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Staples City Council asks for activity center proposal

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

At their April 9 meeting, the Staples City Council requested staff put together a proposal outlining what the city could contribute to the proposed Staples-Motley Activities Center, the second question in the school building referendum.

Council member Roy Miles was behind the request. He pointed out that since the school is paying rent to the Staples Community Center now, the city owes it to the school to let them know what their contribution to the project would look like.

"We should be able to figure out what we could do, let's make a commitment as a city," said Miles.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen said it is difficult to make a commitment at this time, when the school project is still in the planning stages.

Nelsen said the plan being put together has the center being operated by Staples-Motley Community Education, with extended hours of operation and ideas such as 24 hour access to the fitness center area.

Mayor Chris Etzler said the consulting firm that is planning the school building project was more focused on the school portion, so the activities center was created under "a little bit of a time crunch."

Nelsen said he can put some proposals together for the council to review at their April 23 meeting.

TIF District

Also at the meeting, the council approved a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District for the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership housing project being planned for Michigan Ave. and 12th Street NE in Staples. Deanna Hemmesch, CMHP Executive Director, was at the meeting and said they are hoping to close on financing in August and break ground in September.

Also at the meeting, the board approved the second reading of the rental maintenance code and approved fire contracts with townships of Bartlett, Fawn Lake, Staples, Villard, Bullard, Thomastown and Becker.

Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 17	48°	36°	Rain
Apr. 18	51	33	Cloudy
Apr. 19	58	36	Sunny
Apr. 20 (Easter)	61	42	Sunny
Apr. 21	58	38	Cloudy
Apr. 22	55	35	Cloudy
Apr. 23	53	33	Sunny

Last Year, 2018

	High	Low	Cond.
Apr. 17	52°	41°	Sunny
Apr. 18	44	28	Cloudy
Apr. 19	56	40	Sunny
Apr. 20	55	41	Sunny
Apr. 21	55	26	Sunny
Apr. 22	62	27	Sunny
Apr. 23	41	33	Sunny

Average Temp.:
H = 53° Low = 34°

Snow April 11-12: 6"
Snow total - 78"
Rain total - 1.55"

Recall:
April 20, 2012:
Planted potatoes and peas!!

Compiled by Dale Hausmann, WCCO's Staples area Weatherwatcher

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SM state tournament team and coaches

First row: Assistant Coaches, Alex Erickson and Delaney Larson. Second row: Ari Brings, Samantha Mrazek, Jaydon Friedel, Macy Judd, Sadie Thompson, Caden Mrazek, Luke Bates. Third row: Jonah Johnson, Ethan Gilbertson, Andrew Bates.

Back: Head Coaches, Heather Sams and Brian Sams, Assistant Head Coach Coleman Klimek.

Staples-Motley Speech Team third at state

The Staples-Motley Cardinals Speech team brought home their first-ever state tournament trophy.

The Cardinals placed third behind Melrose Area and Cannon Falls at the 2019 Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) Class A State Speech Tournament held April 11-13, in Wayzata.

Three individual state champions were also named: Jonah Johnson; Creative Expression, Andrew Bates and Jaydon Friedel in Duo.

Breaking the final rounds at the state tournament included; Ethan Gilbertson, fourth in Creative Expression; Sadie Thompson, seventh and Caden Mrazek, eighth in Humor; Macy Judd, eighth in Poetry; Ari Brings, ninth in Great Speeches and Samantha Mrazek, ninth in Original Oratory. First time state speech participant Luke Bates placed 16th in Humor.



State speech champions

Jonah Johnson, Jaydon Friedel, Andrew Bates.



School plans up close

Two new opportunities have been scheduled for the public to learn more about the Staples-Motley school building referendum. On Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m., a meeting will be held at the high school building, with a presentation of the project, tours of the building and help with the tax calculator to determine how much the project will cost taxpayers. This is that meeting that was postponed due to weather.

A second opportunity will be at the Motley-Staples Middle School on Thursday, April 25, also at 6 p.m., with project presentation, question and answer time, and tax calculator help.

Pictured above, some of the 50 people who attended the building project meeting on April 9 at Staples-Motley Elementary School look at the project details. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Jody Farber, longtime Family Hair Care stylist, retires

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

After 42 years of cutting and styling hair, longtime stylist Jody (Mueller) Farber of Staples has retired.

Her last official day of work at Family Hair Care in Staples, where she spent the past 39 years of her career, was April 5.

She's going to miss it, Jody said, wiping away a few tears as she said goodbye to one regular client and prepared to welcome the next. "My clients are like family to me," she went on, noting that after years of styling someone's hair, there's quite a bond that develops.

Jody grew up in Staples and was passionate about hair early on in life. "I started doing my family's hair when I was 14 years old," she shared.

In 1978, Jody graduated from Staples High School and went on to attend beauty school in Wadena. She's never regretted that decision.

"This has been an uplifting profession," Jody said, adding that when you go home from work each day "you know you made people feel good about themselves."

One of the first salons she worked at was called Kim Ron's. She also worked at Rear Mirror Image, which was renamed Family Hair Care, where she would spend the majority of her career.

There was always something new and interesting to learn, she went on about her job. "I've been through all the eras (of hairstyles)," Jody laughed, mentioning the longer hair for men in the 1970s and "big hair" of the '80s, which she loved. "It's all been fun."

Her three daughters, Jesseca, Sara and Carly, always knew where to find

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Weekly style...by Jody

Jody Farber, stylist at Family Hair Care in Staples, finishes up on a shampoo and set for long time client, Shirley Longbella of Motley. April 5 marked Farber's retirement after 40-plus years in the hair styling business. Farber received flowers, balloons and cupcakes honoring her retirement. Salon owner Julie Peterson provided the cupcakes for clients and others stopping by during the day with well wishes for Jody. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

FCA Auto Sales open in Motley



Used auto lot going strong

The former Integrity Motors in Motley is now FCA Auto Sales, owned by Pat Beutz of Baxter. The business has a wide variety of used cars and trucks for sale, as well as used tires. Auto mechanic services are also available. Below, Beutz (right) and his wife, Becky Souhrada, look at a couple of vehicles being serviced. The spacious shop area is equipped with an automobile hoist and a lift. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Pat Beutz, owner of FCA Auto Sales in Motley since April 1, is carrying on a family tradition of selling and servicing vehicles.

"I grew up in the car business," he said recently, adding that he's been in and out of the business for the past 30 years.

A Mankato native, Beutz learned early on about this line of work from his grandpa, Clarence; his dad, John; and uncle, Jim, all of whom were in the automobile business. They were called 'The Good Boys,' Beutz said of the trio of elder Beutzes. "My dad had a Chrysler store in Mankato," he added.

Pat Beutz took off and traveled some in his younger days, but soon settled back down into the business he'd first learned about as a boy.

When Pat Beutz first started out on his own, he mostly did wholesaling, he said. About five years ago he opened a retail store in Merrifield; and for the past several years operated FCA Auto Sales at a lot in Brainerd.

"We really needed a bigger shop, though," Beutz said, adding that he was excited to learn that Integrity Motors in Motley was for sale. Not only is it located along the well-traveled Highway 10; but the building itself provides plenty of space for Beutz to offer servicing for vehicles. "We're looking for an auto mechanic," he mentioned.

Currently, there is a wide variety of cars and trucks for sale at FCA Auto Sales. He specializes in trucks, Beutz said, adding that he goes to a lot of dealer auctions and wholesale auctions each week to find the best vehicles to sell.

He enjoys cars and trucks, and loves what he does for a living. "I really like being in business for myself," he added.

His wife, Becky Souhrada, has a full-time job in Brainerd, but plans to be at the Motley office at least once a week. She helps with the books and "help keep him in line," she laughed. Like Pat, she's excited for this new opportunity for FCA Auto Sales. "The people here are amazing...they are so friendly," she said.

Pat and Becky (along with their dogs, Riley and Jade) make their home in Baxter. "Riley used to be my shop dog," Pat said.

FCA Auto Sales is located at 496 Hwy 10 S. in Motley. Their business hours are: Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For more information call 218-270-3160.



At his new office

Pat Beutz is the owner of FCA Auto Sales in Motley, located at 496 Hwy 10 S. He took over the business (formerly known as Integrity Motors) on April 1. He grew up in the auto business and has been in and out of it for the past 30 years. On display at his Motley office is a photo of his grandfather, Clarence Beutz; dad, John Beutz; and uncle, Jim Beutz, dubbed 'The Good Boys,' who were all in the automobile business. Pat Beutz is happy to carry on the tradition. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)



Raising funds for flowers

Bernice Thomson (left) and Fran Kokett, members of the Sprinkle & Sprout garden club, gave an update at the recent Motley City Council meeting. The council approved their request for funds to go toward the club's projects, which include planting and maintaining flowers in several barrels around town, and at Veterans Park. Funds are also used toward insurance.

Motley Police reports

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

April 8 - The MPD received an anonymous report of a large box full of unused diabetic insulin needles that had been left on top of the clothing/shoes drop box located at Northwind Grocery Store in Motley. The MPD took possession of the box and its contents for proper disposal.

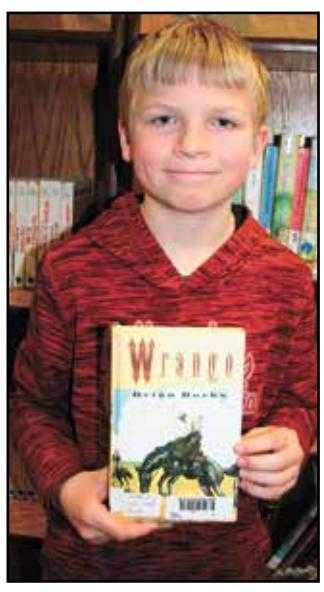
April 4 - 8 - The MPD issued speeding citations to Patricia Kathleen Peters, 61; Alex Chandler Erickson, 19; Adam Philip Solum 26; Eric Andrew Stine, 47; Maisy Rae Hanson, 18; Kayleigh Jordyn Nudell, 19; Karen Koloshuk Barbara, 38.

April 10 - The MCSO received a report of smoke in the basement of a residence at the 5000 block of 320th St., Cushing. Scandia Valley Fire was paged.

April 7 - The MCSO received a report of an injured deer on Azalea Rd. in Pillager. The responding deputy dispatched it and removed it from the roadway.



Looking for a Western



Above: Elliot Allen (right), fifth grader at Motley-Staples Middle School, gets some help recently from Media Center paraprofessional Michelle Jeziorski in locating a good Western to read. After some searching, Elliot was happy to find the book "Wrango" which he promptly checked out...just in time to get some reading material before the big snowstorm fell throughout the area...the wild, wild Midwest. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

City of Motley offers support for June Fest event

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

The annual June Fest celebration in Motley is set for Saturday, June 22, with new events added to the all-ages festival.

Britney Bursch, Executive Director of the Staples Motley Chamber of Commerce (the sponsoring organization), gave an update about the event at the Motley City Council's regular meeting April 8. During her presentation, she also requested financial and in-kind donations from the city.

New this year will be Lumberjack Shows, a mechanical bull riding event, car show, kick ball tournament and other children's games; and a four-mile race for adults.

Back by popular demand is the Wings Cook Off, street dance, music and DJ, fireworks, beer garden, water wars, pedal pull and Kids Fun Run (held in conjunction with the adult race). A variety of vendors are also expected to be a part of the day. In a later conversation, chamber member Sherry Miller Frisk said that they are hoping for more vendors (crafts, etc.) to sign up than in previous years.

