



Weather

This Week's Forecast

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 8	23°	20°	Cloudy
Dec. 9	35	19	M. Cloudy
Dec. 10	31	12	Snow
Dec. 11	26	19	Sunny
Dec. 12	38	24	M. Sunny
Dec. 13	39	26	M. Sunny
Dec. 14	39	28	M. Sunny

Last Year, 2020

	High	Low	Cond.
Dec. 8	39°	27°	Sunny
Dec. 9	38	28	Sunny
Dec. 10	49	32	M. Sunny
Dec. 11	28	27	Cloudy
Dec. 12	28	23	Cloudy
Dec. 13	24	20	Snow
Dec. 14	10	2	Sunny

Average Temps:
H = 28° Low = 14°
Total Snow for wk:
5 - 6 inches

*Compiled by
Dale Hausmann,
WCCO's Staples area
Weatherwatcher*



Public Notices

Evergreen Hill Cemetery: 8A

Obituaries

Mary Carlson
Tammy Dobson
Jamie Hopp
Mark Pogreba
Lillian Rollins
Craig Wentworth



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Holiday frill Motley Veterans Park puts on a Christmas motif. (Photo by Dawn Timbs)

Minnesota taking ‘Governor’s Challenge’ to eliminate veteran death by suicide

Veterans Notes
By David A Anderson
Wadena County Veteran Service Officer

Minnesota has been selected to participate in the “Governor’s Challenge” to eliminate Veteran death by suicide, a collaborative effort with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). For several years, SAMHSA has partnered with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to bring the “Governor’s Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families” to states and communities across the nation.

Death by suicide has claimed more than 100 Minnesota Veteran lives per year during the past five years. “As a member of the Army National Guard for 24 years, suicide in our veteran community is a tragedy that I take personally,” said Governor Tim Walz. “Those who raise their hand to serve our country deserve the best care and services our nation and state can provide. We must work together to provide Veterans with immediate access to quality, culturally competent mental healthcare and make bipartisan progress toward eliminating Veteran suicide entirely. Minnesota can and will lead on Veteran issues.”

To support the success of this initiative, Governor Walz has directed multiple state agencies including the Minnesota Departments of Veterans Affairs, Military Affairs, Higher Education,

Human Services, Health and Agriculture to prioritize this effort and work collaboratively along with other state, federal and local partners. The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) will serve as the coordinator of the efforts.

MDVA is identifying additional Governor’s Challenge participants from other State agencies as well as other Federal and local partners. “We are confident that using a collaborative approach – like our work to end Veteran homelessness will position us to make a similarly positive impact in the area of preventing Veteran suicide,” said Larry Herke, MDVA Commissioner.

Added MG Jon Jensen, The Adjutant General Minnesota: “The Minnesota National Guard is encouraged by this collaborative effort, under Governor Walz’ ‘One Minnesota’ approach, to ending Veteran Suicide. We look forward to participating in the Governor’s Challenge to end Veterans death by suicide. One Veteran suicide is one too many.”

“Eliminating Veteran suicide is a goal all Minnesotans should embrace,” said Minnesota Department of Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead. “We need the right behavioral health services across the state from crisis to clinics to chemical dependency so that Veterans get the help they need.”

Expertise from other state agencies will prove invaluable. The Minnesota Department of Health has led suicide prevention and education initiatives among

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Motley Lions donate \$10,000 to food shelf

The Motley Area Food Shelf (MAFS) recently received a \$10,000 check from the Motley Lions. Pictured above, from left,

are Lion Wanda Lutzke, Santa (aka Lion President Don Delude) and Lion Sherry Frisk, MAFS Director. (Submitted photo)



Christmas For Kids

Staples '93 Lions held their Christmas For Kids event Dec. 4 at the Lions building. The program includes gifts for children who may not experience a real Christmas. Left to right: Donna Shaw,

Sharon Thew. Janet Opheim, Rayma Miller, Bev Dolezal, Sylvia Falk, Gail Honek and Cheryl Carey. Not pictured: Joann Schornack. (Submitted photo)



Stern Rubber is one of the local companies that donated to the Lions Christmas For Kids program. Pictured,

Ash Nordlund of Stern Rubber shows the pile collected at the company. (Submitted photo)

Todd County permit fees to go up in 2022

Effective on January 1, 2022, Todd County Planning & Zoning will be increasing its fees for Conditional Use Permit applications, Rezoning applications, and Variance applications from \$350 to \$425. The reason for this is to help the office better cover costs of preparation for the meeting, staff time, and per diems for the board members. This also means that after-the-fact fees for these applications will be increased to \$850.

The change was heard before the County Board of Commissioners on Sept. 21, brought to a public hearing before the Board on Oct. 5, and was officially adopted on Oct. 19. No other changes were made to the Planning & Zoning Fee schedule for 2022.

Call 320-732-4420 for questions about this or any land use or permitting issue.



Looking back

75 YEARS Ago - 1946

Dec. 5, 1946 - Little hope is held out for the life of Alfred C. Wensmann, of Aldrich, who was brutally attacked by his son early Wednesday morning, following an altercation which developed after Mr. Wensmann had tried to persuade his son to re-enter school and continue on with his education, according to reports obtained from Aldrich residents Wednesday morning.

Mr. Wensmann operated Joe's Place in Aldrich, and he and his two sons had their sleeping room at the rear of the place. After closing up his busi-

Compiled by Dawn Timbs

ness for the evening, the argument ensued with the result that Bill Wensmann, 16, became infuriated with his father, grabbed a beer bottle and struck him over the head. After knocking him down with the bottle, Bill struck his father with a blunt instrument, which is reported to be a hammer, and the father's skull was crushed in on the top of the head and he was knocked unconscious.

Mr. Wensmann was rushed to the Wadena hospital by residents of Aldrich



Mystery solved

Last week's mystery photo, published in the Dec. 8, 1988 edition of the Staples World featured Mike and Cindy Gold of Motley, selected for the annual Outstanding Young Farmer award presented by the Staples Jaycees. The two, who were involved in the operation of the Gold Turkey Farms south of Motley, were later entered in the statewide competition for the Minnesota Outstanding Young Farmer award.

Gary Trout of Motley (Cindy's brother), correctly identified the Golds and shared that he had been at the banquet where the two had been honored as Farm Family of Year' and recognized for having had 1.3 percent of the nation's eggs production.

David Widhelm of Motley recognized the Golds, stating he had gone to school with them. Mike Koppes, Judy Wolak and Eva Joy Lund, all of Staples, correctly identified the Golds as well. Thanks for participating in our Mystery Photo.



Mystery photo

Hello readers. This week's archive photo is from our Dec. 9, 1971 edition. Do you know who these people are and perhaps the context of the photo? Do you have a memory to share? Email your an-

swers and where you are from to dtimbs@staplesworld.com by Friday, or call 218-894-1112. The answers will be published in next week's paper, as well as a new mystery photo.

who had been called to the scene and he remains in a critical condition there. Information of this tragedy was first given by Morris Wensmann, 9, who was awakened by the argument. Clad in his night clothes he rushed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dorse Lynch. They had retired, and Mr. Lynch dressed as quickly as possible but by the time he reached the scene of the tragedy, young Bill was gone with his father's car, a 1940

Chevrolet, and had taken with him between \$150 and \$200 in cash from his father.

