

## Obituaries

### Clarinda Gumke

Clarinda Gumke, 62, of Verndale, died June 25, 2009 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Funeral services were held June 30, at the United Methodist Church in Verndale. Burial was in the Green Lawn Cemetery in Verndale.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Clarinda was born July 18, 1946, in Steele, N. D., to George and Maggie (Kapp) Miller. She attended school in Deer Creek and high school in Wadena. She worked for Homecrest, as a welder, for almost 20 years, retiring in 1993. In August of 2000, she married Harry Gumke. Clarinda enjoyed gardening, canning, rummage sales and flea markets. She was a sales representative for Park Lane

Jewelry and was a member of the Verndale United Methodist Church.

Clarinda is survived by her husband; one son, Russ (Debby) Andrews Jr. of Sartell; two daughters, Landa (Terry) Ackerman of Pigot, Ark.; Ronda (Steve) Symons of Knoxville, Tenn.; stepchildren, Joe (Charlene) Gumke of Gonzales, Calif.; Angela Gumke of Breckenridge; Michelle (Greg) Winter of Hollister, Calif.; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one brother, LeRoy Miller; two sisters, Violet Zimmer; Edna Peterson; many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, Herb Heubner; one sister, Adeline; and one brother Erwin.

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### Theresa Kaste

Theresa Kaste, 50, of Staples, died June 23, 2009 at the Lakewood Health System Hospital in Staples.

Funeral services were held June 27, at the Faith Lutheran Church in Staples. Burial was in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Theresa was born on Dec. 8, 1958, in Sauk Center, to Wendell and Eva (Sharp) Terry. She grew up and graduated from Wadena High School in 1975. She met Stan Kaste and they married on Jan. 18, 1980. While her children were small, Theresa ran a day care out of her home. She worked for the Staples Dairy Queen, for 10 years, and Lakewood Health System, first as a CNA and then as an LPN, earning her degree from Central Lakes College in 2007. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and enjoyed gardening and baking.

Theresa is survived by her husband of 29 years; one son, Craig (Steph) of Bloomington; two daughters, Heather (Dale) Davis of Onalaska, Wisc.; Tiffany Kaste of Staples; one granddaughter, her mother, one sister, Ellen Niska of St. Cloud; nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and one sister, Mary.

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### LaVon Davidge

LaVon Davidge, 99, formerly of Staples, died Feb. 27, 2009 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

A memorial dinner was held on April 11, in Scottsdale; Burial was in Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples at a later date.

Arrangements were with Angel Mortuary in Mesa, Ariz.

LaVon was born Dec. 9, 1909 in Denver, Colo. and grew up in Minneapolis. LaVon and husband, Harold resided in Staples for many years while raising their family. She was a member of the Congregational Church and a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star.

LaVon is survived by two daughters, Jerie Weason of Palm Desert, Calif.; Joann Coler of Scottsdale; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

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### Student Achievements

**KIMBERLY ALBERTSON**, 2005 Staples Motley High School grad, recently graduated from the RN Nursing program at CLC in Staples. Kim was also named to the dean's list for spring semester, 2009.



### Rebecca Albrecht

Rebecca L. Albrecht, 53, of Motley died June 21, 2009 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Funeral services were held June 25 at the Motley Free Methodist Church with Pastor Jim Johnson officiating. Burial was in the Motley Public Cemetery.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Funeral Home in Staples.

Becky is survived by her husband, Jim; two daughters, Melissa and Mara; one granddaughter, her mother, Donna Oihus; three sisters, Jodi; Jeanne; and Mary-Kay; nieces, nephews and friends.



She was preceded in death by her father, Warren Hodge, and her in-laws, Darrel and Rosemary Albrecht.