To defray expenses, the chamber is also planning to hold a raffle, along with the Motley Lions Club.

After some discussion, the council approved the chamber's request for permits to have a street dance and beer garden (as long as there is insurance to cover the area where the beer garden is located). They also approved a motion to donate $3,000 and in-kind services for the June Fest event.

In other matters the council:

- HELD a public hearing regarding the transfer of monies currently held in the city's Revolving Loan Fund to North Central Economic Development Association. No comments were voiced by the public.
- APPROVED up to $600 in services from the Sprinkle & Sprout Garden Club in Motley, with the money taken out of the training fund for the mayor and council.
- APPROVED the fire department's request to purchase a new Rosenbauer fire truck for $300,722, from Heiman Inc., in South Dakota. Sourcewell is the consortium purchasing agent, which means the fire department is eligible for an estimated $3,000 rebate at the end of the project. Included in the total price is the Rosenbauer FX Pumper/Tanker per provided Rosenbauer specifications; and a 2020 Freightliner M-2106 Chassis per provided Freightliner specifications. The truck is expected to be ready in 12 - 14 months. It was noted that by signing the contract before April 15, the fire department was avoiding a four percent cost inflation ($12,000) that was expected at that time.
- APPROVED the fire department's request to apply for a DNR matching grant.
- ACCEPTED the bid from Traut Companies, Waite Park, in the amount of $7,071, for repairs to well #3.
- DISCUSSED the city's nuisance list and approved sending friendly reminder letters to those with items that could be disposed of during the city wide cleanup day on Saturday, May 11, 7:45 - 10:45 a.m.
- LEARNED that the water usage report looks better since a water leak was located and repaired and discrepancies in the report itself were discovered and fixed.
- APPROVED a number of ordinance amendments.
- ACCEPTED a $500 donation from the Motley Fire Department Relief Association.
- APPROVED donating $300 to Faith in Action/Horizon Health out of Pierz with the funds coming from the 10 percent gambling fund.
- APPROVED signing and accepting quit-claim deeds to Trantina Properties, LLC (new owner) regarding parcel #41.0106.000 (Always Available Towing) in order to clarify the legal description of this parcel without having a survey completed. The city will mantain their easement and the legal costs were paid for by the requesting party.
- SET the next regular council meeting for Monday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.; and set a performance evaluation (a closed meeting) for Public Works Director Bruce Brotherton to follow the regular meeting.







Community visioning session

The Staples community was invited to 'Imagine the Possibilities' at the Batcher Block Opera House Visioning Sessions held at Central Lakes College in Staples April 10. Above: Mickey Davis (standing left) with McClure Engineering of St. Louis, Mo., facilitated the afternoon session, asking the 30-plus attendees what they felt was unique about their community and what they felt was missing. What is needed to draw people to Staples? "Dream big!" he encouraged them. A variety of suggestions were voiced, including boutiques, artisan-based gift shops, furniture store, ethnic dining, art gallery, live music venue, downtown gardens, bowling alley and movie theater. McClure is part of the team that is hoping to see the Batcher Block Opera House restored and believes it could be a major draw for the City of Staples. It's one of a dozen opera houses in the United States and the only one with the original painted fresco on its ceiling. It's a national treasure, McClure said of the opera house. Colleen Frost (standing above right) is the developer/visionary of the Batcher Block Opera House. She designed the new logo, which is featured on the slide below. Kelli Wegscheid, with Harmonious Architecture of Perham had a number of artist renderings available for viewing which depicted a number of possibilities for the five-story space, should the restoration become a reality. Future sessions will focus on an action plan and fundraising. Online information is available at www.batcherblockoperahouse.com. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)





Storage sheds destroyed by fire

Thousands of items, including a classic car, below, and a piece of machinery, above, were destoryed in a fire at Japke Store-All in Staples in the early morning hours of April 12. The Staples Fire Department was called to the fire at 3:05 a.m., and the building was on the ground when they arrived a few minutes later. The firefighters were on the scene for four hours on the snowy night. Four of the storage units at the end of the building were not destroyed, but many of the items were damaged by smoke. Nearby storage sheds and trailer homes in the area were not damaged.

The State Fire Marshall visited the site, but no determination was made as to how the fire started. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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"Give us a little sugar... we'll miss you!"

mom when she wasn't at home. Jesseca felt emotional when she heard the news about her retirement, Jody said, adding that her daughter said, "I grew up here. It's been home." Daughter Carly followed in mom's footsteps and is now a hairdresser too.

Julie Peterson is the owner of Family Hair Care and has worked with Jody for 37 years. "She has done a great job here," Julie said of Jody, adding that she is good at every aspect of being a stylist. "She will be missed by me and many others."

Shirley Longbella and Rita Stone, both regular customers of Jody's, expressed their sentiments as well, upon hearing of her retirement. "I've been coming here forever," Shirley said, mentioning her standing once-a-week appointment to have her hair done. Since Jody is her sister-in-law, she expects they'll still share conversations along the way, just not over a hair dryer. Rita said she's always enjoyed swapping stories about "the old days" with Jody. She will miss that.

Although she will miss her clients and her routine at Family Hair Care, Jody said she's looking forward to spending more time at home with her husband, Brad, and other family members. "We have eight grandkids now," Jody said. They just might convince grandma to 'play salon' with them occasionally, teaching them some of the skills she learned by 'doing her family's hair' when she was just a teen.

But first, it's time for Jody to kick off her shoes and enjoy some well-deserved rest and relaxation. Perhaps a trip to the salon might be in order. This time as a client.



Shirley Longbella gives Farber a hug, thanking her for her years of service and wishing her the best as she begins a new chapter of life.

Owen, Weber are Students of Character

Bryce Weber and Hailey Owen are two of the 41 students from throughout Region 5 who have been selected by their respective school staff and were celebrated at a special event on April 10, at Madden's Resort on Gull Lake.

The Students of Character Celebration, formerly known as the Student Recognition Banquet, recognizes high school juniors and seniors in the region for their quiet leadership, perseverance and dedication to their community, school and fellow students. Donations from local businesses, organizations, and individuals make it possible for each student to receive a scholarship, plus a chance to win door prizes.

Weber and Owen were nominated by Staples-Motley High School Principal Mike Schmidt and Counselor Penny Olsen, with the following biographies submitted.



Bryce Weber



Hailey Owen

Bryce Weber

Through his time with us at Staples-Motley High School, Bryce has taken on his obstacles and overcome them with tremendous resiliency. He's done so by believing in the teachers and support staff of whom from day one recognized his smile, gentle demeanor and kindness as characteristics worth reaching for and embracing. Bryce, your trust in us and your growth have not only validated staffs beliefs in you, you've empowered us to believe deeper in ourselves. You've been referred to as a "Staples-Motley Miracle Student". You're the example, so many should review. We wish you the best as you venture into your welding program. We're proud of you. Congratulations!

Hailey Owen

Over the past 4 years we've witnessed Hailey strive for her own empowerments. One could say she was shy, however, we choose to say, she was patient. Hailey, was just awaiting "her time". She's become one of the officers of our local FFA Chapter which has earned her state honors in Forestry and Natural Resources Competitions, along with her State FFA Degree. She was recognized by her peers for the "Can Do Award" due to her consistency in helping with nearly every event over the years. She's accepted a place in the CLC Natural Resources Program for the upcoming fall, where we're confident she'll continue on the remarkable journey she's earned. Hailey, you're a leader. Congratulations!

Arrests for assault, DWI

On March 21, Staples Police responded to the 1400 block of 3rd St NE for a report of a domestic. Police arrested James Badue, Jr., 26, for a Hennepin County warrant. Badue was also arrested for 4th degree assault, obstructing with force, and domestic. Police were assisted by Todd County, Verndale Police, Wadena County, Wadena Police, and Motley Police.

On March 22, Staples Police received a report of three found license plates in the parking lot at Lakewood Health System. Police learned that the plates were off a stolen vehicle out of the metro.

On March 22, Staples Police assisted Wadena County with a DWI. on County Road 2 near 239th Ave. Tyler Poynter, 26, was arrested. Police stood by until Scotts South Town arrived and towed the vehicle.

On March 24, Staples Police arrested Michelle Waddel, 34, for 3rd degree DWI.

Correction

An article in last week's paper about the SMHS music tour to New Orleans, submitted by Kathryn Edwards, was edited incorrectly in a few places. The Staples World apologizes for the errors.

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Batcher Building project energizes community with ideas

It was an exhilarating meeting to hear about all the ideas for the Batcher Block Building and to hear all the suggestions from people in the crowd. They are considering many possibilities from arts and entertainment, food, drink and retail. And they're looking for local input so it has local character.

I was pleased they presented the project with the "Power of Ten" concept, which states if a community gets ten features that bring in people, it creates a nexus that feeds off each feature and the bountiful result benefits everyone in the community.

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Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor
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The Batcher Builidng project could provide ten features all by itself, although the number ten is just a sample number, it could be six, or twelve or whatever number of features brings in a critical number of people.

While all of these stimulating ideas are being catalyzed by the Batcher Building project, in reality all of it could still be done even if the project never materializes.

There's already a great arts and entertainment scene here that could expand on its own. Breweries, wineries and distilleries are popping up all over and some of their products are showing up in local bars and restaurants. A Mexican restaurant is opening soon in Staples and there will be more food options attempted in years to come. There are empty buildings that could open right now for prospective businesses and retail.

It takes a lot of people, a lot of time and a community-wide commitment to create that Power of Ten nexus, and we're already doing it on many levels. However, the Batcher Building project could do all of it at once and bring in more people to enhance the features we currently have.

There are some features to the project that can't be replicated. The artist who will restore the Batcher Building Opera Hall artwork was at the visioning session and believes it's a national treasure. He said there are 13 opera halls in the country and this is the only one with the original Bavarian artwork. It could atract people from around the nation and worldwide.

The other big advantage is that the giant building can create a sense of grandeur that's not often found in rural Minnesota. Everyone who visits Staples asks about the building when they first see it. I remember my first time wandering around downtown Staples, looking up at the building like a hick tourist's first day in a big city. Luckily, Ken Klose was walking past and gave me my first lesson about the building. There've been many stories told after that and I'm sure I haven't heard all of them yet.

The other aspect that is stimulating is the opportunity to attend meetings and events in a structure that is dedicated to art and history. I've seen studies that show surroundings of elegance and beauty can lead to creativity and higher level thinking. The rooms can literally inspire people to think differently. There are some excellent public spaces in the community that are inspiring and reflect the character of the community, but the Batcher Building could catapult our creative and artistic needs.

For those reasons, I hope the project gets the funding needed and takes off. Just from the newspaper perspective, it's another way to learn about our community and even the first visioning session has been a catalyst to get people to share their stories, ideas, hopes and dreams.

Letters to the Editor

Grateful for community support

My husband and I moved to this town simply for the affordability of the home that we fell in love with 15 years ago. We had lost a child as an infant and had our healthy bouncy boy who was not yet one year old. After our second son was born I felt torn to not be with them every day. I did not care what I had to give up to "be" with my babies! Our third son was born in 2006. We are "blessed" to have a perfect daughter in heaven.

Two pretty healthy sons and a rare disease, no cure, biologic taking chemo popping, teen who lives for school! I asked Evan "what matters to you the very most with this illness. What do you never ever want to give up?" His answer is "school."

We are prepared with a walker and wheelchair for the worst of the worst days. Some weeks he will be wearning braces because of pain. Some days he has to go lay down and get checked over by the nurse and this momma bear. His condition can become dangerous quickly. This school district is one of two reasons that we have not moved closer to a Pediatric Hospital.