Sheriff John Bengston of Wadena County is working on the case at the present time, and up to two o'clock Wednesday afternoon, no trace was found as to the whereabouts of young Bill. The mother resides in Chicago and it is thought that Bill may be on his way to visit her in that city.

Special bulletin - "A report from the hospital at Wadena stated that Mr. Wensmann died at 4:20 Thursday afternoon, Dec. 5, without regaining consciousness.

Dec. 5, 1946 - Retroactive to September first of this year, or the beginning of the 1946-47 school year, all instructors and janitors in the Staples public school system, will receive a cost of living adjustment raise of \$180 per year. This gives the personnel \$20 per month more on a nine months basis and \$15 per month more on the 12 months basis.

The cost of living adjustment was voted by the school board at a meeting held Wednesday at the St. Charles hotel.

50 YEARS Ago - 1971

Dec. 9, 1971 - An eight-year-old Staples boy was unconscious for nearly three hours following a snowmobile accident Friday afternoon.

Injured but recovering nicely was Chad Longbella, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard Longbella.

The accident occurred as he was riding a toboggan behind a snowmobile driven by a companion. As the machine swung around a corner, Chad was thrown from the toboggan and his head struck a tree.

He was rendered unconscious, and was taken to the Staples Municipal hospital, where he remained for treatment and observation.

His parents told The World that they expected him to be released Tuesday, and that he appeared to be recovering nicely from the sever blow on his head.

Dec. 9, 1971 - Classes at Staples high school were dismissed early Friday when the school received a threat that a bomb had been placed in the building.

Staples Police told The World that the high school principal's office received a telephone call about 11:45 a.m. Friday saying that a bomb had been placed in the school and that it would explode at 12:30 p.m.

Chief of Police William Card and Leo B. Fahnlander, Fire Chief, were called to the school and a call went out to Todd County Sheriff Ken Gotham, who was in the Staples area, who then proceeded to Staples to assist with the investigation.

William Uhrich, high school principal, immediately ordered all students, faculty members and other school employees out of the building and to return at 1:30 p.m.

An intensive search of the building took place, but nothing was found, the police reported.

25 YEARS Ago - 1996

Dec. 5, 1996 - A good crowd gathered Sunday, Dec. 1, for the annual official lighting of the community Christmas tree sponsored by the Staples Motley Area Chamber of Commerce. This year the tree is near the Staples Depot at the end of 4th St.

Dec. 5, 1996 - Minnesota hunters harvested 1,800 black bears during the 1996 season, according to the Department of Natural Resources. That is the lowest total since 1988, and a drop of 64 percent from last year's record harvest of 5,000.

DNR biologists believe that the low harvest was due

mainly to a very abundant crop of natural bear foods that reduced bear movements and limited the effectiveness of hunters using bait.

Dec. 5, 1996 - The art of Rose Edin of Staples is featured in the 1996 Courage Cards Collection, an assortment of holiday cards sold to benefit Courage Center in Golden Valley.

Rose Edin's watercolor painting, "First Snowfall," emits a warm, soft feeling of a cabin nestled in the snow-filled woods. Edin has been painting since she was eight years old.

Dec. 5, 1996 - The Motley Lions Club celebrated 25 years of membership and service at a special anniversary banquet Nov. 25 at the Lin Club.

The club was organized in December of 1971 and was presented their charter on Jan. 15, 1972 with 37 members. The club was sponsored by the staples Lions.

Three of those original Lions' members, Ed Jordahl,

Lee Greig, Jr. and Marvin Swecker, were honored with charter plaques during a special presentation at the banquet.

10 YEARS Ago - 2011

Dec. 8, 2011 - Jonathan Nypan, 18, received his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor ceremony Dec. 4, at Faith Lutheran Church in Staples.

It is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program, and one that has not been received by a Boy Scout in this area for quite a few years.

Nypan, a senior at Staples Motley High School and the son of Ron and Deana Nypan of Cushing, has been a member of Boy Scout Troop 61 since 2006.

Dec. 8, 2011 - The Staples Motley girls basketball team started the season with two easy wins, defeating Perham 70 - 41 and Park Rapids 83 - 20. The Cardinals played aggressive defense in both games, which spurred the offense to big games.



A hug from Santa Claus

Above: Otis Schaefer gave Santa a big hug during the Lunch with Santa event in Motley Dec. 4. Pictured at left is Santa's elf, aka as Lion Wanda Lutzke. Below: Other children also visited with Santa. (Submitted photos)



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Home security options

By Tom Burch
Cass County Sheriff

We frequently see and are asked questions about home security, specifically camera systems. As these systems become more affordable, offer more options and are easy for individuals, homeowners and business owners to install and maintain themselves, they become more popular and used in a variety of settings.

Property owners often ask us to investigate when they spot potential suspicious activity on their camera system. Many times these instances are investigated and found to be a neighbor, delivery person or service provider and not criminal in nature, but it gives property owners the ability to know that is happening at their property when they are away. It gives law enforcement the advantage of real time information if a crime is occurring. It may also allow for additional information to investigate if a crime did happen on the property or even in the area.

We are seeing cameras capture a wide variety of actions and are able to solve and prosecute more crimes, specifically property damage, burglary and theft, due to camera footage that is obtained. Systems allow owners to quickly capture still images or video and then text or email it to us so that we are able to see exactly what occurred and what or who we need to be looking for.

There are many options for using these cameras and for connectivity and data sharing. "Wireless" refers to how a camera communicates, not how a camera is powered. Wireless cameras communicate over Wi-Fi, where wired cameras use wires to transmit their footage, usually to an onsite DVR or server system. Wire-

less cameras can be powered by AC power (such as a normal household outlet) or by batteries. When powered by batteries, a wireless camera becomes a wire-free camera.

- Wired: connected to a power source and an internet connection, if available, by cables. Often store images and video locally to a server or DVR on site.
- Wireless: connected to the internet over Wi-Fi, connected to a power source by a cable. Stores data to the online "cloud" system with monthly or yearly subscription service.

- Wire-free: wireless cameras connected to the internet over Wi-Fi and powered by batteries. These can also be connected to the internet or data service via cellular signal, such as Verizon or ATT. Also, stores data to the online "cloud" system with monthly or yearly subscription service.

Wireless home security cameras generally store their footage on a cloud server, so you can access it from anywhere. Some also can store video on local media, such as a micro SD card in the camera. Wireless cameras are popular because they're easy to install and it's simple to view their footage using a smartphone or computer.

Wireless security cameras generally record when they detect motion or sound, but some can be set to record 24/7 if plugged into power. They capture low to high-resolution video, depending on your Wi-Fi speed and system settings and can record at night if equipped with night vision. They also typically have two-way audio capabilities so you can talk to the person that the camera sees, or simply monitor the audio. Some models use technology that allows cameras to do useful things such as alert you when they detect a person or package.

