 218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
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.com
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: 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.

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.

Leaf River Township 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.org
Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting 8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self 218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Discipleship Classes 9:00 a.m.
Prayer 9:20 a.m.
Coffee / Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.Meal 6:30 p.m. ...Groups

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

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

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

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

Spring traditions include turkey

By Jeff Weaver

I am so ready to cast a line and feel the tug of a walleye, I can hardly wait for opener. This anticipation and excitement for open water fishing may have something to do with a hopefully soon forgotten polar vortex, and the record February snowfall. Throw in an April blizzard and a few snowbanks that remained through Easter Sunday, and no one should show any concern if you see your neighbor sitting in their boat in the driveway. They are just getting ready to go fishing. It's just not the fishing opener which is an annual spring tradition anymore, so is the spring turkey season which is a great way to get out into the woods and fields and enjoy some of the most fantastic weather of the year.

This year's turkey season started off for some hunters who had lottery "A" season tags with remnant snow drifts of the April blizzard and the rains that followed. It will be interesting to see how weather affected the harvest compared to the historical averages. Lottery season" B" kicked off the last full week of April with a stable weather forecast predicted for the seven-day season. My guess is that the harvest totals for this timeframe will be much higher than the previous "A" season.

It will be those hunters that chose a later non-lottery over the counter turkey license who may really hit the jackpot when it comes to this year's prime time gobbler activity. Season "C" through "F" are all over the counter tags for any of the turkey zones that encompass the entire state. Season "F" allows any hunter who did not fill their tag during an earlier

designated season to again go afield in their licensed zone to give it a try late in the season until May 31st, when the spring season for wild turkey closes.

I will be calling for one of my daughters during the season" C" season, and will be calling for my other daughter during the "E" season. It will be very interesting to see what types of different patterns the birds are in during these two different time periods. My best hunch is with the later season, many of the hens will be on the nest, so any of the Toms that are still available will be on the move looking for available hens. This is going to make a big difference on how we will approach our hunting tactics.

If all goes according to plan during the later season, I would like to roost a big Tom the evening before the hunt. This would be the ideal scenario in which I would then set up somewhere close the following morning hoping for a fly-down early morning harvest. As we all know in turkey hunting, nothing ever goes according to the plan, especially with a big old Tom. If the morning plan goes awry, we would use a method many hunters call "running and gunning", a tactic which can make you a hero or a zero in no time flat. We will talk about this and other methods in another column.

Turkey hunting is an amazing adventure. Watching the morning wake up with the sounds of wood ducks squealing on the pond, honkers honking in flight, mallards quacking, and the thunder of a big gobbler makes it easy for one feel like they are part of a portrait which is being painted with you in it. Go out and enjoy Mother Nature at its finest this spring.

"Hear His Voice"

Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Staples Alliance Church

Every day we are targeted with thousands of messages. They come by means of billboards, radio ads, Facebook, Snapchat, face-to-face conversations, junk mail, text messages, phone calls, office memos and a dozen other mediums. The sheer volume of information that is streamed our way on a daily basis is very literally more than we are capable of processing.

The only way to cope with the communication overload is by intentionally choosing to ignore a large percentage of those daily messages. So whether we realize it or not, out of necessity, we have learned to selectively ignore a majority of the of the communications that we receive. We all do it instinctively.

Tuning out unnecessary and low-priority messages is a valuable skill that we must employ. Imagine if you actually took time to read all your junk mail and spam. We choose to ignore them for our own sanity. The problem comes when we apply that selective-listening skill to the messages

that should truly keep our attention. I know my own tendency to mistakenly tune out the voices that I should never ignore. (You can ask my wife about that). The coping skill of ignoring the overflow of information should never be allowed to prevent us from hearing our spouse, our kids... or the words of God.

We are told in Hebrews 3:7-8 that the Holy Spirit says, **"Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."** Those words of caution were written to a group of first century Christians who were drifting away from God, as a reminder to hold fast to faith and fellowship with the Lord. Some of them had tuned out the voice of God. And if they could tune out God, how much more must we be vigilant to not allow God's voice to be lost amid the thousands of messages that compete for our attention every day.

