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Tappe the top choice for school superintendent

The Staples-Motley School Board received 21 applications for the open position of superintendent. Five finalists were selected for interviews, which were held on Jan. 25 and Jan. 26.

Based on the interviews, Shane Tappe, currently Superintendent at Dawson-Boyd, was selected as the top choice and will be offered the position pending reference checks and a site visit to his present district. A special meeting is being called for Feb. 4, when the site visit committee will report back to the rest of the board.

The finalists included current Staples-Motley High School principal Mike Schmidt, and four people from outside the district: Jon Ellerbusch of North Branch, Kurt Stumpf of Sartell, Erich Heise of American School of Recife, Brazil, and Tappe.

Some of the and qualifications of the five finalists are included here:

Jon Ellerbusch

- Currently Director of Finance and Human Resources, North Branch Schools for seven years
- Former Superintendent of Royalton
- Former MS and HS Principal
- Former Teacher
- Building bond experience; construction experience
- Experience with budgeting and fiancé

Kurt Stumpf

- Sartell Principal for three years
- Sartell Assistant Principal
- Former Dean of Students
- Former Teacher
- Negotiating Team Member
- Familiar with ALICE, ENVOY,

Erich Heise

- Superintendent at American School of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, for four years
- Former Principal at that school
- Former Principal and Asst. Principal at Brainerd
- Former Teacher
- Led the development of a comprehensive strategic plan
- Restructured business office functions for efficiency and built up an operational reserve fund
- Personnel management and maintains a presence in community

Mike Schmidt

- Current Staples-Motley HS Principal, 2014-present
- Staples-Motley/Connections High School Principal and Activities Director, 2013 - 2014
- SMHS Activities Director and Dean of Students 2011-2013
- BUILD 2170 committee member
- Leadership at the district, community regional and state level
- ALICE; Principals Academy

Shane Tappe

- Superintendent at Dawson-Boyd, for three years
- EC-12 Principal at Ashby
- K-12 Principal at Grygla
- Former teacher
- Former Curriculum Director and District Assessment coordinator
- Experience with Title I funds; application and allocation

School Board approves two building approach, silent on public hearing

By Mark Anderson
Managing Editor

The Staples-Motley School Board unanimously agreed to pursue a referendum on their two building option, with a public referendum to be held in May. The board voted 5-0 to move forward with the two building renovation at their Jan. 22 meeting. The plan calls for new gyms to be built at the Staples-Motley High School and Elementary sites, some new classrooms at both sites, refurbishing existing spaces and demolishing the oldest portions of the high school.

Related to the school building project, the board did not address a question from a constituent who pointed out they were not following a state statute about the closing of a school building.

Former school board member Dave Hoemberg read the Minnesota law about schoolhouse closings, Statute 123B.51, which states: "The board may close a schoolhouse only after a public hearing on the question of the necessity and practicability of the proposed closing." Hoemberg said he didn't consider the school board meetings where it was discussed to be public hearings, because the statute also specifies the hearing must have a published notice beforehand and members of the public must have an opportunity to give testimony about the proposal.

At a previous meeting, the board voted to close the Motley school building for the 2019-20 school year, with a plan to put the building up for sale. Hoemberg called this "an unlawful closing without due process."

Hoemberg had other questions about the process of closing the building, and cited the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The board did not respond to Hoemberg's statements. Board Chair Bruce Lund told Hoemberg "We will take those questions that you have and a couple of us will meet with you," indicating that they

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Hello, Readers,

This week's newspaper is thinking regionally. Notice all the stories throughout the newspaper with a regional impact. Staples is unusual in the number of regional entities headquarterd in such a small town that is not a county seat. On these pages, you will see stories from Region Five and Sourcewell, two important government organizations with a regional scope. Five Wings Arts Council and Central Lakes College are also regional entities in Staples. The Staples-Motley School District and Lakewood Health System also extend well beyond the local towns so that they have a regional scope. While the goal of this newspaper is to cover local news, in this case thinking locally is also thinking regionally.

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Lake Country ATV Riders unite

Thirty-five club members attended the Jan. 19 ATV riders meeting at Brick's Travel Center in Motley and approved the name "Lake Country ATV Riders" for the group.

A board and officers were elected, pictured from left, Cathy Holker (treasurer), Allen Bodine, Bob Bodine vice-president), Bill Foss, Jen DeBoer (secretary), Paul DeBoer (president) and Mark Hartung.

The mission statement developed is: "Lake Country ATV Riders is a family-oriented club. Our goals are to encourage safe and respectful riding while providing fun activities for all ages and by bringing opportunities for growth to our local businesses."

The next meeting for the group is Saturday, Feb. 16, 11 a.m., at the Staples Community Center. Regular meetings will be held every month from May-October at 9 a.m. at the community center. More information can be found on the group's facebook page by searching for Lake Country ATV Riders. (Submitted photos)

Nelson joins Initiative Foundation Board

Matt Varilek, president of the Initiative Foundation, announced that Julie Nelson of Mayer, Porter & Nelson certified public accountants, Staples, has been appointed to the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

"We're lucky to have leaders like Julie in our region, and I'm thrilled to welcome her to the Initiative Foundation's distinguished Board of Trustees," Varilek said. "Her expertise as a CPA, and her experience as a long-time advisory board member for one of our Partner Funds, the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, make her an exceptionally valuable addition to our board."

Julie Nelson grew up in Brandon, near Alexandria, Minn., and has been a champion for rural Minnesota since moving to the area from Cottage Grove with her husband Kevin and three children in 1999. She quickly became involved with the Staples Motley Area Community Foundation, a Partner Fund of the Initiative Foundation.

"My dad always told me to get involved and have a hand in getting things done rather than watch from the sidelines," Nelson said. "I am honored to have been considered for the Initiative Foundation board."

In Central Minnesota for more than three decades,



Julie Nelson

the Initiative Foundation provides business financing and technical assistance, awards nonprofit grants, hosts Partner Funds and leads a variety of leadership programs that enable citizens to build stronger communities. Learn more at ifound.org.

Nelson believes one pressing regional issue she can help tackle is the shortage of workers, especially in rural Minnesota.

"I hope to be a voice for rural Minnesota," she said. "There is a great quality of life here, and anything I can do to connect people and other resources to Central Minnesota will be a win."

Nelson said she enjoys the open spaces in rural Minnesota. In her free time, she likes to read, paddle board, and bike and hike through Minnesota's state and county parks.

Region Five, Sourcewell expanding Welcoming Communities initiative

Regional partners Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) and Sourcewell are teaming up to expand the Welcoming Communities program to their shared five-county region in Central MN. This program is focused on workforce attraction and expanding cultural agility for individuals, organizations, and communities. Initially supported by The Blandin Foundation and Northwest Area Foundation, the program has received support from Sourcewell for continued growth.

Under the newly executed agreement, R5DC will deliver Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) assessments to fifteen entities which may include public (municipalities and school) boards, nonprofits, philanthropic, or private-sector organizations. The IDI Assessments assist our understanding of and ability to experience cultural difference, and how to set and achieve goals that further develop individual and group skills that impact community service. It's a self-reflective tool that allows individuals and groups an opportunity to be intentional about welcoming people.

R5DC will additionally pilot implementation with one community through a citizen-led community project that exemplifies goals that bridge cultures. This citizen-led Welcoming Community Advocacy Group will be made up of students, educators, residents, business owners, elected officials, nonprofit and community foundation leaders who have taken the IDI assessment.

There is a financial and social cost benefit to communities who are welcoming to residents.

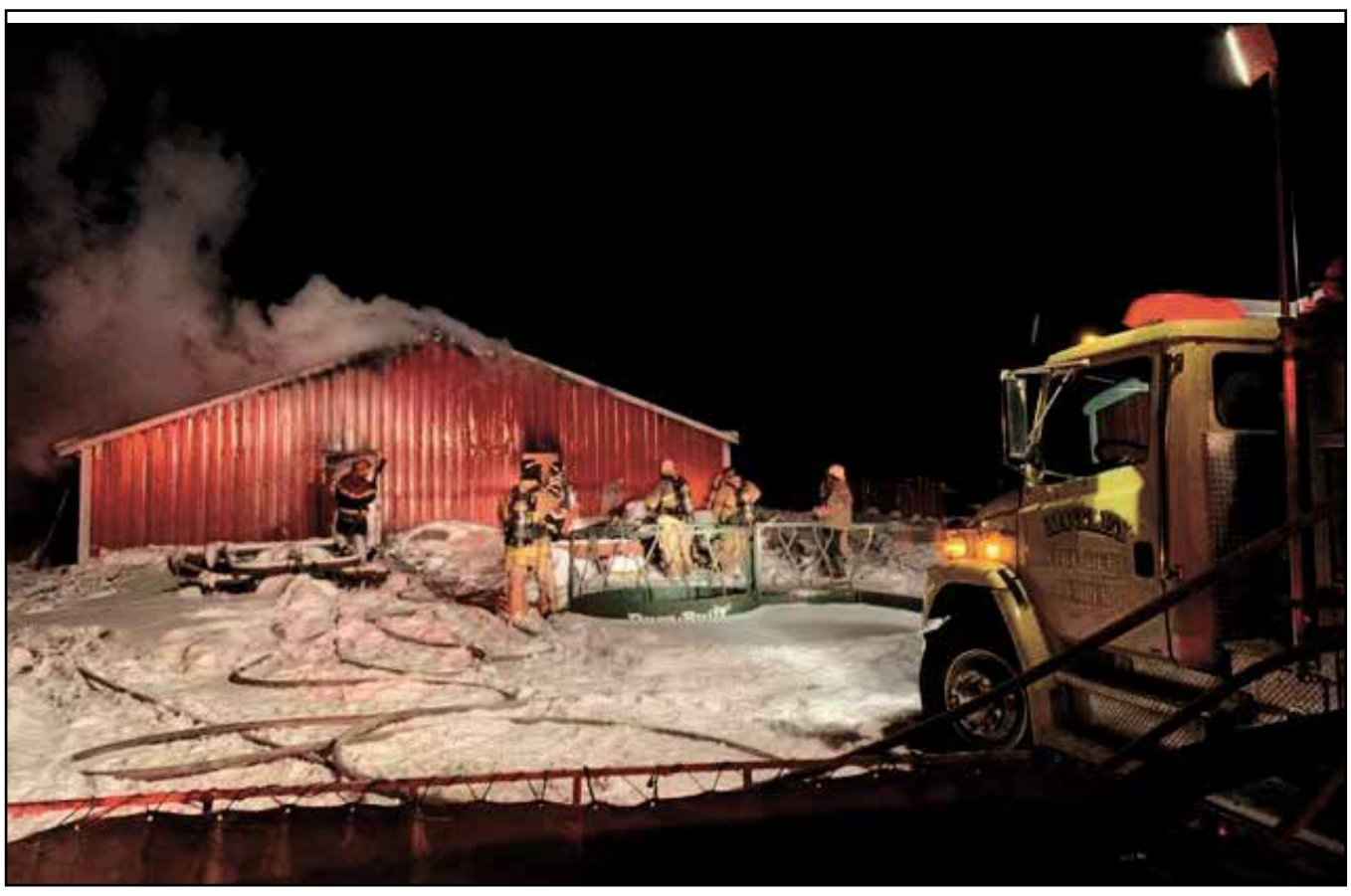
Rural communities who are welcoming to ALL people -- despite their age, gender, disabilities, race, religion, national origin, or family status -- will be the communities who win the race for talent. A belonging environment through welcoming communities adds value to resident quality of life and attracts the qualified workforce that is in high demand. The workforce attraction magnetizes new businesses and increases entrepreneurial activity that creates and retains people and jobs.

The Welcoming Communities program aligns well with Sourcewell's commitment of partnering with education, government, and nonprofits to boost student and community success. It is with gratitude that R5DC makes this announcement, allowing the expansion and scope of this initiative to reach a wider audience and with greater regional impacts.