It is also important to know and understand that because wireless cameras connect directly to the internet and offer remote access they can be hacked, putting your privacy and security at risk. (US News and World Report – October 2021)

These systems offer a variety of ways to monitor your home, property and/or business at all times, but especially when you may be away during the Holiday season. While this isn't a sales pitch for any particular brand, know that they are several brands and models available depending on your situation. There are also several local service providers that can install and maintain your system, if you need assistance.

Law enforcement reports, Motley area

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

Nov. 18 - 22

Nov. 30 - The MPD arrested Barbra Darwin, 41, on a Sherburne County warrant. The subject was cited for having a revoked driver's license and transported to the Morrison County Jail.

Nov. 29 - The MPD issued a citation to Dylan Hales, 29, for driving after revocation.

Nov. 29 - The MPD was dispatched to the report of a fire at the 400 block of East River Rd., Motley. Upon arrival, the MPD found the flames were low to the ground and on a patch of sand. While speaking with the complainant, a neighbor showed up and stated he had started the fire about three hours earlier to try and thaw the ground to dig a gas line in. The fire ended about three - four feet from the gas line. The neighbor stated that he was supposed to dig the trench for the gas. The Motley Fire Department (MFD) arrived and put out the fire.

Nov. 26 - The MCSO responded to a call from Todd County, requesting assistance with a K-9 track at the 33000 block of Sunset Loop in Motley for a structure fire with signs of possible forced entry. Todd County believed it may have been a burglary. The MFD was also paged.

Nov. 29 - The MCSO arrested Nathan Irish, 45, during a traffic stop at Hwy 10 and 320th St., Motley.

Nov. 29 - The MCSO responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 33000 block of Fir Ln., Motley.

Nov. 29 - The MCSO responded to a report of suspicious activity at the 2000 block of White Pine Ln., Motley.

Nov. 26 - The MCSO received call from Dollar General in Motley reporting they had witnessed a crash in their parking lot. The driver of the vehicle stated his foot had slipped off the brakes and hit the gas. There was no damage to the store, but moderate damage to the subject's vehicle.

Nov. 26 - The MCSO issued a citation to Antonio Nelson, 29, for driving without a valid license.

Staples Area Church Directory

Staples

Staples Alliance
1512 8th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2891
Pastor Zach Jones
Sunday Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....11:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
AWANA.....6:00 p.m.

Assembly of God
914 3rd Ave. NE, Staples.....218-894-1081
Pastor Roy Miles

Small Groups (Bible classes for all ages).....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Children's Church (Kids start in main worship service).....11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Sonlight (Kids ages 4 yrs.-6th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.
Youth Group (Teens, 7th-12th grade).....After school to 5:30 p.m.

Church of Christ
27343 490th St., Staples.....218-894-2609
Pastor Barry Klein
Facebook Live
Bible School (youth and adult).....9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Teen Youth/Adults Bible Study.....7-8 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC
firststongauccstaples@gmail.com
204 5th St. NE, Staples.....218-894-2571
Worship.....9:30 a.m.
Fellowship, refreshments following service

Faith Lutheran
430 12th Street. NE., Staples.....218-894-1546
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Coffee Fellowship.....10:05 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church
310 4th St. NE, Staples
Church.....218-894-2296
Pastor Fr. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Thursday and Friday.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday.....8:30 a.m.

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

Thomastown Covenant
15940 251st Ave., Staples.....218-894-3923
Pastor Scott Jorgenson
Sunday Worship.....10:30 a.m.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH.....6:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran
1000 4th St., NE, Staples.....218-894-2372
Rev. Robin Collins
Sunday Divine Service.....9:00 a.m.
Sunday School & Bible Class.....10:30 a.m.

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

Aldrich

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

Cushing

Bethany Lutheran
25430 Bison Rd. Cushing, MN
320-749-2140
Pastor Carl Larson
Pastor Chris Mathiason
www.bethanylutherancushing.org
Sunday Worship.....9:00 a.m.
Communion.....1st and 2nd Sunday of each month

Lincoln Evangelical Free
1354 320th Street, Cushing, MN 56443
Phone: 218- 575-2449
www.lincolnefree.org
Facebook Lincoln E Free
Office Hours: Tues. - Thurs., 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Senior Pastor: Don Reigstad
Community Life Pastor: Jim Brown
Associate Pastor: Joe Reigstad
SUNDAY
Church Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
YouTube Channel.....10:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Community Meal.....5:30 p.m.
Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

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

Leader

Swan Valley Lutheran
Leader.....218-397-2470
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sunday Worship
January - July.....9 a.m.
July - January.....11 a.m.

Maple Hill Lutheran
Sandy Knight, Synodically Authorized Minister of Word and Sacrament
Leader.....218-397-2470 (Rural Pine River)
Worship and Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.

Motley

Motley Free Methodist
33 Wellwood St. E
Morley 56466.....218-352-6888
Jim Johnson, Senior Pastor
Charles Mallory, Associate Pastor
Sunday Worship.....9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
facebook live.....9 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Youth Group.....6:00-8:00 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. Aaron Kuhn
Parochial Vicar, Fr. Gabriel Walz
MASS:
Tuesday.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

United Methodist
847 3rd Ave. S. Lane, Motley.....218-352-6466
Pastor Greg Leslie
www.motleyumc.net
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 Malore
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....11:00 a.m.

Pillager

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

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

First Baptist
903 River Street South, Pillager
Pastor Jake Anderson
218-746-3768
curious@fbcpillager.com
Worship Gathering.....10:00 a.m.
Connection Point.....9:30 a.m.

Hewitt

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

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

United Methodist Church
Hwy. 210, Hewitt, MN
Pastor Kenneth Uhren
Sunday Services.....10:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.

Verndale

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

Family Life Church
402 NE Clark Drive, Verndale 218-445-5568
VerndaleFLC@gmail.com
Pastor Amos Self.....218-371-7189
Children's Pastor Kenneth Kjeldergaard
SUNDAY
Sunday School.....8:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting.....5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Night Life Groups.....6:30-8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Leaf River Township The Old Country Church
Leaf River Twp., Wadena County Rd. 6
Info: 218-837-5690
Sunday Service.....10 a.m.

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Suicide prevention best practices to be implemented for Minnesota veterans

all Minnesota populations for many years, and the Department of Agriculture has more recently provided suicide awareness and prevention training in rural communities in response to an increase in suicide among farmers.

"Through our work with farm suicide prevention, we've learned that asking questions and changing attitudes about discussing suicide are important steps in preventing it," MDA Commissioner Thom Petersen said. "We're glad to contribute to this important effort to give people tools they can use to help prevent suicides among our state's Veterans."

Minnesota will be one of seven states taking part in the 2020 Governor's Challenge and working to

implement state-wide suicide prevention best practices for Service Members, Veterans and their families using a public health approach. SAMHSA will provide technical assistance for this initiative.

