

High school students flourish through technology, safeguards

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

Now that every Staples-Motley High School student uses a Chromebook computer, the school classrooms function differently than ever before.

"To see 23 eighth graders synthesize their classroom together, it's just amazing," said Mike Schmidt, high school principal. He described how a class was working on building a story together, with each student typing on their individual chromebook while all their input was assembled on a big screen in front of the room.

"Raising a hand to answer a question is gone, they answer on their own in real time," said Schmidt.

High school social worker Penny Olsen said the Chromebooks have become so necessary that parents have been drop-

Digital Daze

Abuses of social media
Tuesday, Sept. 26
Central Lakes College
Staples campus
Social and resources: 6 p.m.
Speaker and panel: 6:30 p.m.

ping them off at school when their student forgets it at home. Both Schmidt and Olsen will participate in the Digital Daze community forum on Sept. 26 at Central Lakes College in Staples.

Since students spend much of their life with technology, implementing the Chromebook

system was a way to give them an education they understand. "We are reaching students in a way they need to be reached," said Schmidt.

There has always been an achievement gap between high income and low income families. Schools like Staples-Motley with a high percentage of free and reduced lunch students traditionally see that reflected in test scores. But Schmidt said technology is proving to be a deciding factor in the closing of that gap.

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Walsh uses brain science to explain effects of technology

Erin Walsh, MA, will be the featured speaker at Digital Daze, a community forum to discuss the abuses of social media.

Walsh's presentation starts at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at Central Lakes College in Staples, and she will be a part of a panel discussion following her talk. Other panelists scheduled to appear



Erin Walsh

are Staples-Motley school social workers Penny Olsen and Samantha Pommier, Assistant Todd County Attorney Jane Gustafson, Todd County Community Corrections/Concern for Youth Agent Steve Commerford, and Lakewood Health System Executive Director of Behavioral Health Dr. Shawna Nymeyer. The emcee for the event will be Mike Schmidt, Staples-Motley High School Principal.

The event is being held by Staples-Motley Beyond Poverty. Walsh will also give presentations to students at Motley-Staples Middle School and Staples-Motley High School during the day. Parents, teens and all interested community members are invited to the evening presentation.

Biography

Erin Walsh, M.A. is a knowledgeable speaker who has addressed a wide range of audiences on topics related to brain development and digital media.

Walsh was instrumental to the development of the MediaWise movement and enjoyed working with her father for 10 years at the National Institute on Media and the Family before creating Mind Positive Parenting in 2010. In addition to writing articles and blogs for several other organizations including

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Hello, Readers,

Hobbit Day is observed annually on Sept. 22. In the world of Middle-earth, Bilbo and Frodo Baggins share a birthday which is celebrated on Sept. 22. According to the books The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings trilogy written by J.R.R. Tolkien, Bilbo and Frodo were born during the Third Age in the years 2890 and 2968 respectively. Translated to Shire-reckoning, Bilbo was born in 1290 and Frodo in 1368. The American Tolkien Society first proclaimed Hobbit Day and Tolkien Week in 1978.

"I don't know half of you half as well as I should like; and I like less than half of you half as well as you deserve."
~Bilbo Baggins ~ Lord of the Rings ~ J.R.R. Tolkien

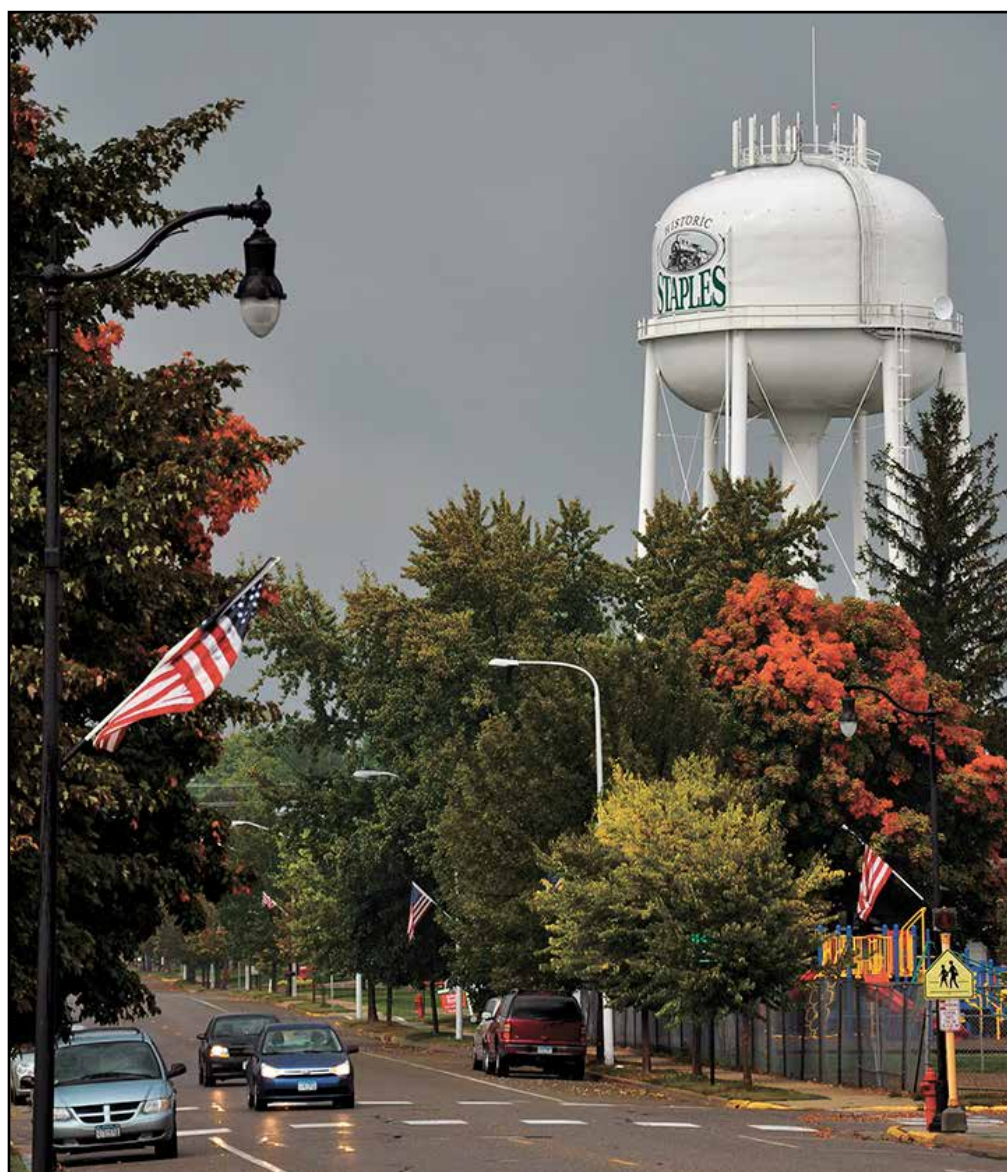
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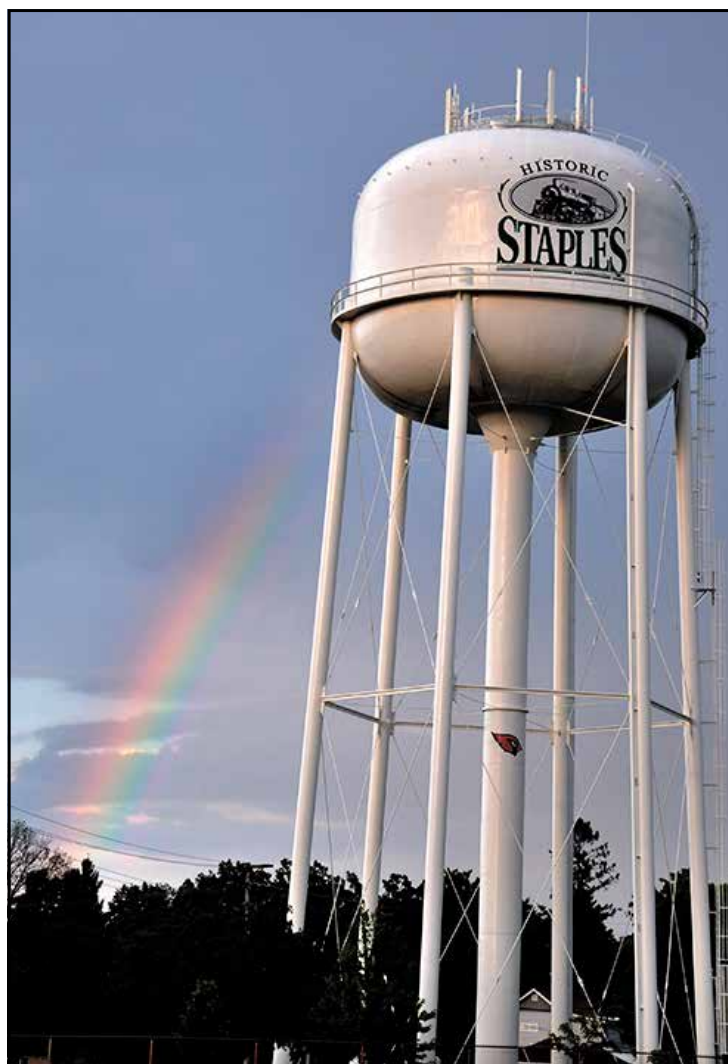


Friday afternoon street scene

Above: The sun peeked out Friday after school providing a "fall is in the air" feel photo following a rain shower in Staples.

Left: Perspective and positioning make it appear the rainbow is holding up the water tower.

(Staples World photos by Janice Winter)



Staples eyes future spending

By Mark Anderson, News Editor

There was no public input during a public hearing on the Staples Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) at the Sept. 12 city council meeting, but the council looked in depth into how their spending will affect the budget in the future.

City Administrator Jerel Nelsen went through the CIP and noted the need for all the expenses in the plan. Larger budget items included new trucks for the light department and sewer department, plus a new payload and mower for the street department. The Staples Fire Department is also scheduled for a tanker truck replacement in 2021, but will put aside \$60,000 for that purchase in 2018.

Light department infrastructure expenditures will include \$30,000 for underground electric distribution and

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School receives facility analysis

By Brenda Halvorson
General Manager

The Staples-Motley School Board heard a detailed report on the state of the district's buildings and grounds at their Sept. 18 meeting.

The report is part of the process that began in March to assess current facilities and determine future building needs in a long range plan. The study is being conducted by Foster, Jacobs & Johnson,

Inc. (FJJ).

Jeff Schiltz and Glenn Chiodo of FJJ reviewed the four basic steps in the process:

- The firm gathered data on demographics, i.e., number of students and future needs.

- They have conducted listening sessions with students, staff, school board and community members to get input on what each group views as needs.

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The Yarn Bombers strike Staples

Liz Koskiniemi, left, and Janet Kylie painted the town with colorful fiber art made from yarn. Afghans, covered rocks and yarn art can be found around Staples - called yarn bombing. The yarn bombing is to draw attention to the Heritage Arts Fiber Festival Friday, Sept. 22, and Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Landmark Inn, Staples. During the days there will be vendors, exhibits, demonstrations and classes including with local artist Pam Collins. A reception with music and artist talk is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday. Members of Barn Quilts of Central MN will be at the Staples Depot Friday and Saturday afternoons demonstrating how to make a barn quilt.

The Heritage Arts Fiber Festival and the barn quilt demonstrations are part of the Grand Opening Weekend of Central Minnesota's "Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail" tour. The trail includes surrounding communities and features a variety of tours, demonstrations and classes related to fiber arts. For a complete schedule see www.midwestfiberartstrails.org/weaving-waters/.

(Staples World photo by Janice Winter)



New CEO class

The new CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) class recently toured National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and heard about the services offered there. In front, from left, are Paul Drange, Director of Regional Programs at NJPA; Ryan Gerard, Staples-Motley High School; Katie Johnson, Verndale High School; Amber Moen and Caitlin Savage, both of Wadena-Deer Creek High School. In back, from left, are Matthew Fisher, Staples-Motley High School; Mitchel Haman and Alex Burckhard both of Wadena-Deer Creek High School. (Submitted photo)

Students begin journey with CEO program

While most high school students are thinking about school supplies, classes and extracurriculars, students of Central Minnesota CEO are thinking about what it looks like to start and run their own personal businesses.

The CEO program year began Sept. 6, the first in a series of steps to help cultivate real life skills in students and to enter the community into a national network of high caliber, young leaders. Central Minnesota CEO is a collaboration of students from Wadena-Deer Creek, Staples-Motley and Verndale school districts.

“CEO” stands for Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities. It is a year-long, experientially learning based course, designed to use partnerships to provide an overview of business processes and development.

Throughout the program year, students will visit local businesses, learn from guest speakers, participate in operating a class business, write a business plan, and, from concept to reality, build their own legal, functioning entity.

This program seeks to develop and

invest in the next generation. Being faced with real-life challenges has proven results of developing young people who are leaders and problem solvers. It is with this knowledge that they can see, with refreshed perspective, the opportunity that their community holds.

Along with the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship, Central Minnesota CEO firmly believes that twenty-first century skills like problem-solving, teamwork, self-motivation, responsibility, higher-order thinking, communication and inquiry should be at the heart of each student’s development throughout this program.

