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Sharing hopes and dreams for 2017


Ryan Youngbauer


Charles Tester


Jody Farber


Vernon Drake


Cathy Perish


Kris Taylor

The Staples World recently caught up with a few area residents and asked them each three questions pertaining to the new year. Their responses are included below.

Ryan Youngbauer, 17, Staples; a junior at Staples-Motley High School and employee at Burger King.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Warmer weather. That's always a nice surprise.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

Traveling to Washington D.C. I'm actually going to do this in April because our band is going there for a music trip.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

Hopefully there aren't any conflicts that come with the new president. I hope nobody does anything stupid.

Charles Tester, 37, Staples; employee at Orton's.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Watching my daughter Lilith grow. She's seven years old.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

It would be nice to see Yellowstone National Park.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

People need to calm down. People are too busy fighting...there's not enough tolerance, patience and understanding.

Jody Farber, 58, Staples; employee at Family Hair Care.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

I am hoping for growth for our city.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I'd like more time with my family, especially the ones that don't live around here. I'd also like to travel more.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

Peace.

Vernon Drake, 89, Staples.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Staying above ground. I'd also like to see another bow season and muzzleloader season; and catch a few fish in between.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I'd like to get an elk with a rifle and a caribou with a bow. It ain't gonna happen, I don't think, but I always wanted to go to Alaska.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I would like the president-elect to think before he speaks. That's scary. I'd also like to see a sensible solution to the Obamacare/Medicare situation.

Laken Hines, nine, Staples.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Getting new stuff, like games and books. I like The Imaginary Veterinary series.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

Travel to a state I've never been to...like Florida or Arizona. Some of my friends have been there.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I wish they'd have more electrical high speed trains in our country. I think there's only one here...the Amtrak Acela. There might be one in New Jersey, too.

Bella Hines, seven, Staples.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

I want to see the new movie, "Sing."

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

Going to the Grand Canyon.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

That we'd have more freedoms to have as many pets as you want. Right now, we just have one dog. I'd like to have a tiger, too.

Cathy Perish, Clarissa; Branch Assistant at Staples Public Library.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Spending time with my family.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I need to start a bucket list...I've been thinking about that.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

Peace.

Kris Taylor, 37, Staples; employee at Like-Nu Gun & Pawn Shop.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

That things will be better than in 2016.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I'd like to do more traveling...maybe see the Black Hills. But I'll probably have to wait until the kids grow up...they're nine years and one year old.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I wish we could get it all figured out, find a way to work together.

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Excited for the new year

The Hines siblings took a break from reading books at the public library to share some '2017 bucket list items' with the Staples World recently. Pictured, from left, are Bella, seven; Willow, three; and Laken, nine, who moved to Staples from Moorhead a few months ago. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Gildow to discuss the speed of change at chamber meeting

By Mark Anderson
News Editor


Ray Gildow

In his many walks of life, Ray Gildow keeps an eye on the future. People in Staples know Gildow as a television talk show host, educator, coach, musician, fishing guide and outdoors columnist.

Gildow said he's not a true futurist, but follows the subject and it will be the topic of his speech at the Staples-Motley Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner Jan. 19 at Ted & Gen's in Aldrich.

"The talk will be a snapshot of what I've learned," said Gildow. "The future is exciting but challenging."

Gildow said he's always been interested in futuristic predictions and has worked with former Bemidji State University President M. James Bensen, who Gildow says is a true futurist, who belongs to futurist groups.

Gildow started solidifying his message while working with the STRIVE mentoring program, where

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Lakewood's 2017 New Year's baby

A baby boy, Chase Lane Peterson, is Lakewood Health's 2017 New Year's baby. Baby Chase was born at 6:26 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2017, his parents are Mercedes Bollin and Matthew Peterson of Browerville.The family was given a handmade quilt from Judy Droubie of the Piecemakers Quilt Club. They also received $50 from the Lakewood Health System Auxiliary. In 2016, 475 babies were born at Lakewood ealth System. (Submitted photo)

Hello, Readers,

On Jan. 8, 1971, President Richard Nixon signs a law creating Voyageurs National Park. Supported by former governor Elmer L. Andersen and Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., the legislation had been approved by Congress on Oct. 5 of the previous year.

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Salary increase requests questioned

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

"Who in Todd County gets a 15 percent salary increase?" asked Commissioner Randy Neumann as the Todd County Board of Commissioners reviewed a 14.8 percent salary increase request from County Recorder Cheryl Perish.

A motion and a second were waived so that Perish could come forward and talk about her request at the Dec. 29 meeting.

Perish said that since 2007 she had been on the comparable worth salary schedule and has just followed that schedule all the way through.

She said that this year, the finance committee had a line item for the elected officials salary, so she separated it out and thought no more of it.

Then last week when Human Resources' Karla Nalezny sent out the resolutions for the elected officials salaries she saw that she would be the only one remaining on the comparable worth schedule.

"If the other three chose not to be on it, then I would not be either," she said.

She has worked 32 years in the Recorder's Office and 29 of them have been as the elected recorder.

"I am not picking on Denise (Gaida, Auditor/Treasurer), but I am making a lot less than she is with 29 years in this position. I made an appeal that my salary would be the same as the auditor/treasurer," said Perish.

She said that she has not been able to find another recorder's office that does all of the extra things that her office has taken on including land transfers, driver's licenses, vitals and the recorder duties.

"I felt that my five percent increase being on comp worth really wasn't fair so I decided to go off comp worth," she said.

She answered the question of whether it was in her budget or not, by saying that it wasn't, but she had not been aware she could request more. She said she simply had been doing what she'd been doing since 2007.

She said now in their budgeting they are instructed to set aside severance pay where the funds will go to a dedicated fund if not spent.

"The bottom line will cover my raise with the $10,000 severance. Even by adding the $10,000, I am still the lowest paid," she said.

Her request was for $78,843.61 for 2017. The recorder's salary for 2016 was $68,677.97.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that the average appointed recorder's salary from Association of Minnesota Counties is $78,528.95. The average elected recorder's salary is $65,796.51.

"The others may not have the same duties as me," Perish said.

Neumann said she would have to be the one who will report on this raise to the taxpayers.

"I have been recorder for 29 years and I make less than someone who just came in," she said, again referring to Gaida who began as auditor/treasurer in 2014.

"But what do you get when you leave office?" asked Commissioner David Kircher.

"Nothing," she replied.

Kircher commented that elected officials don't get a severance package when they leave, retire or lose an election.

"This is quite a jump and it is hard for me to swallow, but this is a one-time jump. Hopefully next year we will have a better handle on it," said Kircher.

The board approved the recorder's request with Neumann and Chair Barb Becker opposed.

Along that same vein, the commissioners also handled the other elected officials salary increases including their own. The percentage increases went from a low of 6.64 percent to a high of 14.8 percent.

When it came to County Attorney Charles Rasmussen, Neumann asked for discussion first.

"The people I represent put it pretty plain, that we need to stop the tax increases because they can't afford to live in Todd County

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Swimming the Mississippi, more at community center

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The world's most commmon New Year's resolutions are to exercise more/ lose weight.

The Staples Community Center has new opportunities to help with those resolutions and more.

The Lakewood Health System Foundation is sponsoring free family swims every Saturday, January through March from noon-3 p.m.

Another opportunity is lap swimming at the pool, counting each lap and keeping track of the progress on a map of the Mississippi River. All paying participants will receive three months of unlimited lap and open swim. Anyone who completes the 2,340 miles down the Mississippi will receive an "I conquered the Mighty Mississippi" t-shirt, a medal and other rewards.

There are dry land activities available as well, including: open gym hours, pickleball and volleyball leagues. Pickleball open play: Tues. and Thurs. 8 a.m. and Weds. 6-8 p.m.

There are eight teams in the volleyball league on Monday nights.

Movie nights

There's new social activities as well at the community center this year.

Movie nights: Beginning Friday, Jan. 13, 6 p.m. Movies will be shown weekly; other special movie events will also be on the schedule.

Special events could include float-in movies in the swimming pool room and movie marathons of popular series.

Senior Happenings

The senior nutrition program serves lunch weekdays and some Thurs evenings at the community center.

Seniors have also organized several card clubs: Weds; Pinochle, Tues. and Thurs; Bridge, Tues.; Whist, Mon. and Thurs. 500. the cards are generally played before or after the meals.

There's Penny bingo on Weds.



Lifeguard helper

Staples Community Center lifeguard Lili Schneider shares some information with a swimmer. Lifeguards will help record the swimmers miles in the "Swim the Mississippi" contest, which began in January. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson



Final steps of demolition

The steps were the last to go during the recent demolition of the apartment building along Hwy 10 in Staples, next to Taylor Funeral Home (the former city hall building). The building, owned by Taylor Funeral Home, was razed in order to put in a parking lot for their establishment. Originally, the building had been an Episcopal Church. When the church closed in the 1970s, it was purchased by the late Lambert Klose, who converted it into a four-plex. Lambert's son, Ken Klose and his wife, Lanie, inherited the building, but later traded it for another building in Staples owned by Dave and Carmen Nordell. The Nordells owned the apartment building, along with the former city hall building, which years later would be sold and converted into the present Taylor Funeral Home. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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Keeping up with changing world takes time and effort

local citizens help high school seniors through their final year of high school and help them develop a plan for their future.

While helping students, Gildow said he keeps coming across interesting predictions. "This year's senior class will have 14 job changes in their careers," said Gildow. "Many of them will be jobs we don't even know exist now."

To prepare for that unknown job market, Gildow said students need to be highly educated and learn how to be flexible. He said the current job market doesn't have enough people trained to fit the coming needs.

It's not just young people needing to keep up, as the increased speed of change is completely tearing apart institutions, businesses and government. "It's impacting all of us," said Gildow.

Gildow gave an example of driverless cars, which are already being tested on U.S. roads. "No one has developed any rules for them," said Gildow. "When it comes, we won't know what to do with it."

To demonstrate how rapidly change is affecting us now, Gildow compared the latest smart phones with the first long distance communication gadget, the telegraph. "The rate of change for the telegraph was fairly flat, it was basically the same for many years," said Gildow. "An iPhone has something new every month. We have to cope with that rate of change."

Gildow said it takes time and effort to keep up with the changing world. A good start could be the chamber dinner on Jan. 19.

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Salary increases, including the commissioners' increase, cover wide range

anymore," Neumann said. "It is sad. My constituents by the Stearns County line feel left out.

"I wish these salary requests had been brought out two months ago so my constituents could have commented and called the elected officials.

"Do I believe the county attorney deserves a raise? Yes. He has a heavy workload. Is he within the realm of the other 87 counties in Minnesota? Yes. But to bring this out in the last four to five days of the year - it puts me in an awkward position. I'm a constituent, too," said Neumann.

He said he felt they should go with the 5.06 percent increase according to Springsted comparable worth study, two percent in January and another three percent in July.

Kircher asked if these requested amounts were budgeted. Becker said that all were except one (that was Perish's).

"If it is in their budgets and we approved the budgets we should stick with it," said Kircher.

Commissioner Rod Erickson said he had looked at the big picture when on the finance committee and figuring out the budgets.

He said it was really tough to make comparisons even with other counties, which he said he hated doing because everyone did different jobs even under the same title.

"In my opinion, for their service to the county, is their worth behind their request?" asked Erickson.

Neumann said that many of his constituents who are senior citizens only got a two percent increase.

"And we're giving out an average 15 percent increase? It's absolutely nuts. They are elected officials. It will come back to bite them. It's appalling. Don't ask for 15 percent when they got two percent," said Neumann.

He made a motion that they set Rasmussen's salary increase at 5.06 percent. With no second to the motion, it failed.

Then Erickson made a motion to approved the requested amount of $103,000 for 2017, an 8.62 percent increase. His salary in 2016 was $94,825.63. The state average salary for county attorneys is $106,957.34.

Becker added that Rasmussen has been a lot of help this year in sitting in on personnel committee meetings and on different committees.

"I am not opposed to him getting a salary increase. I am just not happy with the transparency issues of how all this came down," said Neumann.

Kircher said he knew they had not kept pace with other counties in their elected official salaries. He said they had cut the levy and that they are still within their budgets. He was just not happy with the wide range of percentage increases.

The board approved Rasmussen's requested salary increase with Neumann opposed.

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida also requested a salary increase.

Gaida said she had never done this process before and followed her mentor's - County Attorney Rasmussen - recommendation of using comparable counties.

The Association of Minnesota Counties state average for comparable counties as provided by Neumann is $82,729.13

The board unanimously approved the auditor/treasurer salary request of $79,000 for 2017. Her 2016 salary was $70,738.31.

Later in the meeting, Gaida said that she will have been with the county for 29 years in March 2017, the last two years of which have been served as auditor/treasurer. She also served in a number of other areas.

Becker said Gaida has also taken on a lot of extra duties this year for human resources.

The board approved setting the County Commissioners salary at $28,560 for an 8.35 percent increase in 2017 plus $1,200 supplemental pay for the board chair. Their 2016 salary was $26,359.56.

Kircher said that theirs was a full-time job as they were constantly going to meetings or meeting with department heads and constituents.

Lastly, the board approved a salary increase for Sheriff Don Asmus.

Kircher said that he felt the 6.64 percent increase Asmus was asking for was low and he thought they should increase it.

Gaida said Asmus would have to have the amount in his budget.

Kircher moved that they give Asmus an 8.62 percent increase which would set his salary at $86,259.63. His 2016 salary was $79,414.13.

Neumann said the state average was $95,825.

The board unanimously approved the 8.62 percent increase.

Asmus will need to submit a budget request form at the Jan. 3 meeting to reflect the budget change.

The board also authorized a two percent general increase in the non-union employees and appointed officials in January 2017 and step increases in July 2017.

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Chief Executive Officer

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Citizens Against Drugs 'sticker shock'

Helping with the 'Sticker Shock' promotion by putting stickers on liquor store bags, included from left, Tom Honek, Ted Lelwica, Alicia Bauman, Marge Lelwica, Gail Honek and Connie Burns. Local liquor stores participated in the program by using the bags when a purchase was made. (Submitted photo)

Sticker Shock reminder, Social Host Ordinance

The holidays are when families and friends gather, and members of the Todd county Citizens Against Drugs (CAD) coalition were busy this holiday season reminding people about the county's Social Host Ordinance (SHO). The Social Host Ordinance makes it a crime to knowingly host a party where underage drinking occurs. CAD's 'Sticker Shock' program had the Staples group busy placing sticker 'reminders' of the SHO on paper bags.