The work has already begun. Veteran Suicide Prevention Training is underway for all MDVA employees, many of whom have daily interactions with Minnesota Veterans. [Source MNDVA Website 03/4/2020]

As always please 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 and as always have a great week.

I forgot...
"Can I still get an ad in..... ???"
DEADLINES:
Staples World 12 p.m. Friday
Heartland Market.....4 p.m. Wednesday
218-894-1112 • office@staplesworld.com
Staples World, 224 4th St. NE, Staples, MN 56479

abortioncounters.com
w10-14p

Steve's Auto Salvage & G&L Service
•Tires (New & Used)
•Tubes •Belts
•AG Tires •Bulbs •Oil •Antifreeze
•Used Auto Parts
218-445-6885 • Located in Verndale at Steve's Auto

I Wonder as I Wander

Pastor Carl Larson, Faith Lutheran Church, Staples

"I Wonder as I Wander" is one of my favorite Christmas Carols, but as I looked into it's authorship, I found it to be one of the most interesting as well. The Christmas Carol, was written by American folk singer John Jacob Niles and has its origins in song fragments collected by Niles on July 16, 1933 while in the town of Murphy, North Carolina. It happened that just as he was getting ready to head out of that small Appalachian village, a girl stood up on the edge of a running board platform attached to an automobile and started to sing. Her clothes were dirty and ragged, and she was unwashed, but, her voice was hauntingly beautiful as she sang only a single verse of a song.

The girl, Annie Morgan, repeated the same verse seven times in exchange for a quarter per performance, and Niles left with "three lines of the verse, and a garbled fragment of other melodic material - plus a magnificent idea for a song".

Based on his collected fragments, Niles composed a version of "I Wonder as I Wander" that we sing today at Christmas time. His composition was completed on October 4, 1933 and Niles first performed the song on December 19, 1933, in Brasstown, North Carolina. From there it was published in a collection of tunes called, the Songs of the Hill Folk.

Whenever I hear this hauntingly beautiful Christmas Carol, I'm reminded to take time to wonder about Christmas

through different perspectives. The song moves me to think about Christmas from the perspective of a five-year-old who is awakened to the excitement of a Christmas morning, or through the eyes of a parent holding a baby, pondering the world as Mary might have. The song pushes me to wonder with the shepherds about the birth of the Christ child, considering how they felt when those glorious angels appeared in the sky on a "seemingly ordinary" night. It asks me to look into the heavens to see the angels perspective as they proclaim the greatest news to shepherds who were to tell the world of the wonder. And it speaks to me of the wandering wise men who understood "the reason for the season" as they brought unusual gifts to an infant.

As you wonder and wander through Advent and into the Season of Christmas, listen to the story of Jesus' birth, which can, on the one hand, seem so simple and yet, in our wondering, becomes so complex. Reframe and wonder about Christmas using the lens of those who had a part in unfolding the story.

There is certainly so much to wonder about the birth of Jesus and yet, the importance of the story remains that God came to us as a baby, Emanuel, "God with us."

Blessings to you as you wonder and wander towards Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Christ.

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Letter to the Editor

Take COVID advice from doctor

Thank you, Dr. Albrecht, for taking the time to write the letter we read in the paper last week. I pray that more people take your advice. It is sad that we cannot just look around and see COVID has consequences and long term problems in many that contract the disease. We do not see anyone suffering because they received the vaccine to prevent COVID. It seems so simple. And yet, so many

refuse to be vaccinated no matter what.
I wonder what the new variant will bring. In South Africa, the number of cases reported per day multiplied by 13 times with the Omicron variant. I don't think the vaccination rate in the Staples area is any better than South Africa.
How many of our friends, family and children will we have to lose before people take the steps to protect others? Isn't the vaccine a way to protect life?
Norma Elvine
Staples, Minn

Infrastructure bill will benefit rural Minnesota

By U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar

In my travels across our state I often hear from people about the need to improve our infrastructure in rural areas. Minnesotans see problems with our infrastructure every day as they drive over one too many potholes in the winter; face significant delays to access materials and equipment for their businesses, or are unable to connect to high-speed internet.
But with the signing of the bipartisan infrastructure bill, we addressed these urgent needs by investing in our nation's infrastructure. With 19 of my Republican Senate colleagues -- including our neighbors Senators Hoeven and Cramer of North Dakota -- we finally came together across party lines to pass a bill to fix our crumbling infrastructure and expand broadband access to every corner of Minnesota.
For Minnesota's farmers, this bill will help get crops to market and eliminate barriers to transporting key products, like fertilizer and seed. We've all heard about crowded ports and rail cars backed up for miles -- how can we expect agricultural producers to do the critical work of feeding America without reliable transit?
I've spoken with countless small business owners who agree, which is why I fought to set resources aside for projects like revamping our inland waterways, improving our highways, and updating our nation's rail network. These provisions take crucial steps to ensure deliveries and exports come and go on time.
This is all important, but competing in the 21st century isn't just about roads, bridges, and ports -- it's also about making sure all Americans can access the

internet, no matter their zip code. As co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Broadband Caucus, I fought to strengthen our broadband infrastructure to make it possible for families across the country to study, work, and connect with loved ones online.
This is especially significant in rural Minnesota, where an estimated 16 percent of households lack broadband at baseline speeds. Because of this federal funding, the high school student in Otter Tail County will no longer need to drive 40 minutes from home to a liquor store parking lot to find adequate wi-fi to take her online biology quizzes. It will also enable doctors in rural areas to provide telehealth services to patients who don't otherwise have access to quality, affordable care.
As more of our farmers and ranchers get reliable broadband, they will be able to take advantage of precision technology that can monitor field conditions like soil health and crop growth and log weather. Increased access to high-speed internet will also make it possible for tractors with wireless connections to send real-time data back to farms, helping farmers control pests and manage runoff. This not only supports our local farms but also protects our nation's food supply.
With kids back in school and resources to help Minnesotans heading to communities across the state, there is much to be thankful for this holiday season. As we reflect on this great progress and head into the new year, I will continue to work on behalf of Minnesotans to ensure these improvements are made in a timely manner so we can continue moving our state forward.

