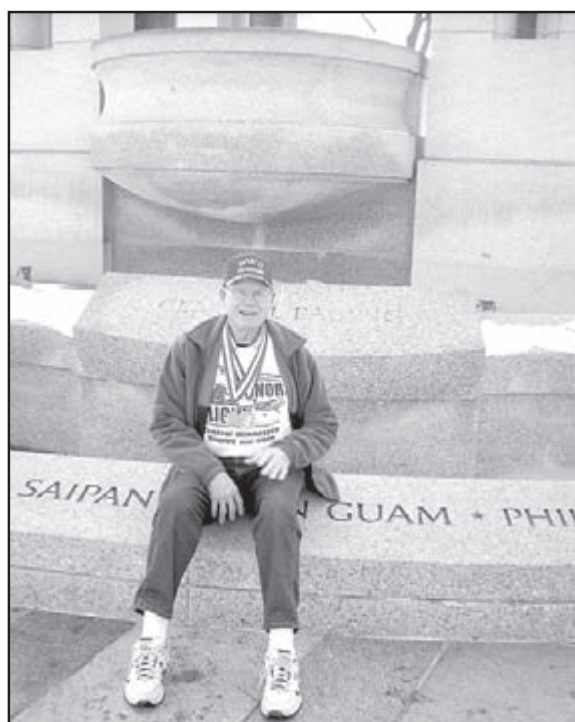




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Delayed trip to D.C.

Staples area residents Harry and Lavoane Meyer returned recently from a trip to Washington, D.C., where they spent four days touring national monuments and museums. Harry is a World War II vet and both were slated to travel to Washington in April 2008 with the Veterans Honor Flight from the Staples area. Harry and Lavoane are pictured above with the Lincoln Memorial in the background. Below, Harry paused at the part of the World War II Memorial with names of places he served.



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Awning, facade incentive program discussed

tions raised by members, noted the EDA's decision was to recommend to the city council whether or not to sell the added 50 feet to the west of the lot already purchased by Staples Food Mart.

"If at the council table, they may want to attach some strings to the agreement, that would be up to them," Nelsen said. Three members of the city council serve on the EDA board, with four people from the community.

Nelsen and Nate Mathews city administrator, noted they had just seen their first views of interior plans for the Ernie's building.

It included a convenience store on the northeast corner of the building; a liquor store, a smoke shop and space for a possible bank office, Nelsen told the EDA. Construction, which will possibly be by Hammers Construction of Perham, is expected early this summer.

While the EDA normally makes final decisions on EDA matters, all land sales by the city must be approved by council action through ordinances.

The EDA members, in relation to the Small Cities

Development Program (SCDP) discussed the city establishing an 'Awning and Facade' incentive program.

In 2010, old Highway 10 (Second Ave.) as well as two blocks of Fourth Street from the depot to Sacred Heart Church, will be torn up, meaning the demise of awnings on Fourth Street that date back to the early 1970's. Continuing the common awning is one possibility, with some type of loan program offered through the city and SCDP that would entice building owners to go along with a common awning. Nelsen was directed to meet with the Small Cities staff people to discuss this.

In other matters, the EDA members:

- HEARD updates on political progress of the city's overpass project and broadband initiative. There was progress reported in the state Legislature on the \$300,000 included in the bonding bill for the Staples overpass project. State Sen. Dan Skogen was complimented for his work on behalf of the city.

Meanwhile, officials are following broadband issues in relation to the federal stimulus package, hoping

to get word on funding for the local project involving a collaborative of four local agencies working with two area telephone co-ops to enlarge the local broadband service area.

- HEARD other reports from Nelsen, including employment data through 2008 that showed fairly stable employment levels in Staples. However, he added, we all know what's been happening in the last few months, when presenting that data.

- APPROVED a resolution declaring the city's intent to have the EDA issue EDA revenue bonds and then allow the EDA to reimburse the city from the sale of those bonds. This is a funding mechanism that might be used to build the city hall/library building.

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Alliance Church
1512 8th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2891
Pastor Mike Picconatto, Paul Johnson
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)..... 11:00 a.m.
Student Ministries (Jr./Sr. High)..... 6:45 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
Awana Children's Ministry (K-6)..... 6:15 p.m.

Assembly of God Church
9th St. NE, Staples 218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles
Discipleship Class..... 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service..... 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY: Sonlight..... 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.
SATURDAY:
Saturday Night Alive..... 7 p.m.

Congregational Church, UCC
204 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2571
Rev. Muriel Hachfeld, 218-847-7650
SUNDAY:
Worship, Sunday School..... 8:45 a.m.
Fellowship, Refreshments..... 9:15 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
430 12th Street, NE., Staples 218-894-1546
Pastor Stephen Svom
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Second Service..... 11:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples Church: 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gregory Mastey
Asst. Pastor: Fr. Scott Wittkop
SATURDAY:
Mass..... 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Mass..... 8:30 a.m.
THURS. and FRI. Mass..... 8:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Dakota Ave. and 5th St., Staples
Jim VanArsdale, Pastor
SATURDAY:
Morning Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School..... 10:45 a.m.