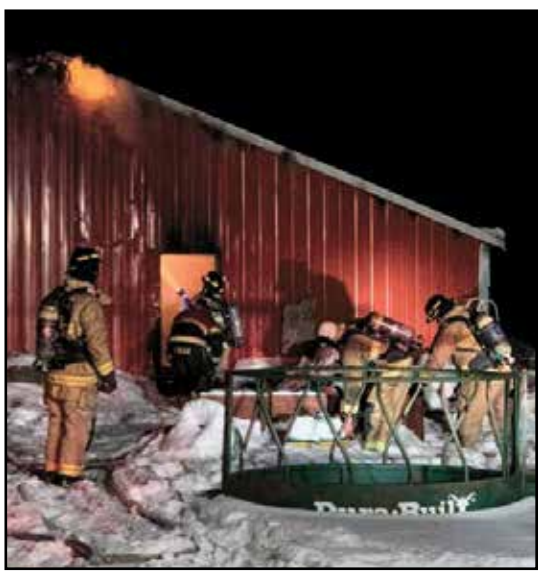
"Sourcewell fully embraces the importance of relationships right here at home," said Sourcewell Manager of City and County Solutions Anna Gruber. "We are proud to support this important work in our region and excited to see the results of this initial pilot program. Ultimately, we believe it will lead to widespread community success for everyone throughout Region 5."

Communities interested in learning more about participating as a pilot for this program, please contact Dawn Espe at despe@regionfive.org or 218-894-3233.

Region Five and Sourcewell both have headquarters in Staples and serve the same five counties in ther regional scope: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd and Wadena.



Motley family's barn destroyed by fire, cows saved



A barn owned by Travis and Jacqueline DiGiovanni of rural Motley was destroyed by fire Jan. 22. The Motley Fire Department received a call about the fire at about 5:50 p.m. Fire Chief Brad Olson said by the time they arrived at the scene, about eight miles north of Motley in Becker Township, the barn was fully engulfed. The Pillager Fire Department was called for mutual aid and between the two departments there were approximately 25 firefighters on scene. They were able to contain the fire to the barn, Chief Olson said. Information at the Pillager Area Fire and Rescue Facebook page noted that, "We were able to get the cattle out, but the barn was a total loss." Firefighters worked for nearly four hours in single-digit temperatures and in addition to the cold, had to contend with ice. The Minnesota Department of Transportation assisted in salting and sanding the road and driveway for the firefighters. The cause of the fire is unknown and is being investigated by the Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office. It is not suspicious in nature. (Photo credit, Facebook/Pillager Area Fire and Rescue)

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Jan. 22 - The MCSO arrested Paul Brian Sadlo, 32, for domestic assault and he was taken into custody. The incident occurred at the 900 block of Hwy 10 in Motley. Other responders included the MPD, Staples Police and MN State Patrol.

Jan. 21 - The MCSO responded to a report of a possible juvenile party at the 7000 block of Cottonwood Rd. in Cushing. Upon his arrival, the deputy made contact with a male outside who was carrying snow inside in a pan. The deputy followed the male into the residence and spoke with him. The deputy noted indicators of alcohol use and everyone under 21 years of age consented to a PBT (Preliminary Breath Test). Approximately 11 citation will be issued, the report said. Parents were contacted regarding those under 18.

Jan. 22 - The MPD received a call from Unity Bank in Motley regarding a counterfeit $100 bill they received in a business deposit. They filled out the paperwork to send to the Secret Service. The bank stated it is unknown who may have passed the note.

Jan. 22 - The MPD received a call from Orton's in Motley that the store's district manager saw a person that had stolen and eaten a breakfast sandwich in the store and did not pay for it. The store's video showed the person taking the sandwich as well as the vehicle they were driving. The MPD made contact with the registered owner who stated his son and daughter-in-law were driving that vehicle but he would call Orton's and take care of the expense. The manager at Orton's reported later that the incident had been taken care of.

Jan. 19 - The MPD arrested Erik Michael Affolter, 35, for failing to register as a predatory offender. The address involved was at the 90th block of 5th Ave. W. in Motley.

Jan. 20 - The MCSO issued citations to Mcrae Voll, 21, for speeding and for possession of marijuana paraphernalia in the vehicle.

Jan. 17 - The MCSO received a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at a cabin near the 1000 block of 320th St. in Cushing.

2019 Science Fair winners announced

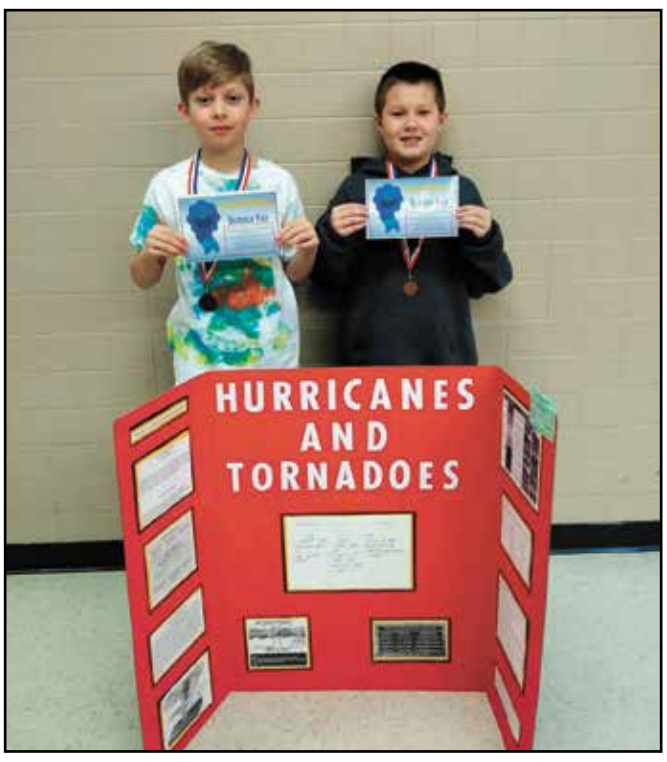
District Fair is March 7, at Sourcewell in Staples

The 2019 Motley-Staples Middle School Science Fair was held Jan. 23 in the small gym, with 178 students participating.

This year's judges (approximately 30) included parents, community members and other volunteers from Camp Shamineau and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Those placing in the top three in two categories - Experiment and Research - move on to the Sourcewell District Science Fair. Medals were presented to the top placers Jan. 24 in the MSMS Media Center. The project was coordinated by MSMS teachers Lisa Przybilla, 5th grade; and Kasey Odden, 6th grade.

The district science fair will be held Thursday, March 7, at Sourcewell in Staples, with an open house from 3 - 5:30 p.m. and awards ceremony at 6 p.m.



4th grade Research

Winners in 4th grade Research, left to right: Evan Schultz and Thomas Johnson, Hurricanes and Tornados. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



5th grade Research

Winners in 5th grade Research, left to right: Mason Albertson, Plastic in the Ocean; Elliot Allen and Reid Judd, Fighting for Air; Annabella Cory, Wound Care. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



5th grade Experiment

Winners in 5th grade Experiment, left to right: Lily Cline, Growing Gummy Bears; Britta Sweeney, Tiny Dance Off; Nathaniel Seamann, Trial by Pulley.



4th grade Experiment

Winners in 4th grade Experiment, left to right: Bella Hines, Growing Gummy Bears; Lily Davis, From Egg to Butterfly; Justin Olson, Do Birds Have a Color Preference?



6th grade Experiment

Winners in 6th grade Experiment, left to right: Sophie Albie, The Salt Experiment; Lily Richey, Its Crystal Time; Sawyer Ferdon, He Shoots, He Scores.



6th grade Research

Winners in 6th grade Research, left to right: Steven Petrich, Lyme Disease; Ben Tyrrell, Trees in our Environment. Missing from photo is Peyton Mithun, Sea Turtles.

Vehicle hit by train near Little Falls; driver arrested

The Morrison County Sheriff's Office reports that on Jan. 27, at approximately 6 p.m., their office received a report of a vehicle that was hit by a train near Greyhound Rd. and 165th St., just north of Little Falls in Green Prairie Township.

Kent Regelin, 62, of Little Falls was traveling on the railroad tracks north of 165th St., alongside Greyhound Rd., when his vehicle got stuck. Regelin was able to exit his vehicle on his own prior to it being hit by a southbound train. He was not injured. Regelin was arrested on suspicion of DWI, charges are pending with the Morrison County Attorney's Office.



Proud parent

The public was invited to look at all of the science fair entrees at the middle school Jan. 23, after the judging had taken place. Above, Kathy Petrich of Staples stops to look at the display her son, Steven Petrich, had put together. His research project on Lymes Disease is one of the winning entrees that will advance to the district science fair March 7. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Staples-Motley Sno Daze week is February 4 - 8

Theme days, sports, competitions and a Glow Dance are just a few of the activities on the agenda for the 2019 Sno Daze festivities at Staples-Motley High School. Highlights of each day includes:

- Monday, Feb. 4 - Dress-up theme: America. Volleyball tournament over lunch/homeroom; 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball ball home games.
- Tuesday, Feb. 5 - Dress-up theme: Twitter Poll. Volleyball tournament over lunch/homeroom; girls basketball home game; wrestling away game.
- Wednesday, Feb. 6 - Dress-up theme: Class challenge. Volleyball tournament over lunch/homeroom.
- Thursday, Feb. 7 - Dress-up theme: Game Day. Volleyball tournament over lunch/homeroom; double header boys and girls basketball; All Staff Appreciation Night.
- Friday, Feb. 8 - Dress-up theme: White out/Neon. Lip sync contest at 11 a.m., followed by the Sno Daze Coronation (candidates were announced on Jan. 29). Early out on Friday. Boys basketball game at home; Glow Dance after the game until 11 p.m.

Admission to all sporting events is free for students during Sno Daze week.



Cardinal Sno Daze royalty announced

Sno Daze king and queen candidates from the Staples-Motley High School senior class, as well as representatives from each of the other classes, were announced at a school assembly Jan. 29. The king and queen will be crowned Friday, Feb. 8, following the lip sync contest at 11 a.m. Pictured above from left are, front row: Riley Peterson, 11th grade; Mackenzie Wilds, 9th grade; Jorie Ihme, 12th grade; Ava Schneider, 10th grade. Middle: Wyatt Kobliska, 8th grade; Dayton Anderson, 9th grade; Sophie Roberts, 12th grade; Liz Stimac, 12th grade; Kiara Storry, 12th grade. Back: Alex McIlravy, 10th grade; Owen Bjerga, 11th grade; Finn Erholtz, 12th grade; Andrew Bates, 12th grade; Jack Benson, 12th grade; Shane Guggenberger, 12th grade. Missing from photo: Aften Robinson, 8th grade. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Tour includes concert in Staples

The nationally recognized Concordia Band from Concordia College, Moorhead, will perform at Centennial Auditorium in Staples on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m.

Sponsored by the Staples-Motley High School Instrumental Music Department, the concert is open to the public. A freewill offering will be accepted.

The concert in Staples is part of the Concordia Band's annual domestic tour, Feb. 3 - 10. Each winter, the band tours regionally in the United States and internationally every four years. The 2019 tour also includes performances in Albany, St. Anthony and St. Paul. As an additional part of this year's tour, the Concordia Band, under the direction of Dr. Peter J. Haberman, will be the featured collegiate band at the Westman Honour Band Festival held at Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba. They will also be performing at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Mid-Winter Clinic in Minneapolis as well as the North Dakota Music Educators Association Conference in Bismarck.

For more information about the concert in Staples, contact Staples-Motley High School band director Jon Crust at jon.crust@isd2170.k12.mn.us.



Stately pines

The snowstorm on Dec. 27 coated the stately pines of the former Christmas tree farm located at the corner of Hwy. 210 and Cty. Rd. 11 southwest of Staples. The morning sun shone bright, highlighting the new white coating of snow. (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Area News Brief

From the New York Mills Dispatch:

The New York Mills Economic Development Authority has agreed to oversee managment duties for the town's childcare project, if and when the endeavor grows to fruition. The project would give rise to a multi-section child care operation, housed in the former Otter Tail-Wadena Community Action Council building.