The ‘Amazon effect’ of online sales versus rural tax revenues

By Kelly Asche, Research Associate (CRPD), Neil Linscheid, Educator – Community Economics (U of MN Extension), and Ryan Pesch, Educator – Community Economics (U of MN Extension)

Online sales have permeated everyday life and their impacts stretch beyond convenience of shopping. Local leaders see the evidence every day in their communities: more and more delivery trucks going down their roads, stopping at their neighbors' or their own houses, dropping off products that were once maybe purchased in their own or a nearby community.
They're also seeing the closure of retail storefronts. They hear about their local landfills reaching capacity earlier than predicted due to the higher amounts of waste from household deliveries. And after decades of watching businesses move away from their communities to concentrate in economic centers, rural leaders are left wondering if this is the "next shoe to drop" in their community's economic demise. And at the same time, leaders in the economic centers that have benefited from decades of shopping behaviors shifting in their favor now worry that online sales are a threat to the revenue they've been relying on themselves.
In some ways, the data confirms what appears to be going on in our communities. Although still a modest percentage of total retail sales (~10 percent), online sales from out-of-state sellers are growing significantly, and there is no indication this growth will subside. The impact this shift is having on traditional brick-and-mortar retailers is pronounced. It's digging into profits and forcing many to close stores or to at least change their investment patterns.
Concerns about the impact this shift in shopping behaviors will have on local government revenues center on two revenue sources: sales tax revenue for cities and counties that implement a local-option sales tax and property tax revenue from commercial properties.
Fortunately, due to the Supreme Court's recent ruling allowing states to force out-of-state retailers to collect and remit sales taxes, as well as the hard work by the

Department of Revenue to create processes ensuring taxes are going to the correct jurisdictions, our rural areas are not seeing any sort of negative impact on sales tax revenues. In fact, academic research shows that our rural areas of the state may stand to benefit from the shift in shopping behaviors.
Revenues from property taxes are also, so far, not being impacted. Although the number of retail firms has declined dramatically, these properties are a relatively small share of the overall property tax revenue pie. Coupled with dramatic growth in other property tax classes, rural areas have actually experienced the most significant growth in property tax revenues in the state.
Although this is a good news story so far, it will be important for the state to gather data and analyze them in new ways in order to keep an eye on what promise to be shifting and unpredictable trends. We are still early in this story, and it's likely to be a long novel. It would be best for the state to help our communities be the editor of their stories rather than victims of another surprise shift in consumer patterns.
The "Amazon Effect" is the generic label used to sum up the powerful disruption e-commerce has caused in the retail economy over the last 20 years. Research has identified the main disruptions putting downward pressure on retail prices, which in turn leads to decreased profits for brick-and-mortar retailers.
Price flexibility and uniform pricing
Price flexibility refers to the ability to adjust prices easily and quickly based on negotiation between buyers and sellers and changes in demand and supply. The rise of e-commerce has generated more flexibility since the technology now makes it possible to change prices instantly, and since 80 percent of shoppers now check prices online before making a purchase, brick-and-mortar retail has had to be nimble in their pricing to keep up with online stores.
Interestingly, while prices have become more flexible, uniform pricing—when a company charges a universal price for its goods or service regardless of location—has become sig-

nificantly more common. In the past, retailers often charged different prices in different regions depending on demographic and economic variations among the locations. Rural areas tended to be charged higher prices because of the extra cost of shipping and general economies of scale. Uniform pricing is more common now, which is great for rural consumers but can be hard on retailers.
Experience-based shopping
To draw customers in, brick-and-mortar retail stores are focusing more on in-store experiences. This emphasis on destination includes events, green space in retail centers, larger showrooms, and free giveaways. Retailers once relied heavily on marketing and promotion, but now they must spend more in other areas to draw people out of their homes and through their doors.
Incorporation of technology in brick-and-mortar retailers
Retailers are incorporating online technology at an increasing rate in order to create a smoother experience similar to an online shopping experience. The pandemic has accelerated this move, with traditional brick-and-mortar stores offering online purchases, delivery options, and stay-in-the-car pick-up options for their customers.
These disruptions have forced brick-and-mortar stores to make significant investments in technology, store layouts, promotion, events, and staffing while also feeling the downward pressure of lower markups. They are essentially doing more with less.
Of course, not all brick-and-mortar retailers are able to compete in the middle of all this change, and therefore the last 20 years have been a time of attrition. And though retail has always been a fast-changing, competitive market, it's understandable that the recent closures of major retail businesses have local leaders worried about their tax revenues. However, a dive into the data shows that local revenues may be just fine, at least in the near term.
Reasons for concern
Major disruptions in retail can impact two sources of local tax revenues:

- Property tax revenues from brick-and-mortar retailers.

Minnesota hasn't been immune to the growth in online sales. Although e-commerce is still a modest fraction of total retail business, its growth—and its impact on shopping behaviors—has been explosive, making local leaders nervous.
The Minnesota Department of Revenue reports the total sales, tax revenues, and number of establishments from outside the state that have remitted sales taxes on sales to Minnesota residents. These figures are published in statewide reports as "non-Minnesota." Although we can imagine that much of this activity is "e-commerce," it's not a perfect one-to-one extrapolation because the data include both non-Minnesota online retailers and traditional brick-and-mortar retailers located outside of Minnesota selling to Minnesota residents.
Impact on local-option sales tax revenues
With the data confirming what people are seeing in their communities and nationwide—that online sales are a growing part of the consumer pie—the next question is how this shift is impacting sales and property tax revenues.
Sales taxes
Fortunately, the trends in rural Minnesota indicate that shifts in shopping behaviors haven't had a negative impact on revenue from local-option sales taxes, which is good news considering the impacts of other significant market disruptions like the Great Recession.
The data shows consistent growth in revenues across all regions of Minnesota, indicating that the rise of online sales did not seem to have a negative impact on revenues. Any negative impacts from online sales would have likely been more obvious.
Counties have been allowed to charge a local sales tax for transportation projects only since 2014, giving us fewer data points to work with. However, the trend is similar to that of the cities: the rise of online sales did not seem to negatively impact sales tax revenues. The trendlines continue to go up in a very consistent pattern.

Quote of the week

“Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time.”
— Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Quote of the week

“We need about seven days to figure out who we are and where we’re at and love each other. It’s a time for reflection to help us try to figure out how we’re gonna enjoy the next year.”
— Chuck D.

Quote of the week

“What I don’t like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.”
— Phyllis Diller

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Christmas lights at the farm

Fawn Creek Farms, Inc., in rural Staples is all decked out for the Christmas season, creating a peaceful scene for travelers along the country road northwest of Staples. Holiday lights abound throughout the area

this time of year, their beauty helping to usher in the Spirit of Christmas. (Staples World photo by Dawn Timbs)

Free Christmas meals offered in Staples

The Staples Chamber has teamed up with Timbers Restaurant and several other local partners to organize a holiday meal for our first responders, healthcare workers and area residents. The meals can be picked up from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 25, at Timbers Restaurant, located at 1220 2nd Ave. NE in Staples. To reserve a meal (there are 450 available), contact the Chamber office via email at stapleschamber@gmail.com or call/text 218-894-3974.

Live Drive-Thru Nativity in Pillager

The seventh annual 'Live Drive-Thru Nativity' will be held Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9 and 10, 6 - 8:30 p.m., at the Pillager Fairgrounds. Watch for traffic signs. Sponsored by the Casino Assembly of God Church in Pillager (with involvement from over 15 area churches), the event features a live drama of the Christmas story... complete with live animals (including camels, sheep and donkeys) and a number of actors. Dozens of actors, playing the parts of travelers, shepherds, angels, wise-men, and Mary and Joseph, will be involved in telling the Christmas story. It takes approximately 10 - 15 minutes to drive through the nativity, depending on traffic and attendees never have to leave their car. There is no charge to attend the live nativity, but a donation bucket will be available at the end. For more information, or if you would like to participate, call Sue Van Hal at 218-821-2276.