This program’s dedication to that mission, paired the community’s engagement, will provide each CEO student with the opportunity to develop such skills, setting them up for future successes, and allowing them, along the way, to participate in the experience of a lifetime.

Want to get involved? CEO classes are open to the community. Simply visit www.centralmnceo.com to contact the facilitator.

NRCS/SWCD can help rejuvenate pastures

Todd County NRCS and SWCD often hear farmers say their pastures are run out, that they need to plow it up, plant corn and reseed it. In order to grow healthy livestock, they need quality pasture. The quality of forages results from management activities and soil conditions.

The first step is identify what the real problem is. Do you have poor soil fertility? Grazing livestock will return some nutrients back to the soil but may not be evenly distributed. If you’re taking hay off your pasture you’re removing many more nutrients. Before tearing up your pasture, take a soils test. Know what nutrients and pH you need to support the forages

you’re trying to grow.

Remember not all weeds are bad as some may be quite nutritious, but others may be on the noxious weed list or poisonous and need to be controlled. If using pesticides, read the label, know the restrictions exclusion time for grazing after spraying.

Overgrazing and livestock trailing results in compacted soils and will determine what type of site prep you need. You may need to till to break the compaction layer. Or introducing deep rooted forages such as alfalfa, brassicas and clovers to penetrate compacted soils. If you need to diversify your forages consider frost seeding clovers.

Instead of planting corn, consider planting annuals or season long cover crop that can be used for forage. Small grains, pearl millet, sorghum-sudan, forage turnip or radish, clovers or vetch would be some choices.

Remember if you are feeding on pastures this winter and creating a manure pack you may be subject to feedlot rules. Check with NRCS/SWCD to properly locate feeding areas properly and to manage them correctly.

For further information on rejuvenating pastures contact your local NRCS office at 320-732-6618 ext. 3 or stop in at 607 9th St.NE, Long Prairie.

Community foundation taking grant proposals

Is your organization or group in need funding to support a community project? The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation (SMACF) is accepting grant applications from non-profit organizations within the Staples-Motley School District boundaries.

The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation will accept and consider funding proposals that fit within the following categories:

• **Economic Vitality:** Making our community vital now and in the future. Grants to promote community development and appearance.

• **Children, Youth and Families:** Supplementing the endeavors of people striving to develop and implement positive opportunities for residents of the Staples/Motley area.

• **Human Services:** Programs to promote the overall quality of life and meeting human needs (i.e. healthcare, food shelves, domestic violence, etc.).

The average grant is \$2,000 and a limited number of grant funds are available so apply now. For large projects, grants are available for a maximum amount of 50 percent of the project cost up to \$2,000. The application and grant

guidelines are available on the SMACF website at: <http://www.staplesmotleyfoundation.org>. Completed applications must be submitted by Oct. 15.

Questions can be directed to committee members; Curt McIlravy, Mike Gold, Joe Roline or Judy Richer or by phone at 218-894-3050.

Since its inception in 1999 the foundation has awarded over \$205,000 in grant funding to area projects. The Staples Motley Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the Initiative Foundation, a regional foundation serving Central Minnesota.

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Community invited to hear reports from listening sessions, surveys, educational adequacy

• They have assessed each building for educational adequacy, i.e., are the classrooms, gyms, music rooms and cafeterias meeting the educational needs of the students. The current status was compared to guidelines from the Minnesota Department of Education.

• They have toured all of the buildings to assess their current state and make recommendations as to repair and maintenance as well as evaluate the utility usage.

This was the study presented Sept. 18 by Kevin Wormuth of FJJ.

Wormuth reviewed four areas for each school building: heating and ventilation systems; building envelope, including roof, exterior walls, windows and doors; parking lots, sidewalks and fields; and interior finishes, like flooring, ceilings and cabinetry.

The report included floorplans of each building, some showing when each section was built; some showing the roof with notes on when warranties expired; some showing which areas had asbestos flooring, tile or carpet. Photos showed areas where truck pointing is needed, doors or windows need to be replaced or parking lots need repair.

Some of the suggested upgrades relate to how the building is used now compared to the original intent. As an example Wormuth noted that part of the Motley building was designed to include elementary students. Now that the building is a middle school, some of the facilities aren’t correct for that age of student, such as the lower water fountains and toilets.

As Wormuth discussed the utility usage, he pointed out that Minnesota Energy has been charging tax on the bills for the high school and elementary buildings. A school dis-

trict should not be taxed and FJJ can help the district negotiate a rebate for the taxes charged. A chart showed that from March 2015 through April 2017 that totaled \$10,583.13.

A timeline included the next steps in the process.

Two community meetings are scheduled to share the results of the listening sessions/surveys and the educational adequacy assessment. Those will be Monday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. at the middle school cafeteria in Motley and Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the high school media center in Staples.

During the next few months the board will study the facilities assessment and the previous reports. Schiltz suggested scheduling a work session with FJJ representatives to review potential projects and their financial impact. From that FJJ will prepare a budget plan that would include possible funding sources.

FJJ expects to have a draft of the long range plan in February. Input on the plan will be sought from staff and community members in February and March. The plan should be finalized in March.

The district has already submitted requests for health and safety items through the long term facility maintenance dollars recently approved by the state legislature. It requires approval from the state department and becomes part of the levy certification process. The final board decision on that portion will be made at the Truth and Taxation hearing in December when the final levy is determined.

Awarding bids for those projects, if the board decides to proceed, would be in February or March.

Plans are being made to have copies of the FJJ reports and assessments available online and in the

district office in the future but no date has been set.

In other business the board:

• Heard a report from Superintendent Ron Bratlie on the preliminary tax levy and approved his recommendation to levy the maximum amount. The final levy will be approved in December and, at that time, it can be reduced, but not increased.

• Approved a contract with SANBI, LLC for financial services. Bratlie said the person has extensive school business office experience as well as familiarity with Skyward, the district’s financial and reporting software. He will consult with the business manager and office staff on an “as needed” basis as the new staff get trained.

• Approved revisions to policies, including the student attendance policy to bring it in line with the student handbook. Dave Hoemberg questioned one part of the policy about dropping a student’s grade after excessive un-excused absences. Hoemberg wondered if it was legal. High School Principal Mike Schmidt said the policy has been in place a couple of years and is used only in very extreme circumstances. He added that it mirrored the policy of other schools in the region. Bratlie will consult with the Minnesota School Board Association as to the legality.

• Heard in Bratlie’s report that enrollment the first day of school was 1,086. He noted that on Oct. 1, 2016, the enrollment was 1,152 and the school year ended with 1,118. He plans to contact families of students who have open enrolled to another district and ask why they left.

• Approved contracts with Julie Wakeman as high school paraprofessional and Arthur Lordbock as high school math teacher.

• Heard reports from the FFA chapter on their summer activities and on plans for the next couple of months, including their national convention where they will accept a national award.

• Approved a request from Amanda Olson, middle school art teacher, to begin planning and raising funds for a student trip to Germany and the Alps in 2019. She also reported on the success of the recent trip to Italy.

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Joni Svoboda on board as postmaster in Staples

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Joni Svoboda is the new postmaster at the Staples Post Office, a role she officially entered into on July 1.

“I enjoy my job,” Svoboda said recently at her office, adding that she’s always been “customer-oriented.”

It’s a trait that has served her well throughout her 25-year career in the postal service, as well as her earlier work as a nurse.

She enjoys dealing with people, Svoboda said. It’s also important for her to know people’s names. “Especially in a small town,” she added.

A native of Hendricks (population 700), Svoboda went on to study nursing after high school and worked at a local hospital for a few years. Although she loved her job, her mother contacted her one day to let her know they were offering a postal test in the area. Her mother was going to take the test



New postmaster

Joni Svoboda, Alexandria, has been named postmaster at the Staples Post Office. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

and she suggested Joni take it as well. “I got in and she didn’t,” Svoboda shared.

Her first job with the post office was as a part-time clerk in Cottonwood. She continued to also work in the medical field, but eventually chose to work solely with the postal ser-

vise.

She landed her first postmaster position in 1998, in Henley Falls. From there, she went on to serve at post offices in Franklin, Blomkest, Belgrade, Willmar, Montevideo, Olivia and Alexandria. Her roles during that time included supervisor and postmaster.

She has served as postmaster for 19 of her 25 years with the United States Postal Service.

Svoboda currently makes her home in the Alexandria area. She and her husband, Arlie, live near Lake Ida and in their free time enjoy boating and motorcycle riding. They have three grown sons (Jeremiah, Jesse and Jordan); four grandsons and a two-week old granddaughter. Arlie is a self-employed carpenter with A&S Construction of MN, which he owns and operates with his sons.

She doesn’t mind the commute to Staples every day, Svoboda said, adding that it gives her the opportunity to wake up in the morning and unwind during the ride home.

Although she’s still getting her office organized, Svoboda said she has been enjoying her new job and the opportunity to meet new people every day. “Staples is a nice, welcoming community.”

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Council discusses possible levy increases

\$15,000 for 6th Street and Highway 210 street light rehabilitation.

The sewer department is putting \$25,000 in their sewer lining fund, which Nelsen said will extend the life of some of the sewer pipes in town.

The water department has two infrastructure projects, a clarifier paint rehabilitation for \$150,000 and hydrant/water main replacements costing \$35,000.

Several council members felt that the city is falling behind on their need to renovate the Staples Community Center.

“That facility keeps deteriorating before our very eyes,” said council member Mary Theurer. “There will come a time we might be better off building something different in a different place.”

Council member Rachel Johnson said she also felt the need to do something soon.

Nelsen said he is still engaged in dialogue with Lakewood Health System and the school district about options for fixing up or adding on to the community center.

Nelsen advised the council on the 2018 budget planning process. He said the city gets a Local Government Aid increase of \$37,000 from the State of Minnesota. He said there will be a health insurance increase of around five percent, but that is low compared to some other cities.

One complication in the budget is union labor negotiations. Nelsen said he has made some estimates as to what the result of those negotiations could be.

Putting all the information into the budget, Nelsen said it now stands as a 4.4 percent increase for

2018.

Theurer said she would be more comfortable to limit the increase to 3.75 or four percent. Council member Doug Case said he would like to see zero percent. Johnson said she would like to see it lower than 4.4 percent. Bryan Fisher said he was comfortable with four percent, while Roy Miles said three

to four and Ron Murray said 3.5. Mayor Chris Etzler said his comfort level is “what we need to move our city forward and keep our city operating and what works for our citizens.”

Liquor ordinance

The council approved changing the times of Sunday liquor sales. B&B’s Sports Bar had requested moving the time to serve

on-sale liquor from noon to 11 a.m. to correspond with the off-sale hours set by the new Minnesota Sunday rule now in effect.

The council approved the first reading of the ordinance change, but it will not go into effect until the second ordinance reading is approved on Sept. 26, and the ordinance is published.

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Odd numbered houses are on the West side of Streets and the North side of Avenues. Vehicles may only park on the even side of Streets and Avenues on even days of the calendar, and may only park on the odd side of Streets and Avenues on odd days of the calendar. This Ordinance is in effect from October 1st to May 1st and from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m.

You must remember to park according to the calendar date as of midnight. Vehicles violating this Ordinance will be ticketed nightly, regardless of the weather. During snow removal periods, vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. This does not affect the downtown 2:00 a.m.-6 a.m. zones.

FOR EXAMPLE: If you live at 450 7th Street NE and arrive home at 8:00 p.m. on Oct. 1st, you must park your car on the even side of the Street or Avenue by midnight because that will be Oct. 2nd, an even day of the calendar.

For questions, call city hall or 800-794-5733.

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Times-Palin ruling good for free speech, press

By Gene Policinski

So Sarah Palin does not get to move forward with a defamation lawsuit against The New York Times for linking material on a Palin political website to shooting incidents targeting politicians.

The link appeared in a Times editorial published June 14 after a shooting incident in Washington, D.C., where the shooter opened fire on an early-morning softball practice involving members of Congress and legislative aides.

It was plain, flat wrong to draw such a direct connection. Palin said so immediately, and the Times quickly published a correction. Two corrections, in fact, with the second more specifically repudiating any connection with Palin.

The dismissal of the lawsuit does not mean the Times "got away" with publishing fake news. Nor does it mean open season for journalists on controversial public officials and public figures.

It does mean that laws protecting the First Amendment were upheld and remain in force: Specifically, the law that says public officials must prove not just error but actual malice - knowing falsity or reckless disregard for truth - to successfully pursue a defamation lawsuit.

The decision has significant implications for political reporters and public figures, of course, but also for the rest of us who may occasionally share critical opinions about officeholders or public figures. We write under the same protection - and without it, I suspect far fewer would take pen or keyboard in hand.

Let's say this again (important to do in an era when many are questioning whether "real news" even exists): Nothing in the Sarah Palin ruling condones error. But the judge's decision does recognize that without protection for inadvertent error, political discussion - which the nation's founders saw as vital to a self-governing democracy - would grind to a halt for fear of instant legal action and ruinous financial penalty.