The bags were used by local liquor stores who used the bags when consumers purchased liquor. The Sticker Shock program has been in Todd County for a couple of years, but this was the first time it was held in Staples. Plans are to have another Sticker Shock event this spring during prom season.

Todd County CAD is always looking for more members. Meetings are currently held monthly in both Staples and Long Prairie, with plans to expand to other communities. For more information contact Connie Burns at connie.burns@co.todd.mn.us or 320-732-2221.

Todd County approves solid waste budget, fees

By Karin Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd County Commissioners approved the budget and fee increases for the solid waste department at their Dec. 29 meeting.

The budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund shows revenues of $1,831,888 but expenditures of $2,138,019 for a 2017 projected loss of $306,131.

Board Chair Barb Becker noted there was no mention of the fees if the full tonnage was not delivered.

Director Mike Hanan said it wasn't listed because the Prairie Lakes Board (incinerator in Perham) would be deciding it at the end of the year.

Commissioner David Kircher agreed that it would be a "moving target" since they would'nt know how many tons they'd be looking at.

The commissioners approved the increase of the per pound Municipal Solid Waste disposal fee from $0.05 to $0.07. They also approved the increase of the per ton MSW disposal fee from $90 to $94 per ton.

Since no date for when the price increase would begin was listed in the resolution, the board directed Hanan to bring another resolution before them at their Jan. 3 meeting. Hanan had said that they should give individuals and haulers at least a 30 day notice of the increases.

The commissioners also approved implementation of the volume based service fee for commercial/industrial parcels.

Beginning in 2017, Solid Waste would implement a volume based solid waste service fee for all commercial/industrial parcels. The volume based service fee would include a flat rate for the first ton of waste generated (the first ton rate would be equal to the same as the rate established for residential parcels-currently $46). For each ton over the first ton the rate for commercial/industrial parcel would be $40 per ton. Based on 4,768 (less the first 803 tons) tons per year this would generate $190,720.

In 2017, implementation would begin on this plan by informing the commercial/industrial customers of the volume based service fee and verifying licensed waste hauler records and accuracy of volume generated. No increase would be implemented in 2017.

In 2018, the volume based service fee would begin to increase with the commercial/industrial customer paying one third of the projected rate in 2018, two thirds of the projected rate in 2019 and the full rate in 2020.

In reviewing the current hauler provided records the average waste generation rate is 7.68 tons per parcel. Also in review the current hauler provided records the highest waste generation rate is 451 tons per year. Only four or five commercial/industrial parcels generated more than 100 tons of waste per year and only eight commercial/industrial parcels generated more than 50 tons of waste per year.

Hanan said they would be sending out a letter to the businesses with an opportunity for them request one-on-one help with the understanding of the changes and in ways that they can help reduce their waste stream.

"A lot of the calls we get will come from the smaller companies because it's harder for them to affect their waste stream since they're already smaller waste generators," said Hanan.

In other business:

- Approved a 3.2 malt liquor license for Don and Dave's Store.
- Approved the appointment of Dr. Quinn Strobl as the Todd County Medical Examiner, effective Jan. 1, 2017, through Dec. 31, 2022, to coincide with the current contract for medical examiner services in effect.
- Approved the contract agreement with Point & Pay to provide credit card payment service to Todd County customers.

Background: The Todd County Auditor-Treasurer's Office has been researching a program for collecting property tax and non-property tax payments via credit card from the county's various department's customers. It's been determined that Point & Pay is the most desirable option with no up-front cost to the county. This agreement was reviewed by the county attorney.

- Approved the transfer of $50,000 from Fund 40-County Ditches (County Ditch 15 fund balance) to Fund 01-General Revenue.
- Approved the transfer of $50,000 from the Fund 40-County Ditches (County Ditch 25 fund balance) to Fund 01- General Revenue.
- Due to changes in accounting tracking methods of the county ditch funds over time, there exists payments made out of the county ditch fund that were not allocated directly to a specific ditch.

The County Auditor/Treasurer's Office researched these outstanding expenses and concluded that the original payments should've been generated from Fund 01-General Revenue.

The commissioners therefore approved the transfer of $16,898.16 from Fund 40-County Ditches to Fund 01-General Revenue.

- Approved the Emergency Operations Plan review.

Background: Every year the county Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is reviewed in a four year cycle by the following entities: Regional Review Committee, Peer, Homeland Security Emergency Management and County Board. This year was the County Board review. The board has had an opportunity to review the plan and find that it adequately addresses the review planning requirements.



School friends, pool fun....Activity Day

Staples-Motley third grade students enjoyed swim time at the Staples Community Center Jan. 3, part of the school's Activity Day. Children and their parents can swim FREE on family swim days, every Saturday, from noon-3 p.m. January through March. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Students make most of gym time

Third grade students from Staples-Motley Elementary enjoyed playing dodgeball as part of their Activity Day free time at the Staples Community Center on Jan. 3.



Making play dough for play things

Staples-Motley FFA students helped third grade students from Staples-Motley Elementary make play dough during the school's Activity Day held Jan. 3.

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Staples Community Center



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Community can help create 'farm kid skills'

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Small town diet



By Mark Anderson
Editor

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"Farm kid skills" became an important concept at the Building a 21st Century Workforce conference at NJPA in December.

At the manufacturing, robotics and transportation small group session, which was primarily shop teachers, other educators, mixed in with manufacturing and administrative people, they were all working on similar issues.

Many of them kept talking about the problem of students who don't have the "soft skills" needed to become a productive employee. Those soft skills include simply showing up to work, getting along with co-workers, working as a team and not pulling out their cell phone every few minutes.

One educator noted at the conference that studies show every time a student makes a big change in their life, it's because of exposure to something in their 'real life'. It's not on a cell phone, but in real life.

Some of the educators grew up on a farm and said that's where they learned their work ethic and getting jobs done.

It reminded me of a story I did a few years ago on the Mertens farm north of Staples. The parents gave young kids simple responsibilities, like taking care of calves, to let the kids figure out how to do it with no instructions, just using their imaginations. The kids came up with different concepts and of course the parents were nearby to make sure no harm was done.

Now imagine, doing something like that every day from an early age. The basis of "farm kid skills" is simply observing real things, in the real world, every day, and making a plan to improve what you see.

The second part of "farm kid skills" is developing a sense of responsibility. On a farm, if one person doesn't do something that needs to be done, there aren't many other people who can help, so the responsiblity is there every day.

A third generator of "farm kid skills" is the sense of ownership that develops, which often extends beyond the farm to the schools and community as the farm kid realizes how the world depends on farms and how farms depend on the community. Just like they would fix a broken fence on the farm, if someone who has "farm kid skills" sees a park bench tipped over in town, they might be more likely to put it back up, just because it's something that needs to be done.

So look back at the problem voiced by the educators: a lack of "farm kid skills" in the workforce. How does a community that needs workers help develop these skills? It isn't possible to throw every student onto a farm environment every day, but it's possible for a community to create a culture in which there're things to do that can develop a sense of responsibility and a sense of ownership.

The schools are doing a great job of exposing students to such things - in Staples and Motley they have Connections High School and Tech Mobile doing just that. The rest of the community can also play a role, such as with the CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program.

But every student has a different passion and we need more places where they can develop their skills.

When Central Lakes College underwent their remodeling this past summer, one of the early plans was to open a "fab lab" in which anyone in the community could come in and build whatever part, product or artwork they could imagine. It was advertised to be like a library for building things.

That's just one example how students and community members can come together to do real things in the real world every day, learn responsibility and develop a sense of ownership. If we work on those goals, we could get our "community skills" to go beyond "farm kid skills."

Letter to the Editor

Excellent Christmas program

My wife and I were visiting in the Staples area and had an opportunity to attend "A Cardinal Christmas" presented by the Staples-Motley High School Music Department on Dec. 19. We were greatly impressed with the musical quality of the various musical groups.

In addition we were very appreciative of the content of the music presented. It was so good to hear a Christmas presentation in which all of the pieces of the program actually reflected the message of Christmas and were not altered by forces to produce a "politically correct" program.

We understand that such Christmas programs are a long standing tradition of your school. We thoroughly enjoyed it and applaud you for what you are doing.

James G. and Ina Mae Smith
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Free money: Save the world . . . or ruin it?

By Michael Laitman
haaretz.com

Universal Basic Income is a beautiful, yet extremely dangerous idea. But done right, it just might save humanity.

Recently, there's been a spike in the debate around the idea of Universal Basic Income (UBI). UBI basically means that if you're alive you deserve to receive enough money to keep you above the poverty line and provide for all your basic needs. The money can come from either a government or some other public institution, but the reception of the money is not contingent upon anything other than being alive.

Through a program called the Economic Security Project (ESP), endorsed by such high profile figures as Chris Hughes, co-founder of Facebook and Robert Reich, former Secretary of Labor in the first Clinton administration, the idea is being touted as a possible solution to the challenge of joblessness in the burgeoning era of redundancy of human labor. They are not alone. Already, more than one hundred thinkers, scientists, university professors and artists have signed the project's Belief Statement. Others, such as hi-tech mogul Elon Musk, who said, "There is a pretty good chance we end up with a universal basic income due to automation," and acclaimed astrophysicist, Stephen Hawking, who declared, "Automation and AI are going to decimate middle class jobs," are also making known their recognition that the age of work as we know it will soon be over, for good.

The top one percentile and celebrities would naturally be troubled by the prospect of a future in which their safety is jeopardized by a frustrated, hopeless and starved mob coming to take what they feel is theirs. But governments, too, are interested in experimenting with UBI, possibly as a means to avoid social unrest. Canada, for instance, is about to launch a pilot in Prince Edward Island province, and Fife Council in Scotland is currently considering a trial UBI scheme. Next year, the Netherlands will launch what The Atlantic dubbed as the "money-for-nothing experiment," which guarantees residents in Utrecht and surrounding cities "a flat sum of €960 per month."

I'm all for allowing people to live in dignity. I think that society must provide every citizen and resident with food, clothing, security, housing, healthcare and education. However, and this is a huge however, as I wrote nearly four years ago in my book, Like a Bundle of Reeds: Why unity and mutual guarantee are today's call of the hour, giving money to people unconditionally would be a disaster. If we want to see the end of humanity, let's give everyone free money. Human nature will take care of the rest and it will not be pretty.

If governments come to a state where they must give people substantial amounts of money just for being alive, then their next plan will necessarily entail means to reduce the number of people who are alive in order to reduce expenses.

But free money is not only a burden on the government. A person without commitments becomes a menace. Without aspirations, hopes and dreams, people cannot enjoy anything. When we work for our pay, we earn not only the money, but also the desire for the money. We dream about what we will do with it, how much more of it we want, and what we should do to make more money. But if a person is given the same amount of money today, tomorrow, and forever, and if each paycheck does not require fulfilling any obligation, then we have made the future the same as today. Without desires, hopes and dreams, people lose their minds. There is no worse punishment than to satisfy a person's wish before he or she wishes for it.

Without knowing why they should get out of bed in the morning, or at noon or in the evening, people will go nuts. They will become violent just so they can feel alive. This is Psychology 101; you really don't need to be a psychoanalyst to see this. If anything robs people of their dignity, it's the denial of their ability to contribute. Any country or community that implements UBI but does not condition it on fulfilling commitments seals its doom. Over time, people will become violent and devoid of human emotions.

How to use UBI to our benefit

If UBI is to succeed, it must be part of a bigger plan. The fact that AI is decimating jobs, as Hawking put it, is not negative in and of itself. On the contrary, it liberates us to pursue our goals as human beings instead of being subjugated to modern slavery and exploitation. Society has much to gain from people's freedom, provided they use it in a pro-social manner.

In other words, if UBI is given in return for people's engagement in activities that contribute to society, then there's every reason to keep paying them. If they engage in negative activities, their payments should be withheld. That said, society must help them learn how to contribute positively and not automatically expect people to understand what this means or how to carry it out.

The one ingredient that all societies desperately need, especially in less affluent areas, is social cohesion and solidarity. Therefore, the first "job" that the benefactors from the UBI program will have will be to connect among themselves. The job will consist of meetings that include straightforward teaching about the science behind, and importance of connection and solidarity in the community, as well as workshops where students will practice what they've learned and improve their communication skills and emotional solidarity.

Not all of the funds should go directly to the people. Some of the resources should support creating a warm environment in the community. Children and adults alike should enjoy free classes in complementary courses such as music, arts and sports. The friendlier atmosphere in the neighborhood will complement the residents' schooling, allowing them to create an environment that changes their mindsets from distrust and alienation to openness and mutual concern.

Over time, senior students at the connection courses will become teachers themselves, enabling them to make extra income and expand the impact of their transformation beyond the boundaries of their neighborhoods. As the positive effect of the transformation ripples across cities and communities, the economic benefits of the positive atmosphere will begin to manifest. With far less hostility, and with a general atmosphere of support, municipalities and states will spend much less on policing and social services. Due to people's higher spirits and sense of purpose, their health will improve and depression related illnesses will become nearly obsolete, saving billions of dollars to the country's struggling healthcare system. Additionally, substance abuse will decline dramatically, since people will have no need to escape from a hostile environment at home, at school or at work. Hopelessness will transform into hopefulness as people learn new and meaningful ways to connect and communicate.

While UBI will be the initial incentive for change, its impact will be deep and far reaching. In response to a previous column, a reader asked me what measures would be in place to ensure that people do not manipulate the proposed system for their own gain and self-interest. We tend to overlook the impact of society on our views and actions. But if we think of the horrible toll that people who suffer from online shaming sometimes pay, we will grasp the power of society over us. Just so, a person who exploits a system that the entire society cherishes will suffer such reproof that he or she will think twice and thrice before attempting foul play again. Naturally, there will be exceptions and incidents; no system is failsafe. Nevertheless, with a prevailing ambience of mutual responsibility and care for one another, such events will be the exception, as opposed to the current state where they are the norm.

I do believe that the time has come for a social overhaul. November 8, was a landmark date. We are at the onset of a new era, but it is our choice what kind of era this will be. If we pull together and think boldly, we have every reason to succeed. Humanity produces everything we need for comfortable living for all. If we learn the benefits of mutual care, we will enter a new and exciting stage in the history of humanity.



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Irrigation clinic set for Jan. 26

The Central Minnesota Irrigator's Corporation (CMIC) will hold an Irrigation Clinic Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Prairie Event Center in Parkers Prairie.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the program starting at 9:15 a.m. and concluding by 1 p.m. This is followed by the CMIC Annual Meeting and door prizes.