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From the Todd County Independent News Herald:

The county board, after much heated debate amongst themselves and presentations by members of the hockey association, parents, supporters and those who had some opposition to taxpayers footing the bill for a sport, approved the Long Prairie Hockey Association to continue using the Expo building. The vote was 3-2 with commissioners David Kircher, Rod Erickson and Gary Kneisl voting for and Commissioners Barb Becker and Randy Neumann voting against.

Looking back

75 Years Ago - 1944

- Feb. 3, 1944 - Not to be forgotten in this great campaign for funds for the government through the sale of war bonds is the Staples schools, both the public and parochial school.

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The junior high school leads all other groups in the pubic school with a total sale of $1,847.20 in bonds and stamps since January first. In second place in the senior high school department where a total of $1,688.45 in bonds and stamps has been sold. The grade department, although the lowest, should be given plenty of credit for the fine work they have done in making purchases through the school. They had purchased $1,011.50 since January first.

Sacred Heart Parochial school has done a fine job with its sale in the fourth war bond drive, and Sister Lambertine, principal of the school, stated that the school had purchased approximately $475 in bonds and stamps since the drive opened. This is a splendid effort on the part of these children of the school, and shows for all the children of Staples, that they really know the value of the freedoms they are studying about in their daily lessons.

- Feb. 3, 1944 - The Motley Study Club met Jan. 8, at the home of Mrs. Mabel Morey, with Mrs. Jessie Reynolds as hostess. After a brief business meeting, a book review on the recent book "The Robe," was completed by Mrs. Edward Morey. The next meeting of the study Club will be held at the home of Mrs. A.F. Sampson, on Feb. 5.

50 Years Ago - 1969

- Jan. 30, 1969 - Vern Seipkes, Neil Krough and Lambert Klose of Staples were in attendance at the Lions Mid-winter Conference Saturday and Sunday at Hibbing. Mr. Seipkes, District Governor of 5M2, presided over the affair. Their wives accompanied them on the trip.
- Jan. 30, 1969 - Two Staples young men, both seniors at Staples High School, have received notification from their U.S. Senators as to a possible nomination to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Possible nominees are Tim Wilhelmson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wilhelmson, and Robert Dahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Dahl.

Robert Dahl received a telegram notification from Senator Eugene J. McCarthy; and Tim Wilhelmson received notification of his nomination in a letter from Senator Walter F. Mondale.

- Jan. 30, 1969 - Glenn Speed, owner of LaBonte Jewelry in this city, announced that effective Feb. 1, the place of business will be known as Time Jewelry. Remodeling of the store will get underway in the near future and a grand opening will be scheduled.
- Jan. 30, 1969 - Mrs. Don Sanda of this city has been appointed by Frank Kent, Commissioner of Human Rights for the state of Minnesota, to a two-year term with the Minnesota Department of Human Rights, Women's Division. She will participate on the sub-committee on political and civil rights of women which meets monthly in Minneapolis.

25 Years Ago - 1994

- Feb. 3, 1994 - The Staples High School Snow Days king and queen were named Monday night in a coronation ceremony. Karen Johnson, daughter of Ken and Hope Johnson, and Paul Gorton, son of John and Sally Gorton, were selected from a court of six king and six queen candidates.
- Feb. 3, 1994 - Hardee's of staples is proud to name Trevor Peterson as this week's Cardinal Athlete of the Week. Trevor, a senior at Staples Area High School, is a member of the Cardinal boys basketball team. For the past several weeks, he has been among the top scorers in the Mid-State Conference. In Saturday's game versus Melrose, Trevor scored 28 pints, as well as helping out his team with six assists and six steals. Trevor is the son of Lynn and Nancy Peterson of Staples.

10 Years Ago - 2009

- Jan. 29, 2009 - The top two spellers at the Staples Motley District #2170 spelling bee held Jan. 21, were first place winner Travis Johnson, 8th grader at Motley Staples Middle School; and Joe Hess, 6th grader at Sacred Heart Area School, who took second.
- Jan. 29, 2009 - Ben Lindbom of Staples is currently in second and fourth place standings for the ISOC (International Series of Champions, Inc.) snowmobile racing tour. He will race at the Brainerd International Raceway, as part of the racing tour, Feb. 6 - 8.
- Jan. 29, 2009 - Ken Peterson of Staples will host a book signing reception at Staples Alliance Church Jan. 31, for his new newly published book, "a walk with God...one man's journey of faith."



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Lessons learned from school studies

After several years of school building studies, a decision has been made and the Staples-Motley School District now starts on the next chapter, planning the changes and letting the public vote on it.

For people following the process, many new things were learned, and some of the beliefs people had about the schools and the community were proved wrong.

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Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor
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It started out with school board members concerned that new buildings in neighboring districts were drawing students because they were "new and shiny." But in a population study, the researchers said the district doesn't lose many students to open enrollment because of the buildings or the education, it's just because the students leaving live closer to the neighboring school, or have a choice because they live in the middle. The researchers said it wasn't any worse than they expected, looking at how large the school district is.

That was supported by the most recent survey by Nexus Solutions, where the community overwhelmingly answered that they would not build a new school just to keep up with the neighbors.

The board had other concerns about losing student population, but studies showed that this is almost entirely because of a lower birth rate, not because the town is dying (it's not), or negative attitudes in the community. Negative attitudes can hurt, but most people see past it. The study showed the birth rate is starting to stabilize, so they figured the school population will become stable in the future.

That is backed up by Ben Winchester's Rewriting the Rural Narrative presentations (several have been held in this area), where he said the only way to increase the school population in most towns is to hold fertility rituals every year. The birth rate is down all over the country. We still have the same number of families attending the schools, but instead of four or five siblings, they have one or two.

The real reason of whether or not to vote for the project will be if this is the right time to fix up the school buildings.

The school principals and teachers have made it clear that the buildings are getting in the way of some educational opportunities. They either don't have the space or the space they do have doesn't fit what they want to do.

At some point, doing nothing will become more expensive than building a new school, especially if emergency repairs become needed to fix up an old building that will have a short life anyway, and building new will become the only option on top of the emergency costs.

After all the public input, studies, meetings and some very hard decisions, the school board has likely come up with the solution that fits the district the best. It will be up to the voters to decide if this is the right time, if this is the right project, and if they feel the district can afford it.



Pub notes

My drive from Alexandria to Staples, on most days, is supplemented with a great deal of diversity and Minnesota features.

The drive takes me a short distance on Cty. Rd. 29, Highway 14 to Miltona and Browerville, and a final Cty. Rd. 21 jaunt into Staples.

Not only do I enjoy the immense growth of pines and hunting land likely filled with 30-point bucks, but there will be harvested corn fields filled with hungry turkeys. Along the road and adjacent fields, the glow and beauty of a ringneck pheasant will be expressed by early morning sunshine. On one drive, a huge bald eagle feasted over a carcass, eyes watching for drivers who might have a camera (as I did, and away the eagle flew).

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By Rick Gail



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On most drives thus far, Amish children can be seen walking a groomed ditch from school to home, carrying something relative to a lunch box (cooler). Along with those children heading home, there's customarily a need to slow down for an oncoming Amish buggy and horse. Buggies are completely covered, or Amish drivers and passengers are hidden behind a barrier. Brrrrrr – is there any heat in those units? Maybe a "Little Buddy"?

An alternate route would be Highway 29 to 210 into Staples, but when there's an option supplemented with what has been listed above (on most days), my decision is easy.

This is a beautiful area of Minnesota, bringing back memories of grandparents living in the small, Finish-populated community of Floodwood, near Duluth. Grandma Gail was a principal in the Floodwood school system and occasional drives through this northern woods country for a Thanksgiving holiday epitomized that familiar tune, "over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house we go".

The older we get the more we cherish splendid thoughts of long ago, when family gathered for special holidays – and life seemed so simple compared to our 21st Century.

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One month of each year I would eliminate. This is February – "cabin-fever" time in the north.

How appropriate for January to end in a solid deep freeze. As I write this piece, the high temp forecasted Tuesday was a nasty minus 12 – and who knows what that low number will be!

It's time to head south and join all those Minnesota snow birds comfortably situated in Florida, Texas, Arizona or other areas a bit warmer.

Reality is I live in Minnesota for the change of seasons. A few months of winter, including snow, we associate with two favorite holidays – Thanksgiving and Christmas. I cherish this time with family and friends. Spring brings life to Minnesota, following the excitement of March Madness. Summer months, near a lake, provides numerous benefits and fall means Vikings football, 60-75 degree days and comfortable evenings.

I have escaped, in most years, for a week or more, to a warmer destination. Areas included Key West, Fort Myers, Sanibel Island, Mexico and due to an enjoyment for golf, Bullhead City and other areas of Arizona and Nevada (Laughlin or Mesquite).

A get-a-way this year will not include time in an air terminal. Enough is enough, meaning no more early departures, waiting in line, sitting in a confined area for three to four hours, and then, that dreaded flight home for a few more weeks, or months, of cold. Air travel is not in my immediate future.

As that familiar saying goes for braving out adversity, "suck it up". There will be better days ahead. That is a guarantee, and before we know it, March Madness will create hype for basketball fanatics, and cabin fever will jump ship to spring fever. That's what I'm talking about.

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Because of my love for Minnesota, I share these few "little known Minnesota facts":

Minnesota became the 32nd state on May 11, 1858 and was originally settled by a lost tribe of Norwegians seeking refuge from the searing heat of Wisconsin's winters.

Minnesota gets it's name from the Sioux Indian word, "mah-nee-sootah", meaning "No, really… They eat fish soaked in lye."

The state song of Minnesota is, "Someday the Vikings will…Aw, never mind."

The Mall of America in Bloomington covers 9.5 million square feet and has enough space to hold 185,000 teenagers yapping away on cell phones.

Letter to the Editor

Political bias doesn't help

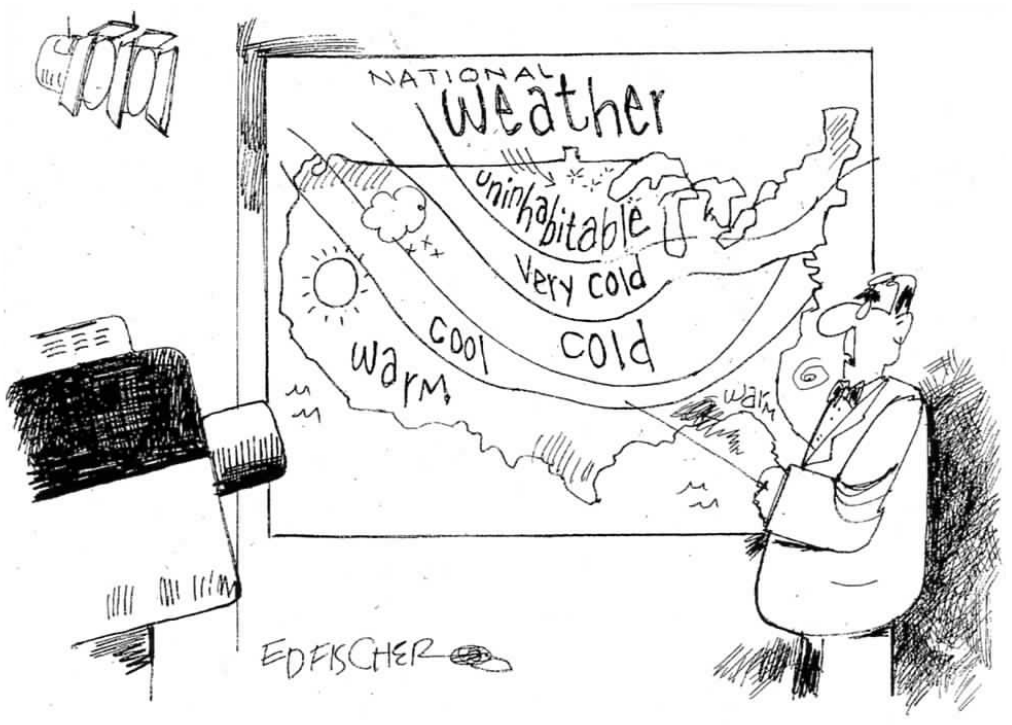
I'm kind of put off on Mr. Gail's comments, I don't think a paper should make a stand on their political views no matter what side the fence they are on. It seems most media outlets are on the far left of things. it sickens me on how one sided everything has gotten in the news. There are plenty of people that would disagree with Mr. Gail.