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## Crossword Puzzle

Provided by American Profile

**Ant Farm**

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- ACROSS**
1. Mustachioed surrealist
  5. TAs' bosses
  10. Do some telemarketing
  14. Classic lab assistant
  15. Moon valley
  16. Twistable treat
  17. Pre-Civil War
  19. Word before bust or belly
  20. Tennis official's call
  21. On the briny
  22. Christian Soldiers
  24. Fainted dead away
  26. Natural soother
  27. Slip preventer
  28. Features of some motel rooms
  32. Rimes of Country
  35. Sonny Corleone portrayer James
  36. Off the sauce
  37. Flak producer
  41. "O Sole"
  42. Scout's doing
  43. Loyal subject
  44. "The Man Who Knew Too Much" actress
  47. Riolotex no.
  48. Sawbones
  49. One of the Redgraves
  53. Any of the Iviess
  56. "Stupid me!"
  57. Flat hat
  58. In the (informed)
  59. 1958 Rosalind Russell comedy
  62. Oodles
  63. Daytona entry
  64. Bell-ringing company
  65. \_\_\_ down (frisks)
  66. Fancy jugs
- DOWN**
1. Uses a rotary phone
  2. Vice president who resigned
  3. Scratch-off ticket game
  4. Angry feeling
  5. Car radio button
  6. All worked up
  7. Stewpot, or its contents
  8. Writer bug
  9. Wheat for pasta
  10. Halloween decoration
  11. Field of study
  12. Lecher's look
  13. Man of the manor
  18. One of a bunch
  23. Alternative to smoking?
  25. Prefix with potent
  26. Oscar or Tony
  28. "Be silent," in music
  29. Add a fringe to
  30. Knock out, in a way
  31. 1/1 song word
  32. Poor, as excuses
  33. Geraint's woman
  34. "This must weigh"
  35. Salad green
  38. "My goodness!"
  39. Defat, whaler-style
  40. Shuttle-protecting piece
  46. "You stink!"
  47. Fleshy-snouted beasts
  49. Lever puller, perhaps
  50. Barrel part
  51. Margaret Mead study site
  52. Modify, as a law
  53. Three Stooges assault
  54. Fast-food drink
  55. Show denision
  56. Fable opener
  60. Detroit org.
  61. Put a scuff on

### Last Week's Answers

**Fixing a Hole**

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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 Prayer ..... 6:00 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
27343 490th St., Staples 218-894-2609  
Pastor Barry Klein  
Website: www.stapleschurchofchrist.org  
Bible School (youth and adult) ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study ..... 6:30 p.m.  
SATURDAY:  
Saturday Night Alive ..... 7 p.m.

**Congregational Church, UCC**  
204 5th St. NE, Staples ..... 218-894-2571  
Rev. Muriel Hochfeld, 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 Sveom  
Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Second Service ..... 10:30 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  
Pastor 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

**Balsamund 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 ..... 9:00 a.m.

**Lincoln Evangelical Free Church**  
19550 490th St., Cushing,  
218-575-2449  
Located 8 miles south of Motley on Cty. Rd. 3,  
Pastor's Jim Brown and Eric Anderson  
SUNDAY:  
Coffee and Fellowship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Spanish Bible Class ..... 10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Youth Group ..... 6:30-8:30 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**  
313 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 Tar (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.

**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

**First Baptist Church**  
903 River Street South,  
218-746-3768  
Pastor Bob Osell  
Sunday School (all ages) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY:  
Bible Study and Prayer Time ..... 6:45 p.m.

**Verndale**

**Hope Chapel Alliance**  
18126 County Road 7, Verndale.  
218-445-5643 or 218-472-3316  
Pastor Neal Malcore  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 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.

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**Nelson Insurance Agency of Staples**  
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Staples, MN 218-894-1724

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

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

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

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Fully Insured to \$100,000  
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**Mr. Ed's Family Restaurant**  
Hwy. 10, Motley, MN  
218-352-6585

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

**Ernie's Food Market**  
In the Heart of Staples  
218-894-1072

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

### "Saved By Grace"

**Pastor Robin Collins, Trinity Lutheran Church**

*"For we hold that one in justified by faith apart from works of the law." Romans 3:28 ESV*

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, (vs 9) not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 ESV*

June 25 marks the 479th anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession which is the principal doctrinal statement of Martin Luther and the Lutheran reformers. Signed by many leaders of many German cities, as well as leading churchmen. It was presented to emperor Charles V at Augsburg in 1530. Central to the Augsburg Confession is the clear assertion made by St. Paul in the texts above, as well as many other places in Scripture, that sinners are justified by God, through faith alone, in Christ Jesus alone, as a free gift.

What great "Good News" this is. For even though we sin often and sin much, we are forgiven freely, because of Christ, because of God's grace. Man is declared justified before God because of Christ; our sin is forgiven because of Christ and because of the faith which trusts God's promises, in Christ...and this faith is God's gift to us, given through His Word and Sacraments.

As one hymn writer put it:  
"Salvation unto us has come, by God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom, they help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, who did for all the world atone;  
He is our One Redeemer." (public domain)

Saved by grace; this is God's sure promise; this is our sure hope. Thanks be to God.