New members are welcome to join the CMIC at the clinic. To become a CMIC member the fee is $30 which includes the lunch, newsletters to keep you up to date on the issues and the opportunity to be part of a unified irrigator voice. Exhibitor booths will be available.

The Irrigation Clinic Educational Program will include:

- Technology Applications in Agriculture: Jeremy Drewitz, CHS Yield Point Technology Specialist.
- Marketing Commodities in Today Economic Environment: Rob Fronning, AgCountry VP of Insurance & Commodity Marketing Education.
- Updates on Water Permit Process: Daniel Whitney, P.G. Principal Hydrogeologist, Northwest AqwaTek Solutions.
- Nitrogen Management on Irrigated Soils: Dr. Fabian Hernandez, U of M Nutrient Management Specialist.

Agenda items at the Central Minnesota Irrigator's Corporation (CMIC) 48th annual meeting include:

- Irrigation Issues and Your Irrigation Associations.
- Alan Peterson, IAM President.
- Resolutions and election of new board members and IAM directors.

The Central Minnesota Irrigator's Corporation (CMIC) welcomes and invites irrigators, dry land producers, area businesses, and the public to attend and participate in this year's clinic. For more information contact Keith Olander, Director, Central Lakes Ag and Energy Center and CMIC Educational Advisor by phone at 218-894-5163 or by email at kolander@clcmn.edu.

Mark Your Calendar

January 12

Wadena Whirlaways Square Dance Club Mtg Thurs., Jan. 12, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Jim Lizakowski, caller; Rita Lizakowski, cuer. For info., 218-894-1542.

January 17, 18

Immunization Clinic Tues., Jan. 17, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. Sponsored by Cass County Public Health. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

WIC Nutrition Program Tues., Jan. 17, 10 a.m. - noon and 1 - 2:30 p.m.; and Wed., Jan. 18, 9:30 a.m. - noon and 12:30 - 2 p.m., Family Resource Center, Pillager. Sponsored by Cass County Public Health. For info., 218-547-1340, ext. 246.

January 19

Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Thurs., Jan. 19, Ted and Gens, Aldrich. Social, 5:30 p.m.; dinner and speaker, 6:30 p.m. For info., to register, 218-894-3974.

Children and adult programs offered at Staples Public Library

The Staples Public Library is offering the following programs:

Reading Roundhouse Storytime - Jan. 11

The Staples Public Library is offering a Reading Roundhouse Storytime for children from pre-K to second grade on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10:30 to 11:00 p.m. Enjoy a fun storytime with flannel boards and activities. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

Lego Builders - Jan. 12

Children ages 5 to 13 are invited to join the Lego Builders at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a fun hour of block building using an assortment of Lego and large blocks provided. The library will provide some Lego challenges and a snack, and each child will receive something special to take home. Attendance is limited and registration is required. This program is sponsored by the Staples Friends of the Library.

Arm Knitting with Jen Anfinson - Jan. 12

Adults and teens 15 and older are invited to a creative crafting class featuring Arm Knitting at the Staples Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Artist Jen Anfinson will show the group how to knit using your arms as the knitting needles. Each participant will make an eternity scarf using this yarn and technique in class. Attendance is limited and registration is required. This event is funded in part by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

For more information contact the library at 218-894-1401.

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Beef Home Study Courses offered online

The University of Minnesota Beef Team is offering three online Home Study Courses in winter 2017, titled "Introduction to Cow/Calf Nutrition," "Health Management for the Cow/Calf Herd" and "Introduction to Cattle Feeding". Courses focus on practical applications of topics.

Each lesson will include online activities designed to encourage participants to become familiar with electronic resources and an online forum gives participants the opportunity to connect with other producers.

Following completion, participants will receive a certificate of completion and the opportunity to highlight their continuing education through a LinkedIn Certificate Badge.

The first lessons will be available Jan. 11 and the following lessons will be posted every two weeks. The fee for course registration is $75 and can be accessed through www.extension.umn.edu/beef.

Registration is open through Jan. 17. Internet access and Microsoft Office software are required.

Contact Nicole Kenney Rambo at nmkenney@umn.edu or 320-235-0726 ext 2009 with questions or visit www.extension.umn.edu/beef for further details and a list of lessons offered within each course.



Food shelf donation

Staff, customers and the public brought food to Unity Bank, Staples, during December and the bank added one dollar per pound to make a donation to the Staples Area Food Shelf. Seventy-seven pounds of food were collected. From left are Amanda Jans, Fran Mertens (food shelf coordinator), Emma Flanigan, Megan Haber and Dawn Masters. (Submitted photo)

Cow/calf workshop planned in Staples

University of Minnesota Extension will hold the annual Cow/Calf Days workshop in Staples Tuesday, Feb. 7 starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room at Central Lakes College. This event has been held for over 40 years and continues to be the leading information, technology, and research outlet for cow/calf producers in the state of Minnesota.

This year's event will feature information on managing scours in calves, grazing management, results of a U of M study on the impact of different hay rake designs, and results of a U of M study on the impact of hay feeder design on hay waste. Updates from the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association will also highlight the event.

The corresponding trade show will feature vendors with new information, technology, and products with a wide-array of practical uses for the operators in the cow-calf sector.

The program is directed at cow/calf producers and allied industry representatives. It is open to the public. A meal will be served with the program and a registration fee will include the meal, proceedings book and program materials. The program is approximately three hours long.

RSVP by Monday, Jan. 30 by contacting Brenda Miller at the Todd County Extension Office at 320-533-4655 or email her at nels4220@umn.edu. The registration fee can be paid at the door on the day of the event.

For any questions or to be an event sponsor, contact Brenda Miller. For more information on more U of M Beef Team events or Cow/Calf topics, visit www.extension.umn.edu/beef

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Oath of office for mayor and council members elected in November, 2016.
- Designate official newspaper.
- Designate official depositories.
- Approve pawnbroker's license for Like-Nu Gun & Pawn.
- Approve pay equity implementation report.
- Make board, committee and office appointments.
- Consider appointments to the Staples Economic Development Authority (EDA) Board of Commissioners.
- Approve appointment of the mayor and city administrator to the Staples Firefighters Relief Association Board of Trustees.
- Hear committee reports from the Public Works Commission and the EDA.
- Open forum.
- City administrator's report.

How to market the true value of your farm's products

Central Minnesota's specialty crop producers (e.g., fruit and vegetable, grass-finished beef, pastured dairy, honey, maple syrup, breads baked with heritage grains, etc.), bakers, and other interested farmers and consumers are invited to attend the Sustainable Farming Association Central Chapter's annual meeting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sat., Jan. 14, at the Sprout Growers & Makers Marketplace, 609 13th Ave NE, Door 8, Little Falls.

The event, "Wellness from the Ground Up: How to Market the True Value of Your Farm's Products," will include a chef demonstration and panel discussion to teach farmers about marketing the true value of their products, such as explaining to consumers the important connection between soil health and nutrient density of the food produced in it, how to cook with whole foods, and the talk track consumers are hearing from nutritionists and health managers within our area healthcare facilities. Plus, attendees will enjoy a locally sourced meal prepared by Chef Tom Zimmerman of The Black and White as well as a tour of the Sprout facility.

The panel will be monitored by an SFA board member, and panelists include Zimmerman, Christian Klatt of the USDA Plant Science Research Unit, Alicia Bauman of Lakewood Health Systems, and Audra Zastro from CentraCare.

"The annual meeting is a family friendly event that brings informal farmer-to-farmer and farmer-to-consumer networking to our Central Minnesota family farms," said Jim Chamberlin, SFA Board Member from Deerwood. "On Jan. 14 we will learn more about what consumers care about and how we as farmers can address those concerns with our dairy, meat and produce. We know consumers want to buy from family farms that use environmentally and economically sound agricultural practices, but we don't always know how to explain in simplified terms how and why the food we produce is better than processed or non-local food."

There is a fee to attend. For information or to register see www.sfamn.org/central or contact Lisa Baker at 320-309-0746 or central@sfa-mn.org.

Winter reading program at Staples Public Library

The 2017 Winter Reading Program at Great River Regional Library began Jan. 3 and continues through Tuesday, Feb. 28. The theme is "Escape the Ordinary," and readers are encouraged to explore reading options outside their normal choices.

Participants must be in 6th grade or older. Individuals can register to "Escape the Ordinary" online at griver.org or at any of the 32 Great River Regional Library locations in Central Minnesota.

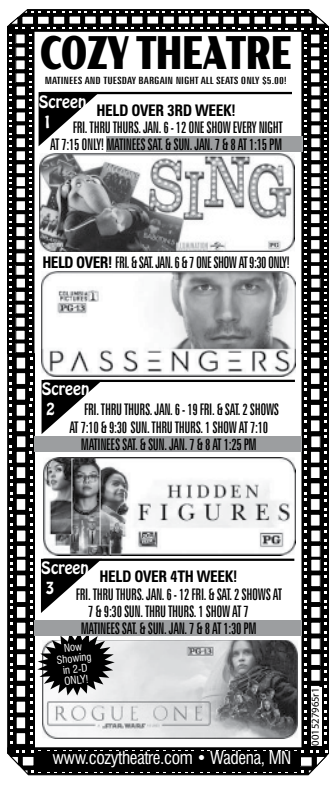
Each person who registers will be given a drawing slip to use to record books they read as part of the program. Completed drawing slips for each five books read (or listened to) can be used in prize drawings for collectible Winter Reading Program mugs and gift cards. All prizes are provided by the St. Cloud Friends of the Library.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, the library will host "Escape the Ordinary" trivia, its second annual Winter Reading Program trivia contest. The trivia contest is for 6th grade and older.

Play will take place on the library's website, griver.org and begins at 10 a.m., with new questions posted every 10 minutes until 4:50 p.m. People play as individuals or as teams to help their branch library receive the Traveling Trivia trophy. Answers to all questions can be found using the library website.

For more information contact the Staples Public Library at 218-894-1401.

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Sharing their talents



The multi-talented Koopmann Family performed to a packed house on New Year's Eve, at the Motley United Methodist Church. The group is comprised of John and Cindy Koopmann of Motley; their daughters Sarah and Anna, both college students; and John's brother, Karl, of the Twin Cities area. Pictured above debuting an original composition of John's are, from left, John, Anna, Karl and Sarah. In lower photo, Anna, playing the part of a 'church lady' performs, "Lime Jello Marshmallow Cottage Cheese Surprise," accompanied by Cindy at the piano. The concert was sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Arts Council. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Student Achievements

Zoe Loucks, Pillager, is the recipient of the Curtis H. Larson Memorial Scholarship for the 2016 - 17 academic year at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

Jan. senior site schedule

Thurs. Jan. 5, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Free Legal Aid from St. Cloud, call 218- 894-2553 to make appointment

Whist; 12:15 p.m., Tues. Jan. 3 and 17

Bridge; noon Tues. Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24

Penny Bingo; noon, Weds. Jan. 4, 11, 18 & 25

Cards (500) noon, Thurs., Jan. 5; Mon., Jan, 16, 23, 30

Board Meeting; noon, Mon., Jan. 9

Birthday/Anniversary party, 11:30 a.m. Tues, Jan. 10

Evening meals, 5:00 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 12, 19, 26

Hello World

Births reported at Lakewood Health System Hospital included:

Born to Taylor and Samantha Rickmeyer of Baxter, a baby girl, Evelyn Noelle weighing six pounds, 12 ounces on December 26, 2016.

Born to Maia Perez and Jon Krushek of Brainerd, a baby boy, Jaxon Layne weighing seven pounds, three ounces on December 27, 2016.

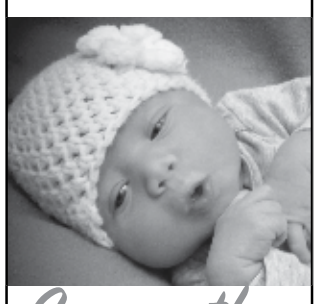
Born to Justin and Tamber Edin of Staples, a baby girl, Esther Rose weighing eight pounds, one ounce on December 28, 2016.

Born to Karen Kehn and Chris Banaka of Staples, a baby girl, Hailey Karen weighing eight pounds, 2.5 ounces on December 30, 2016.

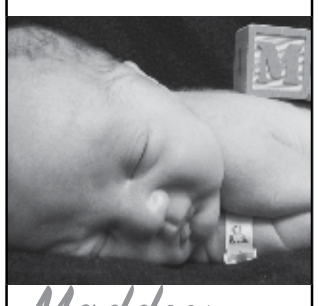
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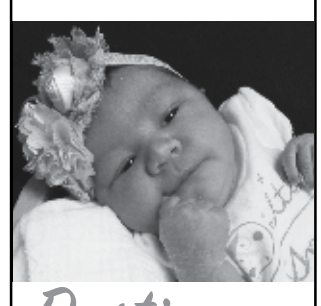
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Obituaries



Lorna Wiens

Lorna Wiens, 72, of Staples, passed away January 2, 2017, at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 7, at 1 p.m, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Visitation will be Friday, January 6, from 5 to 7:00 p.m. at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Staples and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Inurnment will be at Faith Lutheran Church Columbarium, in the spring.

Lorna Mae Wiens was born January 5, 1944 in Mountain Lake, to Abram and Sara (Wiebe) Nickel. She grew up and attended school in Mountain Lake, graduating in 1962. She attended Grace Bible College for one year and then attended Mounds Midway School of Nursing in St. Paul. She completed her undergraduate nursing at the University of Minnesota, with a Bachelor of Science degree and taking the state nursing boards in 1967. She married Mel Wiens on June 8, 1968 in Delft. The couple lived in the Seward neighborhood of south Minneapolis. Lorna began working toward her Master's Degree while teaching at Mounds Midway School of Nursing. The family moved to Staples in 1971, where Lorna worked at the Mary Rondorf Home. She completed her Master's Degree in Vocational Education at Bemidji State University. During the late 1970s she worked as Director of Nursing at the nursing home. During the 70's and early 80's Lorna was involved with the school's health education program, served as school nurse and as a stay-at-home mother. In the 80's she started the education department at the Staples hospital and into the early 1990s she worked at the Staples Vocational College. She co-owned and operated a quilting shop from 1992-1994. She worked for the U of M, with the Minnesota Dept. of Health, until her retirement in 2007. Lorna was very much a family person who enjoyed quilting, traveling, cooking and baking.