We love our care teams at Lakewood and we know that we will never ever find the quality of care that our children are given anywhere.

Siblings suffer from chronic illness too. That's why I say #NoSiblingLeftBehind, our boys have been through so much medical trauma it isn't funny. Oh, mom almost bled to death. Oh, mom needs surgery #15. Oh, Evan and mom and dad are traveling around the country trying to fight for lives.

My sons have needed above and beyond the basic needs at school. We live on the edge of uncertainty more often than not. The last few years I begged for help from our school leadership. They were shocked at my desire to follow through with guidance for our family. They supported our biggest family values and fought for more than one of our precious children. We are grateful.

I see how the special needs community is adored in this school. I see how the coaches truly want to make a difference in my kids lives, not just for a match. I support this school. I have my own physical deficits on days. I wish that I could serve them as they have served us. Thank you to everyone that has had a hand in supporting our family. You are why we haven't moved to the ocean.

This district has so much to offer our kids. The space is needed to serve generations to come. Trades are offered.

Kids lives are enhanced. They matter the most.

We support Build 2170.

Tammy Woodwick
Staples, Minn

Great school equals great community

When I moved to Staples in 1973, I felt like I was moving to teach in one of the best school district's in the state. I couldn't believe the number of course offerings for the size of school and the support for education that I felt in this community. I was honored to be a teacher in this district until I retired a few years ago. Our children, who graduated from here, received an education that prepared them to be successful in college. I do not have grandchildren in this district but last year many voted yes in the St. Cloud school district so my grandchildren will have better facilities. I am grateful to those St. Cloud voters.

I know, personally I would rather have a brand new Pre K -12 school building but after looking at my tax increase I understand why the school board decided instead on major renovations and some new construction. I was surprised to realize (using the tax calculator on the VoteYes2170.com website) that the monthly increase on our home and large lot in Staples will be $20/month for question #1, and $5/month for question number two. Having worked at the school, I know we need better facilities. We have awesome teachers and students and they deserve and need better classrooms, with good air quality, temperature control and lighting. We need larger hallways so students can access them safely. We need career, technical and fine arts classrooms that are up to date and functional. I could go on and on! The tax increase on my house that I will pay for the Staples Motley Activity Center will be well worth it to me as I use the Staples Community Center on a weekly basis and I know the problems that facility faces.

We've been blessed in Staples Motley because we have dedicated staff who have "made do" for many years so our students could experience the best possible. I think of all of the items I and other teachers brought into the classrooms because we wanted the students to have more than what the district could afford.

I want our community to grow and I believe with newer school facilities, we will attract new families. I want new teachers to come here because we have great programs and facilities. I want students to be in functional classrooms and proud of their school. I want our community members to have an activity center that is accessible and will allow them to exercise or gather with friends. So… I will say "yes" to higher taxes because I believe it will make a difference in so many ways! I also say "thank you" to Lakewood Health System for your generous offer for the Staples Motley Activity Center walking path. As in 1973, I still live in a great community!

Lisa Kajer, Retired teacher
Staples, Minn.

Letters to the Editor

School taxes doubling

The proposed school district referendum will more than double your school taxes. No matter how expensive your home is the proposal will raise your school taxes by over 100 percent. Even if just the main question passes it will raise them by a minimum 80 percent. This level of increase is what your school board has decided is "acceptable" to the people in the district.

They quote payments of "only" $25.86 a month. Note that this is on the "average" home value of $125,000. They forget to mention that this payment goes for 25 years. If your home is above "average" you are talking tens of thousands of dollars over the life of this 25 year payback.

Why should people living far away be voting for a new "community center" for Staples? Yes, it is being listed as "Staples-Motley Activity Center" but it's nothing more than a Community Center for the city of Staples. The city of Staples has been wanting to replace their own community center for years so this is just a backhanded way to get the outlying citizens to pay for something that's of little use for those citizens living outside of Staples.

This is a gym, pool, weight room and space for dance/aerobic classes. This is a new community center for Staples that the people of the school district should not be expected to pay for.

Ronald Nypan
Lincoln, Minn

Paying it forward for children

I have been asking myself why would I, as a retired person in Staples, want to vote to increase my taxes since I no longer have anyone in school here?

One reason might be that many years ago someone else voted to build a nice school for my children to attend. Now it will be my turn to step up. Our children deserve the best we have to offer.

Our present facilities have not kept up with the times. We can create a school that will be giving our children what they deserve - a clean, up to date facility where it will be more conducive to learing.

Creating this environment will in a sense be saving our towns by attracting new people and helping to save our property valuations.

The second proposition also deserves our consideration. I am aware of the deteriorating conditions that exist in our present Community Center. The building has not been maintained as it could have been due to limited funds. Now we are facing the consequences. We are in need of an activity center that meets the needs of our citizens of all ages.

I hope you would join me in voting "yes" when the vote comes up in May.

John Gorton
Staples, Minn

Statewide child care survey shows concerns

A new report from the Center for Rural Policy & Development, titled "CRPD hears from child care providers," discusses the results of a recent statewide survey looking to better understand what issues for providers may be leading to the state's current child care shortage.

This preliminary review of the data showed three important points:

Center providers showed more concern about the financial sustainability of their business.

Center providers were also very concerned about their ability to hire and keep staff given the current competition from other employers who could pay more and/or offer benefits.

Both groups of providers were very concerned about regulations. When asked if changes in regulations were making it more difficult to operate their businesses, more than 80 percent of family providers and 68 percent of center providers statewide strongly or somewhat agreed. Issues brought up frequently included the amount of paperwork, the amount of required training, and a punitive and overzealous regulatory atmosphere. The few providers who defended the regulatory system pointed out that regulations are there for a reason.

"Whether they're right or wrong about regulations isn't the issue here," said Marnie Werner, Vice President of research and operations at the Center. "The issue is that so many providers, both home-based and center-based, feel this way, which strongly suggests an unhealthy atmosphere."

The most important finding of the survey, however, may be the ways regulations add to providers' costs of operations, Werner said. "Based on providers' comments, there's a clear intersection between regulations and finances. We'll be looking into that further."

"The intention of this survey was to listen to the people actually providing this important service," said Center president and CEO Julie Tesch. "The information they provide is going to be vital for any future policy decisions made to try and fix the current situation."

"The child care shortage is a serious issue across the entire state, so even though the Center's focus is on rural Minnesota, it's important to look at both Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities to get a complete picture," said Center board chairman Steve Wenzel of Little Falls.

The survey, conducted in November and December of 2018, provided a plethora of data that Center researchers are still analyzing. Werner anticipates at least two more articles in the future. The full report and previous reports on the child care shortage can be found on the Center's web site at ruralmn.org.

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Letters to the Editor

Community pride

What does it mean to be a community? One particular definition I found of community is "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals".

So, as I reflect on what makes the Staples-Motley (SM) Community so very special, what comes to mind is pride in our schools. We have and currently value our schools for the excellence achieved in academics, music, performing/fine arts, FFA, athletics, along with various other activities and programs.

As a lifelong resident of this area, I am extremely proud of the shared common values of our community. Voting Yes is a move to strengthen our community by updating and expanding our schools and validating our community values.

We have pride in our cities, surrounding areas and local organizations/businesses. We have had the benefit of recent updates and expansions of many of these organizations/businesses. Sourcewell (formerly NJPA), Lakewood Health System, CLC, Stern Rubber, City of Staples (Hwy 10 bypass and overpass) are a few businesses/entities that come to mind with recent expansions or infrastructure updates along with others. These area employers provide jobs, services and goods which in turn helps our community grow and remain vitally strong. Updating and modernizing our schools will help to build on the momentum achieved by the recent updates in our community.

For the last two years there have been many strategic planning sessions. These planning sessions have collectively stated many deficiencies in our school buildings along with gaps and inefficiencies including:

1) Inefficiencies and inconvenience with three sites
2) Lack of cafeteria space
3) Lack of gym space and indoor walking space
4) Need for 21st Century Career & Technical space
5) Lack of modern amenities and ADA compliance
6) Fixed, non-flexible classrooms for improved learning
7) Energy inefficiencies (heating/cooling, lighting, windows, etc.)
8) High transportation costs
9) General cosmetics issues (cracks in the floors, damaged ceilings/roof leaks, etc.)

The Build 2170 addresses and checks the box on these deficiencies, inefficiencies and gaps by modernizing our school facilities much like the communities of Brainerd, Long Prairie, Verndale, Sebeka, Menahga, Perham, Park Rapids, Pillager and Wadena have done in recent years or are currently doing via construction projects. By modernizing our school facilities, we are generating huge savings from the efficiencies (energy, transportation, etc.) and also helping our future student and family recruitment. The savings from the efficiencies paired along with growth potential from new student revenue will help our annual ISD 2170 budgeting process.

You have probably heard the phrase "Build it and they will come" made famous in the movie Field of Dreams. That might or might not be true depending on what you're building/remodeling and who it is you want to come. The flip side, though, is absolutely 100 percent true. If you do not build it, they will not come. So, Build, Remodel, & Renovate it, along with continuing to develop a strong culture and pride, while appreciating the tradition of excellence… And perhaps & most likely they will come. Don't build/renovate it and they never will come.

My hope is that we rally as a community and Vote Yes for our SM Community and the proposed ISD 2170 Build, as this will benefit the children, educators and community as a whole, now and for generations to come. The investment is well worth it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mark Carlson
Staples, Minn

School helps entire community

The upcoming planning for the school renovations, additions and community center offers exciting opportunities for our communities and the people who live in and around them. These building projects will affect more than just students.

The schools that our youth are learning in have done a wonderful job to this point and to be sure the staff and curriculum is top notch. However, buildings become outdated and keeping the facilities updated, safe and effective is now necessary. Among planned improvements will include updated sprinkler systems, safer gymnasiums and required updates to the HVAC systems. Consolidating into two buildings and yet essentially one location will make transportation safer, more streamlined and cost effective. The addition of a new activities center will produce benefits for the whole community. I've spoken with many patients over the years that lament that a place to walk in the winter and during otherwise inclement weather would allow them to exercise more often. The elevated walking track and updated community workout facilities in the current plans would go a long way towards improving the health options for the whole community.

The school itself, with new as well as updated facilities, would also attract and retain students that would add to the vitality of the student body. Attracting and retaining new students and families has dramatic financial consequences for the school and the community at large. Nearby districts are attracting students who take their dollars with them. One nearby district has 3+ million in open enrollment dollars. The truth is that if you lose students the district loses money, a lot of money, $8,000-$12,000 per student. Imagine if just five students or families decided that the improved facilities at SM were where they wanted to stay. And people absolutely grade updated and modern facilities when choosing for their families and students.

If families also chose to settle in our communities the cascade of benefits is also multitude. Businesses have more potential patrons; grocers, local small businesses, eateries, almost everyone benefits. The investments in the school and activities center are investments in the community as a whole. All will benefit.

Jordan Moe
Staples, Minn

For future generations

In 1936, at the age of 10 little did I know that when I slipped my handwritten note into the time capsule in the outside wall near the entrance to the Staples gymnasium that I would marry Derald Miller and together we would spend many hours in that gym attending sports events, school programs, concerts, plays and graduations to name a few.

The 1936, gymnasium was the nicest in the area and it brought so many events to our community. So many wonderful memories.

On April 5, 2019, Derald and I were so honored to be inducted into the Staples Motley Athletic Hall of Fame. A big thank you for this great honor. Now its time to update that gym and build a new gym and make improvements to our schools for future generations, to make new memories. I am voting yes and yes for our children, our families and our Staples Motley Community. Show your support for our Staples Motley Community by voting yes and yes.