The decision made in the Southern District of New York, rests on a 1964 U.S. Supreme Court decision that, with some irony, also involved The New York Times. In *Times v. Sullivan*, a case involving a political ad, the Court said that a simple factual error is not enough for a public official to collect defamation damages, when weighed against the value to society of robust, energetic political debate.

The offending Times editorial published this June referenced a map that appeared on Palin's political action committee website, and wrongly implied that the material incited political violence. The Times correction stated that "no such link was established" between incitement and violence.

The stirring, 26-page opinion by U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff is a textbook explanation of why political speech - even, at times, if it is erroneous - is and ought to be protected.

"Nowhere is political journalism so free, so robust, or perhaps so rowdy as in the United States," Rakoff wrote. "In the exercise of that freedom, mistakes will be made, some of which will be hurtful to

others. Responsible journalists will promptly correct their errors; others will not.

"But if political journalism is to achieve its constitutionally endorsed role of challenging the powerful, legal redress by a public figure must be limited to those cases where the public figure has a plausible factual basis for complaining that the mistake was made maliciously, that is, with knowledge it was false or with reckless disregard of its falsity" - which, in Rakoff's view, Palin did not have.

An old journalism bro-mide says that getting it right is more important than getting it first.

In Rakoff's decision, he noted, "What we have here is an editorial, written and rewritten rapidly in order to voice an opinion on an immediate event of importance, in which are included a few factual inaccuracies somewhat pertaining to Mrs. Palin that are very rapidly corrected. ... Negligence this may be; but defamation of a public figure it plainly is not."

The Times initially got it wrong. But the judge has it right, from the start.

Gene Policinski is chief operating officer of the Newseum Institute and the Institute's First Amendment Center. He also was a contributing author to the 2014 book "Whistleblowers, Leaks and the Media," published by the American Bar Association.

August in Minnesota: What I learned

By U.S. Senator Al Franken

Every August, when Congress takes its annual break from legislating, I get the opportunity to come home for several weeks and really hear what's on the minds of Minnesotans.

This fall, with so many important issues like the budget, health care, hurricane relief, and tax reform awaiting action in Congress, the time I spent at home hearing from people in communities across the state was especially important.

Meeting Minnesotans in Communities Across the State

My meetings with teachers, small business owners, health providers, and farmers, as well as with people on the front lines of the opioid crisis and renewable energy development will help me press Minnesota priorities in upcoming Senate debates.

As a member of the Senate Education Committee, I was pleased to help several hundred teachers and staff kick off the new school year in St. Cloud. I told them that their work educating our children - while often difficult - is critically important to our society and our nation's future.

To make their jobs easier, I'll continue to push for more resources for our schools, for things like mental health services for students, expanding STEM education, and helping schools partner with local employers to give students an opportunity to pursue a variety of career pathways.

In Rochester, I met with area officials to discuss their efforts to combat the opioid crisis, which they told me is "overwhelming" in their community. One mother told me the heartbreaking story of how her daughter, a smart, active, beautiful 23-year-old, couldn't break her addiction to heroin, which took her life in 2012.

President Trump has called this crisis a national emergency, and I'll push him to provide the resources necessary to help Minnesota families and communities deal with this crisis.

As co-chair of the Senate Rural Health Caucus, I travelled to Winona, where I heard about the innovative ways Winona Health is addressing the special challenges rural health providers face in providing care to people in their community. They've been recognized many times for the innovative way they've cut emergency visits by 85 percent, and have addressed the opioid problem in their community.

One woman I met told me how the "health coach" provided by the facility's Community Care Network has made all the difference in her life. Our state does health care very well, and this was another example of an innovative provider using all of its resources to provide quality care.

In Grand Marais, I had the opportunity to sit down with local small business owners to discuss a variety of issues, including the tax reform package that may be

taken up in Congress this year. I'm going to push for a bipartisan process that helps middle class families and small businesses. It can't simply be a tax cut for those at the top who have already seen most of the gains in our society.

As a member of both the Energy, and the Indian Affairs committees, I was impressed by the renewable energy efforts on the Fond du Lac Reservation near Cloquet. Their impressive solar energy project has not only cut the band's reliance on fossil fuels by 46 percent, but also provided jobs and economic development on the reservation. They are a good example of how renewable energy can help our state and our nation combat climate change.

As I prepare for the upcoming federal Farm Bill debate, I got the chance to visit the Hmong American Farmers Association farm near Coates, where I toured the operation. Later, I heard about unique needs and challenges these farmers face in cooperatively managing the farm. That same day, I celebrated "National Farmers' Market Week" by visiting the South St. Paul Farmers' market, where I got to meet with local vendors about federal policies that affect them.

As the Farm bill debate begins, I plan to promote Minnesota's nation-leading renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts by once again taking a leadership role in writing the energy section of the bill. With farm prices remaining low, I will also push to strengthen the farm safety net to give our producers the tools they need to get through hard times.

The State Fair - When the State Comes to Me

While I travel many hundreds of miles in August, I always love the several days I get to spend each year at the State Fair. With almost two million people attending this year, it's the one time that "the state comes to me." This year at my booth, I got to meet people from across Minnesota and hear a variety of views about issues.

I also got to celebrate the fair's "Military Appreciation Day" with Minnesota National Guard Adjutant General Richard Nash, where we discussed my provision that secured expanded GI benefits for Minnesota Guard members who served active duty and were put in harm's way that President Trump recently signed into law.

One of the best parts of this year's fair was the one day I attended with my daughter Thomasin, our son-in-law Brody, and two of our three grandchildren. I got to ride the big slide with them and show them the animals.

August is always a great time to be in Minnesota, and I plan to take what I learned from Minnesotans this year and bring it back to the nation's capital to inform my work on behalf of our state.

Al Franken represents Minnesota in the U.S. Senate. He can be reached at 202-224-5641 or <http://franken.senate.gov>.

Letter to the Editor

Bullying

The news about the social media bullying that is going on in our school district (or anywhere) is both appalling and horrifying.

Yes, I agree, parents, teachers and community need to confront and punish bullying in social media. It's up to them to stop it, and maybe the police need to be involved, too, as

this is a violent crime.

Apologizing to their victims is definitely needed. I think expulsion from school should be another.

If strong measures aren't taken, parents have a right and duty to remove their children from the school.

Judy Novotny
Motley, Minn.

By Kathleen Rogers
and Heidi Kuhn

In March 1975, the United States fled from a protracted war in Vietnam, a war that claimed more than 58,000 Americans, and close to two million Vietnamese soldiers and civilians.

The U.S. also left behind a devastated landscape, riddled with millions of hard-to-locate landmines and unexploded ordnance; and a once fertile land now defoliated by millions of gallons of Agent Orange, a deadly herbicide that causes cancer, neuro-

logical damage and birth defects and not only killed the land but also killed and injured thousands of Vietnamese and American servicemen.

More than 42 years later, that legacy remains. It is estimated that more than three million landmines/UXO/cluster munitions remain buried in Vietnam. Since 1975, over 40,000 Vietnamese have died from these deadly remnants of war and over 60,000 innocent victims have been injured. In the hospitals of Quang Tri province, part of the infamous DMZ, 80 percent of the land is still riddled with landmines

and innocent children are dying each month.

Millions of Vietnamese still suffer its impacts of Agent Orange, too. Young-to-middle age adults live with severe cognitive impairment and blindness. Worse, the impacts are progressive over a lifetime. The younger brothers and sisters of severely impaired siblings know what's in store for them, disease leading to brain death and complete disability as they age.

Agent Orange also entered the food system, condemning some parts of the most fertile parts of Vietnam to decades of land contamination.

While the U.S. and other countries have committed millions of dollars to remove landmines and reduce the impacts of Agent Orange, it's not enough. Total removal of landmines and remediation of Agent Orange will cost hundreds of millions of dollars. And that is just Vietnam.

Recently, Great Britain's Prince Harry committed to removing all land mines around the world by 2025 to honor of the legacy of his mother, Princess Diana of Wales and the 20-year anniversary of her death. It was Diana who first catapulted the issue of landmines to the forefront of the international agenda when she famously walked near an active landmine field in Angola.

Prince Harry's commitment has provided a huge boost to the efforts of Roots of Peace, HALO, MAG and other land mine removal organizations faced with the daunting task of removing 70 million land mines in 70 countries. It

has also inspired a partnership between land mine organizations and Earth Day Network, the organization that grew out of the first Earth Day.

The 60's and 70's, the generation that fought against the Vietnam War and for civil rights, also saw the beginning of the modern environmental movement.

On Earth Day 1970, 20 million people - students, mothers, faith leaders, business people, thought leaders and even lawmakers - all came out to support the revolutionary idea that human health should not be a casualty of the industrial revolution. Since then, the Earth Day movement has grown into a global effort to tackle issues of water, air, toxics, reforestation and of course to help solve the climate crisis.

Earth Day's legacy and that of Princess Diana are inspirations for a joint campaign to remove all landmines, eradicate Agent Orange and reforest areas in Quang Tri province by the 50th anniversary of Earth Day in 2020. Quang Tri, according to its Governor is also interested in attracting solar and wind.

Replacing the legacy of the Vietnam War while fulfilling the promises of Princess Diana and the first Earth Day is not only important, it has the potential for true global inspiration and transformation.

Kathleen Rogers is President of Earth Day Network and Heidi Kuhn is Founder and CEO of Roots of Peace.

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Connections made at community meals



People of all ages stopped by the Congregational Church in Staples last October, for a free meal sponsored by CARE Ministries. The meals are held at local churches on a monthly basis, Sept. - May. This year's schedule kicks off Tuesday, Sept. 26, at the Staples United Methodist Church. All are welcome. (Staples World file photos by Dawn Timbs)

CARE Ministries free meals

Program offers nourishment, fellowship, more

Since 2010, CARE Ministries has been organizing free meals on a monthly basis during the school year. These meals, held at churches in Staples and Motley, are open to the general public. All are welcome.

There are currently 14 churches that participate in the program. On average, between 200 - 225 people are served each month.

Although the program initially was started as a way to provide a healthy meal to people who needed one, over the past seven years it's become evident that other needs are being met as well.

Marge Lelwica, a volunteer with CARE Ministries, said it has been wonderful to see people of all ages gathering together to share a meal. "It's been fun to see heavy equipment students (from Central Lakes College) sitting down to eat and visit with grandparents they don't know."

The CARE meals also provide an opportunity for people from varying church denominations to come together once a month.

There is a real sense of community among the volunteers who help serve the meals as well, Lelwica noted. "It's wonderful to see the young people from the churches working along side the adults."

For people who live alone, or for those new to the area, the CARE meals provide an opportunity to visit with others from the community. Lelwica said she has heard people say that one of the things they love about the meals is that, "we get to see people we haven't seen in awhile."

Others have expressed their appreciation in seeing the various churches working together. And, there are always positive comments about the food, Lelwica said. "The meals are really good," she

went on.

There always seems to be a different menu each month. "It must be a God-thing, because every month it's something new and it's always good," Lelwica said.

CARE is an acronym for Compassion, Accountability, Respect and Ecumenical. Their mission is to provide assistance to those in the Staples and Motley area in emergency and/or at risk situations, primarily to those without a church family.

Here is the 2017-18 schedule and locations:

- Tuesday, Sept. 26, United Methodist Church, 310 5th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 24, Congregational Church, 204 5th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Co-hosted with Thomastown Covenant Church.
- Thursday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving dinner, Faith Lutheran Church, 430 12th St. NE, Staples, noon.
- Tuesday, Dec. 5, United Methodist Church, 847 3rd Ave. S, Motley, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Co-hosted with Swan Valley Lutheran Church.
- Tuesday, Jan. 23, Church of Christ, 27343 490th St., Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 27, Sacred Heart Church, 310 4th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 27, Assembly of God Church, 914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24, St. Michael Catholic Church, 280 1st Ave. S, Motley, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 22, Trinity Lutheran Church, 1000 4th St. NE, Staples, 4:30 - 6 p.m.

Among the other projects organized by CARE Ministries are a Back To School Fair and the Great Coat Giveaway.

Bus trip to Geritol Frolics

The Todd County Council on Aging is sponsoring a bus trip to see the Geritol Frolics in Brainerd Sunday, Oct. 22.

The last date to register is Sept. 30. Organizers note that participants do not need to be a senior to ride the bus.

The Geritol Frolics is a musical variety show presented in vaudeville fashion by talented performers over age 55 from

around the Brainerd Lakes area. Originally created as a means of promoting involvement of seniors in community theatre, the show has become an entity in its own right with song, dance and comedy.

Since 2004 the show has played to over 17,000 people from the five state region, many of whom have come by chartered tours. A completely whole new show is designed every year.

Bus pick up times are:

- 11 a.m. - Long Prairie
- 11:15 a.m. - Browerville
- 11:25 a.m. - Clarissa
- 11:30 a.m. - Eagle Bend
- 11:40 a.m. - Bertha
- 11:45 a.m. - Hewitt
- 12:15 p.m. - Staples
- 12:30 p.m. - Motley

Contact Marilyn Dickinson at 218-924-2230, Elsie Gustafson at 320-304-0135 or Florence Rickbeil at 320-594-6391 to register and for more information.