Lorna is survived by her husband; two sons, Royce (Volatiana) Wiens, of St. Paul and Curt (Julie) Wiens, of Woodbury; three grandchildren; one sister, LaVera (Gary) Fenton, of Colorado Springs, CO; and other family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant sister, Marian.

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THE FAMILY OF
Roberta "Bert" Busker
would like to extend their heartfelt thanks and gratitude for all of the prayers, support and kindness during Mom's illness and passing. Thank you for all the calls and visits while she was in Hospice care. Thank you for all of the flowers, cards, memorials and for sharing your memories. The outpouring of love, kindness, and support was beyond words and provided much comfort to Bert and her family. Thank you to all of the wonderful medical staff and Hospice team at Lakewood Care Center. The care you provided was exemplary. Thank you to Pastor Daryl and Pastor Saul, everyone at Faith Lutheran Church and to Brenny Funeral Home for your kindness, support and help with Mom's memorial and funeral service. Thank you to all of our family, friends and neighbors for all the love, laughter and friendships and for all the wonderful memories you shared during this time. We too, have been blessed because of all of these things, by our time with our beautiful Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma and Great-Great-Grandma, and by all of you.
Lewis, Darlene and Dick Gregerson, Donna and Clif Sadlo, Richard, Grace and Cory Jyrkas, Bev and Allen Harrison, Billy and Vicki, Gloria and Jan Veiss, JoAnne and Randy Dunn, Verna and Kevin Olmschenk and their families.

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Patricia Case



Patricia Anne Case, 87, of Staples passed away December 26, 2016 at Trinity Care Center in Farmington.

Services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Staples on January 7 at noon. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church.

Arrangements are with the Brenny Funeral Home, in Staples.

Patricia Anne Case was born December 24, 1929, in Moorhead to Norbert and Doris (Bailey) Jay. She grew up in Dilworth and Staples. On June 25, 1949, Patricia married Robert Case and they made their home in Staples. Pat worked as a switchboard operator, a clerk at Batcher's Department Store, DJ Draperies and at the Ringer Plant until it closed. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, gardening, cooking, quilting, reading, fishing and doing crossword puzzles.

Patricia is survived by one daughter, Lucinda (Wayne) Bostel of Burnsville; three sons, Douglas (Toni) Case of Staples, Daniel (Gina) Case of Apple Valley and William (Lisa) Case of Enola, PA; daughter-in-law, Pennee Case of Mesa, AZ; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Doris (Paul) Jennissen; three brothers, David (Sally) Jay, Norbert (Jan) Jay and Ralph (Yvonne) Jay.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Robert, Jr., and three brothers. w1c A00006B2017JN05

Dolores Noska



Dolores Noska, 89, of Browerville, passed away on December 24, 2016.

Services were held December 30, 2016 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Clarissa with Fr. Matthew Crane officiating.

Burial was held at St. Isidore's Catholic Cemetery, Moran Township.

Arrangements were with the Iten Funeral Home, Browerville.

Dolores was born April 22, 1927, in Moran Township, Todd County, to Albert and Agnes (Zeigler) Adamietz. She grew up on the family farm and attended country school through the ninth grade. She worked at the Red Owl in Staples, moving to Minneapolis for a short time. On June 3, 1946, Dolores married Elmer Noska. They lived in Clarissa where Elmer ran the Midland Station. Elmer and Dolores bought a farm in Moran Township and also ran the Vet's Club in Browerville for many years. Dolores enjoyed crocheting, bowling, watching the Twins, her sons and grandchildren play sports, playing cards, Scrabble and Tripoli. She was a member of St. Isidore's Catholic Church.

Dolores is survived by four daughters, Carol (Bob) Winkler of Clarissa, Vicki (Tom) Larson of Bertha, Pam (Paul) Reese of Fertile and Elizabeth (Paul) Kortie of Cloquet; five sons, Roger Noska of Staples; Doug (Virginia) Noska, John (Judy) Noska, Randy (Ann) Noska and Mathew Michels all of Browerville; one sister, Eileen (Clifford) Dukowitz; 34 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandchild.

Dolores is preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Linda (John) Michels and one brother, Leonard. w1c A00006B2017JN05

Mary Ann Van Hecke



Mary Ann Van Hecke, 80, died peacefully in her sleep on December 12, 2016 in Coon Rapids.

Mary Ann was born on July 9, 1936, to Delbert and Francis Van Hecke in Tracy. She grew up in the Bertha area. She lived in Staples for 15 years and worked at Ernie's grocery.

She is survived by four sons, Dennis (Carol) Judd, Jerome Judd, Kenneth (Gail) Judd and Robert Judd; one daughter, Phyllis (Greg) Anderson; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, David Judd and Walter Friese; and friend Eldon MacRunnels. w1c A00006B2017JN05

Care Center

January Birthdays

Ervin Swanson, January 1; Betty Tepley, January 1; Lois Reggie, January 2; Don Norton, January 6; Sally Ross, January 11; Marilyn Paskewitz, January 15; Florence Sinotte, January 17; Richard Dupont, January 20; Mortimer Young, January 21

January Special activities at the Lakewood Health System Care Center:

Tues., Jan., 3, 2:15 p.m. Church - St. John's Lutheran, Motley; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Jan. 4, 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Thurs., Jan. 5, 10 a.m. Bible Study - Pastor Brown; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by United Methodist Women; 6 p.m. games

Fri., Jan 6, 10 a.m. Cappuccino

Sat., Jan. 7, 1:45 p.m., Seventh Day Adventist Singers; 2 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m., word game; 2 p.m. social time

Mon., Jan. 9, 2:30 p.m. Tinity Lutheran Church

Tues., Jan. 10, 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Congregational; 6:30 p.m. Bingo/Marge

Weds., Jan. 11, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Trinity Lutheran; 7 p.m. Men's Chorus

Fri., Jan. 13, 9:30 a.m., Church - Faith Lutheran; 10 a.m. Friendly Friday/Faith Lutheran

Sat., Jan. 14, 10 a.m. Bingo/Marge

Sun., Jan. 15, 2 p.m. Assembly of God Singers

Tues., Jan. 17, 2:15 p.m. Church - Motley Free Methodist

New regulations for outpatient medication co-pay for veterans

The Veterans Administration is amending its regulation on copayments for veterans' outpatient medications for non-service connected conditions.

VA currently charges non-exempt veterans either $8 or $9 for each 30-day or less supply of outpatient medication, and under current regulations, a calculation based on the medication of the Medical Consumer Price Index (CPI-P) would be used to determine the copayment amount in future years.

This new regulation eliminates the formula used to calculate future rate increases and establishes three classes of outpatient medications identified as Tier 1, Preferred Generics; Tier 2, Non-Preferred Generics including over-the-counter medications; and Tier 3, Brand Name. Copayment amounts for each tier would be fixed and vary depending upon the class of outpatient medication in the tier.

These copayment amounts will be effective Feb. 27, 2017:

- $5 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 1 outpatient medication
- $8 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 2 outpatient medication
- $11 for a 30-day or less supply - Tier 3 outpatient medication

These changes apply to veterans without a service-connected condition, or veterans with a disability rated less than 50 percent who are receiving outpatient treatment for a non-service connected condition, and whose annual income exceeds the limit set by law. Medication copayments do not apply to former prisoners of war, catastrophically disabled veterans or those covered by other exceptions as set by law.

Copayments stop each calendar year for veterans in Priority Groups 2-8 once a $700 cap is reached.



Send-off party for Tera Weyer

Staples native Tera Weyer will be traveling to the Arab World in the near future, where she plans to live for two years to learn Arabic. "I believe this is where God wants me and I live to obey, serve and glorify Him," she said recently. Pictured at a send-off party for Tera Dec. 30, at the Assembly of God Church in Staples are, from left, Mike and Joy Weyer of Staples, Tera's parents; Tera Weyer; Tony and Renee (Weyer) Paskewitz and their baby, Grace, all of Staples; and Tera's brother, Jason Weyer of Fargo, N.D.

Tera graduated valedictorian at Staples Motley High School in 2012 and went on to study Intercultural Studies at North Central University in Minneapolis, where she graduated valedictorian in 2016. For further information about Tera's upcoming journey or to receive newsletter updates, email her at tera@oikosmail.com. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

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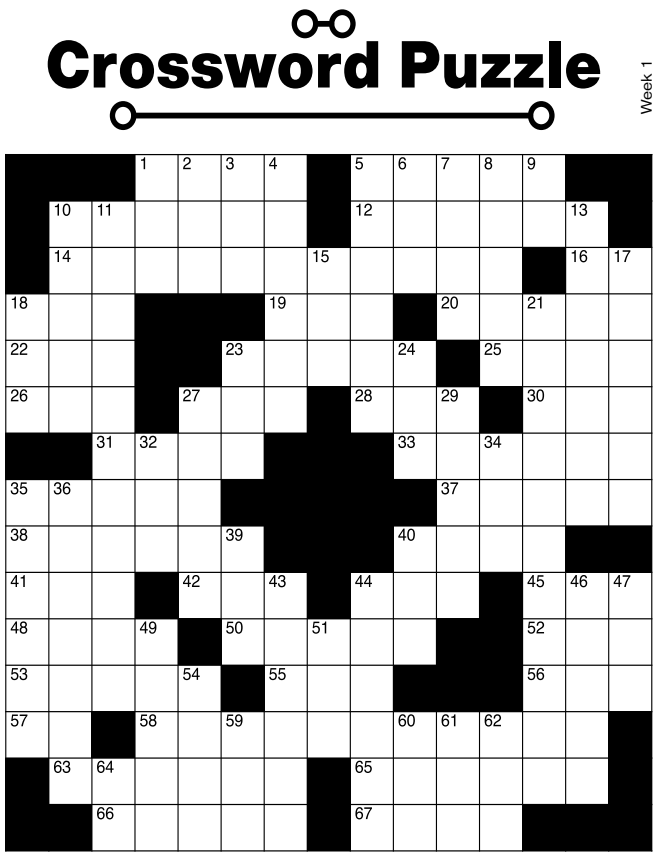


Received award

Dan Tschida, Staples, has been chosen STEP Worker of the Month for December. Dan has been a faithful client of STEP since 1993 and worked at the Browerville site for many years. He transferred to the Staples location when the new Baby STEPs programming area opened in August. Dan needs some physical assistance to complete work. His cheerful attitude, good work ethic and great attendance record contributed to his award. STEP Designated Coordinator Kayla Lawrence presented Dan with a medal and a certificate. (Submitted photo)

Crossword Puzzle

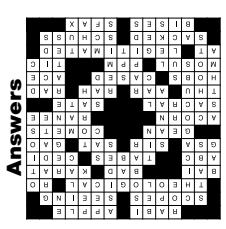
Week 1



CLUES ACROSS
1. Isodor __, American Nobel physicist
5. One a day keeps the doctor away
10. Extents
12. Noticing
14. Scriptural
16. Star Trek character Laren
18. ÒThe CrowÓ actress __ Ling
19. Not good
20. Measures gold
22. TV network
23. Wasting
25. Money in Ghana
26. Young girlsÕ association
27. Title of respect
28. High schoolers take this test
30. Crunches federal numbers
31. Wild or sweet cherry
33. Celestial bodies
35. Fruit of the oak tree
37. Royal Navy ship during WWII
38. Of cherished symbols
40. Satisfy
41. 5th. day (abbr.)
42. Swiss river
44. Royal Albert Hall (abbr.)
45. Cool!
48. Flat metal shelves
50. Enclosed
52. A way to pass
53. City in Iraq
55. Printing speed measurement
56. Twitch
57. Indicates position
58. Made lawful
63. Took down
65. A way to travel on skis
66. North winds
67. Tunisian metropolis

CLUES DOWN
1. Seafood
2. Incan god of mountains
3. Ritzy LA neighborhood __ Air
4. Line that connect points of equal pressure
5. Audience-only remarks
6. Chest muscle (slang)
7. Pointed top
8. Lavender
9. Linear unit
10. Knifes
11. 2016 World Series champs
13. A way to arrange
15. Talk
17. Serving no purpose
18. Container
21. Breathes new life into
23. Beloved dog Rin Tin __
24. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal
27. Yemen capital
29. Sacred book of Judaism
32. Make a mistake
34. Wrestlers wrestle here
35. Respiratory issue
36. In league
39. Resinous insect secretion
40. Unhappy
43. Turbulent area of a river
44. Neglectful
46. Sours
47. Calendar month (abbr.)
49. Grooves
51. Sony Pictures Television
54. Monetary units
59. Command right
60. 1,000 cubic feet
61. Expression of triumph
62. Dinner jacket
64. The first two

Answers



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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Bob Hepokoski, Paul Johnson
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
Youth Pastor Julie Boone
Discipleship Class.....9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer .....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight & Youth .....6:30 p.m.

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

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

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples
218-894-1546
Emelia Enquist, Director of Youth, Family & Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship
Worship Service .....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School
and Coffee Fellowship .....9:35 a.m.
Worship Service .....10:45 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Aldrich

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

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

Cushing

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

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

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

Leaf River Township

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

Leader

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

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

Motley

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

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

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

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

Oylen

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

Pillager

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

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

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

Hewitt

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

Verndale

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

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

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

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

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

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The mayonnaise jar and coffee

Pastor Roy Miles, Staples Assembly of God Church

I have used the following story in sermons and it is also possible you have heard or read it yourself. I would like you to consider the truths of this story and really think about the coffee.

"When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar… And the coffee…

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things - God, family, your children, your health, your friends, and your favorite passions - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter, like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else; the small stuff."

"If you had put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there would've been no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled, "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple cups of coffee with a friend."

How about having a cup with Jesus.

As we begin the new year, let us all examine our priorities and place them in the right order and start doing them today - not tomorrow.

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

NOTICE LAKE SHORE AERATION WARNING LAKE SHAMINEAU

Beware open water and thin ice. Aeration to occur on south shore along Lakeshore Drive beginning January 5, 2017 until April, 2017. For inquiries call 612-810-4200.

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FILING NOTICE BARTLETT TOWNSHIP

Filing for one (1) Supervisor - three (3) year term position and one (1)Treasurer - two (2) year term position. Filing dates are January 3, 2017 through January 17, 2017 with the Clerk, Jan Jares, phone 218-640-3176. May file at the clerk's home, 47810 193rd Ave, Aldrich, MN, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2017. There is a $2 filing fee due at time of filing.

Jan Jares, Clerk

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BYRON TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE

Byron Township will hold their regular township Board meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Leader Community Hall.