Mark Your Calendar

December 9
WADENA WHIRLAWAYS SQUARE DANCE GROUP DANCING Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:30 - 10 p.m., Staples Community Center. Myron Hollatz, caller. For info., 218-296-1642.

December 10
ATTENTION STAPLES SENIORS (55+) 'Coffee, Cookies and Conversation' at Staples United Methodist Church basement on Fridays, 9 a.m. - noon. For more info., call 218-894-2256 or 218-640-6477.

Cardinal Calendar SM school events

December
• **MS/HS CHRISTMAS CONCERT** Dec. 16, 7 p.m.
• **WINTER BREAK** Dec. 25 - Jan. 2

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

Pre-Legislative Session



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Congratulations to these 5-Star employees



Jodi Weberg, LPN, Clinic
Nominated by Ivy Ruzynski, RN, BSN, Quality Improvement Manager

"Over the past year Jodi has gone above and beyond to help Employee Health. I had reached out to her one day to show me how to enter some vaccines in EPIC and she graciously offered to help enter employee vaccinations into our employee health database. I was not expecting her to do this while doing her other job duties as well. She has done this work while asked with a smile on her face. Jodi has provided service above and beyond expectations by helping out in a department that is not hers."



Lauree Davis, Psychiatric Services Administrative Assistant
Nominated by Maggie Evers

"Lauree is the glue that has kept our department together both behind the scenes and as the face of the department. She has managed to somehow organize, shift, and make sense of schedules during a very stressful time within our department - all with grace. There are countless times that I could have nominated Lauree to be recognized for her outstanding work ethic as she is one of the most deserving people I have had the pleasure of working with. Lauree's work ethic speaks to all of Lakewood's values."



Missy Lindow, Clinic Operation & Access Director
Nominated by Craig Wolhowe, VP of Clinics & Providers

"Missy did a tremendous job leading the implementation of vaccines for patients. Missy's guidance was to make sure from start to finish, that patients were able to get their vaccine safely and efficiently at Lakewood. She worked with clinic nursing to make sure the workflow was at its best. Missy was instrumental in coordinating the number of doses we would administer and assist with the pickup from CentraCare and Mille Lacs facilities. LHS became a leader in giving out the vaccine. With Missy's leadership and guidance, LHS was able to get additional vials on a short notice, get patients scheduled, and, get them vaccinated. For the longest time, LHS did not waste a dose because of Missy's efforts. We have had numerous compliments from patients about the service they have received which resulted in some patients switching their care to LHS. Missy helped the staff become proficient and confident in new responsibilities such as phone etiquette, scheduling protocols, management of high volumes of incoming/out-going calls and voicemails. Lakewood Health System has given almost 10,000 vaccines to patients from over 30 different states and four countries. We talk to lot about making a difference in healthcare, this is proof of the difference that LHS has made with Missy's leadership."



Jami Griffin, RN, Occupational Health
Nominated by Ivy Ruzynski, RN, BSN, Quality Improvement Manager and Kimberly Bryniarski, LPN, Clinic Services Quality Improvement Manager

"Jami has recently taken it upon herself to learn Spanish in order to provide more personalized care to the employees at Trident. Recently Jami had a Trident employee that had to go to the Emergency Room for care. This employee did not speak English. Jami stayed late from her shift and went with this patient to the Emergency Room to ensure there was adequate communication for the patient. As a result, the patient received the appropriate care and had good communication with the staff. This is only one example of how learning Spanish has positively impacted the employees at Trident. Jami always does what is in the best interest for the employees at Trident and has developed their trust. She does a phenomenal job and goes above and beyond the expectations."



Julie Bounds, Patient Access Team Lead
Nominated by Amy Widmark RN, BSN, Surgery Case Manager and Kelsey Markham, RN, Clinic Case Manager

"Julie has been our key contact for dental patients seeking services with Dr. Rose. For years, tracking down and obtaining the necessary guardianship paperwork for this patient population has been time-consuming for RN Case Managers, and has occasionally resulted in last minute surgery cancellations due to lack of paperwork. Since she took over the role of collecting data and paperwork prior to the consult appointments, we have rarely had any issues having the appropriate documents by the time surgery is scheduled. Julie has proven herself to be an excellent patient advocate as she always goes the extra mile to have things ready for their surgery day. We all are extremely grateful for Julie's hard work and willingness to take on this role."



Jennifer Hjelmstad, Clinic Access Team Supervisor
Nominated Anonymously

"Jen always finds a way to make things work for us if we need to take a day off or leave early because life happens, and she does so without making us feel bad about it. She's compassionate, caring and understanding. She always backs her team up. She works tirelessly to make sure things go as smoothly as possible within our department and she does it all with patience and what she makes to look like ease. I have never worked under a better person and I am truly grateful for her and all she does. Jen always goes way above and beyond to help her staff and to make us feel valued."



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Born to Katie and Brandon Turcotte of Brainerd, a baby girl, Charlotte Rose weighing eight pounds, three ounces on November 10, 2021.

Born to Logan and Cody Drone of Staples, a baby boy, Augustus Paul weighing seven pounds, 10 ounces on November 11, 2021.

Born to Morgan and Kyle Kanten of Motley, a baby girl, Parker Rae weighing six pounds, eight ounces on November 12, 2021.

Born to Amber and Logan Bell of Cushing, a baby girl, Olivia Lou weighing seven pounds, 11 ounces on November 12, 2021.

Born to Brooke Swenson and Drew Haida of Pine River, a baby boy, Landon Alan weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on November 15, 2021.

Born to Elizabeth and Daniel Wutzke of Pillager, a baby girl, Alma Eloise weighing eight pounds, two ounces on November 16, 2021.

Born to Kaylee and Nolan Hopper of Baxter, a baby girl, Raina Mae weighing seven pounds, four ounces on November 16, 2021.

Born to Shelby Rossum and Lucas Kinnaman of Browerville, a baby boy, Morgan Randy weighing six pounds, 11 ounces on November 18, 2021.

Born to Allison Holm and Thomas Gormley of Pine River, a baby boy, Wade Thomas weighing seven pounds, seven ounces on November 19, 2021.

Born to Paige and Jason Cusey of Staples, a baby girl, Keely Rae weighing six pounds, one ounce on November 19, 2021.

Born to Casey and Dexter Mudgett of Baxter, a baby boy, Briggs Benjamin weighing eight pounds, 13 ounces on November 22, 2021.

Born to Dana Haataja of Menahga, a baby girl, Lily-Rose Bell weighing seven pounds, 12.5 ounces on November 22, 2021.

Born to Mckenzie Smith and Trey Spreeman of Pillager, a baby girl, Mya Marie weighing six pounds, nine ounces on November 29, 2021.

Born to Amanda Preiner and James Graham of Park Rapids, twins, baby boy, Emmanuel Nasir weighing six pounds, three ounces and a girl, Amaziah Marie weighing five pounds, 13 ounces on November 29, 2021.

Born to Ashley and Carl Ylitalo of Menahga, a baby girl, Josie Ann weighing five pounds, nine ounces on November 29, 2021.