Juanita Miller
Staples, Minn

A great night

I would like to thank Mike Hajek and his group for the fantastic job they did with the Cardinal Hall of Fame program.

For me, it was a night I'll never forget.

Also to Mark Anderson and the Staples World for the outstanding coverage of the event. A job well done.

Thanks to the Timbers for a classic ending.

Bob Peterson
2019 HOF Inductee
Staples, Minn

Music tour opportunity

A huge thank you to Mr. Thelen, Mr. Crust and the group of fantastic chaperones that gave of their time to make the trip to New Orleans a wonderful reality for our young people. Even as tired as everyone was returning home on Sunday evening, the kind words that were spoken about our kids, of their behavior, their amazing abilities, their kindness to each other and those around them, was heartwarming, to say the least, and the smiles on all those involved made you believe it.

To our students, thank you for representing your school, your hometown and most of all, yourselves, so well.

Vicki Paskewitz
Browerville, Minn.

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The road to no more victims of drunk driving

By Colleen Sheehey-Church
Past President, MADD

My son Dustin had unforgettable, fiery red hair and a huge, goofy grin. He loved to make people laugh. One summer night shortly after graduating high school, Dustin got a ride with a 19-year-old driver who had alcohol and drugs in her system.

Seat-belted and sober, Dustin was riding in the back seat when the driver lost control of the car, ran into an embankment and launched the car into a river. The driver and front seat passenger escaped. Dustin could not, and he drowned.

As the immediate past president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), I represent hundreds of thousands of people like me whose lives have been tragically, irreversibly changed by someone else's decision to drive while impaired. To end impaired driving, we need to talk about it, and since April is Alcohol Awareness Month, there's no better time to have this discussion.

Impaired driving is a complex issue that grows more urgent by the day with the increasing prevalence of drug-impaired driving. Drugged driving is finding its way into the evening news and morning headlines across the country as a growing number of Americans get high and sometimes even overdose behind the wheel. Even more troubling, these drivers often combine substances like alcohol, marijuana and opioids, which exponentially increases their impairment and the likelihood of causing a fatal crash.

Our response to this issue must be comprehensive. The United States has been successful over the past three decades in drastically reducing the number of impaired-driving fatalities through effective legislation, increased enforcement, stepped-up education campaigns, changing societal norms and a greater recognition of the need for addiction treatment. Impaired-driving fatalities dropped for years but have recently begun to tick back up. Far too many Americans, 10,874 (in 2017), lose their lives each year to completely preventable crimes.

DWI courts are uniquely positioned to have one of the greatest impacts on impaired driving in our communities because they specialize in targeting and treating the population that poses the greatest threat to our safety: repeat impaired drivers with a substance use disorder.

We know that the first arrest is rarely the first time someone has driven impaired. In fact, studies estimate that an impaired driver has done so more than 80 times before getting caught. We also know that for many of these high-risk, high-need individuals, punishment alone simply will not change their behavior. DWI courts combine evidence-based treatment to address their substance use disorder with structure and strict accountability to change the behavior that attends it, including close supervision and tools like ignition interlock.

Research confirms that this approach significantly reduces impaired driving: participants in DWI courts are up to 60 percent less likely to reoffend than those sentenced to jail or standard probation.

Unfortunately, there are just over 700 of these programs in the entire country, far too few to serve every eligible offender. The National Center for DWI Courts is committed to expanding DWI courts to make our roads and communities safer, and I'm honored to partner with them in this work.

As a nation, we must have a greater sense of urgency. We must wage an unrelenting battle on the devastating, 100-percent preventable crime of impaired driving on our roadways. Clearly, our work is far from finished. But together, with your help, we can create a world with no more victims.

Child Abuse Prevention Month

From Todd County Health and Human Services

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, Todd County Health and Human Services encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Todd County a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth and families in our communities.

Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. They are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional competence of children

Please join us on Thursday, April 25 for our Annual Ham & Scalloped Potato Meal with snow cones for dessert at the First Baptist Church in Long Prairie:

- Serving from 5pm – 7pm
- Free Will Donation
- Support Child Maltreatment Prevention Efforts in Your Local Community
- Door Prizes
- Local Provider Booths

Research offers guidance from Greater Minnesota

The Center for Rural Policy and Development has released its latest project, a compilation of insights and recommendations titled "Letters to the New Governor."

The "letters" are a set of essays offering guidance and insight to elected representatives in all offices, but in particular to Minnesota's new governor. The Center for Rural Policy and Development has invited experts from the state of Minnesota to comment on the ideas and motivations behind some of our most difficult policy questions facing our state, including the region's changing demographics, the rural economy, the environment, infrastructure, health care and education.

"The insights, recommendations and depth of understanding of the complex issues in these letters is remarkable and inspiring," said Center Board Chairman Steve Wenzel. "I strongly encourage anyone involved with public policy or economic development to read these letters in total and individually. The insights by the writers of these letters focus critically on the urgent topics facing our state each day."

"Throughout the year, the Center for Rural Policy and Development works to raise awareness of issues and concerns in Greater Minnesota through research and outreach, and as we welcome our first new governor in eight years, this collection has become a key part of our mission," said Center for Rural Policy & Development President and CEO Julie Tesch. "It is our sincere hope that the voices in this venue will offer understanding, which in turn will fuel larger discussions and create an aspiration for data-driven decisions."

"The intent and devotion from each of the authors of these letters comes through in the truest spirit of working to make our state and communities the best places we can to live, work and raise the next generation of Minnesotans," said Marnie Werner, Vice President of Research and Operations for the Center. "We sincerely hope that Governor Walz, Lt. Governor Flanagan, the newly elected state legislators and community leaders from across the state will read these letters and gain insights into Greater Minnesota."

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'93 Lions Eggstravaganza for Easter held April 13

Many area children and visiting relatives attended the '93 Lions Eggtravaganza held at the Staples Community Center April 13. There were a variety of Easter activities for children to participate in with prizes given (some candy). The Easter bunny representatives were available for photos and handed out baby carrots. Above left: Jayce Kobliska and Grace Jennissen greeted children and posed for Easter Bunny pictures with Tia Mertens, Roxy Mertens and Frances Reese.

Top right:Jackson and Caleb Vangsness with their mom, Allison take turns picking out ducks for a prize.

Bottom right: Rorie Yates-Frutiger takes a turn at the hoop shoot while mom and brother watch. Lion Frank Leidenfrost got in on the action. See more Eggstravaganza photos on page 14a. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, April 23, at 7 p.m., with a pre-meeting at 6:15 p.m. for Municode Meetings Training

• Consider Resolution No. 1769 supporting application to Innovation Funding for Batcher Building planning

• Consider Staples-Motley Activity Center commitment

• Consider change to May 14th Council meeting start time or date due to ISD 2170 Referendum Election

• Committee Reports: Planning and Zoning Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Mark Your Calendar

April 23

CARE Community Meal Tues., April 23, 4:30 - 6 p.m., United Methodist Church, 310 5th St. NE, Staples. Free. For info, 218-894-2008.

April 25

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Club Mtg Thurs., April 25, 7:30 - 9:45 p.m., Wadena VFW. Brian Freed, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 320-760-6043.

May 1

Staples American Legion Auxiliary Unit 70 Mtg Wed., May 1, 2 p.m., Lions Bldg., 402 Wisconsin Ave SE, Staples. Special program honoring a lady veteran. RSVP requested, 218-894-2254.

Choral bonanza coming April 27

(Mini) Big Sing in Wadena

Submitted by
Dave Anderson, Staples

Remember "Little Joe" Cartwright on the old Bonanza television series? "Little Joe" wasn't small until you compared him to his brother Hoss Cartwright. Stick with me now, you'll see where I'm going with this.

On April 27, Wadena Memorial Auditorium will be the site of a (mini) Big Sing. Nearly 150 male singers from choruses in Staples, Grand Rapids, Jamestown and Marshall will gather in this wonderful music hall to present a choral extravaganza. Each chorus will perform individually and a combined chorus will feature the solid wall of sound only a large group of singers can produce, something like the smooth rumble of the V-8 engine idling in your very first car when you opened the hood to show it off.

So why is this advertised as a (mini) Big Sing? Like "Little Joe" it's not small until it's compared with something larger...in this case, a regular Big Sing. Each of the four participating choruses belongs to an organization known as the Associated Male Choruses of America. An annual highlight of the AMCA is a combined choral event known as a Big Sing which usually includes more than a dozen male choruses.

Wadena was the site of the Big Sing concert in 1985, when the Staples Area Men's Chorus hosted and facilitated their first Big Sing Concert, to be followed by others in 2010 and 2017 that were held in Staples.

Chorus member Bernie Nelsen of Wadena was one of the committee members who worked tirelessly to make the 1985 Big Sing a success and he continued to work in a variety of roles with the Staples Area Men's Chorus until his sudden and unexpected death in 2018. To honor the memory of Bernie Nelsen and other Staples Area Male Chorus members, both past and present, the chorus commissioned composer Timothy C. Takach to write an arrangement of the Schottish folk song The Parting Glass.

The world premier of this wonderful piece of music will occur at the (mini) Big Sing in Wadena. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for this 7 p.m. concert. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Merickel Lumber-Ace Hardware in Wadena, Kevin Nelson Insurance Agency in Staples and the Staples Area Men's Chorus website HYPERLINK "http://www.staplesmen.org" www.staplesmen.org. Tickets will also be available at the door. Mark it on your calendar, April 27, and invite a friend.



Colla Voce Girl's Choir concert May 6

The Colla Voce Girl's Choir will present their 'Follow the Voice' concert Monday, May 6, 7 p.m., at Staples Assembly of God Church, 915 East 3rd. Ave. A free will offering will be taken.

Colla Voce Girl's Choir is under the direction of Mary Moen. Members include Melissa Anderson, Angelica Arroyo, Estella Bock, Audrey Brownell, Brooke Hansen, Bella Hines, Molly Hoemberg, Jaida Holst, Carolyn Hoppe, Haylee Horn, Jasmyne Hove, Ticiana Janssen, Sarah Kroll, Sarah Kueker, Keira Mevissen, Naila Mikhaeil, Raina Mikhaeil, Suhaila Mikhaeil, Maci Mithun, Celily Moe, Lily Moe, Olivia Opheim, Ally Pesola, Kiya Pope, Shaila Roberts, Torence Rodriguez, Kathleen Ryan, Mackenzie Ryan, Trinity Seamann, Brea Steward, Scarlett Stracek, Brooklyn Winter. (Submitted photo)

Staples-Motley School board agenda

The Staples-Motley School Board will meet Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m. at the high school media center.

Items on the agenda include:

• School/Community Forum – Individuals or groups wishing to address the Board must contact the Board Chair or the Superintendent by noon of the Friday preceding the meeting.

• Discussion on the Commissioner's Review and Comment report as required by M.S.123B.71, Subd. 12.

• Approve the renewal of Interquest Canine Contract for the 2019-20 School Year

• Permission to seek Bread Quotes and Dairy Bids.

• Approve the 2019-20 Food Service Joint Agreement with Sacred Heart

• Approve the 2019-20 Food Service Joint Agreement with Pillager Charter School

• Approve the increase of Stanton Grade for the Director of Transportation from Grade 15 to Grade 16; increase amount $11,643.

• Accept the retirement request of Kerry Lindgren; HS Ag.