What has God been trying to speak to you recently? Take time today to get alone in a quiet place and listen to God's voice.

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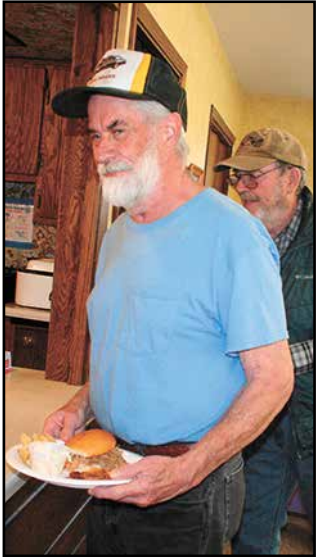
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Over 200 people stopped by the United Methodist Church in Staples for a free BBQ pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, chips and ice cream. The monthly community meals are sponsored by CARE Ministries and held at local churches. Next month's meal will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Staples on Tuesday, May 21, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Top photo: Sue Eddy puts together a plate of food in the serving line. In the background, from left, are Mary Lou Sapp, Pastor Greg Leslie, Bill Brown, Terrie Brown. Center photo: Tony Young of Staples goes through the food line. Below: Jacob Carpenter serves dessert to (from left) Peggy Houle, Pat and Jerry Morse. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Student Achievement

HAILEY KOENIG, Staples, is one of four students at St. Cloud Technical & Community College who attended the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) held April 13 - 16 in Orlando, Fla., having qualified this past February at the state conference.

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Springtime at the Cabin

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BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL IN STAPLES INCLUDED:

Born to Kristin Andring and Christopher Roach of Little Falls, a baby boy, Emmett James weighing six pounds, 10 ounces on April 19, 2019.

Born to Melissa Klinkner and James Buderus of Eagle Bend, a baby boy, Dalton Daniel weighing eight pounds, 11 ounces on April 19, 2019.

Born to Sierra and Josh Wagner of Clarissa, a baby boy girl, Anistyn SJ weighing eight pounds on April 19, 2019.

Born to Kasey Geesey and Matthew Crist of Staples, a baby girl, Zoey Terra weighing six pounds, four ounces on April 21, 2019.

Born to Stephanie Wehmas and William Boxell of Park Rapids, Ariana Grace weighing six pounds, seven ounces on April 21, 2019.

Born to Sarah and Heath Belknap of Vernadale, a baby girl, Rose Faith weighing seven pounds, 15 ounces on April 24, 2019.

Care Center

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Mae Jenkins, May 1; Catherine Badermacher, May 8; Richard Giles, May 13; Alvis Twardowski, May 18; Judith Martensen, May 31.

MAY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Weds., May 1, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Lions '93

Thurs., May 2, 10 a.m. Bible Study, Barry Klein; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by Lions '93

Sat., May 4, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., May 5, 1:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Mon., May 6, 10 a.m. Entertainment: Doug Spartz

Tues., May 7, 2:15 p.m. Church, Staples UMC; 3:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., May 8, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by UMC

Thurs., May 9, 2 p.m. Gary Timbs entertainment; 2:15 p.m. Mother's Day Party and Pie Social

Obituaries

Wayne Dryburgh

Wayne L. Dryburgh, 74, of Brainerd, passed away peacefully at his home on April 25, 2019 surrounded by his family.

A memorial service will be held Friday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Brainerd. Visitation will be held Thurs., May 2 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Halvorson Taylor Life Event Center, Brainerd and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Wayne was born May 18, 1944, in Brainerd to Clyde and Edith (Kounkel) Dryburgh. He graduated from Brainerd High School, Class of 1962 and went attended trade school in Staples where he received his Machinist degree for Tool and Die.