Learn how to make a barn quilt

Members of Barn Quilts of Central MN will be at the Staples Depot for the Weaving Waters Fiber Arts Trail making a "Wa-

ter Wheel" barn quilt to be placed at the Staples Water Treatment Plant on Highway 10.

Come and watch and/or

help paint this barn quilt. They'll be giving more detailed information on how to make a barn quilt on Friday and Saturday Sept. 22 and 23 from 1-1:45 p.m. and 3-3:45 p.m.

This event is free. You can also pick up a Barn Quilt Trail Map at the Staples depot.

Staples City Council agenda

The Staples City Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Staples City Hall, 122 6th St NE, Staples.

Preliminary agenda items include:

- Consider second reading and adoption of ordinance amending the city code to change the time that establishments with a Sunday On-Sale Intoxication Liquor License may begin on-sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays from 12 Noon to 11 a.m.
- Consider request from

Knights of Columbus 1803 for permission to conduct a raffle on Dec. 29, 2017.

• Consider proposed preliminary property tax levy payable 2018.

• Consider proposed preliminary 2018 city budget.

• Schedule time and place for discussion, public input and adoption of final budget and tax levy - Dec. 12, 2017, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

• Committee reports including the parks and recreation advisory board and the planning and zoning commission.

- Open forum.
- City Administrator's report.

Educational Opportunities

October 10

55+ DRIVER IMPROVEMENT COURSE sponsored by the Minnesota Highway Safety Center, Tues., Oct. 10, 1 - 5 p.m., Staples Community Center, 425 4th St. NE, Staples. For info., to register, 1-888-234-1294.

Mark Your Calendar

September 25

BOSOM BUDDIES BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MTG Mon., Sept. 25, 5 p.m., in the activities room at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples. For info., 218-894-2627.

September 28

WADENA WHIRLWAYS SQUARE DANCE CLUB MTG Thurs., Sept. 28, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Wadena VFW. Larry Johansen, caller; Donna Stone, cuer. For info., 218-296-1641.

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7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26
Staples-Motley High School
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Senior celebrations

The Staples Senior Citizens celebrated their monthly Birthday/Anniversary party Sept. 12 in the Senior Citizen's room at the Staples Community Center. New member Linda Owen, front, celebrated her belated August birthday and anniversary. The September birthday celebrants were, back row: Doug Grossman, Lois Moe, LaVonne Selleck, and Charlie Crews. The party included singing the Happy Birthday/Happy Anniversary song, small cakes for each celebrant, personalized cards, a short, humorous program and drawings for prizes, followed by the meal.

The October party will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 10. Everyone is welcome and can make their meal reservations by calling 894-2556 before noon on Oct. 9.

A Halloween party with free bingo, door prizes, prize for best costume and more is being planned for paid members on Oct. 25 at 12:30 p.m. New members can pay their 2017 membership dues that day. Call Arlene Grover at 894-2254 for more information regarding the party.

Hello World

BIRTHS REPORTED AT LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM HOSPITAL INCLUDED:

Born to Kayla Koep and Jay Jeffries of Clarissa, a baby boy, Jaymes Edmond weighing eight pounds, 3.5 ounces on September 10, 2017.

Born to Heather and Nate Fuller of Brainerd, a baby girl, Nora Rose weighing eight pounds, two ounces on September 11, 2017.

Born to Ashley Dawson and Brady Beach of Brainerd, a baby girl, Haisley Advaviah Marin weighing six pounds, 2.6 ounces on September 12, 2017.

Born to Sinthea Cheshire and Dylan Whitted of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Braylee May weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces on September 13, 2017.

Born to Teneesa and

Kris Mumm of Staples, a baby boy, Malachi Steven weighing eight pounds, four ounces on September 14, 2017.

Born to Kelsi and Ben Davis of Pillager, a baby boy, Cooper Benjamin weighing seven pounds, nine ounces on September 14, 2017.

Born to Arianna and Josh Larson of Pequot Lakes, a baby girl, Harlmae Wren weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on September 14, 2017.

Born to Becky Cusey and David Swenson, a baby girl, Sarah Lynn Cusey weighing seven pounds on September 10, 2017 at Tri-County Health Care Hospital in Wadena. Grandparents are Jesse and Sandy Cusey, Dave Swenson and Adrene Adams.



Pancake Supper

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Flu shots available

Wadena County Public Health will offer flu shots at the following times and locations:

- Friday, Sept. 29, 2 - 4 p.m., Wadena County Public Health, Wadena.
- Thursday, Oct. 5, 2 - 3 p.m., Wadena Senior Ctr.

The flu shot is recommended for all persons six months of age and older, unless contraindicated for medical reasons.

Vaccinating those at high risk for serious complications from the flu is of special concern. These include pregnant women, children younger than five years, people 50 years of age and older; and people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, etc.

Medicare, Medical Assistance and Minnesota Care accepted. Some additional insurance accepted as well.

For more information, contact Wadena County Public Health at 218-631-7629.

Care Center

October Birthdays:
Dale Noble, Oct. 1; Rosemary Stetzler, Oct. 1; Leona Crider, Oct. 3; Leona Wiebesick, Oct. 5; Marvin Kuha, Oct. 8; Virginia Kay, Oct. 11; Evelyn Adams, Oct. 12; Marlys Nagle, Oct. 16; Gloria Norton, Oct. 25; Lavern Wohler, Oct. 21; Ken Jensen, Oct. 26; Marie Johnson, Oct. 27.

OCTOBER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE LAKEWOOD HEALTH SYSTEM CARE CENTER:

Sun., Oct. 1, 1:30 p.m. Word games; 2:15 p.m. Social time

Tues., Oct. 3, 2 p.m. DL Cloggers; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Weds., Oct. 4, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Church of Christ Quilters

Thurs., Oct. 5, 10 a.m. Bible Study, Pastor Cline; 2 p.m. Birthday Party hosted by United Methodist Women; 6:30 p.m. Game night

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

Sat., Oct. 7, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge; 1:45 p.m. Seventh Day Adventist Singers

Sun., Oct. 8, 1:45 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Church

Tues., Oct. 10, 10 a.m. Sing-Along with Bruce; 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Alliance; 4 p.m. Bingo w/Marge; 6:30 p.m. Make & Take

Weds., Oct. 11, 2 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Thurs., Oct. 12, 10 a.m. Bible Study - Pastor Brown
Fri., Oct. 13, 9:30 a.m. Church - Faith Lutheran; 1:30 p.m. Residents Auction

Sat., Oct. 14, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

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

Mon., Oct. 16, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church

Tues., Oct. 17, 2:15 p.m. Church - Staples Church of Christ; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Weds., Oct. 18, 2 p.m. Bingo hosted by Trinity Lutheran

Thurs., Oct. 19, 10 a.m. Bible Study; 4 p.m. Cheers; 6:30 Cards & games

Fri., Oct. 20, 2 p.m. Entertainment - Slewfoot Band

Sat., Oct. 21, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., Oct. 23, 2:30 p.m. Trinity Church

Tues., Oct. 24, 10 a.m. Sing-Along w/Bruce; 2:15 p.m. Church - St. John's Lutheran; 4 p.m. Bingo w/Marge; 6:30 p.m. Barn Quilting

Weds., Oct. 25, 2 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Thurs., Oct. 26, 6:30 p.m. Cards & games

Sat., Oct. 28, 10 a.m. Bingo w/Marge

Mon., Oct. 30, 1:45 p.m. Halloween Party

Tues., Oct. 31, 2:15 p.m. Church - Motley Free Methodist; 4-5 p.m. Trick-or-Treaters; 6:30 p.m. Bingo w/Marge

Obituaries

Mary Bybee

Mary J. Bybee, 74, of Pillager, passed away September 13, 2017 at Essentia Health/St. Joseph's Medical Center in Brainerd.

Memorial services will be held Sept. 28 at 11 a.m., at the Brenny Funeral Chapel in Baxter, with visitation one hour prior to the service.

Inurnment will be held Sept. 29, at Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery near Little Falls for the immediate family.

Arrangements are by Brenny Funeral and Cremation Service of Baxter.

Mary Joan Johnson was born March 23, 1943 in Benson, to Herman and Edith (Knochenmus) Johnson. She grew up and attended school in Kirkhoven and Morris, graduating from Morris High School in 1961. She moved to Minneapolis, where she worked in the credit department at Daytons. She married Larry Bybee on September 18, 1965, in the Army Chapel at Ft. Hood, TX. Following Larry's military service, the family moved to a farm near Aldrich. Mary went to work at the Staples Federal Credit Union for nineteen years, where she was selected as Employee of the Year. Mary then went to work at UltraColor for 15 years. Mary volunteered many hours for the community. She was a member of the Pillager Lion's Club for 30 years, receiving the Melvin Jones, Helen Keller and the Lion's President



Award. She served on the Pillager School Board, was a co-founder of the Husky Booster Club, enjoyed Husky football and volleyball and was named Fan of the Year. Mary enjoyed wintering in Arizona, golfing, reading, taking pictures, flower gardening and baking. Her greatest joy was time spent with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary is survived by her husband of 51 years; two sons, Donald Bybee (Roxie Weingartz), Mankato and David "Buddy" Brown, Pillager; one daughter, Danelle Bybee, Prescott, WI, nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Bradley (Tammy) Johnson, Morris.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Herman Carl and Bruce Johnson; one sister, Connie Leuthardt; brother-in-law, Edward Leuthardt and stepson, Tim Bybee.

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Linda Berquam

Linda Jean (Johnson) Berquam, 75, of Staples passed away September 15, 2017, at Lakewood Health System Care Center, Staples. Linda had struggled with Alzheimer's for 25 years.

Services will be held Sept. 23, at noon at Faith Lutheran Church, Staples. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Linda was born on Feb. 9, 1942 in Minneapolis to Ralph E. and Jean Elizabeth (Kronstedt) Johnson. She married Theodore D. Berquam on May 5, 1961 at Bethel Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. She enjoyed church, music and being with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Theodore (Lou) Berquam, Jr., Veseli and Timothy (Bev) Berquam, Rogers; two



daughters, Laura (Chris) Freedy, Brookfield, WI and Lisa (Michael) Bloom, Crystal; two sisters, Nancy "Kat" (Dean) Bryan-Wallace, Becker and Marsha (Tilman) Bergman, New Brighton; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents.

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Floyd Scudder

A celebration of life will be held for Floyd Scudder, 91, of Verndale, September 23, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Karvonen Funeral Home in Wadena.

A gathering of family and friends will be held one hour prior to the celebration at the funeral home.

Arrangements are with the Karvonen Funeral and Cremation Services, Wadena.

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Todd County Historical Society report

Candace Simar, an author from Pequot Lakes, will be the speaker at the Todd County Historical Society's autumn appreciation dinner Monday, Oct. 23, at the Americal Legion in Long Prairie.

Simar's books are historical fiction and deal with the Sioux uprising, locust plagues and early farm life in the Central Minnesota area. Her latest book, "Dear Homefolks," was published in August and is a series of short stories.

Details for the dinner, at 6 p.m., were discussed Sept. 4, at the historical society meeting, including setting ticket prices.

De Eberle's museum report included:

- The \$250 grant written by Nancy Kjeldahl to Stearns Electric has been received.
- The shelf Gary Stracek made is up and some of the artifacts are on display.

- Two new people have become life members.

Anyone who would like to sell tickets for our Belgian Waffle Fundraiser on Sept. 24 at the American Legion, De Eberle has them available. A sign-up sheet will be passed around for anyone who can work that day.

In other business it was reported that John Kroll has raised enough money so five more birds can be freeze-dried.

A motion was also approved to purchase two large tarps, which will be used to cover antiques in the fairgrounds building.

The next meeting will be held Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in the museum.

The meeting was followed by a program by Alice Siegle on Burma Shave signs.

-Submitted by Alice Siegel, secretary

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Lakewood’s Foundation Golf Classic raises \$19,000

The 24th Annual Lakewood Health System Foundation Golf Classic, co-sponsored by Nyhus Chevrolet-Buick and First International Bank & Trust of Staples, was held Aug. 24, at The Vintage at Staples with a total of \$19,000 raised for children’s health and wellness programs.

The Fish Guys team handed in the winning scorecard for the 18-hole scramble. Teammates included Curt McIlravy, Loren Morey, Don Bybee and Kim Larson.

The success of the Lakewood Health System Foundation Golf Classic was made possible by the generosity of the golfers, hole sponsors and donors. There were 25 teams total, including Lakewood

Health System teams 1, 2 and 3; Tri-County Health Care; Unity Bank; BWBR; Wipfli; HealthPartners; Central Minnesota Diagnostics; Nor-Son; Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union; First International Bank and Trust; Nyhus; Big Stone Therapies; Rasinski Total Door Service; Radius Global Solutions; The Fish Guys; Marco; Mayer, Porter & Nelson, Ltd.; The Tee Party; Severson Porter Law; Orth Insurance; Dr. Israelson; New Day Risk; and Technical Life Care.

Hole sponsors included Northern Orthopedics; Unity Bank; Dr. Benson in honor of Staples-Motley FFA; Tri-County Health Care; Central Minnesota Diagnostics; State Collec-

tion Service, Inc.; CentraCare Health; Arvig Enterprises; MidMinnesota Federal Credit Union; Staples Host Lions; Big Stone Therapies; RTDS; JC Campbell Anesthesia, LLC; Healthland CPSI; and USI Insurance Services.