Approve the 2019-20 contract for Jim Opelia; MS Science; MA Step 6

• Approve the 2019-20 contract for Alexis Smith; MS Teacher; BA Step 2

• Approve the 2019-20 contract for Joe Ramstad; Agriculture Science; BA Step 4

• Accept the resignation of Maggie Borg; MS Secretary; eff.

• Approve the 2019-20 contract for Maggie Borg; Inter School Social Worker; Grade 8Q; 180 days

• Permission to post for Summer School Teacher Assistants for 2019 (Special Education and Targeted Services), Summer School Special Education & Targeted Services Program Teachers for 2019, Summer School Food Service Staff (2).

• Approve the Alternative Teacher Professional Pay System (ATTPPS/QCOMP) MOU for 2019-20

• Adopt the Resolution of Mediated Settlement Agreement with Foster Jacobs & Johnson, Inc./ICS Consulting, Inc.

• Reports: FED, Source-well.

Upcoming meetings: Mon., May 6, Work Session 6 p.m.; Mon., May 20,Regular Board Meeting Canvass Election Results, 6 p.m.; Fri., May 31 Graduation 7:30 p.m.

Cardinal Calendar

Staples-Motley School events

April

- **Special Olympics Basketball** April 17, at SMHS
- **Prom** April 27
- **FFA State Convention** April 28 - 30
- **Bell Choir Concert** April 29, 7 p.m. at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples.







Obituaries

Lawrence Smith



Lawrence Smith, 89, of Motley, died April 14, 2019, at Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples.

Mass of Christian Burial will be April 17, 11 a.m. at St. Michaels Catholic Church in Motley with Fr. Gabriel Walz officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be at St. James Cemetery in Philbrook.

Lawrence was born to John and Mary (Macho) Smith on March 20, 1930 on the family farm located next to St. James Cemetery in Philbrook. The family moved to the current family farm in 1930. Lawrence served in the U.S. Army prior to Korea. He married Iona Hales Feb. 5, 1951 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples. Lawrence worked in logging, driving his own log truck. He farmed all his life, ran a sawmill for business and pleasure, had dairy cows, then beef cows and hogs. He loved to ride his 4-wheeler and pick mushrooms. On April 21, 1980, the Philbrook fire came through and wiped out the Smith farm. This type of loss would have destroyed a lesser man. Determined, Lawrence and Iona completely started over at the age of 50. He started taking flying instructions from Russ Lee in 1972 and enjoyed flying his own plane until the age of 82.

Lawrence was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Experimental Aircraft Association, Motley American Legion, Fawn Lake Town Board, School Board member of Philbrook Country School and was active at St. Michaels Catholic Church as an usher.

Lawrence is survived by his wife; four sons, Roger Smith of Motley, LeRoy (Carolyn) Smith of Motley, David Smith of Motley, Mark (Lori) Smith of Motley; one daughter, Gloria (Mark) Campbell of Motley; 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Lorraine Kveton-Buhl and Marion Scheper Link and one brother, Bill (Sheila) Smith; one son, Gary, Sept. 9, 1999; one grandson, Jesse Lee Smith in 2004.

Arrangments by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel.

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William Rolfs

William R. Rolfs, 79, of Richmond and formerly of Staples and Sauk Centre, died March 31, at Cherrywood of Richmond Assisted Living.

A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, at the Montrose Cemetery near Verndale. There is no reviewal or visitation.

Arrangements are with Peterson Brothers Funeral Home. www.petersonbrothers.com

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Leigh Mayer

Leigh "Leo" Stephen Mayer, 62, of Champlin, went peacefully to be with the Lord April 4, 2019, after a courageous battle with cancer.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, April 27, at 11 a.m. at the Cremation Society of Minnesota, 7835 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services.

Arrangements are by the Cremation Society of Minnesota.

Leigh was an active volunteer with the Twin Cities Marathon for over 20 years. He loved participating in many Humane Society walks with all of his dogs. Leigh was an avid golfer, belonged to a league for many years with his good buddy, Dan. Leigh enjoyed spending time with friends, sitting on the patio watching Vikings and Twins games. He and Jan didn't have kids of their own, but were blessed to have friends who were eager to share their children's lives with them and through the years, these kids became almost like their own.

Leigh is survived by his wife of 39 years; three brothers, Kirke (Pat) of Longmont, CO, Kevin (Bonnie) of Red Rock, AZ, Brian of Lexington; sister-in-law, Pam Carlson; brother-in-law, Dave Carlson; mother-in-law, LaDonna Peterson of Motley; many relatives and good friends.

In lieu of flowers, family will accept memorials for Leigh's favorite charities.

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Engagement



Johnson, Hagg

Alisha Johnson, daughter of Gene and Angie Johnson of Motley and Ezra Hagg, the son of Jody Fore of Pine River and Chad and Jennifer Hagg of Colorado, have announced their engagement.

Alisha is a 2017 graduate of Staples-Motley High School; and Ezra is a 2017 graduate of Pillager High School. They currently work and attend school in St. Cloud.

A June 8, 2019 wedding is planned in Staples.

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Brittany and Brian Petersen of Nisswa, a baby boy, Sawyer Bruce weighing six punds, 12 ounces on April 8, 2019.

Born to DeEsta and Nick Soukup of Clitherall, a baby girl, Wilhemina Rose weighing six pounds, five ounces on April 8, 2019.

Born to Jessica and Dylan Exe of Baxter, a baby boy, Kamdyn Allan weighing nine pounds, one ounce on April 10, 2019.

Born to Lauren and Benjamin Colflesh of Randall, a baby girl, Chloe Alyssa weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on April 11, 2019.

Born to Ashley and Travis Zerwas of Baxter, a baby girl, Aletheia Rose Joyce weighing seven pounds, four ounces on April 12, 2019.

Born to April and Dylan Rice of Pine River, a baby boy, Luke Karl weighing seven pounds, six ounces on April 12, 2019.

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

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
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.

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
Info. 218-837-5690 ..Open by arrangement

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 Hoffert
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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

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 Classses
.....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
Childrens' 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.

"Choose Love by Taking Small Steps Daily"

Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor of Motley Free Methodist Church

Leviticus 19:17-18 (TLB), says, *"Don't hate your brother. Rebuke anyone who sins; don't let him get away with it, or you will be equally guilty. Don't seek vengeance. Don't bear a grudge; but love your neighbor as yourself, for I am Jehovah."*

It is safe to say that everyone wants to be loved and be shown love in some way. What we need to understand is this love we seek cannot come from books, lectures, television programs, hopeful thinking or listening to motivational speakers on-line.

How can we find this kind of love and choose to love this way especially when we feel that we have experienced so little of it ourselves? In order to receive love we must first take a bold step forward and be the first one to render love.

We take these bold steps of loving by expressing love every time there is an opportunity. A smile, a handshake, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a card, a hug, a kind greeting, a gesture of support, a home visit, a helping hand, a gift, a financial contribution, praying with them - all of these (and more) are "steps" we can take to express love first.

Each and every step that we take is like a candle burning in the night. It may not take all the darkness away, but it provides just enough light to safely guide us through the darkness. It gives the illumination we need to find that love we have always wanted.

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Old Wadena program to spotlight baseball legend

A Staples native will report on his efforts to get a black baseball player enshrined in baseball's National Hall of Fame, at the annual meeting of the Old Wadena Society on Sunday, April 28.

The Old Wadena Society meeting will be held at 1 p.m. in the lobby of the Historic Northern Pacific Depot in Staples, with Peter Gorton providing an entertaining program on John Wesley Donaldson, including his progress toward the making of a movie on Donaldson, called "39 Seconds."

The general public, especially baseball fans, history nuts and people just wanting to hear a great story, are encouraged to attend. The Old Wadena Society meeting will also include election of board of director members, reports on this year's plans for the Old Wadena Rendezvous and Chautauqua on August 10 and 11 and other annual business items. The local non-profit group is working to have an artistic memorial to the late Dr. Duane Lund finished and installed at the Old Wadena park prior to this summer's Rendezvous.

Peter Gorton will describe his 18-year effort to resurrect the story (and legacy) of John Donaldson, whom Gorton considers one of the greatest black baseball players to ever play the game. He was one of many black athletes who at that time was (were) banned from playing in the major leagues. So instead Donaldson spent parts of nearly 20 (33) years playing for town teams scattered across central and southern Minnesota, including more than three years playing for the Bertha Fishermen.

The Missouri-born Donaldson discovered around 1920 he could make more money barnstorming and playing with town team baseball clubs around the Midwest. In 1924, that led him to the Bertha Fishermen.

"I never saw him play, but my father and my grandfather both saw him play," John Blashak, one of the officers of the Bertha Historical Society, said when asked about Donaldson's records. He has helped Gorton with research on Donaldson's seasons with the Fisherman.

The Fishermen played an independent schedule, not involved with any league. "A league would not allow a black player to be on one of their teams," Blashak said. "The Bertha folks offered Donaldson a job and paid him $325 a month. The difference was here in Bertha he got a regular check while other places only offered to pay him on commission."

Gorton created The Donaldson Network, a group of like-minded researchers, with a mission of telling the story of John Donaldson to as many people as they can. "Because Donaldson is someone we should know," Peter said. "His sacrifice and contribution to baseball and society are significant beyond what history has thus far recognized."

Gorton has verified, as of this past February, 407 Donaldson victories, more than any segregated pitcher in the history of baseball. His network has also documented Donaldson playing in 683 different cities. In one of Donaldson's earlier games, on Sept. 12, 1913, the Nevada, Iowa Republican reported, "Donaldson, the colored pitcher for the visitors, struck out three Nevada men in succession inning after inning."

The 500 member Donaldson Network has documented Donaldson's career that spanned from 1908 to 1940. Their research also found over 5,000 strikeouts and 14 no-hitters pitched by the left-handed Donaldson.

The Bertha Fishermen team traveled to surrounding towns, playing against Morris, Little Falls, Moorhead and any other towns where they were able to strike a deal on either a flat fee or a split of the gate. Likewise, Bertha was able to attract large crowds to come to their city as well, once word of the team and their ace pitcher spread around the baseball-crazy area. Bertha had to add on to their baseball field's wooden bleachers to accommodate the larger crowds.

"We've got pictures of cars parked, surrounding the ball field and people standing on the sidelines," Blashak said. "My uncle and his dad played on the team." According to Blashak, the Fishermen attracted crowds of 3,000 spectators a number of times when Donaldson was pitching.