Wayne found the love of his life just down the road from his family home. He married Janet Wittwer on May 15, 1965. The couple lived in Fridley, where their daughter Lisa, was born. They soon found their way back to God's Country and made their home in Staples, where they completed their family with the births of Lori and Steven. In 1968, Wayne went to work for 3M until his retirement in 2001. He and his wife were active in softball, bowling, and the Sportsman's Club. Near retirement they moved back to his childhood home on the lake and he literally lived out the remainder of his life on "Easy Street".

Wayne enjoyed and loved beyond measure time with family. Some of his greatest joys were going hunting, water skiing, tubing, fishing, snowmobiling, motorcycling, playing cornhole and washers and of course, card games of all kinds. He especially



loved being with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wayne has touched many lives in his 74 years, his list of abilities was endless. He blessed many of us by sharing his knowledge and meticulous "machinist" perfections in getting things done just right. He has proven to us all throughout his life that if you work hard, stay strong, fight hard and love always, no matter what, you will get life done... Just Right.

Wayne is survived by his wife of 53 years; one daughter, Lori Smith; one son, Steven (Becky) Dryburgh; five grandchildren, Robbie (Kori) Anderson, Becca (Chad) Lardy, Dalton Dryburgh, Brady (Kaitlin) Killian, Matthew Smith and Cody Dryburgh; two great-grandsons, Mason Lardy and Wyatt Anderson; two nieces Joni Dryburgh and Rita Silva.

Wayne is welcomed into Heaven by his parents; one brother, Curtis; one daughter, Lisa Dryburgh Killian; mother and father-in-law, Glenn and Elsie Wittwer.

Arrangements by Halvorson Taylor Funeral Home, Brainerd.

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Kyle Hauge

Kyle Chandler Hauge, 61, of Pillager died April 5, 2019, at Lakewood Hospital, Staples following a long, hard battle with AML Leukemia.

A Celebration of Life for Kyle will be held at the First Baptist Church in Pillager on May 4 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

Kyle was born on September 8, 1957 in Aberdeen, SD.

He is survived by his wife, Jamie of Pillager; "embraced" children, Jeff (Meredith) Knoblauch of Pequot Lakes and Sarah Knoblauch of Pillager and two grandchildren, Michael and Bailey.

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Norma Finn

Norma Finn, 81, of Staples passed away April 21, 2019 after battling colon cancer.

As per Norma's request, there will be no funeral service.

She loved horses and was president of the Bushwackers Saddle Club for many years.

She is survived by one brother, Bill Pierce; one son, Bill Finn; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Norma was preceded in death by two sons, Gary and Jeff.

Arrangements were with Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Enjoying the meal and music



Two fundraiser gatherings for Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center (LAPS) were held at Timbers Event Center in Staples April 23, with a total of 422 in attendance. Pictured above at the evening gathering are, from left Lisa and Charles Anderson, Dale and Shirley Misener, Lois and Larry Johnson, all of Motley. At left, Mike Blessing of Staples provided music during the meal. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

LAPS banquet well attended

The 5th Annual Fundraising Banquet for LAPS (Lakes Area Pregnancy Support Center) was held April 23, at Timbers Event Center in Staples.

This year's event was held at two different times that day to accommodate the amount of tables that were sponsored. One-hundred and eighteen people attended the noon gathering; and 304 at the evening gathering, for a total of 422 showing their support for the non-profit organization. In addition to enjoying

a roast beef dinner with background music by pianist Mike Blessing, attendees heard ministry updates from Ginny Rogers, Executive Director of LAPS; and Lisa Boie, Staples Branch Director. Guest speakers for the gatherings were Tom and Paula Gonzalez from Bridges of Hope in Brainerd, who shared their testimony of God's redemptive work in their lives.

"This was our 5th Annual Banquet and was our largest ever," said Boie.

"The food and service was very good and everything went smoothly after having to reschedule because of the snow storm on April 11. We are grateful for all of the churches and donors who faithfully support our moms, dads and babies in this ministry."

An open house will be held at the LAPS Center in Staples on Thursday, May 9, 2 - 6 p.m. They are located at 616 4th St. NE. The public is invited.