Beverly Hoemberg, Clerk

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FILING NOTICE FAWN LAKE TOWNSHIP

Fawn Lake Township is accepting filings for:

-Supervisor for a three (3) year term

-Treasurer for a two (2) year term

The filing period for these offices opens on January 3, 2017 and closes at 5 p.m. on January 17, 2017. Filing fee is $2.00.

Please contact Kelly Miller at 218-531-0287 to file for these offices.

Kelly Miller, Clerk

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MEETING NOTICE MAY TOWNSHIP

The regular board meeting for May Township will be held Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the May Town Hall

The reorganizational meeting will be held Monday, January 16 at 7 p.m. at the May Town Hall.

Bianca Wyffels, Clerk

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FILING NOTICE THOMASTOWN TOWNSHIP

Thomastown Township will hold an election of one supervisor for a three (3) year term and the treasurer for a two (2) year term. The filing period for these offices opens on January 3, 2017 and closes on January 17, 2017 at 5 p.m. To file for office, contact Joy Weyer at 218-894-1028.

Joy Weyer, Clerk

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Todd County Commissioners

MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Public Comment

Meg Litts, DFL Candidate for State Representative 9A, presented campaign issues to support on behalf of Todd County.

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 1st day of November, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda as presented.

Routine Business

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 44618 through 44725 in the amount of $222,212.42.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 69408 through 69586 in the amount of $132,400.62 and number 511820 through 511850 in the amount of $58,480.92.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner's Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2016, September 13, 2016 and September 20, 2016 as read.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To set the Truth in Taxation hearing for December 8, 2016 to start at 6:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners Board Room.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reschedule the December 6, 2016 Todd County Commissioners Board Meeting to the date of December 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To reappoint Mr. Jeff Rinde to a 3-year term on the County Extension Committee effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the EDR Capture Agreement with SeaChange to be effective August 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Budget Request Form to Transfer Funds from Other General Government Department to Community Corrections Appropriations Department in the amount of $83,273.

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

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FUND

WHEREAS, The request has been made to reduce the budget request from Todd-Wadena Community Corrections for FY 2017, the counties have agreed to pay a special one-time retiree severance payment to Todd Wadena Community Corrections in 2016 in the amount of $83,273; and

WHEREAS, a letter was received asking for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the one-time transfer of funds in the amount of $83,273 from the General Fund to Community Corrections Fund.

Closed Session

Chairperson Becker asked for a motion to close the board meeting to proceed into a Closed Session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.03 to discuss labor negotiations strategy.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the meeting was closed at 9:31 a.m. Closed Session was held within the small Commissioner's Room.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the meeting was reopened at 9:50 a.m.

Auditor-Treasurer Report

An update was provided on Absentee Voter turnout thus far for the General Election with 1,003 ballots issued and 764 ballots accepted. The October Settlement Payment Summary has been provided to the Commissioners and Department Heads.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

Interviews for the Payroll Specialist position begin today. County Coordinator applications have been received and are ready for review. Currently working on major revisions to the Personnel policy and Data Practices policy for department heads to review. Only two weeks remaining of service to Todd County.

Adjourn

Chairperson Becker recessed the meeting until November 15, 2016

COMMISSIONER WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
COMMISSIONER OF TRANS.	$5,114.96
COMPASS MINERALS AMERICA	65,283.10
EMERGENCY AUTO. TECH	4,157.38
FRIEDRICH'S TIRE & OIL CO	7,758.07
KRIS ENGINEERING	37,946.34
MCCC, MI33	5,497.16
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIP	3,060.00
SEACHANGE PRINT INNOVATIONS	24,228.30
TRUENORTH STEEL	18,609.24
WADENA ASPHALT CO	9,656.00
ZIEGLER INC	4,854.66
Payments less than $2,000	36,047.21
Total	**$222,212.42**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
DHS - MSOP- MN SEX OFFENDER PROG.	$5,846.00
DHS - SWIFT	40,292.39
PEOPLES EXPRESS INC.	2,184.12
RURAL MN CEP INC	14,469.62
V#14261 - COST EFFECT. HEALTH INS.	2,058.75
TODD COUNTY AUD./ TREASURER	15,096.10
TODD COUNTY MIS DEPT	4,819.72
172 PAYMENTS LESS THAN $2,000	47,633.92
Total	**$132,400.62**

Vendor Name	$ Amount
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. MN-ST PAUL	3,810.30
NORTH HOMES CHILD. & FAMILY SRVS.	7,854.65
NORTHERN PINES MENTAL HLTH CTR	7,349.40
PRAIRIE LAKES YOUTH PROGRAMS	6,186.49
VILLAGE RANCH INC	17,473.94
Payments less than $2,000	15,806.14
Total	**$58,480.92**

On a motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the preceding minutes of the County Board meeting held November 1, 2016 were duly approved by unanimous vote at the Todd County Board of Commissioners at the Regular Board Meeting held on December 7, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal:

Barb Becker, Todd County Board Chairperson

Denise Gaida, Todd County Auditor-Treasurer

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Public Notices

NOTICE TODD-WADENA COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MEETING

Todd-Wadena Community Corrections Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Todd County Justice Center, 221 First Ave. S., Suite 200, Long Prairie, Minnesota.

Bernice Desotell
Administrative Assistant

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LEGAL NOTICE
TODD COUNTY BUDGET SUMMARY STATEMENT
FOR BUDGET YEAR 2017

The Todd County Budget Summary Statement is Published in accordance with Minnesota Statute 375.169. The complete budget is available for public inspection at the Todd County Auditor/Treasurer's Office during normal business hours.

REVENUES	2016	2017
Property tax	14,339,799	15,001,965
State General Purpose Aid	1,362,877	1,383,210
Other taxes	600,000	757,200
Licenses & Permits	130,965	143,065
Federal Grants	3,848,707	3,065,034
State Aids	8,088,005	7,759,877
Local Grants	0	0
Charges for Service	2,430,461	2,514,020
Misc Revenue	1,170,218	1,957,344
Interest on Investments	46,300	48,400
Other Financing Sources	5,200	0
Transfers	240,000	0
Total Revenue & Other Source	**32,262,532**	**32,630,115**
EXPENDITURES		
General Government	5,084,740	5,124,228
Public safety	3,799,443	4,040,547
Highway/Construction	6,487,880	5,944,480
Streets & Highways (excluding Constr.)	3,026,848	3,171,948
Human Services	7,798,201	7,997,395
Health	2,773,449	2,788,294
Culture and Recreation	437,474	439,134
Conservation of Nat Resourses	935,235	980,133
Economic Development	76,000	72,400
Gen Debt Service	598,194	594,069
Capital Outlay	1,377,260	1,424,614
Transfers	530,869	352,873
Other Fiscal Charges	0	0
Total Expenditures & other uses:	**32,925,593**	**32,930,115**
Budget Balance	**663,061**	**300,000**

Todd County Auditor/Treasurer
Denise Gaida

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MINUTES TODD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Call to Order

The Todd County Board of Commissioners met in the Commissioner's Board Room in the City of Long Prairie, MN on the 15th day of November, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Becker. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Commissioners were present.

Approval of Agenda

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote. To approve the agenda with the addition of 7.2 Land Stewardship Award.

Routine Business

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Auditor Warrants number 228214 through 228459 in the amount of $6,629,184.44.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Commissioner Warrants number 44726 through 44831 in the amount of $77,163.64.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Health & Human Services Warrants number 511851 through 511946 in the amount of $145,009.87.

On motion by Kneisl and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To schedule December 29, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. for the final Commissioner's meeting for 2016 business.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

GAMBLING PERMIT FOR SAUK CENTRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners are establishing their approval for a Gambling Permit for Sauk Centre Chamber of Commerce, Inc. through this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Todd County Board of Commissioners approve a one day Gambling Permit for Sauk Centre Chamber of Commerce, Inc. to hold a raffle at the Diamond Point Steakhouse & Lounge in Birchdale Township at the address 12867 Bayview Drive, Sauk Centre, MN on January 16, 2017.

Public Works

The County Board gave acknowledgement of Todd County Public Works Department Employees Linus Koval and Aaron Gabler who placed second and 10th respectively in the Truck Roadeo Competition at the 2016 Minnesota Fall Maintenance Expo in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the attached Budget Request Form to purchase a 2016 skid loader from Long Prairie Machinery for $36,873.37 (State Bid Price).

Planning & Zoning

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

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – "RACHELS GROVE" SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Applicant Thomas and Kathleen Detloff applied to subdivide a property (Parcel 06-0041300) that is part of Govt. Lot 5 in Section 29 of Burnhamville Township with the plat to be known as Rachels Grove,

WHEREAS, The Rachels Grove Plat consists of one residential lot of 6 acres, located in the Shoreland Zoned District of Big Swan Lake,

WHEREAS, On October 6, 2016 the Todd County Planning Commission recommended the following property be considered for Subdivision pursuant to Todd County Subdivision Regulation and Ordinance:

SECT-29 TWP-128 RNG -32

That part of Government Lot 5, Section 29, Township 128 North, Range 32 West Todd County, Minnesota, described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Lot 4, Block One, CLAY RIDGE SHORES, according to the recorded plat thereof;

Thence on an assumed bearing of North 18 degrees 16 minutes 31 secondeds East along the easterly line of said Lot 4 a distance of 57.49 feet to the outside boundary of the road as dedicated in said CLAY RIDGE SHORES; Thence northeasterly along said outside boundary and along a non-tangential curve, concave to the northwest, radius 60.00 feet, central angle 180 degrees 00 minutes 00 secondeds 188.50 feet, the chord of said curve bears North 51 degrees 49 minutes 43 secondeds East 120.00 feet;

Thence North 18 degrees 28 minutes 08 seconds East not tangent along said outside boundary 143.90 feet

Thence South 71 degrees 05 minutes 53 seconds East along said outside boundary 393.80 feet the westerly right of way line of County Road No 102;

Thence South 17 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds West along said westerly right of way line 169.34;

Thence North 72 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds West along said westerly right of way line 50.00 feet;

Thence South 17 degrees 59 minutes 47 seconds along said westerly right of way line 321.64 feet to the easterly extension of the north line of that land as described in the Document No. 373843 and of record in the office of the Todd County Recorder;

Thence North 81 degrees 48 minutes 31 seconds West along said easterly extension and along said north line 601 feet more or less to the shoreline of Big Swan Lake;

Thence northerly along said shoreline to the intersection of the south line of said Lot 4;

Thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 46 seconds East along said south line 264 feet to the point of beginning. 6 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2016 the Todd County Board of Commissioners considered the Preliminary Plat for the above described property and approved Rachels Grove Preliminary Plat (Subdiv_2016-2) with no conditions.

WHEREAS, the Planning & Zoning Department has completed the necessary final plat review and find that all items required for final plat approval have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the final plat of "Rachels Grove" subdivision be approved as presented.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve signing the Surveyor's Certificate of Plat Correction for Michaels Subdivision submitted by County Surveyor Mark Jahner.

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve signing the Surveyor's Certificate of Plat Correction for Close's First Subdivision submitted by County Surveyor Mark Jahner.

Soil & Water Conservation District

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve hiring Michael Becker for the Wetlands Conservation Coordinator position at Grade 10 Step 1 with an anticipated start date of December 5, 2016.

Todd SWCD Supervisors selected Todd County Parks and Trails Board as the 2016 Land Stewardship Award winner. Plaque was presented to Al Loken, Chair of the Parks and Trails Board.

Solid Waste

Discussions of tipping fees for implementation and discussion of service fees for developing program.

Human Resources

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Kathleen Nauber for the full-time Payroll Specialist position on Grade 7 Step 3 $20.72 per hour in accordance with Todd County promotional policy with a hire date of November 28, 2016.

Health & Human Services

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson,

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the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Kathleen Nauber as an Eligibility Worker.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Health & Human Services to recruit and hire an Eligibility Worker to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Kathleen Nauber as recommended by the Todd County Personnel Committee.

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

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR HOLD A SPECIAL SESSION

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioner requested the Director of Health and Human Services to send a letter to Governor Mark Dayton objecting to the direction MNsure is taking Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County objects to MNsure passing additional work to the local level, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County feels its citizens are not receiving the quality health services they deserve or not receiving any services at all, and;

WHEREAS, Todd County feels the financial burden of administering MNsure is putting additional strain on the tax payers of Todd County, and;

WHEREAS, the Todd County Board of Commissioners endorses the letter sent to the Governor by the Todd County Health & Human Services Director and Financial Support Services Unit Manager objecting to the direction MNsure is taking Todd County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Todd County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Governor hold a Special Session prior to the end of 2016 to address our concerns.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for TCHHS to recruit and hire an additional Eligibility Worker as recommended by the Todd County Personnel Committee.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Mikayla Wolbeck to fill the open Social Worker position at Grade 10, Step 1 - $23.26/hr contingent upon successful completion of required background check and/or employee physical.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire of Taalyr Egeness to fill the open Social Worker position at Grade 10, Step 1 - $23.26/hr contingent upon successful completion of required background check and/or employee physical.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Neumann, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To accept the resignation of Candace Tepfer effective November 28, 2016.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Erickson, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the request for Health & Human Services to recruit and hire a Registered Nurse or a Social Worker to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Candace Tepfer as recommended by the Todd County personnel Committee.

On motion by Kircher and seconded by Kneisl, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the hire the hire of Angela Schleicher to fill an open position as a Registered Nurse at Grade 10, Step 2 - $23.95/hr contingent upon successful completion of required background check and/or employee physical.

On motion by Erickson and seconded by Kircher, the following motion was introduced and adopted by unanimous vote: To approve the Mental Health Contract for Calendar Years 2017 and 2018 for $76,418 per year.

Auditor-Treasurer Report

Agricultural Taxes are due today. Finance Committee will be scheduling a workday on the final budget. General Election final statistics were given and a reminder of Canvassing Board meeting date given.

Commissioners' Report

The Commissioners reported on the meetings they had attended.

Coordinator's Report

Personnel policy proposed changes are in final review. Applications for County Coordinator position are ready to call for interview scheduling. Finalizing the setup of the NeoGov software.

Adjourn

On motion by Neumann and seconded by Erickson, the meeting was adjourned for the month of November 2016.