Born to Kasarra Adams and Travis Sannan of Nevis, a baby boy, Wyatt Mathew weighing seven pounds, two ounces on Novembmer 30, 2021.

Born to Daisy and Scott Hillukka of Wadena, a baby girl, Aspen Marie weighing nine pounds, 10 ounces on December 1, 2021.

Born to Rachel and Rudy Patnode of Brainerd, a baby girl, Riley Rue weighing seven pounds, four ounces on December 1, 2021.

Born to Jennifer and Brian Homan of Motley, a baby boy, Jesse Dillon weighing nine pounds, seven ounces on December 2, 2021.

Born to Anika and Devin Cook of Long Prairie, a baby girl, Violet Anna weighing six pounds 12.5 ounces on December 2, 2021.

Mary Carlson

Mary M. Carlson, 72, of Staples, passed away November 28, 2021, in Staples.

Funeral services were held December 3 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

Interment was at Evergreen Hill Cemetery in Staples.

Mary was born June 17, 1949, to John and Margaret (Drew) Kiel at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Paul. She met the love of her life, James, in 1963 and they were united in marriage on November 19, 1966 in Motley. Mary and James then traveled to Fort Hood, Texas where they resided for the duration of James' enlistment in the U.S. Army. They moved to Staples where they started the family and made their home. The couple had two daughters, Dawn and Michelle. Mary owned and operated Tenderheart Day Care for many years. She enjoyed many outdoor activities with her husband and children. When she became a grandmother, her world revolved around being the best grandmother she could be. She became a Nana for her great-grandchildren and found her greatest joy.

Mary is survived by



James, her husband of 55 years; seven grandchildren, Mike (Channa) Dumpprope, Spencer (Natasha) Dumpprope, Joshua (Kayla) Dumpprope, Brandon (Paige) Carlson, Dustin (Kandas) Thompson, Parker Thompson and Hailey Thompson; two sisters, Renee (Lee) Olmschenk and Debbie (Al) Hines; one brother, Bob (Sandy) Keil; 14 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved daughters, Dawn and Michelle; one brother, Butch and nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were with the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Tammy Dobson

Tammy Leone Dobson, 43, of Staples, passed away December 4, 2021.

Services will be held Friday, December 10 at Sacred Heart Church, Staples. Visitation will be held at 1:30 p.m. until the funeral service at 3:00 p.m. at the church.

Arrangements are by Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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Jamie Hopp

Jamie Hopp, 31, of Bertha passed away unexpectedly November 22, 2021, at his home due to natural causes.

Memorial services were held December 4, at the Domian-Anderson Chapel in Bertha.

Jamie Michael Hopp was born May 29, 1990 to Nicholas Hopp and Kimberly (Boyer) Kortuem in Wadena.

He graduated from Staples High School and worked at Ernie's Grocery store while attending school. After graduation he worked for Astech Corporation in St. Joseph as a broom operator and currently worked in the bonding department at Stern Rubber Company in Staples. In his spare time, Jamie enjoyed being outdoors, deer hunting, farming, snowmobiling and four-wheeling and especially loved being with his family.

Jamie is survived by one son, Connor Hopp of Sebeka; fiancé, Sam Cowles and her son, Gavin of Bertha; father, Nicholas (Cindy Smith) Hopp of Staples; mother, Kimberly Kortuem of Clarissa; one brother, Corey Hopp of Staples; one sister, Katie Kortuem of Clarissa; one stepbrother, Christopher Lynch of Alexandria and grandmother, Donna Boyer of Long Prairie, along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding Jamie in death were his grandparents, Herbert and Karen Hopp and Willard Boyer.

Arrangements were with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Domian-Anderson Chapel, Bertha (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com).

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Craig Wentworth

Craig S. Wentworth, 61, passed away December 1, 2021, in Staples.

Memorial services will be held Friday, December 10 at 11:00 a.m. at the Motley Free Methodist Church in Motley. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be at a later date.

Craig was born July 4, 1960 to Anthony and Louise (Knosalla) Wentworth. He graduated from Fergus Falls High School and earned his Associates degree from Wadena Tech. He worked in Maintenance at Stern Rubber in Staples. Craig married Tammy Knosalla on March 18, 1988 and together they had three children.

He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren, fishing, hunting, fixing everything, spending time with his family, driving his tractor and gardening.

Craig is survived by his wife, Tammy; two sons, Travis Wentworth and Trevor Wentworth; one daughter, Kendra (Nicholas) Johnson; two grandchildren, Reagan and Adalynn; mother, Louise Wentworth; three brothers, Brian, Kevin and Todd (Amy); many nieces and nephews and extended family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Anthony Wentworth; father-in-law, John Knosalla and one sister-in-law, Beth Wentworth.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to Lakewood Health System Foundation.

Arrangements are by the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Staples.

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The family of
Gary and Jeanne Rohr
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Gary retired from work as a custodian at Central Lakes College after previously working as a cook for the Motley school and working in the truss industry.

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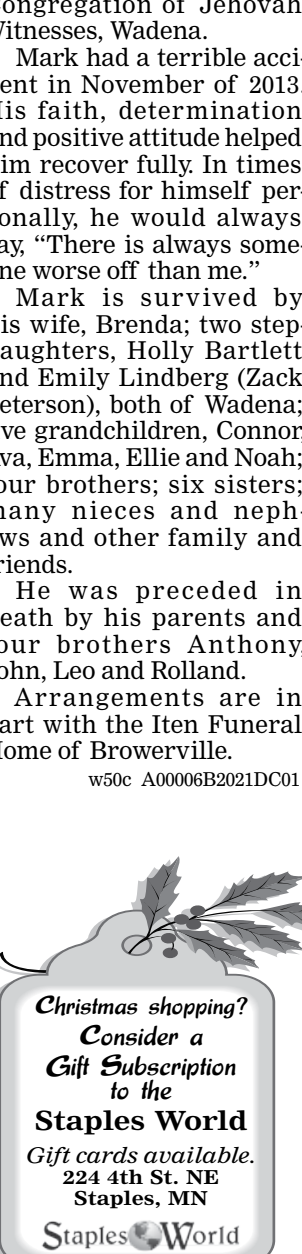
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Running the floor

Josh Schimpp leads the fast break after making a steal against Pine River-Backus in the season opener for Staples-Motley on Dec. 3. The Cardinals lost a close

game 47-44, playing great defense but missing enough shots to fall behind in the second half. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Basketball action

Above, Isaiah Schultz scores over the defense. Right, Sivert Klefsaas turns the corner to get to the basket. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)

Girls hoops drops first two games

The Staples-Motley girls basketball team started the season with two competitive games but ended up on the short end of both. The Cardinals fell 64-49 at Browerville on Nov. 30 and took their next game to overtime at Verndale, but ended up losing 55-52.



Head up for takedown

Eli Greenwaldt looks for his next move at the WDC tournament.