Michel honored by NSDAR

Amy Michel of Staples-Motley High School won the Good Citizen Award from the Captain Robert Orr Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) in Brainerd.

The subject of the essay part was "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It". How has America advanced the cause of freedom in the rest of the world? She received a certificate, wallet card, pin, check and the book "American Courage" is being donated to her high school.

After graduation, Amy plans to major in mathematical education. The Good Citizen Scholarship and Essay recognizes and rewards individuals who possess good citizenship qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities. Amy was selected because she demonstrates these qualities to an outstanding



Good Citizen Award

Pictured from left Carol Curby, NSDAR Good Citizen Chair, Amy Michel and NSDAR Regent Sue Duff-Erkel

degree.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political women's service organization dedicated to historic preservation, patriotism and education. Any woman over the age of 18 who can document her lineage to a

Revolutionary War patriot is eligible for membership.

The Captain Robert Orr Chapter meets monthly in Brainerd and welcomes new members. For information contact Sue Duff-Erkel, 320-532-4333 or Chapter Registrar DeAnn Caddy, 218-820-0204.

Mark Your Calendar

May 6

RETIRED EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION OF MN MTG Mon., May 6, 9:30 a.m., Staples City Hall. Program: SMHS Speech students.

May 9

LAKES AREA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER (LAPS) OPEN HOUSE Thursday, May 9, 2 - 6 p.m., 616 4th St. NE, Staples. Public invited. For info., 218-895-5200.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

May

- **DFS AWARDS NIGHT** May 8, 7 p.m., Centennial Auditorium, Staples.
- **FINALE CONCERT** May 17, 7 p.m.
- **BACCALAUREATE** May 19, Staples Alliance Church, time to be announced
- **CONNECTIONS SR. PROJECT SHOWCASE NIGHT** May 22, Sourcewell in Staples, 6:30 p.m.
- **COMMENCEMENT CONCERT** May 24, 7 p.m.
- **CORDS AND AWARDS** May 31, 10 a.m.
- **GRADUATION** May 31, 7:30 p.m.

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

Learn more about Tri-County project

Tri-County Health Care and Joel Beiswenger, president and CEO, will host three public seminars to talk about Tri-County's proposed building project. At each seminar, Beiswenger will give a presentation that includes the background and current details of the project, similar to the presentation given at the public forum held April 2 in Wadena.

The seminars are free and open to the public. The content for each seminar will be the same, so community members need

only attend one, if desired. There will be a time for questions and answers.

Following are the dates and times:

- Monday, May 6, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Henning Community Center
- Monday, May 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Ottertail Community Center
- Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Hub 71 in Sebeka



4-H food shelf donation

The 4-Corners 4-H Club recently held a food drive and donated 21.4 lbs of food to the Staples Area Food Shelf. Jon's Family Foods and Ted & Gens served as Collection Sites for the group. Pictured are 4-Corners 4-H club members Hank and Otto Lehmann with Frank Leidenfrost of the Staples Area Food Shelf. (Submitted photo)

Lakewood to host fundraiser for senior services

Lakewood Health System Senior Services will host a fundraiser on Friday, May 17, from 3 - 7 p.m., at the LHS Care Center, 401 Prairie Ave. NE in Staples.

The purpose of this event is to raise money for senior services projects, including purchasing a golf cart limo which will be used to transport residents around the community, allowing them to enjoy the weather and various events.

The fundraiser will include games, fun runs (5k, 1k and a walk), food for purchase, a DJ, minnow races, face painting and more. Food and games will begin at 3 p.m., the 1k run and walk begin at 5 p.m.; and the 5k run and walk will begin at 6 p.m.

To RSVP, email lakewoodhealthsystem.com. For more information, call or email Bonnie at 218-894-8082 or bonniejohnson@lakewoodhealthsystem.com.

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Matinee Sun. May 5 at 1:25 pm

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Sun. thru Thurs. 1 Show at 7:15

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Todd County Commissioners Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 19, 2019

Call to Order
The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 19th day of March, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kneisl. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the agenda as presented.