AUDITOR WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
BIG BIRCH LAKE ASSOCIATION	$2,912.75
COMPUTER PROS	4,732.00
REGENTS OF THE U OF MN	31,664.46
ROBERT R. SCHROEDER CONST. INC	51,060.60
STREAMWORKS	5,500.00
STRUCTURAL SPECIAL. INC	100,112.43
VERIZON	2,619.70
Payments less than $2,000	5,221.36
AM. HERITAGE BANK	49,782.86
FLEET SERVICES/WEX BANK	4,612.85
GENE-O'S COUNTRY. REST. LLC	7,607.70
LONG PRAIRIE SANI. INC	2,183.25
MN DEPT OF FINANCE	6,620.50
MORRISON COUNTY	22,090.25
PRAIRIE LAKES MUNI. SOLID WASTE AUTH	64,602.09
STEP	4,190.75
TODD SOIL & WATER CONS DIST	36,317.00
Payments less than $2,000	17,774.75
AINALI/JON	64,650.20
ALLIANCE BUILDING CORP	27,930.00
CARD SERVICES COBORNS	3,181.79
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	211,916.02
GOULD/RHONDA M	2,412.00
LAFORGE/RICK & JOLENE	4,266.50
LONG PRAIRIE OIL CO	15,603.03
MINNESOTA POWER & LIGHT	11,982.85
PETERS & CHURCHWELL	6,035.00
SIGNCAD SYSTEMS, Inc	4,800.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,633.01
VOYANT COMM., LLC	3,430.92
WATERGUARDS, LLC	5,627.00
Payments less than $2,000	17,129.89
AMERICAN HERI.	9,963.28
ANOKA CO GOVER'T CENTER	15,159.00
BAUM JR/RICK	99,570.05
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	117,810.82
GOLDEN SHOVEL AGENCY	5,700.00
LITTLE BIRCH LAKE IMPROVEMENT AS.	7,352.63
MINNESOTA UI	2,379.00
RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS	228,533.00
TODD CO AUD-TREAS	13,478.50
Payments less than $2,000	6,199.43
AMERICAN HERITAGE BANK	512,254.96
BIG SWAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT DIST.	6,069.06
CITY OF BERTHA	90,665.63
CITY OF BROWERVILLE	88,681.45
CITY OF BURTRUM	6,673.52
CITY OF CLARISSA	76,314.91
CITY OF EAGLE BEND	100,396.52
CITY OF GREY EAGLE	46,448.94
CITY OF HEWITT	22,716.66
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	336,415.22
CITY OF OSAKIS	83,359.13
CITY OF STAPLES	290,252.11
CITY OF WEST UNION	3,276.88
REGION V DEVEL. COMMISSION	8,452.05
SAUK RIVER WATER SHED DISTRICT	31,532.95
SCHOOL DIST. 213	255,392.95
SCHOOL DIST. 2170	200,767.58
SCHOOL DIST. 2753	927,675.58
SCHOOL DIST. 2759	83,325.02
SCHOOL DIST. 486	137,214.31
SCHOOL DIST. 487	2,345.07
SCHOOL DIST. 740	40,470.69
SCHOOL DIST. 743	225,698.72
SCHOOL DIST. 786	129,767.65
SCHOOL DIST. 787	163,726.25
SCHOOL DIST. 818	9,286.55
TOWN OF BARTLETT	19,031.87
TOWN OF BERTHA	20,255.50
TOWN OF BIRCHDALE	60,287.00
TOWN OF BRUCE	39,595.50
TOWN OF BURLEENE	18,914.75
TOWN OF BURNHAMVILLE	53,589.15
TOWN OF EAGLE VALLEY	21,823.42
TOWN OF FAWN LAKE	37,681.80
TOWN OF GERMANIA	15,015.69
TOWN OF GORDON	91,471.42
TOWN OF GREY EAGLE	92,296.70
TOWN OF HARTFORD	37,062.77
TOWN OF IONA	20,325.83
TOWN OF KANDOTA	38,206.56
TOWN OF LESLIE	67,376.46
TOWN OF LITTLE ELK	26,391.15
TOWN OF LITTLE SAUK	38,648.39
TOWN OF LONG PRAIRIE	41,392.24
TOWN OF MORAN	24,483.84
TOWN OF REYNOLDS	19,965.67
TOWN OF ROUND PRAIRIE	43,807.31
TOWN OF STAPLES	69,864.54
TOWN OF STOWE PRAIRIE	22,774.15
TOWN OF TURTLE CREEK	26,781.39
TOWN OF VILLARD	54,478.22
TOWN OF WARD	25,148.27
TOWN OF WEST UNION	10,142.53
TOWN OF WYKEHAM	19,084.06
Payments less than $2,000	1,382.15
CITY OF LONG PRAIRIE	9,000.00
ROBERT R. SCHROEDER CONST. INC	265,069.58
STRUCTURAL SPECIALTIES INC	95,076.20
TODD CO AG. SOC.	6,141.87
VERIZON	2,255.30
Payments less than $2,000	7,833.58
Total	**$6,629,184.44**

COMMISSIONERS WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
ALL STATE COMM	2,690.00
BAUER/BARRY & LARAE	8,092.50
COMPASS MINERALS AM	9,505.09
HILLYARD	2,189.65
M-R SIGN CO. INC	2,113.78
PHOENIX SUPPLY	2,914.45
STAPLES WORLD	7,336.99
VIKING GARAGE DOOR CO	6,750.74
Payments less than $2,000	35,570.44
Total	**$77,163.64**

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES WARRANTS

Vendor Name	$ Amount
#14471	$2,074.21
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SRVS LLC	9,865.16
#4453	5,270.00
HEARTLAND GIRLS RANCH	9,419.35
HOLISTIC FAMILY EDUCATION SRVS	5,986.74
#1911	3,240.73
KINDRED FAMILY FOCUS	3,080.13
LUEBESMIER/ HEATHER	2,275.00
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERV. OF MN ST PAUL	3,937.31
#10746	3,164.79
NORTHWOOD CHILD. SERVICES	3,754.72
PORT OF CROW WING BOYS HOME	5,518.00
PORT OF CROW WING GIRLS HOME	5,576.86
STEP	6,905.54
#14203	2,690.80
VILLAGE RANCH INC	17,899.09
WEST CENTRAL REG. JUVENILE CTR	3,312.50
#14480	2,140.55
Payments less than $2,000	48,898.39
Total	**$145,009.87**

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Wetlands and board protocol discussed

by Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

The Todd County Commissioners work session Dec. 20 covered wetlands and board protocol.

With Minnesota having one of the toughest wetland acts in the nation, Soil and Water Conservation Director Tim Stieber is working on a policy that will hopefully make the act a little more understandable for everyone who has to work with it.

At one point during the discussion as Stieber was reviewing the policy he had drafted, he was asked if he had prepared it from a "boilerplate" model from another county.

"I am the boilerplate. I had nothing to compare it to. Everyone wants it after I'm done." he answered.

Basically, the policy will guide the county in wetland management.

According to Stieber, the policy goals are:

- To provide local direction on the Wetland Conservation Act which is a state law that is implemented locally.
- To protect and preserve wetlands. Stieber said that this is important to ensure that wetlands continue to provide the water quality, water supply and control and wildlife benefits.
- Accountability. He said that implementation of Todd County's program will largely be completed by staff that are accountable to elected supervisors and commissioners through regular reporting and involvement with Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) meetings. Customer service expectations of staff have been established by commissioner resolution.

Stieber said that part of impetus for writing this was that they had several cases last year where a landowner was upset. A meeting was held in August and he learned a lot of good ideas from it. He then began the policy which will not only help him and his staff, but also help landowners.

The policy outlines the responsibilities of the county, the soil and water conservation board, the soil and water staff and the landowners.

It also gives an explanation of the TEP and dealing with violations.

"The primary function of this is so people will know where to look. I have gone over it very well," said Stieber.

He will take it to the soil and water conservation board for review and approval, but that it is not an emergency sort of thing.

"A lot of questions are coming out - legitimate ones," added Stieber.

Point and Pay Credit Card Program

Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida presented information of a point and pay credit card program which they can use at no cost to the county.

There would be two card readers for each counter and a seven week implementation period would take place.

The company would make their money through charging the credit card company which in turn typically charges customers a small fee for the convenience of using a credit/debit card. That is how they can offer this point and pay program without charge to the county.

She said that other counties around us are also using this program.

Gaida said that the department heads have been talking about this for over a year and would like to move on it.

She will be bringing a resolution for it on Dec. 29.

Board Protocol

Chair Barb Becker asked that the board discuss their board protocol as several parts of it are out of date.

Some of the items needing change included parts in the manual that stated an action would be taken by the "administrator."

Another item of discussion was the consent agenda.

According to Roberts Rules of Order, a consent agenda can include things that come to the agenda that do not need any discussion or debate either because they are routine procedures or are already unanimous consent.

"A consent agenda (Roberts Rules of Order calls it a consent calendar) allows the board to approve all these items together without discussion or individual motions. Depending upon the organization, this can free up anywhere from a few minutes to a half hour for more substantial discussion," according to a document prepared by Walla Walla Community College.

The board discussed that they have not been doing this correctly. They take each item on the consent agenda as an individual item when they should be handled as a single item.

Items can be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the agenda as a regular discussion item, if any member of the board would like discussion on it.

County Attorney Charles Rasmussen also told the board that they do not need to read entire resolutions into the record which will also save some time during meetings.

"Typical consent agenda items are routine, procedural decisions and decisions that are likely to be noncontroversial," stated the above cited document.

Another item that will change is the dates of the work sessions as they are no longer held after the health and human services meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month because the HHS meeting is no longer held, which represents another change.

The board will continue to work with the protocol to update it.





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Left to right: Amber Rasinski, Karen Tetlie, Jennifer Orton

Amber Rasinski, *RN, Home Health/Hospice*
Nominated by Heidi Lockaby, a family member of a client, "A year ago I found my 82 year old father alone and in need of care. Watching my father struggle; I turned to the VA for help. The VA referred me to two agencies and I chose Lakewood. Amber contacted me and we met to discuss the care needed for my father. Amber immediately organized the home care visits and she keeps me informed through open communication. She is aiding me in decisions, support and direction to take along this new journey. She is kind, caring, respectful, organized, smart, has insight for my father's needs and her follow through is top notch. It is comforting to me that Lakewood sent my family an angel. Thank you, Amber. Thank You Lakewood for having such a wonderful employee."

Karen Tetlie, *Administrative Assistant, Senior Services*
Nominated by Stacy Line, Director of Nursing, Care Center and Kathy Dobson, Vice President Senior Services, "We would like to thank Karen for the work she has done for the new long term care regulation for payroll based journal electronic submissions in the care center. CMS mandated all care centers to submit their data into a new electronic data base. This required an immense amount of research and the need to pull multiple teams together in order to provide the accurate information for this mandate. She continues to lead this endeavor due to the need to continue to submit data, and has agreed to do so, until all the 'bugs' are ironed out. She has been a huge asset to our division and we appreciate her on a daily basis."

Jennifer Orton, *LPN, Dermatology Clinic*
Nominated by Karla Mumm Supervisor, Dermatology Clinic, "Jennifer came in on her day off to make sure she was prepared and had everything in order for our State MOHS LAB CLIA survey. We passed with NO citations thanks to all her hard work and preparation. Jennifer is the sole owner of the MOHS lab role and responsibilities. She takes extreme pride and ownership of the LAB. We appreciate being able to continue to perform MOHS procedures and not have interruptions to the schedule for our provider and our patients. On top of being a part of the Dermatology clinic team, she is always happy to step in and help out wherever she is needed."

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Public hearing held on solid waste solutions

By Karin L. Nauber
Todd County reporter

A public hearing was held Dec. 20 at the regular meeting of the Todd County Board of Commissioners for issues related to Solid Waste.

Mike Hanan who acts as the director, said that solid waste has two main sources of revenue:

- Tipping fees and MSW disposal fees, and
- Parcel fees.

The purpose of the hearing was to discuss the ways that solid waste might solve their ongoing budget issues.

Hanan presented some options in the short-term arena which included:

- Approve or not approve the Solid Waste Department request to increase the per pound rate for MSW disposal from $0.05 per pound to $0.07 per pound, and
- Approve or not approve the Solid Waste Department request to increase the per ton rate for MSW disposal from $90 per ton to $94 per ton.

A long-term solution presented was to approve or not approve a Volume Based Service Fee for commercially coded parcels which was presented previously durung the budget process.

He said that the volume based option will bring the commercial parcels more in line with what they actually generate than where they are now.

Commissioner David Kircher said that he was in favor of the long-term solutions because the short-term fixes only bring them back to the board every year.

Kircher asked about their upcoming building needs and if the long-term option presented would help them meet their goals.

Hanan said that they've been setting aside $50,000 each year for this and wondered if the $240,000 paid back to them from the county could be transferred in part or whole to that fund.

Transfer Station Supervisor Jeremy Clasemann said that it was hard when budgeting to give the commissioners more than an approximation of what income they'll have, because they never know what will come in.

Another change discussed was that starting in January 2017, the county will be paying a flat fee each month to the Perham incinerator facility because of the shortages in garbage.

Commissioner Randy Neumann said that was like going to the bank and borrowing $10,000 when they only make $6,000.

The county will be paying Perham $74,141 per month.

He said they think they will get 7,000 tons, but 8,600 tons of garbage are expected so they are 1,600 tons short.

Hanan said that not all of the garbage in Todd County goes to Perham.

Their designation plan should help with this and that all but two of the garbage haulers that service Todd County have signed the contract to take garbage to Perham.

"That will go a long way in shoring things up," said Hanan.

Chair Barb Becker asked about the diverted garbage as in times when the incinerator is down and not taking garbage.

"What happens with that? We are paying double on that," said Becker.

Hanan said they would always have diverted waste, but that the only time they would pay double is if the garbage is acceptable waste and it gets diverted at the facility.