Donors included Ace Hardware of Staples; Albie Electric, LLC; Comfort Suites; Cragun’s; CTC; Dalco; Holiday Inn Express; Hubbard Radio; KLN; Lakewood Auxiliary; Mall of America; and Mann Theater.

For more information about this and other Lakewood Health System Foundation events, visit www.lakewoodhealthsystem.com or call Nicole Schoon at 218-894-8508.



The winning team

The winning team at Lakewood Health System Foundation’s 24th Annual Golf Classic was The Fish Guys. The team included, from left, Curt McIlravy, Loren Morey, Don Bybee and Kim Larson. (Submitted photo)

Hearing and vision benefits only a few veterans utilize

By David A. Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

Approximately 46 million Americans experience some form of communication disorder. Communication disorders can compromise physical and emotional health and affect the social, educational, vocational and recreational aspects of life. Hearing loss, loss of speech and other communication disorders can lead to feelings of isolation and a lack of connection with family, friends and community.

Veterans have higher rates of hearing loss and tinnitus than the general public due to the occupational injury that can be incurred as a result of the noise levels encountered while in the service, including gunfire, aircraft, machinery and much more. Tinnitus and hearing loss are the top two service-connected disabilities among veterans enrolled in VA for care.

In 2016, more than 190,000 veterans were awarded service-connection for tinnitus and more

than 103,000 veterans were awarded service-connection for hearing loss. In total, more than 2.7 million veterans currently receive disability benefits for hearing loss and/or tinnitus.

Although noise-induced hearing loss can be permanent, rehabilitative technology such as hearing aids can significantly improve users’ quality of life. Yet, only about one in four of those who could benefit from hearing aids have ever used them.

This is why VA provides comprehensive hearing health care services to veterans as part of their medical benefits and veterans have direct access to audiology clinics for evaluation and treatment of hearing loss.

VA’s delivery of hearing health services includes access to a full continuum of hearing health care from prevention to diagnostics to treatment, continued follow up and maintenance. Access covers:

- Screening, assessment, evaluation, treatment, and/or management of hearing loss, tinnitus and balance disorders
- Fitting and program-

ming of hearing aids, wireless accessories, and other assistive listening devices (e.g., TV and telephone amplifiers) and post-surgical rehabilitation for cochlear and other osseointegrated auditory implants

- Hearing screening and prevention services; auditory rehabilitation services to optimize residual hearing
- Progressive tinnitus management which includes education, sound therapy (including hearing aids) and interdisciplinary counseling
- Vestibular diagnostics and rehabilitation
- Audiology compensation and pension exams
- Utilizing an evidence base for delivery of best practices and services, supported by expertise at VA regional and national centers of excellence (e.g., Cochlear Implant centers, Research centers)
- Utilizing multiple contracts to provide high quality technology for digital hearing aids, wireless communication systems, assistive/alerting devices, cochlear implants to provide devices needed to meet communication needs of

the veteran (i.e., six hearing aid companies currently on national contract)

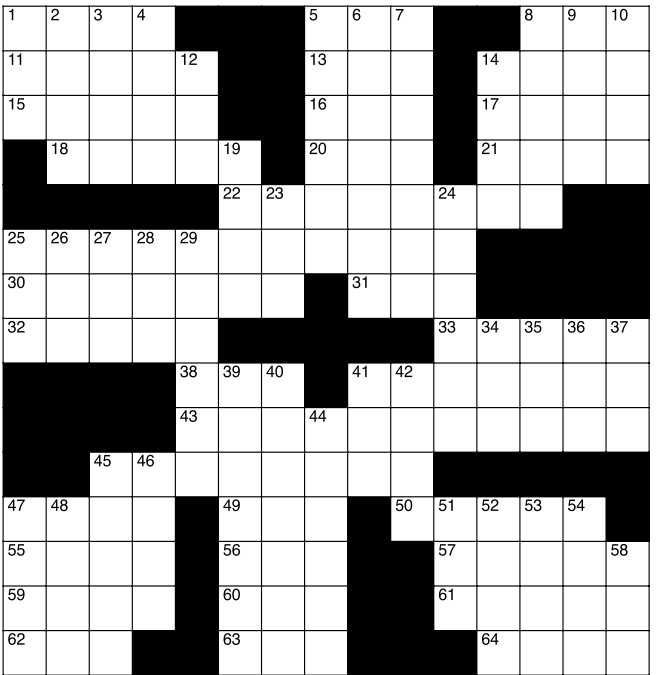
Widespread utilization of audiology telehealth for remote diagnostics, hearing aid fittings and maintenance and both tinnitus and auditory rehabilitation education

Partnering with community providers to contract and offer hearing health care in a timely manner closer to home. VA also collects clinical outcomes for patients using hearing aids reported across multiple categories (e.g., Hearing aid use, perceived benefit, satisfaction, impact on others, activity limitation and quality of life).

Across all categories, reported clinical outcomes are consistently high for veterans receiving hearing health services within VA, and exceed those reported for general norms. [Source: VAnAge Point Dr. Rachel McArdle May 15, 2017]

As always, see your local County Veterans Service Officer if you have any questions. You can contact your local VSO at 218-631-7617 or by email at david.anderson@co.wadena.mn.us.

Crossword Puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Employee stock ownership plan

5. Teaspoon

8. Type of IRA

11. Restore courage

13. Pet Detective Ventura

14. Discount

15. Where rockers play

16. Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.)

17. Computer manufacturer

18. Nomadic people

20. Liquefied natural gas

21. Steps leading to a river

22. Benign tumors

25. In an early way

30. Type of wall

31. Pop folk singer Williams
32. Greek Titaness

33. Expresses purpose

38. Type of school

41. Least true

43. Delighted

45. Church building

47. Replacement worker

49. A sign of assent

50. Semitic gods

55. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

56. Partly digested food

57. Fevers

59. Genus of trees

60. Midway between east and southeast

61. Jewish spiritual leader

62. Gallivant

63. Hideaway

64. Source
19. Satisfy

23. Disappointment

24. Evergreen shrub

25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)

26. Young snob (Brit.)

27. Midway between northeast and east

28. Chinese surname

29. Poplar trees (Spanish)

34. Electron scanning microscope

35. Actor DiCaprio

36. Equal (prefix)

37. Cartoon Network

39. Revealed

40. Remove lice

41. Supervises interstate commerce

42. Whale ship captain

44. Baited

45. Bleated

46. Swedish rock group

47. Air pollution

48. Carbonated drink

51. Swiss river

52. Ottoman military commanders

53. Type of job

54. One point east of southeast

58. Sex Pistols bassist

Vicious

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- CLUES DOWN
1. Major division of time

2. Withered

3. Portends good or evil

4. Single sheet of glass

5. More long-legged

6. Scrutinized

7. Archway in a park

8. Oliver __, author

9. Ancient Greek City

10. Type of shampoo

12. __ King Cole

14. Adventure story

Free flu shots for veterans

A flu shot is an important part of staying healthy during the flu season, and this year veterans served by the St. Cloud VA Health Care System have multiple options to get a flu shot.

During flu season, flu shots are available as part of any scheduled VA appointment. Just ask the nurse or doctor at your next appointment.

In October, numerous walk-in clinics are available at local VA facilities:

St. Cloud VA Medical Center
Oct. 3: 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., in Bldg. 96
Oct. 4 and 5: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Bldg. 96
Saturdays, October, 7, 14, 21, and 28: 8 a.m. to noon, in Bldg. 1
Tuesdays, Oct. 10, 17, 24, and 31: 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., in Bldg. 1
Weekdays, Oct. 10-31: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Urgent Care Clinic

Brainerd VA Clinic
Oct. 3: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Oct. 5: 10 a.m. to noon
Oct. 17: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Oct. 27: 10 a.m. to noon

Max J. Beilke VA Clinic (Alexandria)
Oct. 13 and 27: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Montevideo VA Clinic
Oct. 3 and 11: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

VA flu clinics are for enrolled veterans only. No appointment is necessary at a walk-in clinic.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has teamed up with Walgreens Pharmacies nationwide to allow all veterans who are currently enrolled in the VA health-care system to walk into any Walgreens and receive a vaccination at no cost.

Veterans wishing to receive the vaccination at Walgreens simply need to present a Veterans Health Identification Card and a photo ID, at any participating Walgreens to receive the vaccination.

After the Walgreens pharmacist administers the vaccine Walgreens will transmit that information securely to VA where it becomes part of the patient’s electronic medical record.

Veterans getting vaccinated outside the VA or through Walgreens are asked to tell us about it at your next appointment.

VA is committed to keeping veteran patients healthy, and vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of flu. No matter where veterans live, they can visit a local VA clinic or Walgreens to get a free flu shot.

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Senior Schedule

October, 2017 Staples Senior Schedule

Tues., Oct. 3, Oct. 17, 12:15 p.m. Whist.

Weds. Oct. 4, Oct. 11, noon meal/bingo.

Thurs., Oct. 5, 1:30-3 p.m. Free Legal Aid from St. Cloud. Call 218- 894-2553 for an appointment.

Thurs., Oct. 5; Mon., Oct. 16, 23, 30; noon: Cards 500 .

Mon., Oct. 9, noon: Board Meeting.

Tues., Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m. Birthday/Anniversary Celebration.

Thurs., Oct. 12, 19, 26, 5 p.m. Evening meals.

Weds., Oct. 18; 1:30 p.m. TCCA meeting, pie and ice cream served. Everyone welcome.

Tues. Oct. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Volunteer Recogni-

tion, Brainerd Senior Citizens’s. For info call Kathy Crews; 218-894-2256.

Weds., Oct. 25, 12:30 p.m. Members Halloween party. Memberships can be paid that day. Free bingo, prizes for best costume, door prize, etc.

To register for meals, call 218-894-2556.

Life Currents Policy

To request that an obituary, anniversary, or other event be placed word for word, personalized, contain more than one photo, or to run for more than one week, consult our advertising department for display advertising options (rate is \$9.80 /col. inch, Staples World only). The item will be placed in our newspaper with a border around it and paid for at the time of placement. Deadline for advertising copy is 5 p.m. Monday.

The Staples World publishes wedding and engagement notices as a courtesy. Submissions are edited and published for one week at no charge. A one column photograph may be included (word for word or personalized copy are ads). The deadline for copy is 5 p.m. Monday. The Life Currents section can also include, Student Achievements, births, obituaries etc. edited to our format at no charge.

The Staples World offers a Special Occasion Display ad, 1 col. X 3” for \$25 (must be paid for at the time of placement; reg. \$29.40). Regular ad rate is \$9.80 per column inch for any size ad. **Benefit events are considered advertisements.**

An obituary (with photo) is \$60. Obituary forms are available.



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Freshwater Education District

**MINUTES
REGULAR
BOARD MEETING
FRESHWATER
EDUCATION
DISTRICT #6004
STAPLES, MN
8/23/17**

CALLLED TO ORDER
at 5:30 p.m. by C. Wolf, Chair
Board Present: C. Wolf-LP-
GE, S. Veronen-Verndale,
P. Benning-Browerville,
R. VanDenheuvel- Bertha-
Hewitt, R. Thalmann- Hen-
ning, J. Kangas- Menahga,
C. Funk-Sebeka, Supt: L.
Westrum- WDC. Others:
J. Nesland, L. Murdock, S.
Thiel.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE
BOARD MINUTES-** MO-
TION BY Benning, SEC-
ONDED BY VanDenheuvel
to approve the 6/28/17 min-
utes as presented. VOTE-
UC

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA-** MOTION BY
Thalmann, SECONDED
BY Veronen to approve the
Agenda as presented.

VOTE- UC

OLD BUSINESS- RE-
VIEWED minutes from
7/26/17 Supv. Supt. Mtg
and 8/2/17 monthly Supt
Mtg.

NEW BUSINESS-
ECFE/SR REPORT; School
Readiness Program added
to Bertha-Hewitt effective
17/18 SY.

SPECIAL EDUCATION:
UPDATE of 17/18 SY SPED
Staffing

MOTION BY Veronen,
SECONDED BY Funk, to
approve the FY18 Student
Handbook for students
serviced at the Deer Creek
site. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Funk, SEC-
ONDED BY Thalmann, to
approve the FY18 PSEO Tu-
ition Agreement with the
CLC. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Kangas,
SECONDED BY Benning,
to approve the FY18 ALC
Student Handbook as pre-
sented. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Funk, SEC-
ONDED BY Benning, to ap-
prove the successful Open
Your Heart to the Hungry

and Homeless Grant re-
quest of \$2,500 for needs of
homeless students in the
FED ALC's. VOTE- UC

TECHNOLOGY RE-
PORT: REVIEWED min-
utes from 7/26/17 FED An-
nual Tech Advisory Mtg's.

MEMBER SERVICES:
MOTION BY Thalmann,
SECONDED BY Funk, to
approve the Amending
of the FED Bylaws as re-
viewed and presented. Roll
Call Vote: *Those in favor:*
VanDenheuvel, Benning,
Thalmann, Kangas, Wolf,
Funk, and Veronen. Those
against: None. Motion Car-
ried.