Consent Agenda
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motions and resolutions were introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2019 as presented.

GAMBLING PERMIT - BIG LAKE SPORTSMENS CLUB
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Big Lake Sportsmens Club through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Big Lake Sportsmens Clubhouse in Turtle Creek Township at the address 31974 County 16, Cushing, MN on August 17, 2019.

GAMBLING PERMIT - LITTLE BIRCH LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Little Birch Lake Improvement Association to hold a raffle event at the Diamond Point in Birchdale Township at the address 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on September 7, 2019.
GAMBLING PERMIT - TODD COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging through this resolution;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a Gambling Permit for the Todd County Council On Aging to hold a bingo event at the Clarissa Ballroom in Eagle Valley Township at the address 19281 Kotter Rd, Clarissa, MN on May 5, 2019.

To approve a one year On Sale and Off Sale 3.2 Malt Liquor License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

To approve a one year Dance License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

To approve a one year Setup License for the Clarissa Ballroom at the address of 19281 Kotter Road, Clarissa, MN in Eagle Valley Township effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for T.J.'s Diamond Point Inc. dba Diamond Point Supper Club/Lounge at the address of 12818 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN in Birchdale Township effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

To approve a one year Off Sale, On Sale and Sunday Liquor License for The Hub Supper Club LLC at the address of 30905 County 13, Burtrum, MN in Burnhamville Township effective April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.

Auditor-Treasurer
On motion by Becker and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number (ACH) 400159 through 400169 in the amount of \$5,650.82 and (Regular) 51077 through 51181 in the amount of \$137,789.34 for a total of \$143,440.16.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 514878 through 514942 in the amount of

\$91,670.80 and warrants number 704565 through 704694 in the amount of \$122,829.25.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To provide acknowledgement to Benson Air Ag, Inc of Benson, MN for spraying of tent worms in Todd County in the Calendar year 2019 and along with the Public shall be notified within 48 hours prior to a spraying event.

Public Works
An announcement was provided to the County Board from the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding a 2022 Federal HSIP Funding Award for Todd County for a 6" Wide Pavement Striping Project in FY 2022.

Ditch/Ag Inspector
On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the following resolution was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote:
NOXIOUS WEED AND INVASIVE PLANT GRANT

WHEREAS, the MDA released the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant Proposal Application on August 30, 2018 and;

WHEREAS, October 2, 2018 the County Ag Inspector (CAI) brought a Board Action to the Board meeting asking for approval to apply for the Grant. The completed Grant application was submitted to the MDA on October 3, 2018. \$12,000 was requested to be used to hire a contractor to do treatment of the Township roads surrounding the Palmer amaranth fields, and to hire a contractor to do treatment of Wild parsnip in County Road ROWs and Township road ROWs that were treated last year, and;

WHEREAS, the CAI was informed on January 4, 2019, that Todd County has been awarded the \$12,000 requested amount.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners accepts the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Grant from the MDA, and authorizes the CAI to sign the Grant Award contract for and on behalf of Todd County.

Solid Waste
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Recycling Agreements as presented with Tom's Refuse and Mattheisen Disposal.

Todd SWCD
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Becker, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To establish the position of a three (3) year grant funded Regional Nutrient Management Specialist for the Todd County SWCD.

Health & Human Services
On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Todd County Health & Human Services to recruit and hire an Eligibility Worker.