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

Trinity Lutheran Church
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 Church
310 5th St. NE, Staples 218-894-2008 or 218-894-2248
Rev. Wesley J. Johnson
Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Nursery Available for Sunday School and Worship

Church of Scientology
24418 464th St., Staples 218-894-1434
Rev. Tes Ingebritson

Aldrich
Congregational Church, UCC
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Moderator 218-445-5831
Oak Hills Bible College Ministry
SUNDAY:
Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Communion..... 1st Sunday of Month
Moderator-445-5831

Balsamlund Lutheran Church
19550 490th Street, Aldrich
Pastor Del Moen, 218-639-0305
Sunday School..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.

Cushing
Bethany Lutheran Church
Cushing, MN 320-749-2140
Pastor Heather and Chris Culuris
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 a.m.

Lincoln Evangelical Free Church
1354 320th St., Cushing, 218-575-2449
Located 8 miles south of Motley on Cty. Rd. 3,
Pastor's Jim Brown and Eric Anderson
SUNDAY:
Sunday School Classes..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Spanish Bible Class..... 10:45 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Awana Clubs..... 6:30 p.m.
Youth @ Camp Shamineau..... 7:00 p.m.

Cushing Baptist Church
26298 Bear Road, Cushing
Pastor 320-749-2583
Sunday Worship..... 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Bible study..... 7:00 p.m.
www.cushingcommunity.org

Leader
Swan Valley Lutheran
Mel Nefstead, Authorized Pastor
Leader 218-397-2470
Sunday Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:00 a.m.
Maple Hill Lutheran Church
(Rural Pine River)
Worship & Sunday School..... 11:00 a.m.

Motley
Motley Free Methodist Church
33 Wellwood St. NE, Motley
Pastor Jim Johnson
Phone: 218-352-6141
Sunday First Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Second Worship..... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Service & Prayer..... 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Evening Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church
Motley 218-352-6399
Rev. Edward J. Koehler
Sunday School and Bible Class..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.

St. Michael's Church
1st St. and Birch, Motley 218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Gregory Mastey
Asst. Pastor: Fr. Scott Wittkop
MASS:
Saturday..... 7:00 p.m.
Confessions - Sat..... 6:30-6:45 p.m.
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m.
Tues..... 6:30 p.m.
Wed..... 8:30 a.m.

United Methodist Church
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley 218-352-6466
Rev. Greg Ciesluk
MONDAY:
AA meeting..... 8:00 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

Nimrod
Apostolic Faith Pentecostal
Nimrod 218-445-5297
Raymond Schwartz, Pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Central United Methodist
5 miles N. on Nimrod Tr (Cty. Rd. 26)
218-445-5893
Pastor Clifford Mays
Sunday Worship..... 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.

Oylen
Oylen Alliance Church
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 Evangelical Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
Pastor Heather and Chris Culuris
SUNDAY
Worship..... 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY..... 7:00 p.m.

Pillager Assembly of God
P.O. Box 35, Pillager
218-746-3469

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 (all ages)..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Children's Church and Nursery..... 11 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 7:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY..... 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study and Prayer; Youth Alive; Royal Rangers; Missionettes and Nursery

Verndale
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..... 10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Family Night..... 7:30 p.m.

Verndale Assembly of God
Rt. 2 Box 17, Verndale, MN
Pastor Jill Holm
Sunday School for all ages..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship..... 10:50 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Call to Prayer..... 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Call to Prayer..... 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study..... 8:00 p.m.

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

Central United Methodist
Rural Verndale
Pastor Chuck Horsager
866-819-1234
SUNDAY
Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:30 a.m.

Wadena
Episcopal Church, St. Helen's
22 Dayton Ave., SW, Wadena
For info. call M.H. King..... 218-894-1195
Sunday Worship..... 9:45 a.m.

"What is the Hardest Lesson You Have Learned?"

By Pastor Wes Johnson, Staples United Methodist Church


What is the hardest lesson you have learned in life? I'm not sure of the best answer to that, but I know the lesson I wish I didn't have to learn. Life is filled with doing things you don't want to do. I remember being a child/youth and ignoring things I didn't want to do. I quickly learned, the hard way, that I was the one who was hurt for not doing them. Life is constantly filled with doing unpleasant things. But I've learned that it is often from those tasks that I receive the most.

When I was in upper elementary I delivered papers. The daily delivery was fun, but I hated collecting money. I was extremely shy and knocking on doors, asking for money, even though it was expected, was the most difficult task in my young life. Many times I got so far behind in collecting that I tore the collection receipts out of my book and absorbed the financial loss from my own earnings. I didn't make a lot of money, but it forced me to see how ignoring required tasks hurt me more than anyone.

Jesus' difficult task was thousands of times more serious than collecting money. He knew He would be betrayed, falsely accused and ultimately crucified. He knew this was for the world's benefit and provided a means of salvation to anyone willing to accept His gift. But it still was a task He didn't want to go through. He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane for another option. But after asking He prayed, "Not My will, but Your's be done." Now that this is mentioned, maybe this is the hardest lesson to learn and apply. I need to live my life not fulfilling my desires but God's desires. Whether God's will is something I rejoice in or wish to ignore, I will always be blessed by following God's will. As you go through another Holy Week (the last week of Jesus' life on earth before Easter) tell God and show God that you will do God's will no matter how much you wish to ignore it.



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