See **SOLID WASTE** on page 3b

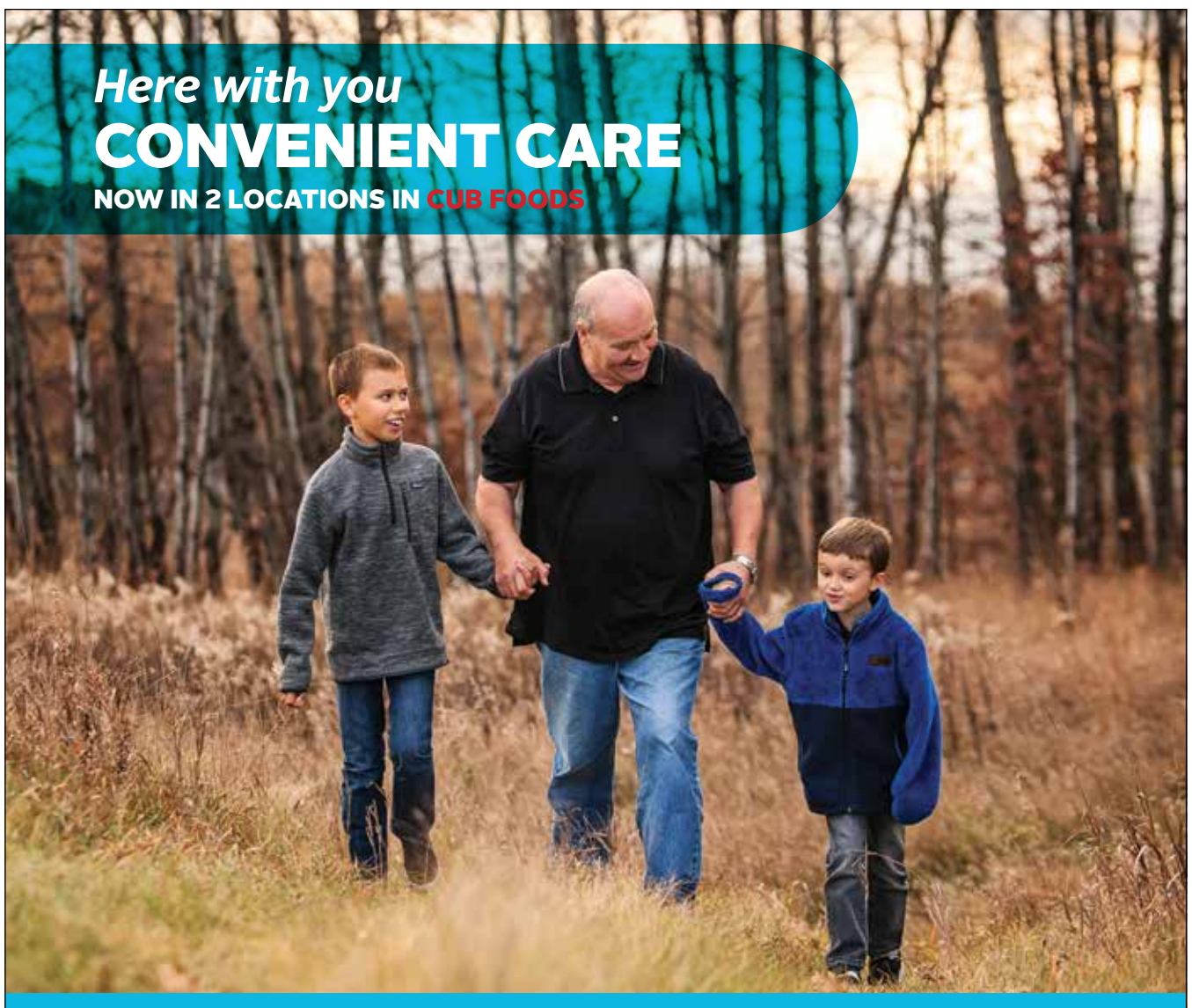


Students prepare meals for Hunger No More





Judging by the number of smiles, Staples-Motley High School students enjoyed bagging food for Hunger No More. On Jan 3, an optional Activity Day for students, about 80 students came together and bagged meals for 'Hunger No More'. The meals consisted of rice, soy, vegetables, vitamins and minerals.The food is scheduled to be shipped to Mexico, where missionaries and church leaders will take the meals to needy families. Students completed 75 boxes, each with 36 bags, equaling six meals per bag, total meals prepared:16,200 on the day. Since 2003, Hunger No More, based out of Park Rapids, has sent over three million meals to undernourished people. This event was sponsored by the school and the churches in the Staples and Motley area. Organizers included Greg Ciesluk, pastor of Motley and Staples United Methodist Churches; Pastor Barry Klein, Staples Church of Christ; Pastor Richard Broberg, Motley Free Methodist Church; and Pastor Mark Shea, Staples Alliance Church. The school and churches are still raising money for the food, if anyone would like to contribute. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



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Contact the nominating committee chair from their respective council, listed below. The registration deadline is Jan. 31, 2017.

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Cardinals win holiday hoops tournament

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team was the champion of the Little Falls tournament Dec. 29-30. They beat North Branch 70-54 in the opening round, then beat St. Cloud Apollo 64-40 in the title game.

The Cardinals had two of their most complete games in the tournament. After a slow start in the first game, the team got on a roll and never let up.

Against North Branch, the Cardinals only had 11 turnovers in the game. "Our experience played a key role in the outcome," said Coach Craig Wolhowe. "We controlled the boards and had a very good shooting night." The team was 12 for 20 from the three point line.

Amber Robben dished out 7 assists and Claire Wolhowe grabbed 12 rebounds. Coach Wolhowe gave Kiera Dumpprope credit for giving the team a lift off the bench with her defense, rebounding and steals.

In the championship game against Apollo, Staples-Motley played great defense early and jumped out to an 11-0 lead. "We maintained that intensity the whole game," said Wolhowe.

The Cardinals also scored well as a team, with five players scoring eight points or more."We were unselfish and that's what makes this team so fun to be around," said Coach Wolhowe. "They will make an extra pass to a teammate for a better look."

Kelsie Weite and Wolhowe eachhad 8 rebounds and three steals in the game, and Wolhowe added three assists.

Team results

Staples-Motley 70, North Branch 54

Scoring: Claire Wolhowe 25, Kelsie Weite 16, Sam Schimpp 11, Ashley Smith 8, Amber Robben 4, Chelsea Nanik 3, Allison Cushing 2, Alix Peterson 1

Staples-Motley 64, St. Cloud Apollo 40

Scoring: Robben 15, Wolhowe 11, Weite 10, Nanik 9, Smith 8, Lexi Johnson 6, Kiera Dumpprope 4, Kaitlyn Longworth 1



High level wrestling match

Eric Lisson had one of the biggest victories for the wrestling team with a 4-2 overtime win over one of West Central's ranked Wrestlers. (Submitted photo)

Wrestlers on wrong side of pins in loss

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley wrestling team won six of the 14 weights, but gave up five pins and a forfeit in a 42-26 loss to West Central Area on Dec. 30.

"You can't do that if you want to beat a good team," Coach Dave Anglin said about the pins. "We were ahead in a couple of the matches we ended up losing. They came back and they didn't give up the big points."

The Cardinals did beat some of the top WCA wrestlers, but only scored two pins of their own, by Alex Erpelding and Kyle Serich.

Anglin said although the score looked bad, the team wrestled well as a whole. "There are some things we can fix, there is a progression toward the end of the season," he said.

Team results

Staples-Motley 26, WCA 42

106 Kristian Thompson L fall
113 Brayden Christensen L 4-2
120 Spencer Miller W 8-4
126 ff
132 Blayne Dumprope W 9-0
138 Owen Bjerga W 11-3
145 Eric Lisson W 4-2, OT
152 Matt Miller L fall
160 Jonathan Lisson L fall
170 Isaac Swensrud L fall
182 Alex Erpelding W fall
195 Cameron Bendson L fall
220 Braden Tyrrell L 8-3
285 Kyle Serich W fall



That's one large bear!

Joe Fellman, right, along with his brother Rudy, show the 500 pound bear Joe shot on his first bear hunt. (Submitted photo)

First bear hunt yields 500 pounder

By Ray Gildow

Joe Fellman of Staples just about gave up on the idea of ever bear hunting. He'd applied for a permit many times but just couldn't get the lucky draw. A friend convinced him to try again. He did, and finally he got a permit this past summer.

Fellman had never hunted bear and didn't really how to do it. He knew he wanted to shoot a crossbow, but he didn't know how to set up a baiting station. So he learned the key bear hunting techniques by watching YouTube.

He developed his own barrel for baiting and every day for two weeks he restocked his baiting station with his own "secret" concoction of bear food. The plan worked.

Fellman had a trail camera and watched daily as the big bear came to feed at the bait station almost every early morning around 4:30 a.m. and left about 6 a.m. Fellman could tell by the trail camera shots that the bear looked very big, but having no experience with hunting bears he didn't really know how to determine its size.

The first day he hunted off his tree stand he saw no sign of the bear. He decided to change his approach on his second day. He did'nt bait the day before like he always did, instead, he changed his technique. He put fresh grease on the ground five yards from his stand and had a perfect shooting angle if the bear came into the grease.

He hunted the next morning. No sign of the bear. Fellman came back that afternoon around 3 p.m. and waited for the bear to come for his fresh grease. He waited and waited. Nothing. It was almost closing time. Fellman had a branch rubbing his back. He slowly lifted his arm to get to a more comfortable position and out of the corner of his eye he saw the bear, sitting, sniffing for him, just twelve yards away behind him, but not looking his way. He lifted his bow, slowly turned his body, held his breath and put his sight on the bear.

He squeezed the trigger and the big bear let out a loud roar. It turned and ran into the corn field. Fellman could hear it crashing through the corn but didn't know if he'd hit it or not.

The next part of the hunt was the scary part for Fellman. He was'nt going to walk into that corn field to see if the bear was there dead or just waiting for him. He called the landowner who came to assist him in looking for the bear. They slowly walked into the area where the bear had crushed down the corn. They looked on both sides of the trail. Nothing. They walked thirty-five yards into the corn field and there was the bear laying stone dead.

It was a beast. Five hundred and one pounds live weight and four hundred and forty pounds dressed. Fellman hunted for only two days and got the bear of a lifetime. He figures it will be his last bear hunt. He doesn't think he can top this one.

Boys split tournament games at Little Falls

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley boys basketball team finished in third place at the Little Falls tournament Dec. 29-30, falling to Little Falls 74-55 and then beating Upsala 77-46.

Against Little Falls, the Cardinals stayed close in the first half but were outscored by 12 points in the second half.

"This was a great shooting team, we knew to be competitive we were going to have to limit them from the arch and we did a fair job in the first half," said Coach Micheal Poncelet.

The Cardinals were still within striking distince midway through the second half before Little Falls pulled away. "We are having trouble closing things out right now," said Poncelet. "We are close and are competing with Pequot and Little Falls, but those teams were able to finish the job."

The Cardinals built a 13 point halftime lead against Upsala and increased it in the second half. "Our size gave them a lot of trouble and our defense clamped down in the second half," said Poncelet.

Poncelet said they will be working on closing out games in the second half of the season. The team's record is now 3-5.

Team results

Little Falls 74, Staples-Motley 55

Scoring: Gavin Smith 26, Trey Skeesick 11, Jack Fietek 7, Derek Kennedy 5, Mason Rychner 3, Isaiah Ross-Bahn 2, Max Giza 1,

Staples-Motley 77, Upsala 46

Scoring: Smith 17, Skeesick 14, Fietek 9, Kennedy 8, Rychner 7, Ross-Bahn 7, Brayden Losh 5, Hunter Carlson 4, Jordan Carlson 4, Giza 2

It needn't be perfect to be fun

You might have a difficult time convincing a true perfectionist that "Perfect is the enemy of good." The fact that I readily accept this wisdom suggests that I'm not much of a perfectionist, an accusation for which there is ample evidence. My willingness to embrace the imperfect must have an effect on those around me, if one of the events of our Christmas holiday weekend is any indication.

Just a month earlier, at Thanksgiving, my son and his new wife decided this would be the year they would do more than just dabble in cross country skiing. They found amazingly good "pre-owned" skis and poles, got a good deal on boots and were ready for the first good snowfall of the season. My wife, who gave up skiing and sold her gear several years ago after double knee replacement surgery, was similarly inspired and repurchased the very same equipment she had previously owned. They, my daughter – a former high school cross country skier – and I were determined that we were going to hit the trails when we were all together for the Christmas holiday. By the week before Christmas, we had acquired enough snow that the local trails might be reasonably good.

Apparently no one bothered to tell the weatherman about our plans. As we were making holiday preparations in the days before the family's arrival, the forecast was beginning to look grim. Before the Christmas weekend was over we might even experience that meteorological rarity known as a winter thunderstorm. By afternoon of Christmas Day, the temperature was hovering around the freezing mark and the formerly soft snow had slumped in that wet, heavy way that is least appealing to a skier.

It would've taken very little persuasion for a voting majority of our five-person troupe to accept Plan B and curl up with a book we'd received for Christmas and a glass of hot mulled wine or a cup of eggnog. But my son wouldn't hear of such wimpiness, and shamed the rest of us into gathering up our ski gear and snow clothes and piling into his car for the short drive to a favorite local trail.

The empty parking lot spoke volumes. Had this been a day with good trail conditions, the lot would have been full. Perhaps everyone else had chosen Plan B. Word of trail conditions travels fast; in all probability the softening snow had been packed into an icy layer that would have more in common with a skating rink than a ski trail.

Nevertheless, we clambered up the path from the parking area to the trail head, and prepared to clamp on our skis. That's when we began to feel the mist on our cheeks, the first telltale signs of the freezing rain that was forecast, but which we had hoped would fall as snow instead.

There's a point where an adventure passes the point of no return, when going back ceases to be an option. We had apparently passed that point, so despite the fine rain drops beginning to fall more steadily, we gingerly made our way out onto the trail. What would normally have been a well-defined set of parallel tracks pressed into the snow by a grooming machine, was instead a nearly featureless surface that closely resembled the icy parking lot.

My daughter, though not a competition-minded skier a decade and more ago in high school, nevertheless had learned the skating stride that's so different from the parallel skiing stride known as "classic." She, at least, could make good headway, while the rest of us tried to find the least icy portions of the trail for the less forgiving skiing stride to which we were accustomed.

Gradually the rain intensified, and the rest of the troupe looked to me with a "Keep going, or turn back?" expression on their faces. Without being asked in so many words, I offered that "It's just about as far to finish the loop as it is to backtrack now."

The outer clothing we wore was intended to block wind, not to shed rain. As we neared the end of our loop and approached the parking area, it was evident that we were feeling moisture infiltrating from the outside, rather than "dewiness" from exertion generated on the inside. A stiffening wind was building, now driving the rain drops and sleet pellets at a more horizontal angle.

No one expressed regret to be stepping out of their skis and making the short walk to the car, or to close its doors on the unpleasant elements. Back home we stowed our skis and poles in the garage, then went indoors to shed wet wind pants, parka shells, woolen gloves and stocking caps, all of which crowded the basement clothesline that's normally used for "hang to dry only" garments. Then upstairs for well-earned hot cider and cocoa, and even a few self-congratulatory sentiments for having toughed it out.