This is a small town newspaper, it wouldn't take much for it to go under. Have you ever seen conservatives marching and throwing fits just because their chosen candidate isn't in office, deciding every day what they should be mad about? It didn't happen. I'm not saying everything is perfect but let's see where this all goes.

Everyone wants to complain about Trump, but groping Joe Biden is better? We need to get these candidates working for the people and not their parties, it's time for term limits so we can end the zoo that's going on in D.C. there are definitely people on both sides that need to pack their bags and go away.

I feel that Trump is the President and he needs everyone's support, whether they like him or not and maybe the next election comes along, someone else might be President. I feel all of this cry baby attitude and fighting is making the US look like fools to the rest of the world.

Jim Davis
Staples Township



Rural broadband continues

Broadband expansion and exploration into the rural areas of Todd and Wadena counties continues this year with a multi-year, multi-million dollar project aimed at bringing high-speed internet access to all residents in Region 5. The project is a cooperative effort involving regional telecommunications companies Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) and West Central Telephone Association (WCTA), with assistance from the Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) and Sourcewell.

Since 2015, Sourcewell has made a combined total of $500,000.00 of investments to complete feasibility and engineering for regional broadband projects. In partnership with our local telecommunication companies; Consolidated Telephone Company and West Central Telephone Association, these substantial outlays have leveraged funding through the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Office of Broadband. R5DC's Executive Director Cheryal Lee Hills states, "Our region is extremely fortunate to have a partner like Sourcewell who offers unparalleled contract purchasing solutions, services to our schools; local units of government and communities, then continues above and beyond to invest in critical issues that make a difference in our quality of life."

The benefits of bringing broadband to unserved and under-served regions are many: economic development, education, healthcare and telemedicine, workforce development, and more. "Broadband expansion in Region 5 is important for educational and economic growth, and we also believe there are great opportunities for much needed telehealth services. Sourcewell's contributions for broadband deployment is a smart investment that will bring prosperity to the region for years to come. West Central Telephone is excited to be a partner in this project," said WCTA's Chief Executive Officer Chad Bullock.

Sourcewell's Director of Regional Programs Paul Drange says the organization views its support of the project as a strategic reinvestment in the region. "Broadband access for Region 5 is vitally important to our students and families. This access also drives economic development that is essential for the prosperity of our region. Through collective regional efforts, we've been able to leverage state dollars to improve internet access in underserved areas in our region. We are excited to see what the future holds as internet access expands across Region 5."

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January CARE Community Meal

The January CARE Community Meal was held at Staples Church of Christ Jan. 22 with a large crowd attending. They enjoyed meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, various vegetables, buttered bread among the meal offerings plus a variety of dessert trays.

Above: Dale Adams catches up on conversation with Mary Sperley and friends at one of the tables.

The next CARE Community Meal will be Feb. 26 at Sacred Heart Church, Staples from 4:30 to 6 p.m.. (Staples World photos by Janice Winter)

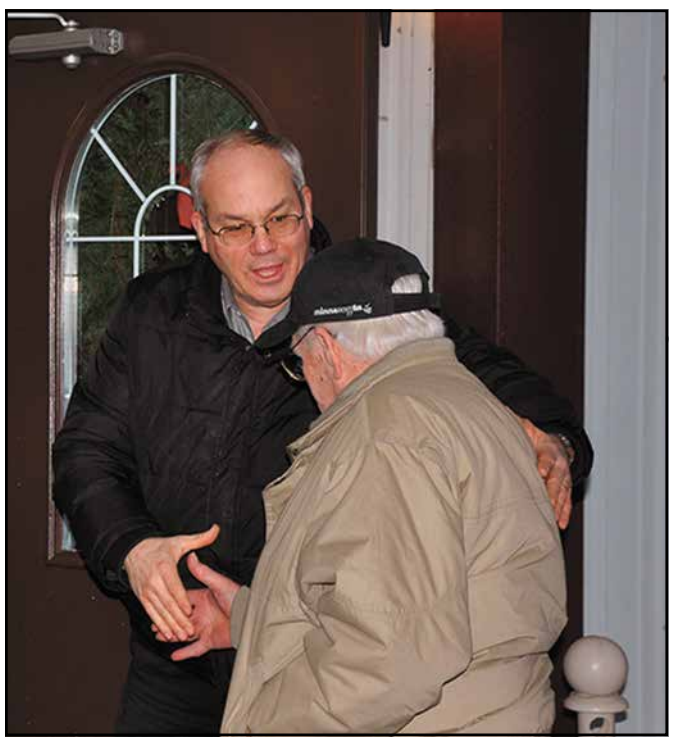


Serving with smiles

Ray Garland gathers a plate from the friendly servers around 5:30 p.m. They included Holly Seamann, Wayne Hess, Pat Quance, Kay Martin, Donna Mae Klebs and others serving the hot comfort food at the church.

Personal greeting

Pastor Barry Klein personally greeted each person who attended the CARE meal at Staples Church of Christ, offering a warm handshake and words of welcome to all included Don Delude of Motley (right). The doors were open to everyone, providing more than a comforting meal, but a social gathering of friends and neighbors.



55+ Driver program in Staples

The Minnesota Highway Safety Center will be offering 55+ Driver Discount Courses on the following days:

- Feb. 25, (Course #43990), 1-5 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE.
- Feb. 25th, (Course #43992), 5:30-9:30 p.m., Staples Community Center

Courses are also available online at www.mnsafetycenter.org.

This class can save up to 10 percent on auto insurance. Completion of an eight-hour course qualifies you for the discount. To maintain the discount, you must complete a four-hour refresher every three years. A Minnesota Highway Safety & Research Center certified instructor will update you on defensive-driving tips, changes in laws, vehicle technology, and traffic safety. For more information or to register, visit our website at www.mnsafetycenter.org or call 1-888-234-1294.

Cardinal Calendar

SM school events

February

- **Snow Daze** Feb. 4 - 8
- **High School Band Concert** Feb. 4, 7 p.m.
- **Home Speech Meet** Feb. 9
- **High School Orchestra Concert** Feb. 11
- **All District Orchestra Concert, Grades 6 - 12** Feb. 25
- **Sub-section Instrumental Large Group Contest** Feb. 27

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

June Fest meeting

Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next June Fest meeting on Tues., Feb. 12, 6 p.m., at Motley City Hall.

Princess Kay at Todd Dairy Association meeting

The Todd County American Dairy Association will hold their annual meeting for all Todd County dairy farmers on Friday, February 1, 2019 at the Browerville Community Center. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.

Dairy farmers will hear how Midwest Dairy is using their check off dollars by "Bringing Dairy to Life!" to improve consumer confidence at the national, state and local levels. Farmers can enjoy a noon meal, socialize and hear from our local and state Princess Kay, Bekka Paskewitz.

Free tax help offered

Free tax help is being offered to low to moderate income taxpayers at the Staples Community Center on Wednesdays, from 1 - 4 p.m., Feb. 6 - April 10.

No appointments needed.

Bring last year's income tax return, photo ID, social security cards for all family members, social security statements, railroad retirement, W-2, 1099-R, 1099-Interest, 1099-DIV, property tax statements, rent form and donations to charity.

The Staples Community Center is located at 425 4th St. NE. For more information, call 218-894-5772.

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Weekly events

Ongoing Events Posted Last Thursday of the Month:

AA Mtgs At Lakewood Health System Hospital Main Campus, Staples, Classroom A: Tuesdays, 8 p.m.; Thursdays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 7 p.m.. For info., 218-371-0573.

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

AA Mtgs At Motley Free Methodist Church: Wednesdays, noon; Fridays, noon. For more info., 218-296-1512.

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

AA Mtgs in Verndale: Tuesdays, 9:30 p.m.; Fridays, 8 p.m., 106 S. Thompson. For info., 218-640-1365 and 218-640-6644.

Christians in Recovery Mtg Thursdays, 7 p.m., Staples Alliance Church. For info., 720-308-8700.

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

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

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

Monthly events

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

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

Foot Care Clinics sponsored by Lakewood Health System, first Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., LHS, Staples clinic; third Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Scandia Valley Town Hall. For appt. and price information, 218-894-8080.

Grief Support Group Mtg first Tuesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5228.

Memory Loss Support Group For Caregivers Mtg second Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Wesley Conference Rm. at Tri-County Health Care, Wadena. For info., 218-631-5288.

Motley Area Historical Society Mtg second Tuesday, 1 p.m., Motley City Hall (except Jan. and Feb.). For more info., 218-352-6137 or 218-352-6699.

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

Parkinson's Disease Support Group Mtg first Monday, 1:30 p.m., Edgewood Vista dining room, 14211 Firewood Dr., Baxter. For info., 218-829-4017.

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

Todd County Republicans Mtg third Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Matthew's Church, Clarissa. For info., 320-533-1119.

Wadena County Democratic Party Committee Mtg third Monday, 6:30 p.m., The Hub 71 in Sebeka. Anyone interested in joining, welcome. For info., email DFLWadenaCo-Chair@yahoo.com.

Wahoo Valley Area MN Deer Hunter's Association Mtg second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Wahoo Valley (except Nov. and Jan.). For info, 218-640-5423.

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

March 21

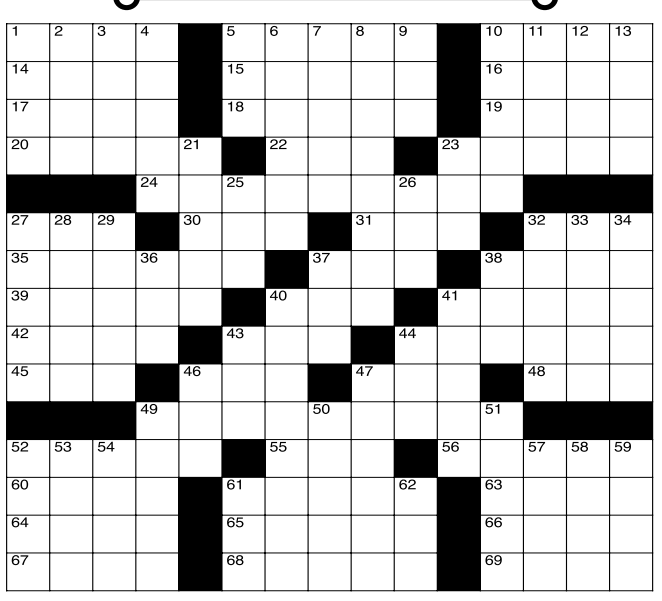
Staples Historical Society Annual Mtg Thurs., March 21, 5 p.m., at Northern Pacific Depot, Staples. Public invited.