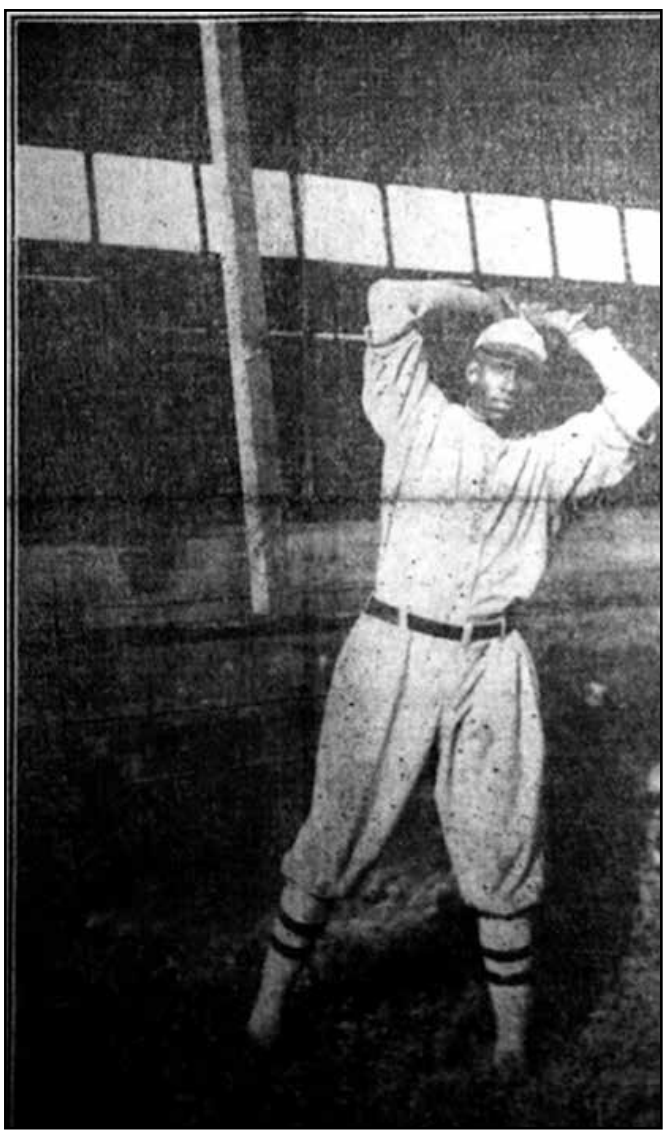
Probably the largest turnout came when Donaldson's fame was matched with another Minnesota hero in 1927. Blashak and Gorton uncovered newspaper records showing over 10,000 people came to Little Falls in August, 1927 and saw Donaldson's Fishermen team play against the all-black House of David squad, from Minneapolis. The size of the crowd also reflected that the game was part of the massive homecoming celebration the same weekend for a Little Falls hero, Charles Lindbergh, when he returned home after making the first successful flight from New York to Paris in May of 1927.

Donaldson didn't return as a player to the Bertha team after 1927, playing instead for a number of other town teams from Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to Lismore, Minnesota.

Gorton's goal is to have Donaldson enshrined in the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, which is planning to consider candidates from the segregated teams in 2020. Donaldson was not included in an initial group of black inductees in 2006.

Currently Gorton and his team are in the finishing stages of producing a movie on Donaldson's career, titled "39 Seconds." The title comes from the discovery of 39 seconds of rare film footage showing Donaldson on the mound in the 1920's.

For more info go to: johndonaldson.bravehost.com or to: oldwadenarendezous.org.



Star from baseball past

Few photos of John Donaldson exist, but a 39 second film clip has been found and is the subject of the upcoming movie, "39 Seconds." Researcher Peter Gorton will talk about the player and the movie on Sunday, April 28, at the Staples Depot, starting at 1 p.m.



The work must go on

At least six inches of snow fell in Staples April 11 and 12, but that didn't stop Sharon Kadlec, an employee with Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., from making a delivery to the post office. Fortunately, nine-year-old Sam Hirschey (below) had shoveled a path for sidewalk pedestrians prior to heading to school, which started two hours late that day. His mom, Lindsey Hirschey, owns the Stomping Grounds coffee shop located on that block (4th St. NE). Sam said people were very appreciative of his volunteer work and reported that he had even received two whole dollars in tips. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



New fishing innovations for 2019

By Steve Carney

As we enter into the open water season of 2019, there are a host of new innovations that are new for the year and as always, some are righteous and others, not so much. Here are some thoughts on a few items.

Power Poles

These have gained a lot of attention recently but have become much more common on boats the past season or so. These are the long poles that telescope into the water and hold tight to the bottom and keep your boat stationary. I really like the idea but I don't like the price.

These power poles range from $1,700 to $3,800 and I really don't see the need unless you are a bass fisherman that loves fishing in heavy, shallow cover. For walleye people, not sure this is such a great idea. If the price was more reasonable, I would bite. I often see these power poles on walleye boats on the water and I never see them utilized….case closed.

Hi Vis Monofilament

This is a new innovation which takes your standard monofilament line and adds a high visibility shine to the line so it can be easily seen on top of the water. I just starting using this hi vis style line and can honestly say it does have an application on the water. It's helps you see exactly where your line is and it also shows you the line angle on your fellow anglers as well. It is amazingly bright on the surface but seems invisible below the water. A very amazing concept in this age of fishing innovations. I think Hi Vis line will take off in 2019 and more manufacturers will be bringing out their own versions shortly.

On-Board Chargers

I finally gave in and opted for the on-board charging system two years ago and I love it. No more fiddling with 2 chargers and the cords that accompany the old-fashioned way. Just plug in the cord and the on-board charger does it all. Being it's already connected to your batteries, it's a great way to charge your batteries without the hassle. This is something most avid anglers have in their boats and wouldn't think of leaving the house without it.



Springtime shoveling

Nick Hall of Staples was hard at work shoveling the morning of April 12, after at least six inches of snow fell throughout the area. Hall said he had to get his kids to school, which was running two hours late that day. The night before, he had driven back to Staples from his work in Brainerd and reported road conditions on Hwy 210 had been treacherous. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Deadline for applications is 4:30 PM, Friday April 19, 2019. Application packets can be found on the Swift County website at www.swiftcounty.com/jobs under Current open positions: Assistant County Attorney. Include your application, supplemental application, and resume with letter of interest to County Administrator Kelsey Baker before the deadline listed above.

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Student Achievements



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students of the Month at Motley-Staples Middle School were, front, left to right: Sophie Schlosser, Anna Bursch, Kyleena Rudlang, Kierra Zivkovic, Morgan Capistrant, Isabelle Dobson. Back row: Audrey Brownell, Dillan Robben, Eli Smith, Eli Carlson, Keller Anderson, Madison Opatz. Right: Cash Rau and Anna Brown







Sacred Heart Area School

Students of the Month at SHAS were: Brennen Sonenstahl, Emily Becker, Abby Brichacek, Kaylee Perius, Chloe Larson, Hannah Cole.

Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket List winners at SMES were, front, left to right: Maddalyn Wikstrom, Caleb Bestland, Kenton Pope, Mollie Larrimore. Back: Spencer Olsen, Jada Ellingsen, Molly Carry, Owen Roline, Jessica Dukowitz.

These area businesses offer their support and congratulations to the overall excellence exemplified by the Student Achievements awards:

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Stern Rubber Company, Staples
3M, Staples
Thrivent Financial/ Bob Mueller, Staples
Tower Pizza, Staples
Staples World



Medical roulette at Reality Store

On March 6, more than 70 community volunteers came together to put on the Reality Store at Staples-Motley High School. Students learn what they will need to make it in the modern world after graduation, including payments for insurance, taxes, banking, investments, entertainment, travel, utilities, clothing, groceries, cars, childcare and charity.

Pictured above, medical volunteers Tanner Roberts and Julie Benson hand senior Ben Bartczak, right, a medical issue card, which turned out to be a smoking habit. Bartczak said it is unlikely he will start smoking, but he is also considering going into the medical field, so he was happy to learn ways people can kick the habit. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Voting at the Reality Store

Ben Olander and Jack Tyrrell stop to chat at the ballot box, one of the civic stations at the Reality Store. There was also a court system and police officers handing out tickets.



Opening Reality Store to other schools

Verndale High School students also took part in the Reality Store on March 6.

Lakewood expands alternative services

Lakewood Health System has expanded their alternative health service offerings which now include massage therapy, therapeutic cupping and acupuncture. These services can be done in addition to clinical services, or separately.

Types of massage therapy include Swedish massage, deep tissue, trigger point, aroma, hot stone, prenatal, postpartum and postsurgical. All massages are done by certified massage therapist, Laura Sonenstahl. New to Lakewood is therapeutic cupping, also done by Sonenstahl, and acupuncture, done by Jenna Niggeler, licensed acupuncturist.

Therapeutic cupping uses specialized cups that are suctioned in place, mostly on the back and shoulders. Though not backed by research, cupping may increase blood flow to the given area, reducing pain from injuries. Acupuncture uses very thin needles which are painlessly inserted at very specific points on the body. These treatments are intended to promote healing, reduce pain, increase blood flow and relieve symptoms related to anxiety, headaches, osteoarthritis, irritable bowel syndrome, chronic pain and more.

Lakewood's alternative health therapists work with patients to determine their needs, whether it be relaxation, pain relief or healing. To schedule an appointment for massage therapy or therapeutic cupping, call 218-894-1515. For acupuncture, call 218-894-8425.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1944

• April 20, 1944 - Tuesday noon of this week, Gust Messer, farmer living in Moran township, suffered a severe loss when the large barn on his farm, and 14 head of livestock were destroyed by a fire which was believed to have started from embers of a grass fire which had been burning in the yard.

• April 20, 1944 - J. L. Hoxter received word the first of this week that his daughter, Barbara, who enlisted with the Women's Army Corps nearly a year

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Dawn Timbs

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ago, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant with the WAC, her appointment becoming effective about April 15. Sgt. Hoxter is the first woman from Staples, outside of professional women, to have this high rank. Miss Hoxter is a graduate of the Staples high school with the class of 1941, and worked in and around Staples for a little over a year before her enlistment in the WAC's.

• April 20, 1944 - Mrs. Frank Rasmussen of Leader was hostess to the Motley Study Club on Saturday, April 1. As this was also the annual meeting of the club, election of officers was held. The following officers were elected to serve during the year of 1944-45: President, Mrs. Walter Lucas; Vice Pres., Mrs. E.G. Bjornstad; Sec., Mrs. Harding Blake; Treas., Mrs. R. Tapp. A topic on "The Conservation of War Materials" was given by Mrs. Bjornstad.

50 Years Ago - 1969

• April 17, 1969 - Judy Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Hanson of Aldrich, was chosen as the 1969 Staples Dairy Princess at coronation ceremonies last Saturday evening. Princess Judy received her crown from Sharon Gaugert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaugert, who relinquished her reign at the evening's festivities in the high school cafeteria. Named as attendants to the 1969 Princess were Sharon Peyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peyer; and Cathy Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Becker. Linda Prust, last year's first attendant, was present to crown Miss Peyer and Miss Becker.

• April 17, 1969 - Four groups from Staples will combine their efforts on Saturday and Sunday, April 19 and 20, for the presenting of an art show, clinic and concerts and a trade fair. Participating in the second annual event will be the Staples Rotary club, the retail committee of the Staples Chamber of Commerce, the Cardinal Concert Band and the A Cappella Choir of Staples high school. All events will be staged in the Staples auditorium and the school cafeteria. There will be no admission charge.

• April 17, 1969 - Appearing on KCMT television on Sunday, April 20 will be the choir of the Church of the Sacred Heart from Staples. They will be singing at 11 a.m. The choir is directed by Michael Blessing, with Sister Norita Lanners as the accompanist.

25 Years Ago - 1994

• April 21, 1994 - The telephones were busy Monday evening during the Dollars for Scholars TeleAuction. Over $3,500 was raised for scholarships for graduates of the Staples and Motley high schools. Volunteers at the phones included Joan Holmberg, Steve Sveom, Dawn Nelson and Linda Heier.

• April 21, 1994 - Girls at the consolidated Staples and Motley high school will have two more extracurricular choices when they start school next fall. Girls swimming and girls gymnastics will be added to provide gender equity in the school sports programs. The Staples school board made the decision at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

• April 21, 1994 - Bill Grange, painter and potter, will be the guest lecturer and juror for the juried portion of the 30th Annual Staples Rotary Art Show Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24 at the Staples Centennial Auditorium lobby. For 30 years the Staples Rotary Club has provided a venue for area artists to exhibit their work. The show has grown in size and in stature, becoming a popular setting for both new and established artists to share the products of their imaginations.