MOTION BY Funk,
SECONDED BY Benning,
to revise Board action from
the 1/25/17 organizational
meeting of setting regular
Freshwater Board meeting
dates, by adding a regular
meeting to be held in Wade-
na 10/25/17 regular meet-
ing. VOTE- UC

MOTION BY VanDen-
heuvel, SECONDED BY
Veronen, to revise action
from 1/25/17, to reassign

AND NEW BUSINESS-
MOTION BY Kangas,
SECONDED BY Veronen,
approve the 6/24/17 -
8/18/17 cash reports and
payments of checks num-
bered 119684 - 119877.
VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Benning,
SECONDED BY VanDen-
heuvel, to approve the sale
of surplus school equip-
ment at public "garage
sale" at the location of 1100
NE 5th St., Staples, on the
date of 8/25/17 between
the hours of 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
VOTE- UC

MOTION BY Thalmann,
SECONDED BY Veronen,
To acknowledge that: The
Freshwater Education Dis-
trict #6004 (Freshwater)
hereby provides notice of
intent to participate and
utilize competitively solici-
ted and awarded contracts
held by the National Joint
Powers Alliance (NJPA) to
facilitate building project
starting in 2018. Also, to ac-
knowledge the anticipation
of the FY-19 Five Million
facility award from NJPA
for the purpose of improv-
ing facilities to include
a Level IV facility. Roll
Call Vote: Those in Favor:

VanDenheuvel, Benning,
Thalmann, Kangas, Wolf,
Funk and Veronen. Those
against: None. Resolution
Duly Passed.

**PERSONNEL TOPICS
AND CONSENT
AGENDA ITEMS**

MOTION BY VanDen-
heuvel, SECONDED BY
Kangas, to approve the fol-
lowing personnel items as
follows: Resignation of A.
Zamzo, S. Duerr; Hiring of
J. Fischer; Authorization to
advertise and hire an ECSE
Inst.; FMLA Leave for W.
Wegscheid; Increase in
Days for T. Brown, G. New-
man; Voluntary Contract
Reduction of M. Wolhowe;
Reassignment of A. Becker,
B. Faust; and Increase in
Hours for L. Wright. VOTE-
UC

ADJOURNMENT- MO-
TION BY Funk, SECONDED
BY Veronen, to adjourn
the meeting at 6:47 p.m.
VOTE- UC

Respectfully submitted:

Scott Veronen
Freshwater Education
District #6004

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Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples218-894-2891
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 & Youth6:30 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, Staples218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE, Staples218-894-1546
Interim Pastor: Saul Stensvaag
Emelia Engquist, Director of Youth, Family &
Christian Ed.
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 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. Simmons218-414-0081 cell/text
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m..
Saturday.....5:00 p.m..
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Nathan Hillman
Sunday School.....9:45 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 Leslie
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
(Nursery Available for Sunday Worship)
Sunday School (for grades K-12 and adults)
.....9:15-10:15 a.m.

**Aldrich
Congregational, United
Church of Christ**
One block S. of Hwy. 10, Aldrich
Pastor Dave Seaton.....218-445-5831
Sunday Worship.....9:00 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. Megordon
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 Leslie
www.motleyumc.org
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Monday AA meeting.....8:00 p.m.

Oylen

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

Pillager

First Lutheran Church
717 River Street S, Pillager, MN
218-746-3775
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
218-924-2028
Pastor Wayne Hofferf
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m
Sunday Worship.....10:45 a.m./6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer.....7:00 p.m.

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

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 Classes
.....11-11:45 a.m.

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale
Church.....218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
Prayer.....8:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship.....8:45 a.m.
Worship.....9:10 and 11:00 a.m.
Prayer or Life Groups.....6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
6:00 p.m.....Family fellowship meal
6:30 p.m.....Ministry Groups/Bible study

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

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
of Bartlett Township (LCMS)**
17097 460th St. PO Box 37, Verndale
Pastor Robin Fish
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m..
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

Verndale United Methodist
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Prairie to consider the fol-
lowing applications.

1) **Land Use Ordinance
Proposed Addition:**
Proposed addition to
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Ordinance to allow full im-
plementation of the state
mandated buffer initiative
including enforcement by
Todd County.

2) **Planning Commis-
sion Training**
All persons interested
are invited to attend said
hearing and be heard on
these matters.

Todd County Planning
Commission
Michael Wiener,
Chairperson

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NOTICE OF SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given
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Council gave an ordinance
its first reading proposing
to amend the City Code to
change the time that estab-
lishments with a Sunday
on-sale intoxicating liquor
license may begin on-sale
of intoxicating liquor on
Sundays from 12:00 noon to
11:00 a.m.

The second and final
reading will be considered
at the September 26, 2017
Staples City Council meet-
ing.

Dated: September 13, 2017

Phil Lindaman,
City Clerk

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Gaze upward, not inward

Paul Johnson, Associate Pastor, Staples Alliance Church

May your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need. - Psalm 79:8

At the turn of the new millennium, Fiji was a nation in great need; people groups were in conflict with one another, water that had once been clean and healthy had become undrinkable, and sin had taken a deep hold on the island.

It has been said, "God uses desperation to bring people to the place where they cry out to Him". The believers in Fiji were desperate, so they called a solemn assembly. Some 5,000 of them gathered to seek the Lord in repentance. Having been changed themselves, they then responded by extending the grace and mercy of God to their neighbors and God moved in wonderful ways. Revival spread, and the land of Fiji began to be healed.

Friends, our nation is in great need. How will we as believers respond?

Well we could get frustrated, and that is a very understand-
able response. But where will that frustration take us? Godly
anger can bring about godly results, but let us be very careful
with frustration, for it can easily lead us to gaze inward, not
upward. It can (and often does) lead to ungodly and ungracious
responses.

What if we keep that frustration inside? What then?

We could become resigned - throw in the towel and decide
the needs are too great, our situation is too far gone. But this
will bring with it a crusty cynicism completely antithetical to the
gospel that we believe. The hope of the gospel will be replaced
with hopelessness and despair. We will spend our time lament-

ing to those who will listen, complaining over our coffee, but
going no further.

Or... we could become desperate.

But let me be very clear. I'm not speaking of a desperation
that results in violent or harmful actions. The kind of despera-
tion I'm speaking of is the kind the believers in Fiji experienced,
the kind written about in Psalm 79:8. It feels the full weight
of frustration and lifts it heavenward. This desperation has a
firm grasp on hope - but not on any hope that lies within. This
desperation understands that to look inward for an answer is
to stare into a black hole. Like the believers in Fiji, a desperate
person looks up, hopeful, realizing there's one way out - only
one - but it is there. It is a sure hope found only in repentance,
turning back to God and His ways alone.

And here is the key; it begins with me. It begins when I ask
God to first to do a work in me. The dear people of Fiji started
there, and God began a healing work that is continuing to this
day.

Believer, are you frustrated when you see the growing needs
around us? I understand. Are you resigned? I hope not. Are you
desperate? Good! "God uses desperation to bring people to a
place where they cry out to Him."

*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame
the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame
the strong. (1 Corinthians 1:27)*

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Classic vehicles displayed for Care Center residents



Lakewood Care Center was the site of a classic car and tractor show for residents, staff and volunteers to enjoy Sept. 15. After inspecting the cars and tractors, the group posed for a photo. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

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Safeguards are in place; parents need to join school in keeping watch on students

“This has equalized our students, everyone in the school is now in the club of the digital world,” said Schmidt. Even those without internet service at home can download their homework, do it at home, and it is uploaded to their teacher as soon as they walk into the building the next day.

The school’s science department has been digital for years and Schmidt believes it is not a coincidence that the school test scores are above the state average in science. Since this is the way students prefer to learn, Schmidt said he is looking forward to seeing math scores go up, as the math curriculum is now going digital.

Students are not just getting curriculum through their devices, the school also uses technology as a discovery tool to see what the students need more instruction on, and they send out surveys or questions to find out what students want to do as a school or what ideas they have for the school.

“The results are instant, the feedback comes to us as soon as they type it,” said Schmidt.

School staff are observing how students use the technology and are in turn learning from the students how they want their education delivered. “This is a positive use of digital technology,” said Schmidt.

Social media/social behavior

Social media is now driving social behavior, and the school decided they had to take ownership of the social media world. Schmidt and Olsen both said social media interaction outside

of the school can lead to behavior issues once the student gets to school. Schmidt said school staff are always delivering messages about how to use technology appropriately, and it is even embedded in the curriculum. But students are also continually looking for new ways to exploit social media and use new platforms that their parents and teachers don’t know about yet.

“It comes down to the individual. What keys they choose to touch is up to the kids,” said Schmidt.

Olsen said there is always a question about what role the school has in the social media world. “How do we intervene so the students can get back to the business of learning?” she asked.

One answer was to install the GoGuardian software on every Chromebook. The software will send the school a red flag message if any student engages in inappropriate messaging using the device. Olsen said so far the school has not been alerted of any red flags in the first few weeks of school.

“The students know we are watching, and it is a cue for parents that they need to watch, too,” said Olsen. “That is a huge piece of this.”

In talking to people in other school districts who have used the software, Olsen said the red flags are not usually bullying behavior or looking up risque web sites, but more often a cry for help. “It’s kids searching for suicide songs, or blue whale (reckless behavior game), or the ‘13 Reasons’ (television show about suicide)” said Olsen. “We just want to have a con-

versation with parents to make sure their student is safe. I would want to know if I were the parent.”

Olsen sees students who admit how connected they are to their cell phones, and how they can’t let it go. The students also realize how it can lead to anxiety and depression. “We work on coping strategies so social media does not run their life,” said Olsen.

The school made one big rule change this year. They are requiring students to leave their phones in the classroom when they take a bathroom break. “Their phone is their pass,” said Schmidt. “Our internal data showed that is where they were getting into trouble.”

In the first two weeks of school, data is now showing that there are far fewer bathroom breaks during class time.

Digital Daze

Schmidt and Olsen are looking forward to the Digital Daze program and the students’ sessions with speaker Erin Walsh.

“She is very credible in how she delivers, and the students could learn from a new voice,” said Schmidt.

Olsen said “Technology evolves so quickly, I hope she brings ideas for us to be aware of and keep in the forefront. We need to continue to evolve.”

One of the goals of Digital Daze is to get the community working in the same direction to curb abuses of social media. Schmidt and Olsen said there will be a lot of follow-up during the school year, so students will always be aware of what the community expects of them.

WALSH continued from page 1a

Speaker will explore questions about growing up digital

Bolster Collaborative and Psychology Today, she co-authored the 10th Anniversary Edition of the national bestseller “Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen.”

In addition to her work with Mind Positive Parenting, Walsh facilitates workshops with Youth Frontiers and teaches undergraduate students at the Higher Education Consortium for Urban Affairs where she teaches a program called “Making Media, Making Change.”

Walsh currently serves as the board chair of YMCA Camp Widjiwagan, a wilderness-based youth development program. She has consulted with schools, school districts, parent groups and other youth serving organizations throughout North America on issues related to digital media, children and youth.

Digital expertise

Walsh provided a sample of what she will talk about in Staples and Motley, from a preview titled “iBrain: What Science Tells Us About Growing Up Digital.”

Social networking, cell phones, and video games are game changers for young people - changing the ways that they learn, socialize and make decisions. Yet while media headlines suggest that digital technologies are either good or bad for kids – evidence suggests that they are powerful. The good or bad depends upon how we

use them.

In this interactive and energizing presentation, Walsh will connect the dots between the latest discoveries in brain science and the emerging challenges and opportunities related to “growing up digital.”

Digital technologies simultaneously unleash incredible opportunities for our kids and pose a new set of responsibilities. Using brain science,

stories, and humor, Walsh will help parents understand the key ingredients for success in the digital age and explore practical tools and strategies that help families build on their strengths. Walsh will answer important questions like:

What skills do young people need to thrive in an online world?

How can we help teens become caring and compe-

tent digital citizens?

Is social media connecting young people or isolating them?

Are teenagers really good multi-taskers? How can young people focus on academics in a world of distractions?

Text harassment reported to police

Recent reports taken by the Staples Police include;

Sept. 12; Staples Police received a report of harassment by text message. Police spoke with the subject involved and advised them to cease any contact with the reporting party.

Sept. 14; Staples Police received a report of a male party walking east on Hwy 10 attempting to flag down passersby. Police assisted MN State Patrol in making contact with the male party. Police transported him to

the depot to attempt to get on board Amtrak.

Sept. 16; Staples Police observed a vehicle parked in the middle of an alleyway near the 400 block of Hwy 10. Police observed the vehicle to have a broken mirror and broken rear window. Police made contact with the owner of the vehicle and they were advised. Anyone with any information regarding this damage to property is asked to contact the Staples Police Dept.

Consumer advisory for Shaefer’s Market All-Beef Wieners

The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has issued a consumer advisory for meats produced at Schaefer’s Market in Sauk Center due to lack of proper labeling.

During a routine inspection, the MDA determined that Schaefer’s used milk and soy products to produce its All-Beef Wieners. Milk and soy, both known food allergens, were not disclosed on the product label. Food allergens may cause an allergic reaction in people with sensitivity to known allergens.