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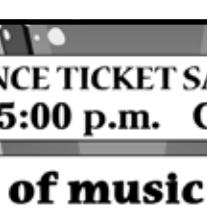
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Civil rights organization
5. Cause to lose courage
10. Outside entertaining area
14. Botswana currency
15. Comedic Actor Tim
16. Barbary sheep
17. German river
18. Take
19. Catches
20. Eating houses
22. Consumed
23. Lawyers try them
24. Hugh Jackman character
27. Basics
30. No (Scottish)
31. Duct
32. Athlete who plays for pay
35. Unit of distance
37. Female bird
38. Predatory reptile
39. Regions
40. Dishonorable man
41. Dry white Italian wine
42. A way to understand
43. Actors' organization
44. Beach hut
45. Disappointment
46. Police officer
47. Digital audiotape
48. Western Thai people
49. Of a polymer
52. Secret political clique
55. Sound unit
56. Cavalry sword
60. Whale ship captain
61. Eastern Austria spa town
63. Holds food
64. Filippo __, Saint
65. Holds bottles of milk
66. Intestinal pouches
67. Arab ruler
68. Chicago political family
69. "Transparent" actress Kathryn

CLUES DOWN
1. Detailed drawing
2. Class of comb jellies
3. Musical symbol
4. Hall of Fame ballplayer Rod
5. Pouch
6. Split
7. Having wings
8. Set aside
9. Midway between northeast and east
10. Daughter of Acrisius
11. Periods of time
12. Rapper Ice __
13. Any of several candies
21. Units of loudness
23. Central nervous system
25. Resinous secretion of insects
26. 007's creator
27. Separate from
28. Exposes to view
29. Harsh squeaking sound
32. Fishing vessel (Naut.)
33. Western Ukrainian city
34. The sea
36. Unhappy
37. Old miserable woman
38. Corn comes on it
40. Guinea pig-like mammal
41. Self-immolation by fire rituals
43. Fifth note of a major scale
44. Automobile
46. Military title (abbr.)
47. Expunge
49. Chadic language Bura-__
50. Something you win
51. Grab
52. Town in Galilee
53. Polite interruption sound
54. Italian Seaport
57. La __ Tar Pits
58. "To __, his own"
59. Tom Clancy hero Jack
61. These three follow A
62. One of Napoleon's generals

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Cardinals lose early lead

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team came close to a conference win but they lost a second half lead to fall 55-62 against Aitkin on Jan. 24. The Cardinals also lost to Browerville 62-33 on Jan. 22.

Against Aitkin, the Cardinals led by nine early, as hot shooting by Isaac Christoffersen and inside baskets by Isaac Kronenberg, including a three point play. Sivert Klefsaas did the dirty work, making tough baskets and going to the free throw line several times in the first half, as he kept the defense on their heels. Aitkin hit some three pointers to close the gap and the Cardinals took a 33-28 lead into halftime.

The second half opened with an 11-2 run for Aitkin and Staples-Motley never regained the lead.

Team results

Staples-Motley 58, Aitkin 66

Scoring: Isaac Christoffersen 21, Sivert Klefsaas 18, Isaac Kronenberg 8, Ben Olander 6, Alex Giza 3, Jordon Carlson 2.

Staples-Motley 33, Browerville 62

Scoring: Klefsaas 11, Giza 7, Christoffersen 5, Kronenberg 3, Olander 2, Ryan Wick 2, Emmitt Winkels 2, Izaiah DeMars 1





Cardinal action

Above, Alex Giza drives through the Aitkin zone. Right, Sivert Klefsaas tips a pass on defense. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Creating chaos

Haley Cichos (4) and Kaila Erbe (2) run at a North Branch player to force her to get rid of the ball quickly. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Cardinals drop a close game, then let one go

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team missed a long shot at the buzzer to fall 54-53 to North Branch on Jan. 22, then had trouble stopping Park Rapids in an 83-55 loss on Jan. 25.

"We are still learning and growing as players and teammates and this game showed us a few things we need to get better at," said Coach Brian Smith about the North Branch game. "Shot selection is still a huge area of focus, we need to be patient and unselfish. Sometimes that means making an extra pass to a teammate that has a higher percentage shot."

The team led 28-24 at halftime.

"We protected the ball and rebounded. We were able to create some chaos and get some points off turnovers," said Smith.

They had a season low turnovers with 12, but they struggled to score in the halfcourt offense and a few defensive lapses put them behind late.

Kaitlyn Smith made a three point shot to pull the team within one, and the Cardinals missed a deep shot that would have put them ahead. Alix Peterson tied the score with 22 seconds left on a free throw, but North Branch made a free throw with three seconds left for the final score.

Tabetha Allen grabbed 18 rebounds, 11 offensive. Peterson had 8 and Jenna Dvorak 7, as the Cardinals outrebounded the big school team. Dvorak and Smith had three steals each.

"The other thing we need to work on is the ability to stop the other team's best player," said Smith. "Down the stretch we were not able to stop their best player."

That came into play right away at Park Rapids, as the top two players combined for 59 points against the Cardinals.

The team had a better offensive output, shooting 40 percent, but they couldn't keep up with that kind of scoring.

Team results

Staples-Motley 53, North Branch 54

Scoring: Kaitlyn Smith 16, Alix Peterson 13, Tabetha Allen 10, Haley Cichos 6, Jenna Dvorak 6, Kaila Erbe 2

Staples-Motley 55, Park Rapids 83

Scoring: Allen 14, Peterson 11, Dvorak 8, Erbe 8, Smith 5, Cichos 5, Bella Martin 4

Senator is welcome ally of outdoors lovers

It is probably just as unfair to profile a politician as it is to profile a private citizen. Profiling, as we know, is making judgments about people based on appearances; their heritage, their education, where they're from, or even the way they dress, or speak. But, risky and of unfair as it may be, there are expectations—based on past experience—that tend to lead us to such judgments about politicians.

Often, our expectations are based on a politician's political party. We tend to think of liberals—commonly Democrats—as more willing than conservatives to propose government-centered solutions to economic and social problems. We tend to think of conservatives—often Republicans; i.e., the GOP—as being inclined to prefer allowing the "free market" to sort things out, and to interfere as little as possible in people's lives. Broad generalizations, but often true. As the saying goes, it's sometimes "the exception that proves the rule."

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Inside the Outdoors



Mike Rahn

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Another generalization is that liberals are likely to be more supportive than conservatives of environmental regulations and protections; more likely to be "tree huggers," as the expression goes. More willing, too, to spend public funds—taxpayer-generated funds—for projects aimed at outdoor recreation opportunities, fish and wildlife habitat, and the like. It bears repeating that not all liberals support these priorities, nor do all conservatives oppose them. But it's not hard to find examples that support the generalization.

As the Minnesota Legislature swings into 2019 action, there is a haunting memory of an environmental stab-in-the-back that took place on the last day of the 2018 legislative session. On that final day, a conference committee made up of Minnesota state senators and representatives—with Republican leadership of the committee—crafted a proposal to take funds intended for natural resource purposes and commit roughly $98 million of it to pay for bond interest for such projects as sewer improvements, lake dredging, and other infrastructure priorities.

The full Legislature, with Republican majorities in both Senate and House, then passed the bill without any public hearing or input, and without—it's widely believed—many lawmakers even knowing that this provision was in the general bonding bill. It's been properly called a raid because unless this legislation is reversed, these funds will be taken from the state's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

The Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund was created by a voter-approved 1988 constitutional amendment that dedicates a portion of state lottery funds and their earnings for the protection, conservation, and enhancement of the state's air, water, land, fish, wildlife, and other natural resources. Over the last three decades, monies from this Trust Fund have been used for such things as state park and trail improvements, fisheries rehabilitation through rough fish control, and clean energy research, among many others.

In fact, some 2,000 projects have been funded in this manner over the past 30 years. These projects are reviewed and approved by a committee made up of state lawmakers and citizens, called the Legislative-Citizen Committee on Minnesota Resources, or LCCMR. The last-minute 2018 raid on the Trust Fund monies for those state infrastructure projects was given no review by the LCCMR. A coalition of eight conservation organizations has filed suit to stop this diversion of Trust Fund monies.

Supporters of using Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund cash for such things as wastewater treatment projects argue that this is a contribution to improved state water quality, and therefore within the mission of the Fund. But the enabling statutory language dating back to 1988 states that the Trust Fund "...may not be spent for ... municipal water pollution control ... hazardous waste disposal facilities ... [or] solid waste disposal."

The eight conservation groups that are suing to prevent what they see as an unconstitutional diversion of these Trust Fund monies are actually hoping that a solution can be found in the Minnesota Legislature, rather than the courts. They're hoping that the 2019 Legislature that convenes this week will consider a do-over, and invalidate the cloak-and-dagger maneuver that ended the 2018 session.

They're actually finding support in a lawmaker whose own Republican party led that maneuver. State Senator Carrie Ruud is a Republican from Central Minnesota's Brainerd lakes area; Breezy Point, to more narrowly identify her home base. Sen. Ruud has introduced legislation that would very specifically prohibit use of the Environment and Natural Resource Trust Fund to pay interest on construction bonds. This would have the practical effect of insulating the Trust Fund from the kind of diversions her party's leaders executed in

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Mid-winter walleyes and the noise factor

By Steve Carney

As we head into the midsection of our winter angling, things have changed dramatically, especially in regard to ice conditions.

Now anglers are driving vehicles around most central Minnesota lakes and because of this activity, the walleyes as well as crappies have adjusted their patterns. Noise is counterproductive when it comes to winter angling. Here are some thoughts.

1.) Travel Areas

On most of our central Minnesota lakes, there are now dedicated travel areas where most of the vehicles head straight to a community spot that is always active. Those travel lanes unfortunately cross many good walleye spots that are now worthless because of the vehicle traffic. Best to avoid any well used travel area.

2.) Strike Out On Your Own

I always, and I mean always, strike out for fishing spots on my own.

I do everything I can to avoid any fish house clusters or any area that has anglers coming and going throughout the day. Nothing spooks gamefish more than the hum of ATV's, roar of snowmobiles and the vibration caused by motor vehicles. Even reliable summertime spots can be rendered useless in the winter by human activity.



Wary walleyes

Avoid areas of human activity for better walleye success. (Submitted photo)

3.) Augers

I started using electric augers about 5 years ago and I can honestly say they make a huge difference. With the advent of the lithium battery, you can now drill 25 to 30 holes on one charge.

The biggest factor is the noise issue. Electric augers are quiet and stealthy. The old fashioned gas auger has a tendency to blow out an entire area with the noise and vibration. A gas auger 300 yards away is very annoying on the ice, just think of the noise below the ice.

Getting away from the human activity is as key in the winter as it is in the summer months. For best success, strike out and find those out-of-the-way spots on your own and make it happen on your terms.

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the final hours of the 2018 session.

But Sen. Ruud is more than a one-time white knight attempting to come to the rescue in this incident. In her three terms as a state senator she has shown a dedication to bread-and-butter outdoor issues. One of her recognitions was being named the 2017 Minnesota Legislator of the Year by the nonprofit organization Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails. She is currently Chair of the Minnesota Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance Committee.

Sen. Ruud in 2017 also received the Nature Conservancy's Government Relations Award "…for her efforts to protect Minnesota's prairies, forests, lakes rivers and wetlands…" The organization cited Ruud as "a great champion of conservation." In 2018 she was also cited by the League of Minnesota Cities for leading "efforts to give cities the tools they need to be successful in protecting Minnesota's environmental resources." Ruud is part of a hunting and angling family, and has participated in—and won—national snowshoeing competitions. She does more than give lip service to outdoors priorities.

Sen. Ruud is not unique as a political conservative who embraces environmental and natural resource protection causes. But it's noteworthy that she is willing to stand up to her party's leadership when her conservation conscience dictates that it's the right path to take; in this case, rolling back a secretive and potentially unconstitutional raid on the state's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. A lot of Minnesotans, and the conservation organizations to which many belong, hope she'll be successful.