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL TO SOUTH COUNTRY HEALTH ALLIANCE

WHEREAS, the Counties of Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Kanabec, Morrison, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena, and Waseca have formed a Joint Powers Board to implement and administer County-Based Purchasing for certain state and federal programs, which Joint Powers Board operates under the name "South Country Health Alliance" ("SCHA"); and;

WHEREAS, this County has entered into a Guarantee Agreement by which it obligated itself to make additional contributions in order to meet solvency requirements, and;

WHEREAS, the Amended Joint Powers Agreement obligates counties to make additional capital contributions if requested by the Joint Powers Board, and;

WHEREAS, the Joint Powers Board has decided to make an additional capital call at a meeting of the Board of Directors of SCHA on January 3, 2019, in an amount to be determined to enable SCHA to attain 200 percent (%) of the risk-based capital (RBC) set forth on the RBC report for 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this County hereby commits to make a further capital investment to SCHA as follows:

(a) The capital contribution shall be in assets which qualify as "admitted assets" as defined in 2018 Minnesota Statutes section

60A.02, subdivision 27.

(b) The total contributions from all Member Counties of SCHA shall not be less than those needed to give SCHA an RBC of 200%.

(c) This county's share of the total capital contributions required shall be determined by Article 10.3 of the Joint Powers Agreement of 2013.

(d) The amount required of this county shall not exceed the sum of \$1,571,006.

(e) The contribution shall be made not later than Friday, May 31, 2019 although the contribution is requested to be received by March 29, 2019.

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

RESOLUTION OF WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH COUNTRY HEALTH ALLIANCE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Counties of Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Kanabec, Morrison, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena and Waseca have formed a Joint Powers Board to implement and administer County-Based Purchasing for certain state and federal programs, which Joint Powers Board operates under the name "South Country Health Alliance" ("SCHA"); and

WHEREAS, this County may exercise its' right to withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement as in the Joint Powers Agreement, Section 11: WITHDRAWAL and Bylaws Article IX. Member County Withdrawal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Todd County Board of Commissioners that Todd County will withdraw from the Joint Powers Agreement operating under the name "South Country Health Alliance" and will file this resolution with the CEO and Joint Powers Board Chair with the effective date of 11:59 p.m. of December 31, 2019.

Auditor-Treasurer's Report

The Auditor-Treasurer Office reported on projects in progress including the upcoming financial audit, MCIT campus assessment, and Staples building water damage event.

Commissioner's Report

The Commissioners reported on meetings attended.

Coordinator's Report

The Coordinator reported on meetings attended and projects in progress.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Becker, the meeting was adjourned for the month of March 2019.

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BIG STONE THER, INC	\$2,297.14
BROWERVILLE TRUCK	
WASH/BIG BOYZ.....	3,496.77
CARGILL SALT DIV.....	27,441.75
CITY OF ST CLOUD	5,514.26
GRANITE ELECTRS INC.....	6,236.40
MENCH/JAMES	2,883.00
MIDWEST LOCK &	
DOOR, INC	3,971.84
NORTHERN BUS. PROD	2,956.96
STAPLES WORLD	3,571.80
TOWMASTER	2,495.41
TRISTAR POWER SYS	3,685.00
VERIZON CONNECT	
FLEET USA LLC	5,698.00
WIDSETH SMITH	
NOLTING INC	9,713.00
103 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	33,478.83
Total	\$143,440.16

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS	
Vendor Name	\$ Amount
#15336	\$3,125.92
CENTRAL MN MENTAL	
HEALTH CTR	2,450.00
#15677	3,049.30
#11326	2,570.96
#15511	5,215.56
LITTLE SAND	
GROUP HOME.....	6,711.88
LUTHERAN SOCIAL	
SERV. OF MN - ST PAUL....	2,233.55
#10746	2,201.92
NORTHERN PINES	
MENTAL HLTH CTR IN ..	6,180.00
#13849	2,469.84
#15286	3,655.40
#15615	2,647.12
STEP	6,079.68
VILLAGE RANCH INC	6,765.75
WEST CENTRAL REG	
JUVENILE CTR.....	5,431.00
PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	30,882.92
Total	\$91,670.80

Vendor Name	\$ Amount
BRENNY FUNERAL	
CHAPEL - STAPLES	3,500.00
DHS - ANOKA METRO	
RTC - 412	13,850.00
DHS - MSOP - MN SEX	
OFFENDER PROGRAM..	5,781.50
DHS - ST PETER RTC - 472..	9,036.50
DHS - SWIFT	2,579.00
KUHL CONST.LLC.....	3,100.00
RURAL MN CEP INC	11,823.99
SOURCEWELL	22,500.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	4,479.13
121 PAYMENTS LESS	
THAN \$2,000	46,179.13
Total	\$122,829.25

On a motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held March 19, 2019 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 2, 2019.