I offered the observation that "It will be a long time before you ski in such poor conditions again." To which my son appropriately countered: "It didn't have to be perfect to be fun."

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Inside the Outdoors



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1. Spectrum Marketing	17-7
2. Mason Bros.	15-9
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High Team Series-
Lefty's 1680

High Team Game-
Lefty's 606

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Betty Klingaman	500	174-171
Marge Harrison		178-174
Deb Shake		176
Lana Hansen	447	172-152
Deb Pundt		166
Judy Tiede		160

Thursday Twilight League Bowling
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December 29, 2016

1. Spectrum Marketing	20-8
2. Ted and Gen's	17-11
3. Mason Bros.	16-12
4. Lefty's	13.5-14.5
5. Staples Vet Clinic	12.5-15.5
6. Ghost Team	5-23

High Team Series-
Lefty's 1661

High Team Game-
Lefty's 586

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SOLID WASTE continued from page 10a

Budget and fees were approved at Dec. 29 meeting - see story on page 3a

Commissioner Gary Kneisl said that all of the counties who use the facility under contract are in the same position. He added that the amount they pay monthly can be adjusted as they go.

Hanan said that the monthly flat fee will help so there's not the ebb and flows they usually see. He said that slow energy sales are part of the problem, too, as natural gas prices are the lowest most of them have seen in a long time.

The facility is scheduled for 14 days of down time with an additional 12 days annually for unscheduled problems.

Hanan said that Perham has been down a lot more days than that this year.

Neumann said he had checked with Pope/Douglas County about their incinerator and they're at 95-98 percent of operating time.

Hanan said part of that was because that facility has three burners and Perham only has two.

He said that the issues are related to the boiler and that the new one is the big issue. Since the expansion the biggest problems have been occurring. A firm is going to be called in to examine the boiler to see what can be done.

Because the board has not approved the Solid Waste budget yet, Hanan plans to bring that in again on Dec. 29.

"You can't operate in 2017 without an approved budget," said Auditor/Treasurer Denise Gaida.

Gaida also said that in 2017 they should take the suggestion (given by Kircher at a previous meeting) to meet bi-annually so they can work on issues a couple of times a year.

Hanan said that the volume based service fee would start in 2017 as a learning year for businesses and then the fees would begin in 2018 and following.

Kircher said that once a plan was in place they could be proactive.

In other business:

- Approved the public defender contract with Peters and Churchwell. The 2017 contract is the same as the 2016 contract with no changes in cost or services. The base fee is $17,700 annually.

Todd County is responsible for providing public defender services in certain types of cases.

The county staff, including the prosecutor and health and human services staff that work with the public defender have recommended that the county continue to contract with Peters and Churchwell.

- Approved a resolution requesting approval from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the sale of tax forfeited lands. There were a number of properties on the list.
- Approved the 2017 budget. Also approved the certified levy at $16,352,220 less County Program Aids of $1,350,255 for a total local levy of $15,001,965. This is the same as the preliminary levy approved earlier this fall.
- Approved the final payment for the County Road 57 paving contract for $26,352.79 to Central Specialities, Inc. Partial payments of $420,884.06 have been been made to the contractor as work progressed for a total cost of $447,236.85.
- Approved the final payment for the 2016 gravel and dust control contract with Central Specialties, Inc. for $10,979.53. The total of all payments including this one totaled $219,590.78.
- Approved rejecting all of the bids received for the County Ditch 18 repair project. According to Ditch Inspector Nancy Uhlenkamp, an addendum was added to the bid requesting references and two of the contractors did'nt see that request. She said they will likely rebid it.
- Approved the Community Corrections Act Subsidy Agreement for 2017 in the amount of $352,873.
- Approved the final plat of "Swartzentruber Acres" subdivision as presented. The Swartzentruber Acres Plat consists of one residential lot of 32.58 acres more or less, located in the AF-1 Zoning District.
- Approved a rezoning request by Gregory M. Johnson to rezone the NE4 of the SE4 of Section 13 from AF-1 to AF-2 to allow an increase in dwelling density.
- After lengthy discussion, the board approved an application to establish a preliminary plat called Little Swan Villa consisting of 16 lots and 2 out-lots (25.14 acres) in shoreland zoned land and AF-1. The request is a cluster development with greater than 40 percent open space. There were four conditions set which are:

1. Proposed site is in proximity of actively farmed land - both crops and animals. Include the sights, sounds, smells of agriculture statement in plat conditions.
2. A Shoreland Alteration Permit be obtained for the proposed accesses.
3. The number of mooring sites on common access in Outlot A is limited to six sites.
4. A two row tree planting be established on south property line.

- Heard an annual update from STEP (former DAC) Executive Director Cory Lawrence. They currently serve 71 people and have added new work areas for the clients this year.

STEP provides day training and habilitation and supportive employment services for clients with mental health and developmental disabilities. STEP receives referrals from Todd County and other counties to provide these services.

After hearing the update, the board approved the STEP Purchase of Service and Host County Contract effective Jan. 1, 2017 - Dec. 31, 2017, at an annual cost of $120,000. There's no change in budgeted amount for 2017.

- The board also heard the annual update from Camphill Village which currently has 20 residents at their various houses on their property.

The village near Sauk Centre provides community residence facilities and services for adults 18 years or older, with mental health and developmental disabilities.

Director Bill Briggs provided the update which included some of the challenges he expects they will see over the next two years.

The county contract is $816 per month.

Commissioner David Kircher asked how they were doing financially.

Briggs said they were doing fine.

"Money's not the issue, it's how they (state and federal government) want it spent," said Briggs.

Of the 20 residents, only seven are covered by the county contract. Last year there were 15 covered by it.

The average stay at the village is 17 years.

They have volunteers from five countries and other from 10 counties in Minnesota and one from out of state.

"It's a true international community," said Briggs, who added that they have a great partnership with Todd County.

- Approved the Northern Pines purchases of service contract renewal for 2017.
- Approved the Some-Place Safe Parenting Center purchase of service agreement renewal for 2017. Todd County Health and Human Services has occasional need for supervised visitation services. No payments are made unless services are utilized. There was no cost in 2016.
- Approved the resignation/retirement of Home Health Aid Sheila Roth after 15 years of service with the county. It was effective Dec. 5. Along with that action the board approved the recruiting and hiring of a part-time, intermittent home health aid/homemaker to fill the position.
- The HHS Department maintains change funds and petty cash funds for incidental expenses and to make change for clients. Due to changes over time in the day-to-day operations, the department no longer has a need for all of the change funds it maintains and does not need a petty cash fund.

The board approved the elimination of one-$30 petty cash fund and two-$20 change funds. A total of $70 will be deposited into Fund 21 - Public Health. The board approved change funds include one-$100 change fund, one-$50 change fund and one-$20 change fund; for a total of $170.

- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement betweenMorrison-Todd-Wadena Community Health Board and Todd County. This will designate HHS Director Jackie Och as the CHB administrator for 2017.

Morrison, Todd and Wadena counties participate in a joint powers agreement as a multi-county Community Health Board.

Along with this designation, Morrison and Wadena counties will each reimburse $1,000 for the rotating administrator position. The $2,000 compensation goes to Och for her added responsibilities.

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NEW YEAR HOPES continued from page 1a

More hopes and dreams for 2017

Motley-area employees, residents share thoughts

The Staples World recently caught up with a few area residents and asked them each three questions pertaining to the new year. Their responses are included below.

Mike Johnson, 24, Motley; employee at Motley Hardware Hank.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Warmer weather.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I can't think of anything.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I hope the new president is better than the last one. I hope he's successful.

Frank Vasecka, 69, Motley; employee at Motley Hardware Hank.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

I hope to have a better year than last...I lost my wife, Patricia (Pat) in 2016.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

Pat always wanted to go to Alaska. I'd like to go in her honor and bring her ashes.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I hope we can start honoring our veterans and those in military service instead of athletes and movie stars.

Barb Markus, 56, Motley; owner of Markus Hair Design.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

I need to get back to focusing on health and fitness. I'm looking forward to doing that.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I'd like to rent a beach house or travel to Italy. Realistically, I'd like to do more decluttering and organizing this year.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I'd like to see respect brought back to our country...respect for ourselves and one another. Let's focus more on helping our neighbors and friends, than "me." I'd also like to hear more good news from the media, instead of focusing on all of the negative stuff.

Marge Nacey, 86, Motley.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

I hope to continue to be healthy.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I've checked off a few over the years...I've been to California and Las Vegas; and in 1992, I traveled to Norway and Sweden. I guess I'd like to fly in a hot air balloon sometime...I've never done that.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

That we would stay peaceful...I hope our new leaders will be careful.

Miranda Paananen, 17, Pillager; waitress at Spot Cafe, Motley.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Graduating from Pillager High School this spring; and going to college in the fall. I've already been accepted at a few. I plan on becoming a music teacher.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I'd like to have the lead in a school musical...and it would be a dream to someday perform on Broadway.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I'd like to see peace in our country. I think that can only happen if everyone works together...we need to love each other equally.

Angie Meyers, 30, Staples; employee at BRICKS Travel Center.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

I'm excited about the changes that are coming for our country.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

Buy a house.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

My wish already came true...Trump is president. He's going to make America great again.

Ariel Clews, 29, Staples; employee at BRICKS Travel Center.

What Are You Most Looking Forward To In 2017?

Same as Angie, changes that are coming to our country.

What 'Bucket List' Item Would You Like To Cross Off?

I'd like to get married. My boyfriend and I have been together 10 years.

If You Could Have One Wish For Our Country In 2017, What Would It Be?

I'm all for helping other countries; but I think we need to start focusing on our own country first.



Mike Johnson (left) and Frank Vasecka



Angie Meyers (left) and Ariel Clews, cousins from Staples



Barb Markus



Marge Nacey



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Motley Police, Morrison County Sheriff's reports

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

Dec. 28 - The MPD assisted the Staples Police Dept. with a traffic stop and vehicle search at Hwy 10 and Sunset Loop in Motley.

Dec. 28 - The MPD received a call from the manager of an apartment in Motley that a tenant found an open window in their unit on Christmas Eve; and on Christmas Day, discovered that the security door near the laundry room was propped open. The apartment is located on Pine Ave. So.

Dec. 23 - The MPD issued a speeding citation to Jeni Nigg, 38; and a citation to Dennis Taus, 74, who was traveling south in the northbound lane of Hwy 10.

Dec. 28 - The MCSO met a Staples police officer in Motley and transported Linnea Kasper back to the Morrison County Jail on an active warrant.

Dec. 27 - The MCSO received a call regarding a female that showed up at a residence at 33000 block of Hwy 10 in Motley. Responding deputy reported that the woman smelled strongly of alcohol and he gave her a ride to her house.

Dec. 26 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle in the ditch near 10th Ave. and Hwy 10 in Cushing. The driver, Cecilia Orlikowski, stated the vehicle started to spin, causing her to go into the ditch. No apparent injuries or damage.

Dec. 25 - The MCSO received a report of a power line that had fallen on a tree near Dove Rd. and Dollars Dr. in Pillager, causing it to start on fire. Pillager Fire Dept. was paged and Crow Wing Power Co. notified.

Dec. 25 - The MCSO responded to a report of a vehicle that had gone into the ditch near Azure Rd. and Hwy 10 in Cushing, due to icy roads.

Dec. 23 - The MCSO responded to a call regarding a trailer that had been parked near the 26000 block of Hwy 10, ten miles north of Cushing, for over a month. The deputy noticed that it was an older sled bed trailer and that the registration/serial numbers had been scratched off.

Ask A Trooper

By Sgt. Jesse Grabow
Minnesota State Patrol

Question: What are the legal ramifications if someone is arrested for DWI with a child in a vehicle?

Answer: If the child is less than 16 years of age and is greater than 36 months younger than the driver, the DWI the violation would be enhanced to include Child Endangerment.

- First offense DWI under a 0.16: 90 days in jail and/or $1,000 fine.
- First offense DWI under a 0.16 with a child: one year in jail and/or $3,000 fine.
- First offense DWI over a 0.16: one year in jail and/or $3,000 fine.
- First offense DWI over a 0.16 with a child: one year in jail and/or $3,000 fine and vehicle forfeiture.
- Subsequent DWI/DUI and impaired driving offenses will result in longer potential jail time, higher fines, longer driver's license suspensions and harsher penalties.

For a complete list of the criminal and administrative penalties you may face for subsequent DWIs, please visit the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) website: https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/laws/Pages/impaired-driving.aspx

Minnesota's enhanced DWI enforcement and education efforts have contributed to the continued reduction of alcohol-related deaths. Still, impaired driving remains a serious threat.

In the past five years (2011 - 2015), there were 462 drunk driving-related deaths in Minnesota - 95 people were killed in drunk driving-related crashes in 2015 alone. In addition, each year approximately 27,000 people are arrested in Minnesota for DWI with one in seven Minnesota drivers having a DWI on their record.

Help Prevent Impaired Driving:

- Plan for a safe ride - designate a sober driver, use a cab/public transportation or stay at the location of the celebration.
- Offer to be a designated driver, or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.
- Buckle up - the best defense against a drunk driver.
- Report drunk driving - call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

It is important to note that DWI laws apply to all vehicles including: cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles, snowmobiles, ATVs, riding lawn mowers and golf carts.

You can avoid a ticket - and a crash - if you simply buckle up, drive at safe speeds, pay attention and of course, drive sober. Help us drive Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths.



Family hockey outing in Motley



The Ihme family of Motley didn't let a little cold weather keep them off the ice skating rink in Motley Dec. 29. "We wish it were about 10 degrees cooler," said Brandon Ihme, pictured top left, playing hockey with his daughter Jorie, 15 (center); and son, Dominic, 12. The ice rink is located on the east side of Hwy 10 near Veterans Park and the Motley School building. Pictured in lower photo, from left, are Dominic, Jorie and Brandon Ihme. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Science program on fire



Chuck Deeter from Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji gave a presentation on fire at the Motley-Staples Middle School Dec. 15. The program was sponsored by the Friends of the Staples Public Library. Pictured above, sixth-grader Dakota Henniger watched as Deeter sets fire to a dollar bill the student loaned him. Because the dollar bill had been soaked in liquid that was 70 percent alcohol and 30 percent water, it was not burned. In lower photo, Deeter demonstrates how a critical mixture of flour dust particles can explode when ignited as student Eillie DiGiovanni looks on. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)