Student Achievements



Motley-Staples Middle School

Students of the Month at Motley-Staples Middle School were, front row, left to right: Suhaila Mikhaeil, Paige Warren, Kenzie Jares, Brooke Bendson, Cecily Moe, Caden Dobson, Kadin Ottomoeller, Alaina White. Back row: Alex Black, Andrew Salcido, Kora Wells, Logan Robben, Sophie Albie, Jessica Lundquist, Jorja Kobliska, Bailey Weiland



Staples-Motley Elementary School

Bucket List winners at SMES were, front row, left to right: Odin Davis, Kayden McCord, Mya Dobson, Lucas Ziegler. Back row: Ryan Heifort, Wyatt Frutiger, Jackson Alexander, Carter Kist, Ella Judd, Kalee Winter



Sacred Heart Area School

Students of the Month at SHAS were, above front: Abiri Ziegler, Bentley Pettit, John Schotzko. Back: Mabel Haehnel, Carolyn Hoppe, Alexis Opelia Right: Lucille McGruder



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

Albie Electric LLC, Staples
Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Staples
BRICKS Travel Center, Motley
Lake Country Insurance, Inc. Motley
Staples Precision Metalcraft
PHB Excavating, Motley
Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples, Inc.
Motley Dairy Queen
Insurance Advisors, Scott Veronen
Homestead Veterinary Clinic, Aldrich
Staples Eye Clinic
Orth Insurance Agency, Staples
Sylvan Shores, Browerville

Staples True Value
Long Prairie Sanitation, Inc.
Ron's Auto Repair, Staples
R. Bjerga Construction/ Friendly Inn, Joan and Rudy
Trident Seafoods Corp.
Unity Bank, Staples
Wilhelmson Associates, LLC Estate Planning & Life Insurance, Motley
Sacred Heart Area School, Staples
Shear Contact, Staples
Burrows Auto Body, Staples
Central Building Supply, Staples
Busker Concrete, Staples
Precision Polishing and Plating, Inc., Staples

Sourcewell, Staples
R Salon & Spa, Staples
Daniel Douts Insurance Agency State Farm, Staples
Ernie's, Staples
Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Staples
James Soule Auto Sales, Staples
Longbella Drug, Staples
Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd., CPA's, Staples
Staples Ace Hardware
Stern Rubber Company, Staples
3M, Staples
Thrivent Financial/ Bob Mueller, Staples
Tower Pizza, Staples
Staples World

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Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples included:

Born to Rachael and Marc Laurion of Baxter, a baby boy, MacGregor John weighing seven pounds, eight ounces on January 18, 2019.

Born to Stacey and Mitch Dahlvang of Sebeka, a baby boy, Kip Paul weighing seven pounds, six ounces on January 19, 2019.

Born to Karli and Jordan Peterson of Wadena, a baby boy, Lane Daniel weighing seven pounds, two ounces on January 22, 2019.

Born to Kendra and Craig Yaunick of Brainerd, a baby girl, Harper Lee weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on January 23, 2019.

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Births reported at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena included:

Born to Keryn, a baby boy, Taytum Josiah weighing six pounds, three ounces on January 23, 2019.



Rotary winter social speakers

Staples Rotarians gathered for their winter social Jan. 24 at Ted & Gen's in Aldrich. Joan Tweedale, second from left, was the speaker. Tweedale, a member of the Park Rapids Rotary Club, organized a group of Rotarians from Park Rapids and Fargo as well as members of her church for a service trip to Puerto Rico. The group worked through Lutheran Social Services to gut and rebuild a home for a grandmother who had lost her home during Hurricane Maria. Tweedale and her husband Cliff, second from right, have begun planning for another trip, possibly this fall. They noted that the poor condition of the power grid and the overwhelming poverty rates are leading factors in the time it is taking for Puerto Rico to rebuild and that more assistance is needed. From left are Marv Rothstein, president of Staples Rotary Club, Joan and Cliff Tweedale and Connie Rothstein. (Submitted photo)

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.

Why there might be more hope for change on January 31 than January 1!

Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ

How can it already be the end of the first month of this year?! God's generosity continues spiritually, emotionally, mentally and physically in all that He has already provided in these first 31 days of the year.

But, I'm wondering what your thoughts are in the changes you wanted to see in this first month of the new year? There is that (infamous?) word known as "resolutions" that may be more frustrating than hopeful at this point... especially if those resolutions didn't make it off the ground for more than a few weeks. I have a hunch that our broken resolutions may be a case of "shooting ourselves in the foot!" Another old adage is that we are too often trying to "lift ourselves up by our own bootstraps."

Among other considerations we will look at shortly, I think we put too much "stock" in a certain day of the year (New Year's Day) somehow having more power to change us than what is realistic. Think about this with me for a moment. Why would January 1, as a day on the calendar of 12 months, have any more changing power than March 1 or July 1 or October 1? A day on a calendar is not enough to change anything by itself... even if you add in sheer willpower.

It seems to me that there is a far better way.

It has to do with the God of the day. It starts with a verse like "This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24). God's ownership in this verse (and also Psalm 24:1) points us in the right direction of true hope for change. It's not so much about me as it is about Him! God made me. God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for me and everyone else. God, Who intensely loves us deeply, WANTS to change us. I love the old adage "God loves us just as we are, but doesn't want us to stay as we are." He has more in mind for each one of us. Look at Romans 8:32 and ponder it sometime.

The hope for change comes only through the God "change agent." Remember, God knows us better than anyone else does and that doesn't scare Him. He made us as spirit, mind and body so He can change whatever needs to be changed. Entrust yourself to Him... today, on January 31, because He is the Master of this day and of your life, if we will let Him be so in our lives. Please ponder II Peter 1:3-4 and Titus 2:11-12 for a "True Change!"

The thoughts above are not theoretical. They are first being processed for my life. Will you join me in the journey?

The Staples area Church Directory is sponsored by these businesses:

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

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

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

Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank
Fully Insured to $250,000
Staples, MN 218-894-3900

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries



Arlee Dailey

Funeral services were held for Arlee Dailey, age 70, of Wadena on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley, with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating.

Pallbearers were John Elifritz, Jr., Kim Elifritz, Donald "Butch" Pavlacky, Jr., Scott Pavlacky, James Dailey, Jr. and Brett Dailey. Honorary pallbearers were Arlee's grandchildren: Elizabeth Harrison, Brittany Harrison, Joel Harrison, Thane Dailey, Mason Dailey and Adaly Dailey.

Arlee will be laid to rest in Poplar Cemetery, Oylen.

Arlee J. Dailey was born February 9, 1948 in Staples to the late Frank and Dorothy (Haman) Pavlacky. Arlee graduated from Staples High School with the class of 1966. On February 11, 1967 Arlee was united in marriage to Russell Lee Dailey, Sr. in Oylen. Their marriage was blessed with four children. Arlee and Russell made their home in Oylen where they farmed and milked dairy cows for 42 years. Arlee was employed with Sandy Beach Resort on Gull Lake from 2005 - 2011.

Russell passed away March 31, 2009. Since November of 2011 Arlee has made her home in Wadena where she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and attending their events. She enjoyed all Minnesota Sports, reading, crossword puzzles and visiting a casino every now and again. Arlee was an amazing wife and mother, she loved all with unconditional love.

Arlee passed away January 15, 2019 surrounded by her loving family at St. Cloud Hospital. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Preceding Arlee in death were her parents; husband; siblings: Marlo, Howard, Donald and Larry.

Arlee is survived by her children: Russell Jr. "Tuff" (Missy) Dailey of Wadena; Wade Dailey of Sebeka; Jamey Harrison of Wadena; Preston (Lacey) Dailey of Wadena; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings: Dick (Geri) Pavlacky of Pillager; Malcolm "Shorty" (Joanne) Pavlacky of St. Cloud; Gerrie Elifritz of Princeton; many other relatives and a host of friends.

Arrangements provided by Karvonen Funeral Service of Wadena

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Tom Miller

Thomas L. Miller, 85, of Staples died at his home, peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by family on January 24, 2019.

Tom was born on Jan. 17, 1934 to Margaret and Stan Miller in Verndale. He attended and graduated from Verndale Public School. Tom married Janice DeWald on July 14, 1953.

Some of his life accomplishments included attending Dunwoody Technical College, learning to fly his plane, owner of Tom's Plumbing and Heating in Staples from 1968 until his retirement. He proudly served on the Wadena County Adjustment Board/ Planning Commission and the Thomastown Township Board. Tom enjoyed going to "The Woods" where he enjoyed driving his tractor, cutting wood, watching wildlife and an occasional nap.

Tom is survived by his wife, Jan; brothers, Dale (Elizabeth) of Wadena, Ben (Miriam) of Bemidji; sister-in-law, Rena of Sauk Center; son, Steve (Kim) of Motley; daughter, Teri Cain of Laporte, Colorado; son, Barney (Shellie) of Little Falls; seven grandchildren, Justin, Natasha, Jake, Kayla, Elizabeth, Ashley, Paul and six great grandchildren (and two more on the way).

Tom was preceded in death by an infant sister, Linda; infant son, Gregory, father, Stan; mother, Margaret; brother, Gary and sister, Marie Johnson.

Per Tom's request, there will be no funeral or memorial services.

Tom wished to express a special thank you to Dr. David Freeman, Dr. Julie Benson, Barbara Kaneski, P.A.; his two wonderful hospice nurses, Amber and Kendall and all of his caregivers at Lakewood Health System for all of the exceptional care that he received.

A special thank you to the Thew family, especially Arthur and William, for listening to an old man's stories and for being willing to help out at a moment's notice.

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Care Center

February Special Activities at the Lakewood Health System Care Center:

Weds., Feb. 13 - 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Church of Christ Quilters

Thurs., Feb. 14 - 2 p.m. Valentine's Party w/entertainment; 4 p.m. Cheers

Sat., Feb. 16 - 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Sun., Feb. 17 - 2 p.m. Assembly of God Singers

Tues., Feb. 19 - 2:5 p.m. Church, Thomastown; 3:45 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Weds., Feb. 20 - 2 p.m. Bingo

Thurs., Feb. 21 - 10 a.m. Bible Study, Roy Miles; Indoor Garage Sale; 4 p.m. Cheers

Sat., Feb. 23 - 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., Feb. 25 - 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., Feb. 26 - 2:15 p.m. Church, Staples Assembly of God; 3:45 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Weds., Feb. 27 - 2 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Student Achievements

Robert King, Pillager, graduated from Minnesota State Community and Technical College during the 2018 Fall Semester. He received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Information Technology.

Levi Nagel, Pillager, has been named to the 2018 Fall Semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. To qualify, students must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 or higher grade point average.



Staples World
DEADLINES
Newspaper deadline for copy and advertising: 12 noon Fridays

Staples Motley School Board Minutes

ISD #2170
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #13
Tues., Dec. 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
High School Media Center
MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Longbella, Winkels, Frisk, Lund, Anderson and Freeman present (comprising a quorum). Also in attendance: Supt. Bratlie; Business Services, Herdegen; Principals Regan and Schmidt; approximately 30 students, employees and community members; Mary Reedy, CliftonLarsonAllen; Staples World Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Anderson to make the following revisions to the agenda: Add item #21; remove items #12 and #15 to be added to the January agenda. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adopt the agenda as amended. MC

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to approve the consent agenda as presented. MC

Finance Items

Mary Reedy of CLA presented the 2017-2018 audit and the district was given an Unmodified ("clean") opinion. The complete audit is available in the District Office.

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Anderson, to accept the 2017-2018 audit as presented. MC

Mr. Heredegen reviewed the Levy Certification

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to Certify the 2018 Tax Levy, Payable 2019 at the maximum - $2,444,592.66 MC

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

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Anderson, to approve 2019 - 2020 Technology needs, including the phone system, internet and software and hardware upgrades. MC

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Resolution Directing Administration to make Recommendations for Reductions in Programs and Positions. MC

Personnel

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Lund, to approve the contracts for Rebecca Rapaway and Alexus Jordan, SME Paraprofessionals; Grade 7Probationary. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to accept the resignation of Nick Reed, IT Support; eff. Jan. 1, 2019 MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Winkels, to accept the resignation of Kristi Johnson, Asst. Track Coach; with permission to post. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to accept the resignation of Jenna Smith, Ticket Gate Manager. MC

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Winkels to approve the hire of Lyndsey Tyni, Ticket / Gate Manager. MC

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Longbella, to approve posting for an additional Title I Elementary Paraprofessional; 7 hours per day for the remainder of the school year. MC

Curriculum

Motion by Lund, seconded by Longbella. After some discussion regarding the frequency and cost of these trips, as well as the school's liability (if any), the motion was rescinded. The district will contact our insurance agent to find out liability. Both agenda items #23 and #24 were moved to the January meeting.

Other

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Winkels, to adopt the Resolution Establishing Motley City Hall and Staples Community Center as the designated combined polling sites. MC

Motion by Lund, seconded by Anderson, to adopt the Public Forum Guidelines with revisions. MC

Adjournment

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. MC

Complete minutes may be viewed at www.isd2170.k12.mn.us

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #14
Thursday, Dec. 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
High School Media Center
MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Members Lund, Freeman, Winkels and Frisk present. Longbella arrived at 6:18. Also attending: Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Nexus; WSN; approximately 40 students, employees and community members; Staples World Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Frisk, to amend and adopt the agenda by moving the Community Survey Results before the Project update. MC

Community Survey Results

The Morris Leatherman Company presented the findings of the community survey which was conducted between Nov. 14 - Nov. 29. The survey included 625 random households of SM residents. Results indicated the community could/would support an $18 - $22 per month tax increase. The average home value in the district is $125,000.