10 Years Ago - 2009

• April 16, 2009 - "We'd never be able to do that again," Fran Mertens said. Last year, the Staples Area Food Shelf raised roughly $24,000. This year, much to Fran's surprise, local residents and businesses pitched in to help raise $26,317 in cash and groceries.

• April 16, 2009 - The Staples Fire Department responded Friday just before noon to the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe yards where a locomotive fire was reported. Fire had started in the third locomotive of an east bound train. The fire in the cooling system of the engine was put out by firefighters shortly after they arrived and the first two engines pulled the train out of the yard about 15 minutes later.

• April 16, 2009 - Staples Motley High School music students returned home the morning of April 10, after spending nearly a week out on the road, part of the SMHS music tour. Members of A Cappella Choir, Symphonic Band and 11-12 Orchestra were able to go on the tour, which included a stop in Washington DC.

• April 16, 2009 - Area high school seniors were honored April 8, at an annual Student Recognition Banquet sponsored by the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) of Staples. Up to two students from 20 area schools could be recognized, including Peter Thorman and Darci McGillivray from Staples Motley.

• April 16, 2009 - LeRoy Smith is Pillager's 2009 'Citizen of the Year' an honor bestowed on him at the recent Fiddler's Contest in Pillager.



Mid-Central collects for food shelf

Employees at Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank in Staples donated 190 items to the Staples Area Food Shelf, collected during March Food Share Month. Above: Staples Food Shelf volunteers Frank Leidenfrost and Gary Knosalla with bank employees Kay, Sandy, De, Sharon, Marcia, Juchita and Mary. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



Dart tourney for Staples Area Food Shelf

Local residents Sabrina Meide, April Bernu, Zach Ziegler and James Lenk held an annual dart tourney for the Staples Area Food Shelf (SAFS) on March 16. A total of $700 was raised through their hard work, as well as donations from Lefty's Bar, Ace Hardware, Scott's Southtown, Like-Nu-Gun & Pawn, Ziegler Plumbing and Heating, Goodin Company and Local Legends Bar. Pictured above, from left, are James Lenk, Sabrina Meide, Mark Bounds, Peggy Bounds, April Bernu, Zach Ziegler. (Submitted photo)



Tower Pizza coffee group donates

The Tower Pizza coffee group that meets in the morning collected $331 during March Food Shelf Month for the Staples Food Shelf. Left to right are: Bob Peterson, Marv Giza, Roger Houselog, Frank Leidenfrost, food shelf representative, Russ Lee, Glen Hasselberg, Gary Knosalla, Joe Hasselberg, Don Dravis and Bruce Nelsen. Throughout the years some of the faces have changed, some coffee group members are gone, but he group has continued collecting donations for 10 years, totaling $3,837 donated to the food shelf. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF TODD
DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No. 77-PR-19-277

In Re: Estate of JAMES JOSEPH THEILER, a/k/a James J. Theiler, a/k/a James Theiler, Decedent.

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRS, FORMAL APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 30, 2019, at 1:15 p.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Todd County Court Facility, 221 1st Avenue South, Long Prairie, Minnesota, on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of Decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Marlene Pflipsen of 213 - 8th Avenue East, Melrose, MN 56352 and David B. Theiler of 39509 County Road 13, Melrose, MN 56352, as personal representative(s) of the Decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the Decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; to sell real and personal property; and to do all necessary acts for the Decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

BY THE COURT

Dated: April 2, 2019

/s/ Daniel A. Benson,
Judge of District Court

/s/ Rhonda Bot,
Court Administrator
By Deputy
Tracy VanKoevering

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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

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

DATE OF MORTGAGE: January 22, 2002

ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: $65,000.00

MORTGAGOR(S): Richard T. Vannorman, an unmarried man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as nominee for Washington Mutual Bank, FA

DATE AND PLACE OF FILING: Recorded on January 29, 2002 as Document Number 406496 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by assignment recorded on December 14, 2012 as Document Number 482007 in the Office of the County Recorder of Todd County, Minnesota.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE 1/4 NE 1/4) lying north of Highway #12, Section Thirty-three (33), Township One Hundred Twenty-nine (129) north, Range Thirty-two (32) west of the Fifth P.M., Todd County, Minnesota.

STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 31326 COUNTY ROAD 12, BURTRUM, MN 56318

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Todd County, Minnesota.

THE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO BE DUE ON THE MORTGAGE ON THE DATE OF THE NOTICE: $47,339.83

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

NAME OF MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR: Washington Mutual Bank, FA

RESIDENTIAL SERVICER: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

TAX PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 04-0033701

TRANSACTION AGENT'S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 100054130002164612

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

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

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: May 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

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

to pay the debt then secured by said mortgage and taxes, if any actually paid by the mortgagee, on the premises and the costs and disbursements allowed by law. The time allowed by law for redemption by said mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns is twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: Unless said mortgage is reinstated or the property redeemed, or unless the time for redemption is reduced by judicial order, you must vacate the premises by 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2020.

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

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

Dated: March 22, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
Mortgagee

TROTT LAW, P.C.
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(19-0190-FC01)

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

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NOTICE MORAN TOWNSHIP ROAD REVIEW

Moran Township will hold it's Annual Road Inspection meeting on Saturday April 27, at 9 a.m. We will be meeting at the town hall at that time. All residents welcome to attend.

Teresa Wagner, Clerk
Moran Township.

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NOTICE FIVE WINGS ARTS COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Five Wings Arts Council will be holding a public hearing on their FY 2020 - 2021 Arts Plan and Budget on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Five Wings Arts Council Office at 121 4th St. NE in Staples, Minnesota. The Plan covers the counties of Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena and may also be viewed at **www.fwac.org**. Contact: Mark Turner at **mark.fwac@arvig.net** or 1-877-654-2166 for more information.

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NOTICE MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP ROAD REVIEW

The Annual Road Review for Meadowbrook Township will be held Friday, April 26,2019. The review will start at the Leader Community Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
Meadowbrook Township.

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NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING MOTLEY PUBLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the Motley Public Cemetery Association will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at BRICK'S in Motley. The meeting will take place at 6:00 p.m.

Greg Frisk, Secretary

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NOTICE TODD COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Todd County Housing and Redevelopment Authority's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Sunrose Courts, 300 Linden Ave. S, Browerville, MN 56438.

Kim Wallace

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CITY OF STAPLES SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Official Summary of Ordinance No. 520

Addition of Section 5.11 to the Staples City Code - Rental Housing Maintenance Code.

NOTICE: THE FOLLOWING PUBLISHED MATERIAL IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF SECTION 5.11 TO THE STAPLES CITY CODE. A PRINTED COPY OF THE ENTIRE 44 PAGE ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY ANY PERSON DURING REGULAR OFFICE HOURS AT THE STAPLES CITY HALL.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAPLES DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 5.11 RENTAL HOUSING MAINTENANCE CODE.

Section 5.11 of the Staples City Code contains 13 sections. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide protection of public health, safety and welfare through the establishment and enforcement of minimum rental housing maintenance standards. The provisions of this code shall apply to all residential rental housing structures. The code sections determine minimum standards for equipment, facilities, lighting, ventilation, heating, fire protection. The code defines responsibilities of owners and occupants. License terms and consequences for violations are addressed along with an appeals process.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAPLES THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

APPROVED:
Chris Etzler, Mayor

ATTEST:
Diane Archer, City Clerk

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DEADLINES
for all classified ads is
12 noon Friday
to be published in
the Staples World.
For publication in Saturday's
Staples Square Shopper
the deadline is
5 p.m. Wed.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Staples-Motley School District, ISD #2170-01, is proposing a two-question bond referendum on May 14, 2019. The first ballot question would authorize $48,220,000 in bonding authority to finance the conversion of the existing high school to a grade 5-12 facility and improvements to the elementary school which would serve grades Early Childhood (EC)-4 students. The second ballot question would authorize $10,450,000 in bonding authority to finance an activities center addition to the elementary school.

In addition to the projects proposed in the two question referendum, the school district plans to issue $3.5 million in long term facilities maintenance bonds to finance deferred maintenance at the elementary school and $2.5 million in capital facilities bonds to complete other deferred maintenance projects at both school sites.

The district has supplied cost estimates to operate and staff the additional building space and believes existing revenues will be sufficient to fund any operational cost increases associated with the proposed facility additions. In addition, the school board believes the proposed projects are in the best long-term interest of the district.

If the bond referendum is successful and bonds are sold, the debt service on the bonds will be eligible for debt service equalization under Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.53, subdivision 3, if the bond schedule is approved. The amount of debt service equalization aid, if any, the district receives is determined annually and is dependent upon property wealth, student population, and other statutory requirements.

Review and Comment Statement

Based on the department's analysis of the school district's required documentation and other pertinent information from sources of the Minnesota Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education provides a positive review and comment.

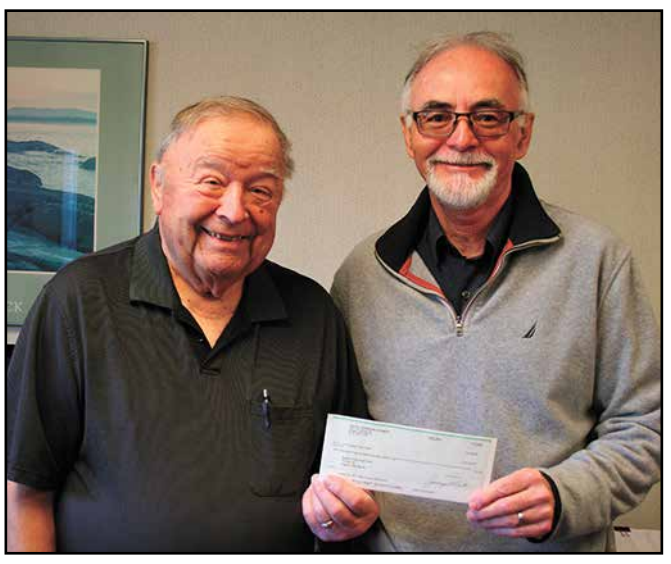
Additional Information is Available

Persons desiring additional information regarding this proposal should contact the school district superintendent's office.

Mary Cathryn Ricker,
NBCT Commissioner

April 12, 2019

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Faith Lutheran donates

Faith Lutheran Church raised a total of $5,194.27 during their March food shelf drive, with proceeds given to the food shelves in Staples and Motley. Pictured above, Jerry Reck (right), member at Faith Lutheran Church, presents a check for $4,414.67 to Frank Leidenfrost, Staples Area Food Shelf volunteer. A check for $779.60 had previously been presented to the Motley Area Food Shelf. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Todd County Board work session

By; Karin L. Nauber

The Todd County Board of Commissioners discussed a number of topics at their April 2, 2019 work session

Housing discussion

Mark Ard from Long Prairie Packing (LPP) spoke to the board about housing or the lack thereof, in Todd County.

He said that LPP has 643 active employees, the majority of which do not live in the Long Prairie area.

Ard noted that LPP owns a housing complex in Alexandria where some of their employees live and are shuttled to and from work. LPP pays for the transportation.

Ard suggested that they would like to work in partnership with Todd County on doing something in the way of housing in this area.

Ard said that meat processing is economically prosperous and that if employees lived in the Long Prairie area, the employees could contribute to the economic prosperity here.

Ard said they would like to see a 40 unit complex in Long Prairie, that would at least partially, meet LPP's need.

"One similar to what we have in Alexandria is what we'd be looking at," said Ard.

They do not charge their employees rent for the first three months, which helps them get started.