Wrestlers win opening duals

The Staples-Motley wrestling team won their first two dual matches of the season, beating Milaca 42-38 and Ogilvie 50-24 on Dec. 2. The Cardinals also had one champion, Colbe Tappe, and one runner-up, Eli Greenwaldt, at the Wadena-Deer Creek tournament on Dec. 4.

Against Milaca, the Cardinals racked up a 42-0 lead with six falls and one forfeit in the first seven matches. They didn't need any more wins the rest of the way but needed a couple of wrestlers to avoid pins. The Cardinals had several open weights, feeling the loss of five seniors from last year who had filled the middle and upper weights.

"We have a talented young varsity team comprised mostly of 8th graders, 9th graders, and a couple 10th graders," said Coach Mark Carlson. "We have Jason Trantina, a junior and Dalton Wells, a senior returning with good varsity experience."

At the W-DC tournament, Tappe blanked two ranked wrestlers to earn the 132 pound title. In the semifinals, he won against the Class AA seventh ranked wrestler 5-0, then in the finals he beat the Class A fourth ranked wrestler 3-0.

"Colbe had an outstanding tournament," said Carlson.

For Greenwaldt, this was his first varsity tournament and he came away with a silver medal. Other Staples-Motley placers in the tournament were Jack Carlson, fifth at 113, Blake Neelan, fifth at 152, Turner Beachy, 6th at 120, Riley Reese, 6th at 126 and Dalton Wells, 6th at 138.

"It was a good first tournament to kick off our season and it gave us plenty of improvement opportunities for our technique and what we need to expand on," said Carlson. "These early season tournaments are always a good compass on where we need to go to improve and sharpen up on the little things. I'm looking forward to the growth in our cardinal wrestlers this season in taking the next steps as a team and individually."

Team results

Staples-Motley 42, Milaca 38
106 Eli Greenwaldt W fall, 113 Jack Carlson W ff, 120 Turner Beachy W fall, 126 Riley Reese W fall, 132 Owen Winter W fall, 138 Colbe Tappe W fall, 145 Dalton Wells W fall, 152 Jason Trantina L 19-2, 160 Blake Neelan L fall, 170 ff, 182 ff, 195 ff, 220 Steven Petrich L 6-1, 285 Shea Labrecque L fall



Cardinal wrestlers making their moves

Dalton Wells controls his match during the W-DC tournament. (Staples World photos by Mark Anderson)



Blake Neelan brings an opponent to the mat.



Jack Carlson turns his opponent by the arm.

Staples-Motley
School Board Minutes

**ISD #2170
STAPLES-MOTLEY
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING - #6
Oct. 18, 2021,
6 p.m.,
District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Lund, Freeman, B. Anderson, Reeck and L. Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Finances, Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; several students, employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to add agenda items #14 and #15. MC

Motion by Reeck, seconded by B. Anderson, to adopt the agenda. MC

Recognize Public

Chair Winkels recognized the group and thanked them for coming.

**Superintendent
Performance Review
Summary**

Following a Closed Session on Sept. 20, the Staples-Motley School Board completed an assessment of Superintendent Tappe's strengths and opportunities for growth as part of

the Superintendent evaluation process. The School Board reviewed a summary of these areas with Supt. Tappe. Goals were set for this year with the next review to take place in May/June of 2022. The board would like to thank Supt. Tappe for his leadership and look forward to a continued positive working relationship.

Facility Updates

Damien Williams presented the latest architectural renderings and reviewed the timeline for the project. The Board will approve the final project documents at the Nov. meeting.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Freeman, seconded by L. Anderson, to approve the Consent Agenda. MC

Grants and Donations

Approve the Resolution to Accept Donations and Grants in the amount of \$1,465.

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to approve the Resolution to Accept Donations and Grants in the amount of \$1,465. MC

Finance

Financial Report - Mr. Regan presented the financials

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Reeck, to authorize payment of the vouchers. MC

Curriculum and Other

Staples-Motley Curriculum Council Plan of Action (Information only - no action needed)

tion needed)

Motion by Freeman, seconded by Winkels, to approve the revised 2016-2017 Safe Routes to School Plan. MC

This is a collaborative effort between Todd County, the City of Staples and the School District to apply for grants which would enable a walking and bike trail system between the MS/HS and the elementary as well as a trail from the current trail to 4th St.

Motion by Lund, seconded by Freeman, to approve the 2022-2025 Superintendent's Contract with Shane Tappe. MC

Reports were heard from Principals, Superintendent, Activities Director and SMEA President

Adjournment

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Winkels, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. MC

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

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**SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION -
MEETING #7
Nov. 1, 2021, 6 p.m.
District Office**

MINUTES

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with Winkels, Lund, Freeman, B. Anderson, Reeck and L. Anderson present (comprising a quorum). Also attending: Supt. Tappe; Finances, Regan; Principals Johnson and Schmidt; several employees and community members; Staples World Managing Editor, Anderson and Recording Secretary, Madson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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Project Funding

Greg Crowe, Ehlers, reviewed the funding for the facility project and introduced the option of moving ahead with funding for Phase II. Selling additional bonds would extend the debt, but would ensure completion of the entire project. The goal would be to keep the tax impact consistent. This would mean calling for the sale of bonds in December, with the actual sale taking place in January or February.

If the district decides to wait, construction inflation and interest rates will mean higher cost, or not being able to complete the entire project.

The Board should also consider the possibility of pursuing a voter approved bond in 2024.

Adjournment

Motion by B. Anderson, seconded by Lund, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. MC

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EVERGREEN HILL
CEMETERY MEETING

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Bob Reeck, Sec./Treas.

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Decorating Veterans Park in Motley

Bryan Stevens, Motley's Maintenance Assistant, helped string lights on a Christmas tree at Veterans Park recently, and put up other holiday decorations as well. Stevens said that he and Bruce Brotherton, Public Works Director, had many of the city's decorations in place by Thanksgiving, but that they still planned to put up lights at the skating rink. (Staples World photos by Dawn Timbs)



Holiday meal enjoyed by many

At least 90 people enjoyed 'Lunch with Santa' Dec. 4, at Motley City Hall. The event was sponsored by the Motley Lions.

Attendees were treated to a meal which included hot dogs, chips, a beverage and dessert; and children of all ages had the opportunity to spend some time with Santa Claus (who stopped by while enroute from the North Pole) and tell him what they'd like for Christmas.

Pictured at right, from left, are Marinel Philipp, Motley; and Motley Lions Nancy Lucas and Ariel Praska. (Submitted photos)



Picking up Christmas donations

Mid-Central National Bank in Staples is one of the locations that collected donations for the '93 Lions Christmas For Kids. Pictured picking up the donations

and hats and mittens from ACE Hardware, are, from left, Gail Honek, Janet Opheim and Donna Shaw. (Staples World photo by Mark Anderson)



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Ho, ho, ho!

Santa Claus waved to passersby along Hwy 10 in Motley Dec. 5, with many drivers honking a greeting in return. Mr. Claus (who looked an awful lot like Motley Lions President Don Delude) was in town that day for the annual 'Lunch with Santa' event at Motley City Hall. The event was sponsored by the Motley Lions. (Submitted photo)

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