Witness my hand and seal:

Gary Kneisl,
County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer
18pnc

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

dedication to our youngest students.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to accept the retirement request of Carol Craft; MS Paraprofessional eff. Nov. 15, 2019. MC

Thank you to Carol for her continued dedication to elementary and MS students for 30 years.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of MacKenzie Zetah; LCA classroom assistant; eff. 6-28-2019. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to approve the request from Alina Robinson for an additional year Leave of Absence for the school year 2019-2020. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve posting for positions as vacancies arise through retirements or resignations. MC A committee will meet to review any new positions and make a recommendation.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2019-2020 contract for Mark Speckien, HS Science, MS +45 Step 11. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the hire of Mike Fitzgerald, HS Custodian, Grade 5P. MC

CURRICULUM

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the administration's recommendation regarding makeup days. MC

Students will make up

two (2) days on June 3 and 4; and two (2) student days will be forgiven.

Staff will work on June 5 and 6 to make up their additional two days.

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the Annual Compliance Documentation of Indian Education Funds. MC

BUILD 2170

Member Freeman moved for the adoption of the Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the

continued from page 10a

May 14, 2019 School District Special Election; seconded by Longbella. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Longbella, Freeman, Lund and Frisk and the following voted against: None. Winkels and Anderson were not present

Reports

School Board - FED and Sourcewell; Principal and Community Ed written reports

Supt. Bratlie - Nexus will be meeting with a group regarding commu-

nity presentations for the Vote Yes Committee. He will also be at the April 1 Work Session to present.

Special Education information was shared comparing our district to other schools in the FED Coop.

Other - a Special Meeting with a Closed Session was scheduled following the April 1 Work Session.

Adjournment

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. MC
18pnc

Public Notices

CITY OF STAPLES NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

NOTICE is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Staples will hold a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St. NE, to consider the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a residential use in a B1 zone at 209 8th St. NE.

All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

Dated: May 1, 2019

Diane Archer, City Clerk
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All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard on this matter.

Dated: May 1, 2019

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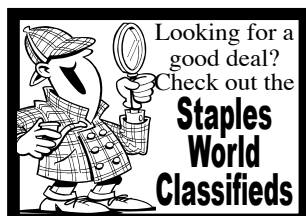
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GARAGE SALES 701

3 FAMILY GARAGE SALE: Thurs., May 2 - Sun., May 5, 8 a.m.-? Clothing, collectibles, home gym, elliptical, something for everyone. 216 4th Ave. S., Motley. ssw18p

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE & LUNCH: Fri., May 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat., May 4, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Motley UM Church, 847 3rd Ave. S., Motley. ssw18p

EBLEN ANNUAL GARAGE SALE: Fri., May 3, 8 a.m.-? Sat., May 4, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Clothing: infant boy, toddler, women's up to 3X; a lot misc. Motley Fairgrounds. ssw18p

GARAGE SALE: 280 Morrison St. E., Motley (Motley City-wide). Fri., May 3-Sat., May 4, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Household, misc., adult clothing. New craft items: baby quilts, bibs, booties, potholders. ssw18p

GARAGE AND BAKE SALE: Sat., May 4, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Clothing; furniture, bicycles, more. Staples Alliance Church, 1512 8th St. NE. All proceeds support SAC students going to LIFE Conference. ssw18c

GARAGE SALE: Thurs., May 2 - Fri., May 3 (signs posted). Staples Hi Rise, 615 4th St. NE, Staples. A lot of misc., clothing: sz. med. up to 3X; some medical equipment. ssw18p