The following specific products are subject to this advisory:

- All-Beef Wieners with a packed on date of 9-1-2017
- 50 pounds were produced in the batch and 40

pounds are accounted for.

The products subject to this advisory bear the establishment number “789” inside the State of Minnesota mark of inspection and a sell by date of 10-1-2017 on the label. These products were sold only from the Schaefer’s market in Sauk Center.

The MDA and the company have not received any reports of adverse reactions or illness due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about illness should contact a healthcare provider. Consumers who purchased this product should throw it away or return it to the store. Consumers with questions about the advisory can contact the MDA at 651-201-6300.

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Joan Batcher Rhymers is the director of the Staples Area Women's Chorus

Interested in joining? Stop by September 25

By Dawn Timbs
Staples World reporter

Joan Batcher Rhymers is excited to be directing the Staples Area Women's Chorus, a position she has held since last November.

One of the things she enjoys most about her role is being able to work with women who are there because they want to be, Rhymers said. She appreciates their enthusiasm, talent and love for making music. "These women do a phenomenal job," she added.

Now residing in the Crosslake area, Rhymers has strong ties to Staples, the town where she was raised and first introduced to music performance. Her parents, Robert and Ellen Batcher, owned Batcher's Department store, a long-time business establishment in Staples.

"My mom was a member of the women's chorus when Mike Blessing was the director," Rhymers shared. Little did she know that one day she would direct this same choir.

A 1972 graduate of Staples High School, Rhymers was very involved with her alma mater's music department. She sang in the choir,

directed by Stan Carlson; and played trumpet in the band, under the direction of Mark Evans.

"Music was one of my strengths in high school," Rhymers said, mentioning that she performed in musicals and was an accompanist for the choir.

After high school, she attended Concordia College in Moorhead, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and Business Education. She later received a Master of Arts degree in Business and Vocational Education from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks; and a Master of Arts in Choral Conducting from St. Cloud State University.

Along the way, Rhymers has taught music at a number of schools, including Eagle Valley Public Schools, Motley-Staples Middle School, Pillager Schools and Pine River-Backus Schools. In addition to directing choirs, she has directed musicals and bands; offered vocal and instrumental lessons; and taught music to students in elementary and middle schools.

Rhymers reflected on the years she spent at the middle school in Motley. It

was fun, yet a bit intimidating to be teaching at the same district as Stan Carlson. "He went from being my teacher to my colleague," Rhymers laughed, adding that it took a while before she felt comfortable calling him 'Stan' rather than 'Mr. Carlson.'

Her most recent job was at Pine River-Backus High School, where she taught music and directed choirs for 18 years. She retired in 2016.

Although she enjoys many aspects of music performance, Rhymers feels her strength is in directing.

The Staples Area Women's Chorus recently kicked off its 2017 - 18 season, which includes a number of concerts throughout the year. Their annual 'Soup, Sandwich and a Song' is set for Oct. 28; and the 'Her Voice, Her Song' event will take place March 3. Also in the works is the Community Christmas Concert in December, which includes a major work by Franz Schubert. The chorus also performs on occasion at area care centers and churches.

"I'm so excited about this year's 'Her Voice, Her Song,'" Rhymers said, going on to mention that



Rehearsals have begun



Joan Batcher Rhymers, director of the Staples Area Women's Chorus, worked with choir members on a new piece at their rehearsal Sept. 18. Kim Berggren, at the piano, is the choir's accompanist. Rhymers has been directing the choir since last November, hired for the position after Rob Freelove resigned. Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to join them at their rehearsal Monday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Staples-Motley High School Choir Room. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)

Therees Hibbard, a choir director at St. Olaf College in Northfield, will be one of the directors at the event.

The women's chorus rehearses Monday evenings at the Staples-Motley High School Choir Room.

Rehearsals run from 7:30 - 9 p.m. On Sept. 25, anyone interested in joining the chorus is invited to stop by.

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What to know and do in Equifax data breach

Minnesota Commerce Commissioner Mike Rothman is urging consumers to be aware of the steps they can take to protect their financial information and prevent identity theft in response to the report of a large-scale data breach at Equifax, one of the three major credit reporting companies.

Equifax recently announced the breach that occurred from mid-May through July this year, affecting an estimated 143 million consumers in the U.S. Hackers gained access to names, Social Security numbers, birth dates, addresses and, in some instances, drivers' license numbers. They also stole credit card numbers and credit card dispute documents with personal identifying information.

"The depth and breadth of the Equifax data breach is alarming," said Rothman. "Identity thieves could use this personal financial information to open fraudulent credit card accounts or obtain loans. While Minnesota law does not allow the commerce department to regulate Equifax, we are advising the financial institutions we do oversee to be vigilant by taking appropriate additional measures to protect their customers' accounts and prevent any fraudulent activity due to the Equifax breach."

Equifax has set up a special website to assist consumers. The company says it's also mailing notices to consumers whose credit card numbers or dispute documents were exposed. Whether or not your information was stolen, Equifax is also offering consumers one year of free credit monitoring services.

The commerce website offers practical tips on what you can do to prevent identity theft and protect your sensitive personal information from

being misused. These tips include:

- Check your credit reports. Every 12 months, you can request a copy of your credit report - for free - from each of the three major credit reporting companies (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion). Visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 877-322-8228. Carefully review the information and immediately report any unauthorized accounts, suspicious activity or inaccuracies.

- Request a security freeze on your credit report. A freeze restricts access to your credit report, making it nearly impossible for someone to open a new account or line of credit in your name. If you are a victim of identity theft, Minnesota law allows you to place a credit freeze for free. Otherwise, there is a fee. The Commerce website has a form you can use to request a freeze from the three major credit reporting agencies.

- Place a fraud alert on your credit report. If you decide against a security freeze, consider placing a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert warns creditors that you may be an identity theft victim, so they should verify that anyone seeking credit in your name really is you.

- Monitor your existing credit cards and financial accounts. Immediately report any suspicious charges or activity. Be alert if your monthly bill or statement does not arrive on time. It may be a sign that someone has hijacked your account.

If you have a question or believe you have been a victim of fraud, contact the MN Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602 (Greater Minnesota).

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Moving the defense, moving the ball

Dalton Hoemberg (2) bursts through line on his 36 yard scoring run, led by blocks from Kyle Serich (75), Scout Strickland (51) Braden Tyrrell (50) and Cade Schmidt (22). (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)

Webster, Hoemberg create big plays to lead Cardinals to win

By Mark Anderson
News Editor

The Staples-Motley football team overcame a slow start and used big plays to turn the tide in a 27-6 win over Long Prairie-Grey Eagle on Sept. 15.

The Cardinal coaching staff spent the first half encouraging the team to focus on every play, but they didn't get results from all eleven on every play.

Staples-Motley suffered from a fumble on the opening play, poor pass protection, a touchdown called back on a penalty and other drive-ending mistakes. They were winning the battle of field position, but it wasn't doing them any good.

The team was in need of a game changer, and it came in the form of one big play late in the first half. Safety Griffin Webster stepped in front of an LP-GE pass for an interception, and the Cardinals suddenly coalesced into one unit. As Webster weaved back and forth on his interception return, multiple players threw key blocks until Webster found himself all alone and cruised into the end zone for a 6-0 lead.

The Cardinal defense held, but they gave LP-GE another chance when a fake punt didn't work. The opponents scored, but Braden Tyrrell blocked the extra point to keep the score tied at six going into halftime.

There were more big plays to come in the second half, starting with another interception by Webster. With good field position, Dalton Hoemberg blasted through the defense for a 36



Pick six entourage

Griffin Webster (24) runs an interception back for a touchdown while being protected by Braden Tyrrell (50), Isaac

yard rushing touchdown. Josh Lombard kicked the extra point for a 13-6 lead.

The defense also sparked the team's third touchdown. The Cardinals forced a fumble and drove down with the help of another Hoemberg run and a pass completion from Lombard to Derek Kennedy. Lombard finished the drive with an outside run into the corner of the end zone.

Staples-Motley sealed the game away on a fake punt in the fourth quarter. Instead of punting, Lombard launched a deep ball to Chase Davis sprinting down the right sideline. Davis reached out and snared the ball, then kept running until he was knocked out of bounds at the four yard line, a 61 yard completion.

Hoemberg took care of the rest, scoring two plays later. Lombard kicked his third extra point and the Cardinals had the 27-6 lead that they kept the rest of

the way. For the game, Staples-Motley outgained LP-GE 311-155 in total offensive yards.

Hoemberg proved hard to bring down, as he powered his way for extra yards on many of his carries and finished with 175 yards rushing.

The defense played well, holding LP-GE once when they got close, allowing one score, then playing lights-out in the second half.

Team results
Staples-Motley 27, Long Prairie-Grey Eagle 6
Rushing: 50-229 - Dalton Hoemberg 31-175, Cade Schmidt 11-61, Josh Lombard 8-(-7)
Passing: Lombard 4-14, 82 yards
Receiving: Derek Kennedy 2-13, Chase Davis 1-61, Griffin Webster 1-8
Tackles: Braden Tyrrell 17, Schmidt 9, Scout Strickland 8, Hoemberg 7, Mason Nyhus 6, Webster 4, Davis 3, Isaac Swendsrud 3, Kennedy 2, Luke Schmieg 2, Kyle Serich 2, Em-

Swendsrud (58) and Cade Schmidt (22). (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



Deep catch

Chase Davis pulls in his 61 yard catch

mitt Winkels 2, Lombard 1, Isaac Kronenberg 1, Even Nantik 1, Jordon Carlson 1, Ryker Beckner 1

Cardinals win top matches

The Staples-Motley girls tennis team won at number one singles and number one doubles, but those were the only points they earned in a 5-2 loss to Pequot Lakes on Sept. 14.

Kelsi Peterson improved to 8-5 in number one singles matches with a 6-3, 6-2 win.

Claire Wolhowe and Anna Willgohs improved to 5-1 as a number one singles team, winning their match 7-5, 6-2 against Pequot Lakes.

The Cardinals played in a triangular meet on Sept.

18, falling to Brainerd 7-0 and to Minnewaska 5-2. Getting doubles wins in that match were Peterson and Jenna Dvorak, and Haley Dietman and Katie Johnson.

Team results
Staples-Motley 2, Pequot Lakes 5
Singles: Kelsi Peterson W 6-3, 6-2; Beth Johnson L 6-1, 6-0; Rose Han L 6-2, 6-0; Tasha Achermann L 6-1, 6-3
Doubles: Claire Wolhowe/Anna Willgohs W 7-5, 6-2; Bryn Williams/Haley Cichos L 6-4, 7-5; Katie Johnson/Jenna Dvorak L 6-1, 6-3

VB team falls in straight sets

The Staples-Motley volleyball team lost to Sebek 3-0 on Sept. 12, falling 12-25, 11-25, 17-25.

Team statistics included:

Alex Davis: ace serve-1, digs-7
Tabetha Allen: digs-1, assist-1, kill-3
Kiera Dumpprope: ace

serve-1, digs-2, kills-2, block-1
Mackenna Bjerga: digs-7, assist-7, kill-1
Camryn Banaka: digs-9, kill-1
Kiera Storry: ace serve-1, digs-5, kills-4
Alix Peterson: digs-5, kills-2, block-1

CC teams race with big schools

The Staples-Motley cross country teams both finished in 10th place at the Little Falls Lucky Lindy Invitational on Sept. 14, faring well against a host of Class AA schools and some top Class A schools.

For both the boys and girls, it was a good overall performance, as several runners had their fastest times of the year. For the girls, Addison Lorber cut her time down by 30 seconds and for the boys Ben Bartczak and Emmet Anderson had their fastest times. Hunter Klimek finished his first race as the second varsity runner, after being injured for the first three meets.

Team results
Little Falls Lucky Lindy Invitational
Girls scores: Becker 52, Hopkins 107, Perham 111, Monticello 129, Rocori 130, Moorhead 134, Alexandria 144, Sartell 186, Brainerd 227, Staples-Motley 291, Milaca 376, Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin 384, Pequot Lakes 385, St. Cloud Apollo 389, Grand Rapids 404, Detroit Lakes 409, St.

Cloud Tech 409, Fergus Falls 415, Little Falls 466, Foley 556
13. Kira Sweeney 20:13, 38. Addison Lorber 21:13, 55. Ashley Robben 21:48, 99. Kaitlyn Smith 23:49, 108. Abby Brown 24:21
Junior high: 4. Kyanna Burton 13:22, 119. Mackenzie Wilds 17:05, 121. Addisyn Cichos 17:06
Boys scores: Sartell 60, Hopkins 94, Alexandria 99, Moorhead 110, Perham 132, Bemidji 148, Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin 214, St. Cloud Apollo 222, St. Cloud Cathedral 290, Staples-Motley 293, Little Falls 317, Becker 337, Brainerd 341, Rocori 342, Detroit Lakes 384, Grand Rapids 414, Fergus Falls 458, St. Cloud Tech 481, Foley 482, Pequot Lakes 552, Milaca 617, Sauk Rapids-Rice 643
6. Emmet Anderson 16:39, 47. Hunter Klimek 18:02, 70. Ben Bartczak 18:27, 79. Tanner Robben 18:45, 91. Isaac Christoffersen 18:59, 95. Bentley Christensen 19:04, 105. Brayden Christensen 19:36
JV: 243 Trenton Plopper 22:49, 340. Jonah Johnson 27:34
Junior high: 26. Austin Johnson 12:41, 112. Issiah Tabatt 14:09, 164. Connor Judd 15:12, 166. Caleb Picconatto 15:15, 215. Alex Brings 16:22

Is our duck hunting tradition on life support?