Project Update

Rob Brown and Brent Jones from Nexus then informed the Board that a K-12 building would likely cost $70 - $75 million. However, a remodel project on the existing HS and elementary could be done for approx. $50 million. This would consist of a K-5 elementary with additional gym and locker room space, and a 6-12 high school.

A timeline was presented leading up to a May 14, 2019 election and the group was advised there is much work to be done leading up to that date. Other funding options will also be looked at. Twenty years is the typical length of a bonding referendum.

This project would not include community space or early learning space.

Motion to move into Closed Session for Negotiations Discussion

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to move into a Closed Session for Negotiations Discussion. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk, to reconvene in Closed Session. MC

Motion by Longbella, seconded by Frisk to reopen the meeting MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by WInkels to Adjourn the meeting. MC

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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #15
Annual Organizational Meeting, Monday, January 7, 2019 7:00 p.m. High School Media Center
MINUTES

Call to Order

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Lonbella

II. Newly elected Board Members took the Oath of Office: Brad Anderson, Mary Freeman and Bruce Lund

III. Roll Call

Roll call was taken with Members Longbella, Winkels, Frisk, Anderson, Freeman and Lund present (comprising a quorum). Also present: Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Business Services, Herdegen; several community members, students and employees; Staples World Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

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

IV. Organizational Items

Chair Longbella called for nominations for **Board Chair**. Anderson nominated Lund; Frisk nominated himself. Longbella called for additional nominations three times with no further nominations.

A vote was called and Lund was declared Chairman of the Board.

Election of other Officers

Chair Lund called for nominations for **Vice Chair**. Winkels nominated Freeman; Longbella nominated Frisk. Lund called for additional nominations three times. Upon no further nominations a vote was taken and Freeman was declared Vice Chair. Lund called for nominations for **Clerk**. Frisk nominated himself. Additional nominations were called for three times. With no additional nominations, Frisk was declared the Clerk.

Lund called for nominations for **Treasurer**. Winkels nominated Anderson. Lund called for nominations three more times. With no additional nominations, Anderson was declared Treasurer.

Appoint person to perform Duties of the Office of Clerk and Treasurer

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Frisk, to designate Bonnie Madson as Asst. to the Clerk and Chuck Herdegen as Asst. to the Treasurer. MC

Appoint Board Members to Serve on Educational Committees

Members voiced their intent to serve on the following committees: **Freshwater Education District,** Bruce Lund and alternate Chad Longbella; **Sourcewell Delegate Assembly**, Bryan Winkels; **MN State HS League**, Bryan Winkels, Alt.; **QCOMP**, Mary Freeman (re-assignment in June) **MSBA Legislative Liaison**, Greg Frisk; **Community Education Advisory Council**, Bryan Winkels; **Economic Development Authority**, Bruce Lund and alternate Ron Bratlie

Finance Committee: Anderson and Freeman; **Policy Committee:** Winkels and Frisk; **Technology Committee:** Winkels; **Meet & Confer Committee:** Lund and Freeman: and **Superintendent Evaluation** (Longbella and Anderson).

2019 - 2021 Negotiating Teams: Instructional Group - Frisk and Anderson; Support Staff & Professional Group - Longbella and Winkels; Principals and Transportation - Winkels and Freeman; Superintendent - Lund and Freeman

V. Annual Organizational Items:

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to designate 2019 School Attorneys, Official Depositories, Official Newspaper, Investment of Funds, Electronic Transfers, Signature Approvals. *It was requested that news articles and events be sent to Morrison County Record for publication as well as the Staples World as a portion of our district is in that circulation area.*

a. Official School Attorneys

To name Pemberton Law Office of Fergus Falls and Kennedy & Graven to serve as the official school district attorneys for fiscal year 2019 and that the selection be determined by the administration. Authority also was granted to the administration to employ any other attorney/law firm as deemed necessary.

b. Official Depositories

To name the following as official depositories for FY 2018: First International Bank and Trust, Unity Bank, Mid-Central Federal Savings Bank, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, MN School District Liquid Assets Fund Plus, MN Trust, and other financial institutions which are in compliance with MN Statutes governing school district depositories.

c. Official Newspaper

To designate The Staples World as the legal and official newspaper for the Staples-Motley School District for 2019

d. Official(s) to Invest Funds

To authorize school officials to invest funds on behalf of the school district: Business Manager and Superintendent

e. Agent(s) to Make Electronic Transfers

To authorize school officials to electronically transfer funds to be invested for the district: Business Manager and Payroll Clerk

f. Signature Approvals

Authorize the Superintendent and the Business Manager to execute agreements and/or financial documents as necessary on behalf of the Staples-Motley School District. MC

Motion by Frisk, seconded by Longbella, to change the board meeting time to 6:00 p.m. for all meetings.

Motion by Winkels, seconded by Longbella, to approve the 2019 meeting schedule with additional meetings to be scheduled as needed. MC

Regular meetings will be held the second to the last Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. with a school /public forum first on the agenda if someone would like to address the board on any topic, subject to the limitations of policy #206 . If the second to the last Monday is a holiday, meetings will be scheduled the following day (Jan. and Feb). The December meeting will be the third Monday of the month.

Work Sessions will be held the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (with the exception of Sept).

All Work Sessions may be followed by a regular board meeting as needed.

Other meetings may be called as needed.

All meetings will be held in the building of the District Office.

Set school board salaries for 2019. (Current salary $3,278.64)

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Lund, to set the School Board salary at $3,377.00 (three percent (3%) increase) for the period of Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2019. Voting in favor: Freeman, Lund, Winkels, Frisk and Anderson. Opposed: Longbella MC

Facility Project Discussion and Direction

Supt. Bratlie asked the Board to establish direction so planning can move forward on a one (1) building or two (2) building scenario.

Each board member stated their views, but the consensus was that they needed further information on what one building or two buildings would actually look like, and if a remodel project at the HS and elementary site could provide the space needed and if educational adequacies could be meet. They also questioned the May election timeline and if that gives the district enough time to educate the public on the district's needs. Administration and Nexus will present at the next meeting, Jan. 9.

Adjournment

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

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING #16
Weds., Jan. 9, 2019
High School Media Center
MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Lund, Freeman, Anderson, Frisk, Winkels and Longbella present (comprising a quorum). Also present: Supt. Bratlie; Principals Johnson, Schmidt and Regan; Nexus Solutions, Brown and Jones; WSN, Angland; approximately 30 staff, students and community members; Staples World Editor, Anderson; and Recording Secretary, Madson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

BUILD 2170 Facilities Discussion / Direction

Lund stated that the group would be presented info., all questions would be answered, and the board would be asked to take a "straw" vote at the conclusion of the meeting. The vote would indicate if the district would move forward with one (1) building or two (2) buildings (Pre K - 6 and 7 - 12)

Rob Brown, Brent Jones and Mike Angland reviewed some aspects of the community survey and better explained the tax tolerance of the district as well as showing past voting history within the district. They reiterated that the design phase will come later and these drawings are conceptual. They also felt some costs could be trimmed from the amounts presented.

- 1 building cost approx.. $71 million
- 2 buildings
  - PreK - 6 additions and remodel approx. $23 million
  - 7 - 12 additions and remodel approx. $28 million

Upon being asked to take a straw (unofficial) vote, Longbella, Freeman, Lund and Frisk raised their hands in favor of two buildings. Anderson and Winkels abstained. An official motion and vote will be taken on January 22 at the Regular Board Meeting.

The Special Meeting scheduled for Jan. 16 was cancelled because there would not be a quorum.

Adjourn

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

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Public Notices

NOTICE
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BOARD OF AUDIT

The Annual Board of Audit for Becker Township will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. following the regular meeting. Any questions please call the clerk at 218-352-6498.

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Becker Township

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NOTICE
MEADOWBROOK TOWNSHIP
MEETING DATES

The Meadowbrook Town Board will meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Leader Community Hall.

The February meeting is Tuesday the 5th at 7:30 p.m. The board of audit will be held following the regular February meeting.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Darlene Rollins, Clerk
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Todd County Sheriff's report

The Todd County Sheriff's Officer recently reported the following incidents:

Jan. 23, 5:49 p.m. the Sheriff's Office responded to a two vehicle crash on Cty 11 near 286th St. Janet Holmquist of Clarissa was traveling northbound on Cty 11 when she rear-ended a tractor driven by Douglas Brackin of Alexandria. Both Holmquist and Brackin were transported by ambulance to the Long Prairie Hospital for minor injuries. Holmquist's 2001 Jeep was totaled, the tractor received moderate damage. Assisting were Browerville Fire Department, Browerville Ambulance and Long Prairie Ambulance.

Jan. 22, a fish house break-in was reported on Fairy Lake. The rear window was broken out of a 16 foot white Ice Castle fish house and a smaller flat screen TV was taken.

A total of seven fish houses were reported to be damaged or broken into on Fairy Lake.

Jan. 22, Alexis Kizer of Burtrum was driving a 1997 Chevy Blazer east on Cty Rd 2 south of Grey Eagle when she lost control due to the snow on the road. The vehicle entered the ditch and rolled on its side. Kizer was not injured. Grey Eagle fire assisted at the scene.

Jan. 21, TCSO received a report of an SUV in the ditch near the address of 42001 Quarry Rd. It was reported that the driver was acting strange. Upon investigation by TCSO deputies the driver was identified as Sasha Wojtowicz, 28, of Bertha. Wojtowicz was later arrested and held pending formal DWI and Controlled Substance charges.

Jan. 14, 2019: At 06:33 a.m., Cecelia Ruegemer of rural Browerville was driving her 2001 GMC blazer south on Cty Rd 21 near Cty Rd 24 when she lost control due to the ice on the road and ran into the east ditch. Ruegemer was not injured.

Jan. 12, 12:58 p.m., Christian Payne reported a vehicle fire at 18645 Cty Rd 11, A 1997 Chevy truck had caught fire in the yard after it was parked. The truck was being driven around the yard and worked on at the time. Long Prairie Fire Department assisted at the scene.

Jan. 7, Mark Nedoroscik of Browerville, reported that his vehicle had been involved in a hit and run accident. The 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt had been struck in the front end while parked on the street outside of his residence. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Todd County Sheriff's Office at 320-732-2157.

Jan. 6, 5:14 a.m., a Todd County Sheriff's Patrol vehicle struck a deer on US Highway 71, near mile marker 214. The deputy was not injured. The 2013 Chevy Tahoe sustained front end damage.

Dec. 31, 2018, Robert Geraets reported that someone had backed into his 2018 blue Chevy truck while parked in Browerville that day, possibly near the post office or in the Cherry Grove store lot.

Dec. 30, 1:07 p.m., Alexis Brainard of Long Prairie reported hitting a dog on Hwy 27 near Circle R Ranch. Brainard was not injured. The 2003 Pontiac Bonneville she was driving sustained front end damage. The dog, owned by Jack McCoy, did not survive the crash.

Dec. 30, 9:10 a.m. Matthew Hass of rural Osakis was riding a snowmobile in the ditch on Cty Rd 4 west of Cty Rd 11, when he lost control and the machine rolled. Hass injured his arm and was taken to the the Sauk Centre hospital by private party.

Dec. 30, the theft of a portable fish house was reported on Big Lake east of Browerville. The house was a 4x8 homemade portable, blue material and 2x4 wood floor.

Dec. 29, at approximately 3:47 p.m, Travis Winter of rural Eagle Bend reported a house fire at 18239 290th St, rural Clarissa. The Clarissa Fire Department extinguished the fire with the assistance of the Browerville Fire Department. The Sabin Adams family was not home at the time of the fire. Their two dogs did not survive the incident. Todd Wadena Electric assisted at the scene.