Ard said there's a great deal of misconceptions about where LPP recruits their employees.

Personally, he told the board, he was from Texas.

"We're just trying to relocate and make a good living. The middle class in Texas is $30,000 a year. Moving here provided me with career growth," noted Ard.

Commissioner Barb Becker asked how far out they would be looking for housing.

Ard said they'd prefer Long Prairie because many of their new employees arrive with no access to transportation.

"The closer to the facility, the better the retainability of the employees," said Ard.

Commissioner David Kircher mentioned that Todd County does have public transportation.

Ard wasn't sure of the availability of the transportation for meeting the need of their work hours. He did say if it was a possibility LPP would entertain it.

Commissioner Rod Erickson noted that this would be a good investment opportunity for a developer.

Todd County Economic Development Director Rick Utech said that different units were being undertaken and considered.

Erickson said that the time to do this is now.

"How long does it take to develop?" asked Erickson.

Utech said it would take about a year to get the funds in place and everything in order.

Erickson addressed Ard, saying, "this won't happen overnight."

Ard said that the demographics that work at LPP do come with some challenges, but they're working with employees and community to overcome them.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that there was an influx of Puerto Ricans and others with the devastation in that country. He asked if they were here on work visas?

Ard said that he didn't know.

Kircher said that he felt a good dialogue had been started and that the county needed to be a partner in this.

2019 assessments

Todd County Assessor Chris Odden attempted to explain the recent rise in the property valuations throughout the county.

Much of the valuation increases are based on land and property sales. Odden said that the assessments don't determine the levy, they simply determine how and by whom the levy will be paid.

His department welcomes phone calls if people have questions.

"They may not like the answers we give, but it will be a true answer," said Odden.

Odden said he wasn't hearing a "why" as to why cropland had gone up so much in some areas. One bare land sale was for over $8,000 an acre.

I'm not "inventing" the data, but I can't ignore it either. If assessments were not updated things would get out of line, he said

Todd County doesn't have much commercial property, much of the tax burden in the county falls on agriculture/rural and seasonal/lake properties.

Neumann said that his district, which includes parts of Lake Osakis, was hit very hard with increases. He said that he did not have answers for his constituents or how to handle damage control.

Odden said that the process in their office does not include damage control.

"It's black and white. I try to keep the assessments a little low and err on the side of caution," said Odden.

Citizen Nikki Deyle had several questions for Odden.

She said that most farmers lost money last year so how are they going to pay these increased taxes?

She said that farmers will be taxed to the point of wanting out.

He said that it's farmers buying the land for farming purposes.

Deyle said that they were putting it into government programs like CRP and others, and Odden said that was an acceptable ag use.

Gaida said that her office and Odden's had guidelines they have to follow and it would be up to the board to balance the tax capacity with the levy.

"Keep the levies even. If you want to keep people in the county, you have to lower your budget. What are you commissioners going to do to keep us in the county?" questioned Deyle.

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611 Property for Sale

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Notices

101 Card of Thanks

Barry Johnson's family would like to thank everyone from the friends, visitors, pastors, first responders, ambulance crew, ER, hospital and care center doctors, nurses, aides and everyone who helped him and us through his last days.

God Bless You All!

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Thank you to everyone for all your caring thoughfulness during Karen's battle with cancer.

Special thank yous to Pastor Leslie, Chaplain Johnson, Lonna and the whole Lakewood Hospice crew for their excellent care.

Special thanks to the Motley United Methodist Church ladies for the delicious meal, Taylor Funeral Home for their quality guidance and spiritual music by Gary and Dawn Timbs.

The cards, gifts, flowers and your attendance for Karen's celebration of life will be long remembered.

God Bless You All.

Fred Huebner, Ethel Dezell, Jeanie Huebner, Larry and Dorothy Huebner, Bev and George Swenson, nieces and nephews.

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Services & Employment

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Position qualifies for an excellent benefits package.

Apply online at https://www.bigstonetherapies.com/careers
Resume, cover letter and references are required to apply.

Application deadline is Friday, April 26th,2019.

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The City of Staples is accepting applications for seasonal employees-grass mowers (June 3-August 30). General duties include: mowing and trimming of all City property, lots, and ponds; mowing of properties declared grass nuisances; streetscape maintenance and weeding, storm pond maintenance assistance; mulching, weed spraying, fertilizing, tree trimming and removal.

Start date: June 3, 2019.
Rate of pay: $11.00/hr to $12.00/hr, 10-40 hours/week as needed.

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Seasonal Mower plus additional supervision and coordination responsibilities.

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Job description and application available at:
www.staples.govoffice.com
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at the City of Staples, 218-894-2550.

Applicants must possess a valid MN driver's license with a good driving record.

Application deadline is Friday, April 26, 2018.
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ENT specialists to see patients at Lakewood



Dr. Amy Dearking



Dr. Alexandra Borders



Dr. Ted Truitt

Dr. Amy Dearking, Otolaryngologist at St. Cloud Ear, Nose and Throat, will start seeing patients at Lakewood's Pillager clinic on May 9. As a visiting specialist at Lakewood, Dr. Dearking will see patients in the Pillager clinic and do operations in Staples on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Board-certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery, Dr. Dearking completed her undergraduate at Bethel University, earned her medical degree from Mayo Medical School and completed her residency at the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Dearking is interested in managing a full-spectrum of ear, nose and throat complaints in both adults and children. She joined St. Cloud Ear, Nose and Throat in 2013.

Joining Dr. Dearking will be Dr. Alexandra Borders, AUD, CCC-A, who will provide hearing testing, and adult and pediatric hearing aid evaluations. Dr. Borders received her Doctorate of Audiology from Central Michigan University. She has been at St. Cloud Ear, Nose and Throat since 2007.

Drs. Dearking and Borders join Dr. Ted Truitt, Otolaryngologist at St. Cloud Ear, Nose and Throat, who has been seeing patients at Lakewood since 2000. To better serve patients needing ear, nose and throat services, Dr. Truitt will see patients in the Staples clinic on every Thursday, with one Friday a month dedicated to surgical procedures.

To schedule an appointment with Drs. Dearking, Borders or Truitt, call 320-252-0233.











Eggstravaganza excitement

Scenes from the '93 Lions Easter Eggstravaganza, top left, Matthew Jewison at the coloring station. Top right, Lexi Fishman had her cheeks and forehead painted by '93 Lion Beth Gedde. Middle right, Ingrid Porter reaches for a duck. Lower left, Cooper Simon gives the hoola hoops a whirl. Right, Keegan Bennett tries his hand at golf, with '93 Lion Megan Lindgren's encouragement.



Veterans Park gets a boost at fundraiser

The Staples Veterans Park Association held their annual spring fundraiser on March 14 at Timbers Event Center. Pictured, auctioneer Gary Schimpp gets the crowd going to purchase some patriotic items to benefit the park. The event raised $12,450 for the park, which is planning the next big installation, a replica of the World War II monument that once stood in Staples. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

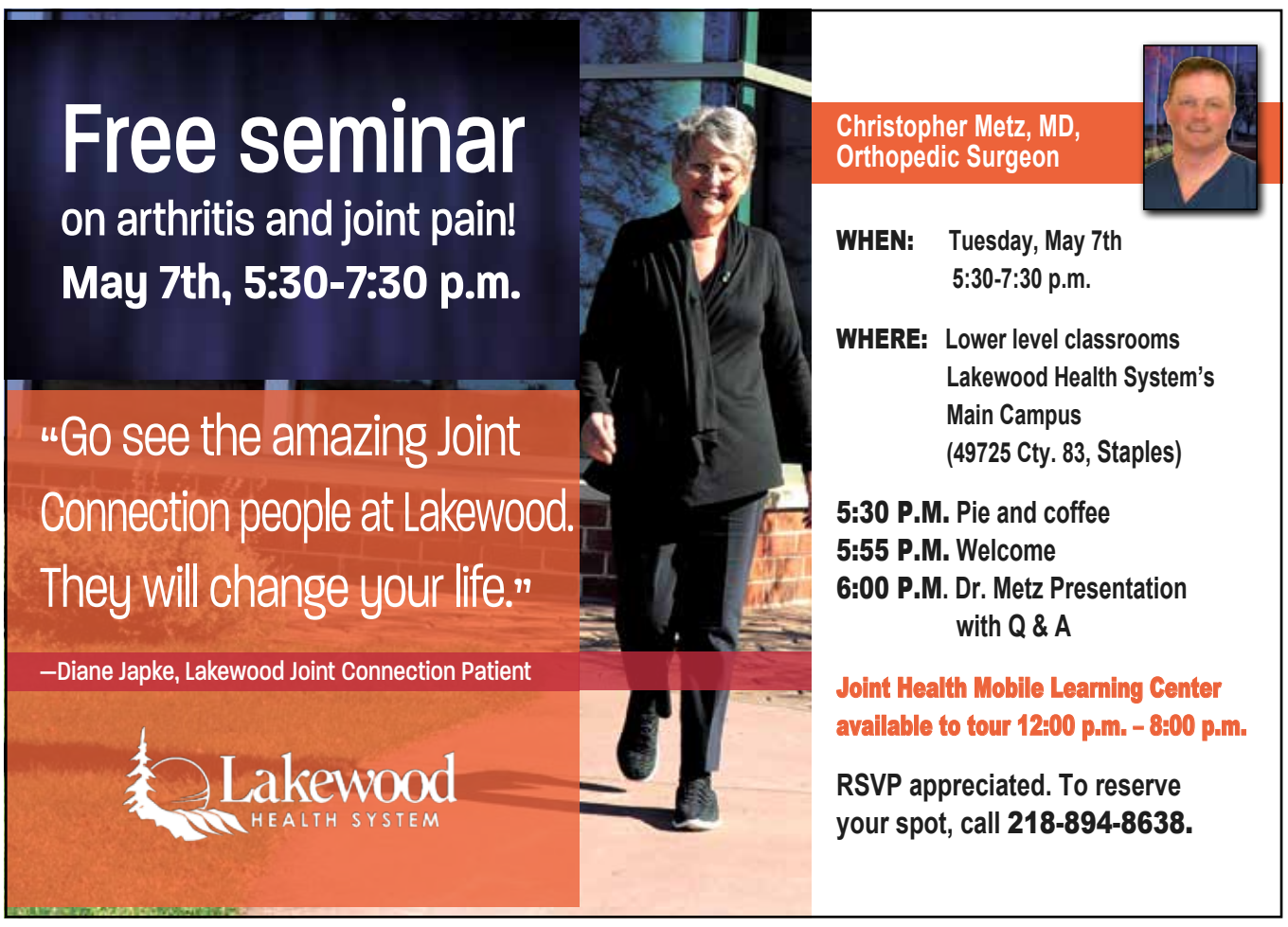


Kiley Peterson reaches out to the Easter Bunny for a bag of carrots, while in the safety of dad's (Derek Peterson) arms.



Park gets support from veterans

At the Staples Veterans Park Association spring fundraiser on March 14, veterans in attendance were asked to line up for a photo. (Submitted photo)





Easter basket cutouts

Last week was Easter Baskets and Storytime at the Staples Public Library. Volunteer Heidi read spring stories, then the kids decorated Easter basket cutouts. The Friends of the Library provided snacks. Above: Skylar Patterson, Everett Hanson, Grace Hanson and Ava Moore. The next storytime at the library is Weds., May 8 at 10:30 a.m. Call the library at 894-1401 to register. To keep current on all events follow us on Facebook or our library webpage at www.griver.org. (Submitted photo)