When it's less than one week to the start of another duck hunting season, my antennae are especially receptive to signs and signals that have anything to do with this favorite annual pursuit.

Case in point: Recently I was driving home from a brief early morning fishing outing; before other commitments claimed the rest of the day.

I'm a careful, eyes-on-the-road driver, but in my peripheral vision I couldn't help seeing my favorite October and November colors: camouflage. Parked by the roadside was an unusual double-decker trailer that reminded me of the multi-deck trailers that canoe liveries use to haul canoeists and canoes upstream to put-in points on popular rivers. On the lower deck of this trailer was a small, V-hull, fishing-style craft, painted in a professional-looking camouflage pattern. An all-round seaworthy duck boat that would be at home on a lake or marsh, could handle a modest size outboard and even rough water if you didn't take foolish chances.

Above this boat, on the trailer's top rack, was a shorter, shallower, double-pointed boat that was

decked over front and back. With some natural vegetation lashed to the boat's decks it would be easy to "disappear," and its shallow draft would allow a hunter to row or pole himself into extremely shallow water. The pair of boats looked like a versatile one-two combination for handling most any circumstances a duck hunter might encounter.

The other thing notable about this duck hunting rig was the conspicuous FOR SALE sign that it bore. I was past it before I could slow down, but gave strong consideration to making a U-turn at the next road crossing. The fact that I don't need another duck boat wouldn't normally prevent me from stopping to investigate. But it was a Sunday morning, not long after 9 a.m., and I considered the possibility that I would be intruding at an inopportune time; that, and there being little prospect of the owner making a sale.

I wondered what circumstances had led to this good looking duck boat combo being put up for sale. Had age and declining vitality made the physical demands of duck hunting too great for its owner? Had the grim reaper paid one of its inevitable visits? Or had the owner of this duck hunting rig decided that the return on investment of time and energy was an investment that was not paying off? Was the owner giving up in disgust?

I have no way of knowing what circumstances prevailed here. But I do know how the numbers game in Minnesota duck hunt-

ing is playing out. The decline in hunters has been sharp, both in the short and the long term. Duck stamp sales and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) surveys tell a dramatic story. In 2015, there were 76,200 Minnesota duck hunters. In 2016, that number had dwindled to 67,301. That's a drop of more than 11 percent in just one year. As might be expected, duck harvest dropped too, from 663,811 in 2015 to 606,458 in 2016. The long-term picture is even more dramatic. In 1979 there were an estimated 155,000 Minnesota duck hunters. The math reveals a drop of 56 percent in the 38 years from 1979 to 2016.

One of the major reasons for concern over this desertion is the loss of financial support for protecting and improving wetlands for waterfowl, which not by coincidence benefits a host of other wildlife too, including furbearers, songbirds and small mammals. Much of the funding for this work comes from the sale of Minnesota's "duck stamp," a special surcharge for anyone who hunts ducks or geese in the state. As waterfowl hunters drop out of the sport, their dollars go with them. Purchases of hunting equipment and ammunition also generate tax revenues that flow back to the states for habitat and wildlife management programs and these, too, diminish with a decline in participation.

It's not that there have'nt been efforts to retain existing duck hunters and recruit new ones. Youth Waterfowl Day is held an-

nually, usually about two weeks before the start of the general waterfowl hunting opener in late September. The concept is to introduce new or inexperienced hunters to waterfowling under conditions that are not as competitive as during a typical duck hunting opener.

The MN DNR has also tried to stimulate more duck hunting interest by liberalizing its regulations to boost hunter harvest. For many years the duck season began at noon in early October. The noon opener was thought to "give ducks a chance" to acclimate themselves to intense hunting pressure. The noon opener is gone, replaced by shooting at daybreak even on opening day. The season now opens in late September when more early-migrating ducks - blue wing teal, for instance - are still in Minnesota and available for harvest. The two-bird limit on wood ducks was raised to three and more mallards can be harvested.

There are probably a combination of reasons behind the dramatic drop in Minnesota duck hunters. Duck hunting is a gear, time, effort and cost-intensive form of hunting. Most hunters use boats dedicated only to duck hunting. Pursuit typically requires rising well before dawn, launching a boat full of duck decoys, claiming a hunting location and having your decoys spread on the waters and all things in readiness before sunrise. All this in weather that can be brutal, sometimes even dangerous.

If reward for this strenuous effort is measured only in ducks harvested - and it isn't, for many hunters - the drop in Minnesota duck hunter numbers would be understandable. Despite a continental duck population that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service tells us is at - or near - the long-term average, the credibility of these numbers is not supported by ducks seen or harvested by Minnesota hunters. The tangible rewards seem to be diminishing.

Another reality is that youth have a wide array of ways to spend their time, among them year-round participation in team sports, academic camps and time invested in social media. "Immediate gratification" may be a term unfairly used to characterize our culture today, but there's truth in it. Duck hunting and immediate gratification are anything but synonymous. Among the many niches in hunting and fishing, duck hunting may be among the least likely for a youth with no prior exposure to be drawn to and take part in.

All of which seems to leave an aging generation of die-hards who seem willing to stay with duck hunting through thick and thin, lean years and good, rising at ungodly hours, enduring numb fingers and toes and finding pay-offs in sunrises and sunsets and duck hunting's ritual, if not in a heavy bag of birds.

The question is: who, if anyone, will take their place?

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Swimmers drop times

The Staples-Motley girls swimming team competed well against Morris on Sept. 14, then had some big performances at a multi-team meet at Park Rapids.

“We’ve had a couple of really rough weeks, with tough practices and sickness, but the girls really have been troopers and they’re pulling through now,” said Coach Amanda Olson. “I can’t believe the time drops they earned.”

Team results
Staples-Motley 73, Morris Area 95
Varsity highlights:
The 200 medley relay (Emily Veronen, Lili Schneider, Autumn Nelsen, Aleeah Halverson) 2nd place dropped 7 seconds to 2:07.
Schneider 6 second drop in the 200 free, 2nd place.
Joelle Bounds 3rd in 50 free, 29.51
Adriana Dickey dropped 5

seconds in 100 butterfly for 3rd place.
Halverson beat her time from sections last year by 2 seconds and got a 1:05 with 3rd place in the 100 free. Emma Gerard & Jaden Engebretson followed with 4th and 5th place.
Veronen dropped 15 seconds in her 500 free tonight for a 1st place in 6:20; Bounds had season best 6:34.09 and 4th place.
200 Free Relay (Gerard, Nelsen, Engebretson, Bounds) best time of 2:03.
Veronen won the 100 backstroke by 6 seconds in 1:10
Schneider 1st place in 100 breaststroke and a new season best of 1:17; After Robinson dropped 5 seconds
JV highlights:
200 Medley Relay (Mandy Carter, Breanna Jasmer, Val Lozano, Brooke Ferdon) 2nd place
Carter dropped 5 seconds in her 200 freestyle.
Malaya Reem 4th in 50 free,

35.28. Val Lozano dropped 5 seconds for a 39.47
100 freestyle - Nelsen personal best of 1:09, 1st place; Evelyn Gonzalez dropped 3 seconds for a 1:17 Jasmer dropped 15 seconds for a 1:32
200 free relay of (Ferdon, Carter, Reem, and Gonzalez) 2nd place.
Jayma Lawson dropped 22 seconds in 100 backstroke.
Jasmer dropped 21 seconds in 100 breaststroke, Cassidy Barthel dropped 6
Park Rapids meet, finishers in top 16:
200 medley relay (Veronen, Schneider, Nelsen, and Halverson) 8th, 2:10
Veronen 10th in 200 IM, 2:40
Schneider 15th in 50 freestyle in 28.58
Veronen 8th in 100 backstroke, 1:11
Schneider 7th in the 100 breaststroke, 1:18
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Pillager High School's Homecoming royalty

Pillager High School held its Homecoming Coronation Sept. 18. Pictured above, from left, are Joshua Doss, Colton Hardy, Levi Nagel, Prince Camdan Balk, King Noah Caruso, Queen Hailea Books, Princess Alaina Bouc, Gillian Kuehl, Olivia Stanifer, Brenna Bollig. The Pillager Huskies will take on United North Central at the Homecoming football game Sept. 22. (Submitted photo)



Donation made to Scandia Valley VFD

Scandia Valley Volunteer Fire Department received a \$1,150 check from Lincoln Evangelical Free Church. The church raised the funds from the bluegrass gospel gathering during Scandia Valley Summerfest. "The Scandia Valley Volunteer Fire Department is men and women who give their time and lives to our community to assist with emergencies and fires," said Rhonda Skjonsby, administrative assistant at the church. "This group of men and women - who are strictly volunteer - race towards the dangers we have all been trained to run

from." Some of the equipment is purchased through township funds, while other items are supplied by donations, grants and the annual Fireman's Turkey Dinner fundraiser.

Front row, left to right: Jason Tollefson, Jacob Moon, Charlie Berrich, Brian Post, Charlie Hansen, Jordan Amundson, Dennis Poser. Back: JR Bettis, Chad Kieffer, Peter Lindell, Keri Kuklok, Ryan Kuklok, Mike Krause, Dale Mashuga. Not pictured: Anna Hansen, Mike Altrichter, Brad Hansen, Chris Korwes, Richard Pride. (Submitted photo)

Backus home invasion results in shots fired, suspect at large

Cass County Sheriff Tom Burch reports that on Sept. 16, at 11:18 p.m., the sheriff's office received a report of an intruder at a residence located in Pine River Twp., rural Backus.

Deputies arrived and learned that the intruder had made entry into the residence, the homeowner had fired a firearm at the intruder and the intruder exited the residence.

It is unknown if the intruder was injured and it is believed he left on foot. Deputies searched the area and were unable to locate the intruder.

The intruder is described as being a caucasian male, approximately 6

ft. 5 inches in height with a very large body. At the time of the incident, the intruder was wearing all black clothing.

The sheriff's office requests that anyone with information regarding the incident or any suspicious activity contact them at 218-547-1424 or 800-450-2677.

Police reports, Motley area

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

Sept. 11 - The MPD issued a citation to James Crawford, 59, for driving with a revoked license and for not having a current proof of insurance.

Sept. 7 - The MPD issued a citation to Angel De La Cruz, 30, for not having a MN Driver's License. Driver had produced a Puerto Rico ID which was checked by dispatch as not on file.

Sept. 13 - The MCSO received a call from BNSF Railway reporting property damage at Azure Rd. and Hwy 10 in Cushing.

Sept. 11 - The MCSO received a call from the Friendly Inn in Motley regarding a parked vehicle at their establishment that had its engine revved up. The reporting deputy spoke with the driver and he agreed to be transported to St. Gabriel's Hospital in Little Falls for an evaluation.

Sept. 9 - The MCSO responded to a two-vehicle accident at Hwy 10 and Bear Rd. in Cushing. No injuries reported.

Sept. 9 - The MCSO received a report of a burglary at the 33000 block of Birch Ln. in Motley.

Sept. 8 - The MCSO received a report of a hit and run accident at the 31000 block of Lowry Cir., in Cushing.

Sept. 7 - The MCSO received a report of theft at the 3000 block of Carlson Ave. in Cushing.

Law Enforcement Scholarship Program

Morrison County Sheriff Shawn Larsen announces the commencement of a Law Enforcement Scholarship program for 2017.

The Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA) has established a scholarship fund for awarding up to fifteen \$600 scholarships this year. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of all 87 sheriffs in the State of Minnesota.

The members of the MSA understand the financial needs of students attending the Peace Officer Skills Course, or one of the two or four year law enforcement degree colleges across our state. "The Board of Directors feel peace officers in our democratic society have complex duties to perform," said Sheriff Larsen. MSA recognized the importance of pre-entry training for people considering law enforcement as their career choice. MSA recognizes some students need outside

help in meeting the costs of such training, even though they excel academically.

The scholarship committee, in making its selection of awards, intends on achieving representation from all geographical areas of the state. Scholarship awards will be announced by Dec. 30. Application forms and a statement of procedures are available at the Morrison County Sheriff's Office. Applications will only be accepted from Sept. 1 - Oct. 13. Scholarships are only available to students currently enrolled in one of the following three categories:

- Mandated POST Skills Program.

- In the second year of a two-year law enforcement program.

- In the third or fourth year of a four-year college Criminal Justice Program.

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of their two year program, or two years of a four year program. Students meeting these criteria are invited to obtain a scholarship application from the sheriff's office, or online at www.mnsheriffs.org.



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As he helped a neighbor, Karl Iten injured his right tendon just above his heel. When the avid angler, who lives on McKeown Lake near Hackensack, couldn't go fishing he knew it was time to get help.

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Karl is back to fishing and his daily five-mile walk with his neighbor.

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