Dec. 27, 6:23 p.m. the Todd County Sheriff's Office and Long Prairie Police Department responded to a car -vs- semi accident on Hwy 71 and MN Fresh in Long Prairie. Jose Burciaga of Long Prairie was attempting to head South on Hwy 71 out of the MN Fresh parking lot when he collided with a semi grain trailer, driven by Thomas Henrich. There were ice conditions reported at the time of the incident. Jose's car had front end damage. Neither the semi or trailer had any reported damage. There were no injuries..

Dec. 26, approximately 8:38 p.m. August Langseth, Staples, was traveling south on Cty Rd 21 in Ward Township when his vehicle left the roadway and hit a tree. The vehicle sustained major front end damage. Langseth sustained injuries and was transported to the hospital.

Dec. 26, the Todd County Sheriff's Office investigated a burglary that occurred at Happy Hoarders Storage on County 2 in Grey Eagle. Multiple items were taken from multiple units. Anyone with information on this burglary can contact the Todd County Sheriff's Office.

Regional Spelling Bee Feb. 19 at Sourcewell

More than 30 students from across Region 5 will take the stage at Sourcewell on Tuesday, Feb. 19 for the 2019 Regional Spelling Bee. The event is free and open to the public.

The group of participating spellers is comprised of students in grades 3-8 who were a finalist or champion in their respective district. The Regional Bee Champion earns a trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C., May 26-31, 2019. Sourcewell will cover all costs for the speller plus one parent or guardian.

Sourcewell (formerly National Joint Powers Alliance) has sponsored the Regional Bee for over 25 years. The event was held at Tornstrom Auditorium in Brainerd for many years and made the switch to Sourcewell's Staples location for the first time in 2017.

"Student success is a priority at Sourcewell, so it goes without saying that we are humbled and honored to be part of this annual event," said Sourcewell Student Academic Coordinator Katie Embree. "In today's age of social media, increased use of abbreviations, and a reliance upon spellcheck, spelling skills are often overlooked. This event provides an opportunity to highlight not only the importance of spelling, but also the students who excel at it."

For more information about the Regional Bee and other academic programming, visit www.sourcewell-mn.gov.



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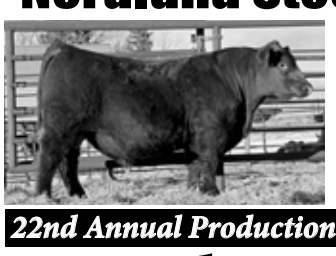
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Drone photo of a drone

During a drone demonstration, one drone takes a photo of another drone.

Drone project a success for Sourcewell's Innovation Funding

Since implementing the Crow Wing County Unmanned Aerial System Team on July 1, 2018, the group has been called out or has conducted over 40 missions ranging from helping authorities locate missing persons, assisting at structure and wildland fires, drownings, fleeing subjects, crash reconstructions, and scene observations.

"Without the help of Sourcewell and Innovation Funding, we wouldn't have been able to get this project off the ground – no pun intended," said Crow Wing County Emergency Management Director John Bowen. "The Crow Wing County UAS Team has been received very well in our community, as well as in our neighboring counties. We've responded to a number of mutual aid calls from our surrounding counties and they have been very impressed with the technology made accessible to them."

The UAS Team was able to purchase four drones last year, including accessories like a 30x zoom camera affixed to one and a thermal-imaging camera on another, after being awarded $80,000 in Innovation Funding in 2017.

"Projects like the Crow Wing County UAS Team are prime examples of the power and scope of this funding," Sourcewell Manager of City and County Services Anna Gruber said. "Through the Innovation Funding process, Sourcewell is able to give back to our communities in ways beyond our imagination. Through Innovation Funding, we've seen projects like a regional food cooperative, WIFI on public transportation, and a region-wide mental health initiative come to life. It's a wonderful way to collaborate with organizations throughout our region to do great things."

The 2019 Innovation Funding application process is open now through May 8, 2019. This year will mark the sixth consecutive year that city and county entities within Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena counties (Region 5) have the opportunity to partner with Sourcewell and make special projects and initiatives come to life.

Gruber said the Innovation Funding program was initially created in 2014 to help public agencies in Region 5 fund initiatives aimed at producing collaboration and improving the region. The program promotes outside-the-box teamwork on projects that might not otherwise come to fruition.

This is an annual funding opportunity, with $420,235 awarded in 2016, $450,000 awarded in 2017, and another $500,000 awarded in 2018. This year, Sourcewell is slated to award an additional $500,000.

This unique funding opportunity includes an 'Innovation Funding Review' day when representatives from Region Five entities attend a day-long priority setting and application review to rank and select awarded projects. Gruber emphasized that Sourcewell does not select projects. Voting is done by Region 5 cities, counties, and other government associations in attendance. Review Day for 2019 will take place on Wednesday, May 22 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Sourcewell's campus in Staples.

For more information about Innovation Funding, including eligibility requirements and a link to the application, visit sourcewell.co/Funding2019 or email gov.solutions@sourcewell-mn.gov.

Staples man charged in the death of three-month-old baby

A rural Staples man has been charged with second degree unintentional murder in connection with the death of a three-month-old infant who was in his care. The infant was his wife's baby.

Presley Arron Sleyster, 20, was charged in Cass County District Court and is currently booked at Crow Wing County Jail. County Attorney Benjamin T. Lindstrom signed his warrant on Dec. 28, 2018.

According to court documents, on Dec. 5, 2018, at approximately 3:48 p.m., a Cass County deputy was advised of a medical situation at a residence on State Hwy 64 SW, in rural Staples, Cass County. Dispatch informed him that there was a three-month-old that had a seizure and was having difficulty breathing.

Upon his arrival at the scene, the deputy noted that a male party, later identified as Sleyster, was on the steps to the front door. He informed the deputy that the infant was not breathing. Once inside, the deputy observed one female tending to an infant in the living room and another female was on the phone with an ambulance service. The deputy was informed by the two females that the infant's breathing was shallow, approximately every five seconds or so. The deputy confirmed this.

Law enforcement then coordinated with the ambulance service and a helicopter to transport the baby to a hospital in St. Cloud. The baby was later transferred to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, where he died two days later.



Presley Arron Sleyster

According to the criminal complaint, on Dec. 7, at 12:25 p.m., a doctor declared official brain death in the child and noted he was deceased. The doctor spent an extensive amount of time with the family explaining the conditions that led to the child's death. He explained that the child's bleeding was very acute and happened in the likely minutes to hours preceding his presentation to medical care. The doctor stated that definitely the child's injuries were specifically from a physical injury and did not occur spontaneously or due to other medical illness.

On Dec. 10, an investigator observed the autopsy of the child that was conducted at the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office in Minneapolis. The investigator was informed that the medical examiner was ruling the case a homicide and the manner of death was blunt force homicidal violence.

On Dec. 6, 2018, the investigator took a statement from the defendant (Sleyster) at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. Sleyster told the investigator that he is married to the child's mother and considers the child to be his son even though he is not the biological father.

Sleyster said that he resides with the child's mother and her parents and three brothers. He moved in approximately a week or two before he and the child's mother were married on Nov. 15, 2018. Sleyster indicated that he is currently not employed and that he is the child's primary caregiver when the mother is at work. On the day in question, the child's mother woke him up at approximately 9:30 and she left for work about 10:30. The defendant indicated that the child was sleeping from about 10:50 to 3:20 when he woke him up, at which point the baby started screaming immediately. He gave the baby a bottle, but it started screaming again shortly after and then went still as a board.

Sleyster proceeded to call a grandmother to see what he should do and she told him to call 911. The defendant denied that the child fell, was dropped or struck. The defendant stated, "we don't understand how it could've happened. We're all puzzled." When asked if there was anything that he could think of that he felt was important for authorities to know, Sleyster responded, "No, I just wanna figure out what happened."

On Dec. 12, investigators again spoke with Sleyster and he was advised that the baby had sustained a catastrophic injury that had been equated to a motor vehicle collision and that trauma doctors had advised law enforcement that the injuries sustained had happened just prior to the 911 call that was made. Furthermore, Sleyster was advised that in speaking to everyone living at the residence, including the defendant, no one else was home at the time the injuries occurred to the child other than the defendant and the child.

Ultimately, Sleyster indicated he may have accidentally hit the child's head on the plastic part of his swing. Investigators explained that would not have caused catastrophic injury. The defendant later said it was possible the child's head could have hit something when he was running up the stairs with him, noting, "he could've hit his head on the railing or on the door frame on the top of the stairs." He also offered it could have happened when he had the child in the bed with him. Sleyster explained there is a night stand next to the bed and the child may have hit his head on that when the defendant reached for the child's bottle. The defendant indicated at this point he was holding the child in his arm and the child was screaming. Sleyster indicated he quickly turned to get the bottle on the night stand. During this time, Sleyster commented, "I wanted him to have the childhood I never had." Sleyster continued to state that the only thing he could think of was that the child could have hit his head on was the night stand. Sleyster then told the investigator that he already told the child's mother, "I'm the one at fault for this cuz it happened on my care."

TWEC appoints new board director

Todd-Wadena Electric Cooperative's (TWEC) Board of Directors has appointed Kristine Spadgenske to its board, effective Jan. 1. Spadgenske was appointed to fill director Norman Krause's seat, due to his retirement.

"Kristine brings a lot of experience in leadership roles in her community as well as in the dairy industry. She has experience on cooperative boards and is excited to learn about the electric utility business," said Mike Thorson, TWEC Board Chair.

"I am very humbled and excited to serve and work alongside the TWEC Board of Directors. My goals as a new board member is to maintain and preserve the co-op principles and values as a grass roots organization while representing the best interest of the members," said Spadgenske.

Spadgenske and her husband, Mark, are active on the Becker County American Dairy Association Board and she serves as clerk for the Runeberg Township. Spadgenske currently serves as a director for the DFA Central Area Council, Director on the Minnesota Division Board and Corporate Board for Midwest Dairy, and Director for Minnesota Milk Producers Association.

Spadgenske lives west of Menahga, where they dairy farm in a partnership with Mark's brother, Mike. Kristine and Mark have four children; Ryan, Kate, Adam and Seth.

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Cost a deciding factor

would answer the questions in a private meeting.

Building decision

Representatives from the facility planning company Nexus Solutions were at the meeting to answer any building questions.

Board member Brad Anderson said he was concerned the two building option was diverging from the path the community wanted in the facility studies over the past two years. A one building option, to be built at the elementary site in Staples, emerged as the favorite option in those studies.

Brent Jones of Nexus went back to the tax tolerance survey his company conducted and said the one building plan was too expensive for a majority of voters. He looked up the wording on the survey and found that a specific question was asked regarding the one building option. "It was tested and people won't go over the limit," said Jones.

The Nexus estimate for the one building option was around $70 million, which would translate to about $35 per month increased taxes on the median priced home in the district (around $125,000). The estimate for the two building option was a $50 million project, which would be around $22 per month for a median home. The tax tolerance survey showed the public will approve the lower cost option but not the higher cost.

Board members Greg Frisk and Bruce Lund both voiced support for the two building project, citing the lower cost. For the vote, Anderson joined board members Mary Freeman and Chad Longbella in favor of the two building option, to make it a unanimous vote. Board member Bryan Winkels was not present at the meeting.

The vote did not indicate a price tag for the project. The board allowed the final cost to be determined as the planning phase becomes more detailed.

Superintendent Ron Bratlie said the board's vote is the end of the facility study phase, but the beginning of a new phase. "It allows us to start making decisions over the next three years," said Bratlie.

He said whether the referendum for the new building passes or not, the district office will plan to move to the former Twin Cities Optical building this summer.

In other news the board

- Approved pay grade increase for information technology technician position, from support staff to a professional contract.
- Approved the sale of unused machine shop equipment.
- Aproved contract for Lisa Muenchow, elementary Title I paraprofessional.
- Approved FMLA request from Alison Vangsness.
- Approved 2019-2020 calendar.
- Postponed voting on out of the country field trips that the Spanish Club and science department would like to participate in, because of liability questions.

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