MOVING SALE: Thurs., May 2, Fri., May 3, Sat., May 4, 9 a.m. to ? Some furniture, men's things, much misc. 11619 Cty. 32 SW, Motley, watch for signs. From Staples, east on Warner Rd to Cty 32, north 1 mi., Johnson. ssw18p

Staples Assembly Of God Church

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Headed for the food shelf

Libby Mumm helped Vickie Serich (not pictured) bring food items collected by Staples-Motley Elementary School students to the Staples Area Food Shelf on March 29. The food items were collected as part of the JCI Staples' annual 'Help Put a Fork in Hunger' March Food Drive. The elementary students collected a total of 771 pounds of food (pictured below). Libby is the daughter of JCI Staples member Paige Lenk, the project chair. (Submitted photos)

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NOTICES

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Notices

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SERVICES & EMPLOYMENT

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17-19p

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Inadequate spaces at the high school

Above: Building and Grounds Director LeRoy Peterson (left) and Principal Mike Schmidt (center) addressed the problems/challenges with the current shop classroom at Staples-Motley High School. These include equipment that is not up to standard as well as ventilation issues. The tour continued to the basement in the 1936 edition, which is wasted space and, except for storage, has not been used in nearly 20 years. Issues in that area include asbestos and water that is not suitable for drinking. Should the referendum pass May 14, this 1936 edition of the high school will be demolished. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

School board hears questions about project

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

Former school employee Bruce Drone asked the board about the cost of the Twin City Optical building that the school purchased and asked if the school considered putting classes in that building. The school is planning on moving the business office to that building.

Superintendent Ron Bratlie said they did look at it as a classroom, but it would need new HVAC and a sprinkler system to bring it up to code for students, which would cost more than \$100,000 above the \$139,000 purchase price.

Board member Bryan Winkels said the parking

lot is already being used for baseball games, making the street safer alongside the field. Using it just for storage and parking "you can't build for that," said Winkels, "that alone paid for the building."

Former board member Roy DiGiovanni cast doubts on the need for the building referendum. His remarks are printed as a letter on page 5a of this newspaper. The board did not respond to DiGiovanni's comments.

DiGiovanni also asked about a numerical mistake in a letter sent to district residents. The board told him a corrected letter had already been sent out.

Censure threat

Board member Greg Frisk informed the board that he received a letter from the school's attorney, referring to his behavior as a board member. He said the letter stated if he continues to act "the way I do," he will face a vote of no confidence.

Frisk said the letter specifically mentioned his investigating into personnel matters. Frisk said "I don't work for the administration, I work for the voters. I have received thank yous from people in the district and employees."

He said the letter accused him of creating a hostile environment, but he said no school staff has told him that. He also said he was "told that now employees think they can talk to school board members," and he didn't see what was wrong with that.

"This board is regarded as weak and ineffective," said Frisk. "They allowed a community member to berate me. I would never have allowed it if it was somebody else."

Frisk pointed out that the letter was not because

of complaints by constituents, but by the board. He called for the board to "address issues face to face, not behind our backs."

In other news, the board

- Approved 2019-20 contracts for Jim Opelia, middle school science; Alexis Smith, middle school teacher; Joe Ramsstad, agriculture science; Marn Elvehjem, high school math; and Maggie Borg, intern school social worker.

- Approved memorandum of understanding with Community Education Coordinator Kevin Roline to continue working past his retirement date until a replacement is hired.

- Postponed approving a resolution with FJJ/ICS, as part of the arbitration agreement with the consulting company. Superintendent Bratlie said the basis of the resolution was "so we don't talk bad about them." Board member Bryan Winkels asked if the agreement was "a two way street." The board postponed the agreement until language could be inserted showing both sides would abide accordingly.

- Approved Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative the right of way easement for the Ag to School POD food container project.

- Heard from High School Principal Mike Schmidt, who told the board the students have reacted admirably to some emotional events recently, including a death in a coach's family. "The relationships our staff builds with kids, and the resulting complements I heard about the kids and staff, is incredible," said Schmidt. "We test very well when it comes to relationships and emotional needs."

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